

Senior Leaders

Transforming Army aviation

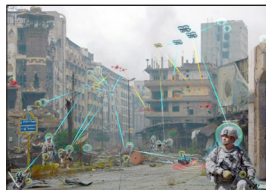


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On Point

Robot swarms, new aircraft fleets to transform Army aviation

In future combat, Army units may deploy a large unmanned aerial system that can serve as a mothership capable of unleashing swarms of autonomous aircraft for various missions. Senior leaders expect the future battlefield to have dispersed units operating in densely-populated areas, where they will be contested in multiple domains.



To be successful Soldiers need to be able to present several dilemmas to the enemy, which is why the Army developed its new concept of multi-domain operations.



Enlisted Centralized Selection Boards

The Army plans to change to a promotion process where only best-qualified NCOs are selected for promotion on a month-to-month basis based on the OMLs. Eligibility requires NCOs to be fully qualified.

Aviation readiness up as units operate at 'warp speed'



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The Army currently consumes 16-plus combat aviation brigades' worth of combat power to sustain existing requirements, said Lt. Gen. Laura Richardson, deputy commander of Army Forces Command.

In the active component, the deployment-to-dwell ratio now stands at about 1 to 2.3 years, with some CABs turning slightly faster to execute the next mission, she said.

Expeditionary CABs in the reserve component have a mobilization-to-dwell ratio of about 1 to

5 years, while medical evacuation and heavy lift units operate at just under 1 to 4.

When not deployed, units regularly conduct home-station training, rotations to combat training centers, humanitarian assistance and other duties in support of homeland defense.

"If anyone says we have extra, additional aviation assets just sitting around, they are absolutely misinformed," Richardson said April 15 at a conference hosted by the Army Aviation Association of America, or Quad A. "There is no excess capacity."

Since three years ago, when FORSCOM began intensive reviews of aviation readiness, rates have increased about 15 percent in aggregate, she said.

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FORSCOM in the news

Brig. Gen. John D. Kline, deputy commander, 7th ID, hands a certificate of appreciation to a Narcotics Enforcement officer, in Koror, Palau, April 19.



82nd Airborne Division Paratroopers assist NASCAR driver Ryan Newman with donning a parachute harness at Pike Field during a visit to Fort Bragg, N. C., April 17.



Soldier-Scientists from the 1st Area Medical Laboratory's Bio Team check a blood plate for bacterial growth during field training exercise at Fort Indiantown Gap, March 21.



Commanding General, 1st ID Maj. Gen. John S. Kolasheski visited Col. Charles S. Armstrong, commander, 1st ABCT, visited Soldiers during mission Atlantic Resolve.



Staff Sgt. Johnny Soriano, evaluates Spc. Daniel P. McAuley during the Guard's Best Warrior Competition, Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, N.J., April 10.



Meet your Army



"ER" star Anthony Edwards, left, poses with Lt. Col. Charles Barrett, 1 Corps deputy public affairs officer, at the Club at McChord Field April 9. Barrett is wearing the "ER" intern badge he wore while working as an extra on the season seven opener of the long-running hit show.

TOP SHOTS

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Left Army tank crews engage targets downrange during gunnery training at Camp Ripley, Minn., April 3, 2019. (U.S. Army photo by Staff Sgt. Anthony Housey)

Right Maj. Lyndsey Hodgkins, 529th Support Battalion executive officer, makes her first attempt to squat 165 pounds during the Camp Taji Power Lifting Competition at Camp Taji, Iraq, April 19, 2019. (U.S. Army photo by Sgt. Roger Jackson)



Above 1st Lt. Reed Radford, a paratrooper assigned to the 82nd Airborne Division, assembles an M240 machine gun during the weapons event of the Best CBRN Warrior Competition on Fort Bragg, North Carolina, April 15. (U.S. Army photo by Sgt. James Hobbs)



Above Army Capt. Michael Rose, right, reaches for teammate Capt. John Bergman during a combat water survival assessment as part of the Best Ranger Competition at Fort Benning, Ga., April 14, 2019. (U.S. Army photo by Patrick Albright)

Left Capt. John Baer, five-time competitor in the Best Sapper Competition, drags his pack out of the water following a helocast at the Lake of the Ozarks. (U.S. Army photo by Sam Campbell)