

Senior Leaders

Enabling prototyping of new systems



"We know factually that optionally-manned or robotic vehicles work today – they're working in the commercial world, they're driving and delivering goods and services up and down the highways and byways of America, even as we speak." – Gen. Mark A. Milley, chief of staff of the Army

On Point

April is Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month

This year's theme is "I Ask," which sends the message that asking for consent is a normal and necessary part of interactions. For people to proclaim "I Ask" shows a cognizance of the most important first step in what can be a series of missteps in a sexual encounter: obtaining consent. Explicit consent. While the focus of this month is always on victims and awareness, this year's theme endeavors to make consent a proud and permanent part of our conversational lexicon.



Army to field new night vision goggles

The ENVG-B features a dual-tube structure and uses thermal imaging and it will connect to a Soldier's weapon using the Family of Weapon Sights-Individual and Rapid Target Acquisition Capability.

3rd Infantry Division Soldier Honored Posthumously



U.S. Army Lt. Gen. Laura J. Richardson, left, deputy commanding general of Forces Command, speaks April 5 in Pittsburgh's Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Hall and Museum, during the presentation of the Distinguished Service Cross to Freddie Jackson, right, the mother of U.S. Army Staff Sgt. Stevon A. Booker for his 2003 heroism.

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Hundreds of 3rd Infantry Division Soldiers, Army veterans, Pittsburgh-area officials and Army leaders recognized U.S. Army Staff Sgt. Stevon A. Booker for his heroism April 5 – 16 years to the day after he was killed in action while serving in Iraq.

Booker's mother and sister were presented with the Distinguished Service Cross, the nation's second highest award for valor, during a ceremony at Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Hall and Museum in Pittsburgh's Oakland neighborhood – near the University of Pittsburgh – as family, fellow Soldiers, city officials and veterans watched.

"I am so honored ... I am so proud of all my son accomplished," said Freddie Jackson, Book-

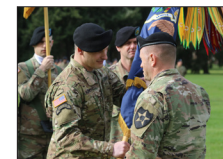
er's mother. "I didn't realize how much my son did and how he inspired other people. Steve died for his country, not just for the Booker Family," she said.

Booker died on April 5, 2003, while serving as a tank commander with Company A, 1st Battalion, 64th Armor of the 3rd Infantry Division. The 34-year-old Apollo, Penn., native was killed in action near Baghdad while serving in Iraq during the "Thunder Run" mission as part of Operation Iraqi Freedom. Booker attended Apollo-Ridge High School, near Pittsburgh, and enlisted in the Army in June 1987, at age 19, shortly after his high school graduation. He was promoted to Army staff sergeant in February 2001 and deployed in March 2003 to Iraq.

"We're here to honor his service, his sacrifice and his heroism, said, Lt. Gen. Laura J. Richardson, FORSCOM deputy commanding general.

FORSCOM in the news

Lt. Col. Blake Wetherell accepts the Legion colors from Col. Jay Miseli, 2nd Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 2nd Infantry Division commander, JBLM, April 2.



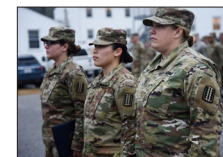
Capt. Ivan Cho, accepts the guidon and company leadership charge from Col. Adam Hilburgh, chief of staff for the 20th CBRNE Command, March. 31.



1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division DCS G4, LT. Gen Aundre Piggee administers the Oath of Enlistment to six Soldiers during his visit April 5.



Sgt. 1st Class Michelle Homer, Sgt. Christina So and Sgt. Gella Johnson receive recognition for saving the life of Soldier last summer in a ceremony held March 10.



Capt. Lindsay Roman, 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Armored Division, Fort Bliss, Texas, shares a laugh with a Polish cadet during a ceremony March 5.



Meet your Army



2nd Lt. Terry T. Faciane Jr., a quartermaster officer with 101st Sustainment Brigade, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), poses for a photo at Fort Campbell, Ky., after returning from the Officer Candidate School Program in Fort Benning, Ga. (U.S. Army photo by Sgt. 1st Class Carlos Davis.)

TOP SHOTS

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Left Soldiers from 1st Battalion, 21st Infantry Regiment strive for maximum lethality on the battlefield as they conduct Platoon Live-Fire Training on Pohakuloa Training Area, Hawaii April 3. The most important asset is the Soldiers; A well-trained Soldier is a safe Soldier. (US Army photo by Spc. Geoff Cooper)

Right Lt. Col. Peter Norris, battalion commander for the 1st Battalion, 35th Armored Regiment, 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Armored Division out of Fort Bliss, Texas, addresses Soldiers during a live fire exercise at Drasko Pomorskie Training Area in Drawsko Pomorskie, Poland, April 1.



Above Spc. Jermaine Campbell, 379th Chemical Company, 472nd Chemical Battalion, 209th Regional Support Group, 76th Operational Response Command uses a Common Remotely Operated Weapons Station to engage targets during Operation Gauntlet, April 5.



Above Tankers from the "Wrecking Crew" from C Company, 1st Battalion, 64th Armor Regiment roll through the village of Batoor at Fort Polk where they are supporting the 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division during JRTC rotation 19-05. (U.S. Army photo by Maj. Peter Bogart)

Left Pfc. Angel G. Marerra, Alpha Company, 1st Battalion, 16th Infantry Regiment, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, bore-sights a Bradley Fighting Vehicle during gunnery skills training Bulgaria, April 3. (U.S. Army photo by Staff Sgt. True Thao)



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