

Senior Leaders Independence Day Message



"We are grateful for our liberties and appreciate our American way of life. Have a safe and enjoyable Independence Day. Thank you for all you do to keep our Army strong and our Nation free. Freedom's Guardian!"

– FORSCOM CG, CSM
July 4, 2018
Fort Bragg, N.C.

On Point Bridge Combat Support Training Exercise

Bridge Combat Support Training Exercise (CSTX) is a U.S. Army Reserve training exercise designed to train and validate the readiness of Ready Force X units in a tough and realistic training environment. The Army Reserve annually conducts Combat Support Training Exercises to attain the required (T2) level of training readiness. Focused Readiness units became the priority to attend the FY 2018 Combat Support Training Exercises. 78th Training Division is hosting Bridge CSTX 18 at multiple locations. The "Bridge" CSTX 18-03 encompassed more than 7,000 service members from 125 units across the country, preparing them to be trained and ready to deploy at a moment's notice.



Health of the Force

Health of the Force is a report that improves awareness and understanding of the health status of the Army and sub-populations in the Army and reports key indicators of health such as injury, behavioral health, tobacco use and obesity which affect readiness and Soldier wellbeing.



3rd ABCT, 1st Armored Division completes NTC rotation



Soldiers assigned to 3rd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Armored Division, discuss their next training mission at Fort Irwin, Calif., during rotation 18-08 at the National Training Center, June 4, 2018. (U.S. Army photo by 1st Lt. Sean Kealey)

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Soldiers with 3rd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Armored Division, completed a month-long decisive action training rotation at the National Training Center at Fort Irwin, Calif., June 16.

"The National Training Center is the culminating event that incorporates all of the training during Bulldog and Iron Focus," said Col. Robert E. Lee Magee, commander of 3 ABCT, 1 AD.

Bulldog Focus and Iron Focus, successive qualification exercises at home station, were the first two steps in a gated training plan that led up to the NTC rotation that began in May.

"Our Soldiers have done outstanding in every event we threw at them, and I know they'll be successful as we continue to put them to the test

during NTC and other future missions," added Magee.

The Bulldogs' experience during the NTC rotation enabled the commander to focus leadership, training, and resources on improving the brigade's combat readiness to meet future contingency requirements.

"The difference in fighting in NTC from our training area at Fort Bliss is that we can't run back to our headquarters and pick up the skills, personnel or items that we forgot or need," said Magee. "Here, we're actually fighting against our comfort zone and training towards being a sustaining force regardless of where the Army sends us."

The NTC replicates the tough, realistic operational environment that the brigade could face in combat. This extends beyond simply fighting an enemy force.

FORSCOM in the news

Soldiers from 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, recently conducted a **floating bridge crossing** during exercise Gauntlet June 18.



I Corp bid a fond farewell to a deputy commanding general during a recent **Courage Honor Retreat Ceremony** at Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Wash.



The 4th Combat Aviation Brigade, 4th Infantry Division's equipment **recently arrived in the Netherlands** to begin their support to Atlantic Resolve.



Thousands gathered on Fort Drum, N.Y. recently for the **attractions and entertainment** that makes **Mountainfest an annual must-attend event**.



Soldiers of the 3rd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division, recently conducted field training to **test new tactics for base defense** at Fort Hood, Texas.



Meet your Army



1st Sgt. Jovanny Jones, B Troop, 6th Squadron, 8th Cavalry Regiment, 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division, seriously injured his left knee in 2016 while on a deployment to Ukraine participating in a football game. 1st Sgt. Jones describes his thoughts after he injured his knee. "I felt like I failed myself and my Soldiers." After Jones' knee was examined by several doctors, they concluded he needed to have surgery. Within four months after his surgery, he was able to run with his troop again.

TOP SHOTS

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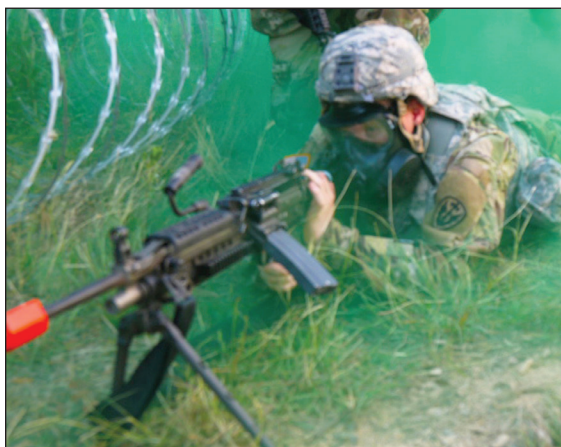


Left The 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment's Horse Detachment reenacted iconic photos during a trip to the Presidio of Monterey, Calif., June 13, 2018. The Presidio of Monterey was home to the 11th ACR from 1916 to 1942. (U.S. Army photo by Staff Sgt. David Edge)

Right A 1st Lt. from A Company, 215th Brigade Support Battalion, 3rd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division, moves between firing positions during the battalion's base defense exercise, June 12, 2018, on Fort Hood, Texas. (U.S. Army photo by Sgt. Jessica DuVernay)



Above Spc. Zachary Cockrill, a military policeman with the 97th Military Police Battalion, 89th Military Police Brigade, high crawls during the III Corps Best Warrior Competition at Fort Hood, Texas, June 6, 2018. (U.S. Army photo by Spc. Nicholas Vidro)



Above Pvt. Daniel Guevara, a paratrooper assigned to 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 82nd Airborne Division, moves to an assembly area after conducting an airborne operation near Rukla, Lithuania, as part of Swift Response 18, June 9, 2018. (U.S. Army photo by Spc. Andrew McNeil)

Left Pfc. Joshua Krema, a signal intelligence analyst with Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 504th Military Intelligence Brigade, pulls security during a simulated chemical attack, June 7, 2018, at Fort Hood, Texas. (U.S. Army photo by Sgt. Melissa N. Lessard)



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