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## Senior Leaders **Army leaders visit Chicago**



"Anytime First Army has an opportunity to engage with the 85th Support Command it's a good thing because it reinforces the relationship we have with the 85th," – Maj. Gen. Chris Gentry, deputy commanding General (Support), First Army.

### On Point

# Symposium highlights dangers of digital world

The Family Life Symposium delved into navigating and coping in a world inundated with technology and social media. The symposium was held March 7 for leaders and others interested in



learning skills to better deal with the fallout of too much screen time. Chap. (Maj.) Jerrod Glenn, Fort Polk Main Post Chapel Family Life Chaplain, organized and led the symposium addressing the challenges of social, digital and online addiction. "Everyone has a phone; that's affecting relationships in negative ways at a staggering level," said Glenn.



### Readiness for Multi-Domain Operations

The Global Force Symposium and Exposition is an important platform for the U.S. Army to communicate its needs for current and future operational environments, while providing professional development.

# Fort Bliss armored unit deploys to Europe



Soldiers with 1st Battalion, 35th Armor Regiment, 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Armored Division from Fort Bliss, Texas, check in for roll call after arriving at Drawsko Pomorskie Training Area, Poland on Mar. 19, 2019. (U.S. Army photo by Thomas Calvert)

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WIESBADEN, Germany — At the direction of the Secretary of Defense, the 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Armored Division, deployed to Europe to exercise the U.S. Army's ability to rapidly alert, recall and deploy under emergency conditions.

This Dynamic Force Employment makes our activities unpredictable to potential adversaries and provides a clear signal of commitment to NATO while maintaining strategic predictability for our NATO allies and partners. This U.S. exercise involves the participation of allies, which contributes to objectives defined by NATO in order to increase our deterrence posture.

Our ability to rapidly surge combat-ready forces into and across the theater is critical in pro-

jecting forces at a moment's notice to support the NATO alliance. However, this deployment is not in response to any real world situation.

The 1,500 Soldiers from Fort Bliss, Texas, began arriving in Berlin today. They will now travel to Drawsko Pomorskie Training Area, Poland, where they will utilize more than 700 pieces of equipment pulled from the Army Prepositioned Stock site in Eygelshoven, Netherlands.

Prior to the unit's arrival, elements of the 21st Theater Sustainment Command prepared and transported the APS equipment to Poland via line haul and rail.

The 2nd ABCT, 1st AD will conduct reception and integration procedures, and live-fire training with their Polish counterparts over the next few weeks. The training will culminate with a gunnery and a combined livefire exercise. The unit will return to Fort Bliss Once the exercise is complete.

### **FORSCOM** in the news

U.S. Army Reserve Command noncommissioned officers and officers conducted an Army Combat Fitness Test familiarization Mar. 15, at Fort Bragg, North Carolina.



Lt. Gen. Michael X. Garrett, passes colors to Lt. Gen. Terry Ferrell, incoming during the change-of-command ceremony on Shaw Air Force Base, S.C., March 8.



Soldiers from the 1st Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 1st Armored Division celebrate the pinning of an Expert Infantryman Badge after a ceremony at Fort Bliss, Texas.



160 graduates earned their Air Assault wings March 11, during a graduation ceremony for the Air Assault Course at the 1st Armored Division Parade Field.



Paratroopers from Alpha Battery, 1st Battalion, 319th Airborne Field Artillery Regiment conduct a live-fire mission exercise Wednesday, March 13.



### **Meet your Army**



Sgt. (Ret.) Daniel Cowart in Iraq in 2007. Cowart was recently notified that the Department of the Army is upgrading his Silver Star to a Distinguished Service Cross the second highest medal awarded for valor after the Medal of Honor. The upgrade was ordered after a year-long Military Review. (Courtesy photo)

### **TOP SHOTS**

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**Above** Cold Weather Leaders Course 19-004 students fire from the standing supported position at the Northern Warfare Training Center's Black Rapids Training Site during the 10-kilometer biathlon March 12. (U.S. Army photo by John Pennell)



Left Competitors for the Georgia Army National Guard Best Warrior Competition competed in three-mile equipment run at Fort Stewart, Georgia, March 5. The Georgia Army National Guard Best Warrior Competition is an annual six-day event that tests a Soldier's physical strength and academic knowledge. (U.S. Army photo by Spc. Tori Miller)

Right Members of the 61st Civil Support Team, 87th Troop Command, Arkansas National Guard don HAZMAT suits during a training exercise in West Memphis, Arkansas. The unit was involved in an earthquake response exercise. (U.S. Army photo by Capt. Shannon Haney)





**Above** U.S. Army Sgt. Javier Santos assigned to 3rd Battalion, 187th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), launches the RQ-11 Raven remote-controlled unmanned aerial vehicle during Joint Readiness Training Center rotation March 16. (U.S. Army photo by Capt. Justin Wright)

**Left** A paratrooper from Alpha Battery, 1st Battalion, 319th Airborne Field Artillery Regiment descends onto Fort Bragg's Normandy Drop zone after conducting a static-line airborne jump from an Air Force C-17 Wednesday, March 13. (U.S. Army photo by Sgt. Taylor Hoganson)



