

## Senior Leaders 'Remarkable men and women'



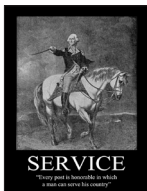
"The Department of Defense continues to be one of our nation's bedrock institutions. It is an honor to work with such a dedicated team committed to the greatness of our nation."

— **Patrick M. Shanahan**

Acting Secretary of Defense  
January 1, 2019, Washington

## On Point Call to Honorable Service

The U.S. Army is an all-volunteer service with three components: the Regular Army, the Army National Guard and the U.S. Army Reserve. Maintaining the best Army in the world requires the continued support of the American people and a new generation of dedicated young men and women motivated to selfless service. The Army's foremost responsibility is to deliver ready, trained, and equipped forces to defend the nation. Service-minded Americans and Soldiers influence the next generation to national service. The Army must work to maintain relationships between Soldiers and the public to ensure a sustained, unbroken line of professionals, willing and able to serve the country in and out of uniform.



## Commitment by All

The 'Culture of Trust' is the bedrock of the U.S. Army Profession and requires commitment by all. It includes the trust that Army professionals have for each other while upholding the **Army Ethic**, and the external trust of the American people have in the Army's commitment to serve the nation.



## President surprises 'Brave Rifles' during visit to Iraq



1st Lt. Zachary Stackhouse (left), troop executive officer, Task Force Thunder, 3rd Cavalry Regiment, and Staff Sgt. Ryan Carina, S-1 non-commissioned officer in charge, Task Force Thunder, 3rd Cav. Regt., pose for a photograph with President Donald J. Trump and first lady Melania Trump, during a visit to troops in Iraq, Dec. 26, 2018. (U.S. Army photo courtesy 3d Cavalry Regiment Public Affairs)

### By 1st Lt. Cara Belcher, 3rd Squadron, 3rd Cavalry Regiment

IRAQ - Donald J. Trump, President of the United States, and first lady Melania Trump, surprised U.S. service members and troopers assigned to 3rd Cavalry Regiment "Brave Rifles," Dec. 26, during their trip to Iraq.

Brave Rifles troopers, from Fort Hood, Texas, are deployed in support of Operation Inherent Resolve; working by, with and through the Iraqi Security Forces and Coalition partners to bring about the enduring defeat of ISIS.

Service members were given the chance to meet with the president, first lady, and the White House press secretary, Sarah Huckabee Sanders.

About 100 U.S. Army Soldiers, U.S. Air Force Airmen, U.S. Marine Corps Marines and U.S. Navy

sailors met at the dining facility to await the arrival of the presidential party.

Two troopers from Task Force Thunder, 3rd Cav. Regt., Sgt. Thomas Perez and 1st Lt. Nicholas Lister, were two of the first service members to shake the president's hand.

"He said, 'Merry Christmas' to me and patted me on the shoulder," said Lister, a troop executive officer. "What an incredible experience!"

The President and his entourage made their way around the dining facility to greet everyone, and posed for group pictures.

"It's not every day you get to take a picture with a U.S. president and his wife," said Ketter. "It was a storied moment."

After speaking with service members at the dining facility, the presidential party then made their way to a hangar where even more service members waited.

## FORSCOM in the news

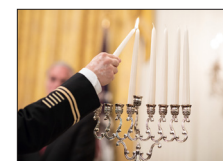
Soldiers from a unit in the 10th Mountain Division recently participated in a **colors casing ceremony as they prepare to deploy to the Middle East.**



Soldiers from the 1st Armored Division on rotation in Korea, **recently graduated from an educational, cultural enrichment program.**



The 1st Infantry Division senior chaplain **participated in the White House's Hanukkah reception by lighting the White House menorah.**



The 71st Ordnance Group (Explosive Ordnance Disposal), located at Fort Carson, Colorado, **recently named the 71st EOD team of the year.**



The 1st Infantry Division Artillery commander recently hosted a **fires orientation course for maneuver battalion commanders** at Fort Riley, Kansas.



## Meet your Army



**Sgt. 1st Class Timothy Chad Abrams** is a wheeled vehicle mechanic with Headquarters Support Company, Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault). His favorite thing about the Army is being a non-commissioned officer and taking care of Soldiers. (U.S. Army photo by Sgt. Steven Lopez)



# TOP SHOTS

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**Right** A Soldier assigned to the 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division, moves to his defensive position following a simulated gas attack during exercise Combined Resolve XI in Hohenfels, Germany, Dec. 7, 2018. (U.S. Army photo by Staff Sgt. Ron Lee)

**Left** Soldiers from B Company, 3rd Battalion, 187th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), conduct air assault operations during a brigade Field Training Exercise on Fort Knox, Ky., Dec. 2, 2018. (U.S. Army photo by Capt. Justin Wright)



**Above** Pvt. Andrew Smith, 91st Brigade Engineer Battalion, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division, fuels vehicles prior to the beginning of Exercise Combined Resolve XI in Hohenfels, Germany, Dec. 2, 2018. (U.S. Army photo by Staff Sgt. Ron Lee)



**Above** Soldiers assigned to the Field Artillery Squadron, 3rd Cavalry Regiment, fire their M777 Howitzer on Firebase Saham, Iraq, Dec. 3, 2018. (U.S. Army photo by Capt. Jason Welch)

**Left** Maj. Gen. Leopoldo Quintas, commanding general, 3rd Infantry Division and Fort Stewart, finishes the Marne Mudder obstacle course during Marne Week at Fort Stewart, Ga., Dec. 4, 2018. (U.S. Army photo by Pfc. Devron Bost)



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