

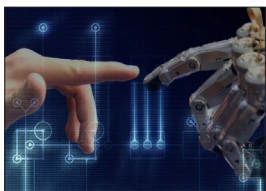
Senior Leaders Building readiness



"The U.S. Army's plan is to build readiness and modernize the force so we are prepared to fight and win when our nation calls," – 23rd Secretary of the Army Dr. Mark T. Esper

On Point 'Mad Scientists' discuss AI, robots and the future of warfare

The U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command and the University of Texas at Austin hosted the Mad Scientist Conference, April 24 and 25. The conference brings together military, academia, and private industry experts in fields such as artificial intelligence (AI), robotics, ethics in future innovation, and the future of space. This year's conference focused on disruption and the future operational environment. With the Army's effort to modernize the force, it is critical for collaboration between the Army and the brightest minds of technological innovation.



Army Officer Talent Management

The Army is developing a new talent management system to acquire, develop, employ, and retain the best officers for the future. Nine new authorities provide flexibility for a talent-based system.

Fort Drum community welcomes new commander



Gen. Michael X. Garrett, U.S. Army Forces Command commanding general, officiates the 10th Mountain Division change of command ceremony between outgoing commander, Maj. Gen. Walter E. Piatt, and incoming commander, Maj. Gen. Brian J. Mennes, May 1, at Fort Drum, New York. (U.S. Army photo by Michael Strasser)

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FORT DRUM, N.Y. – Members of the Fort Drum community and invited guests welcomed Maj. Gen. Brian J. Mennes and bade farewell to Maj. Gen. Walter E. Piatt during the 10th Mountain Division (LI) change of command ceremony May 1 at Magrath Sports Complex.

Gen. Michael X. Garrett, U.S. Army Forces Command commanding general, officiated the ceremony. He thanked Piatt and his wife Cynthia for their leadership and tireless commitment to building a stronger community.

"This division is full of high-performing Soldiers who are tactically and technically proficient, dedicated to their profession and committed to accomplishing any mission to standard," he said. "Walt, Cynthia, thank you for all you have done to

lead the 10th Mountain Division and this community."

Garrett said that Mennes is a battle-tested warfighter who has deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom three times, and in support of Operation Enduring Freedom five times.

"Brian Mennes knows what it takes to ensure our Soldiers and our units are ready for whatever mission they are given," he said. "He has a passion for Soldiers and families, and I am confident that he will continue to lead this great division to new heights."

In his remarks, Piatt said that it has been an honor to lead the division and that he was grateful to Fort Drum's dedicated civilian workforce.

"I am so proud of this civilian workforce," he said. "I admire them much more than I ever led them. We truly are the blue-collared division of this great nation."

FORSCOM in the news

Soldiers with 1st Battalion, 68th Armor Regiment, conduct a short range marksmanship qualification range, April 21, at Camp Buehring, Kuwait.



U.S. Army Reserve Soldiers of the 1st Mission Support Command participate in an esprit de corps run, led by Lt. Gen. Charles D. Luckey and the governor of Puerto Rico.



Spc. Taylen Winchell, Missouri Army National Guard, developed a coded database, which improved a production process, saving the command \$50,000 in labor costs.



Task Force 1st Battalion 28th Infantry Regiment Lt. Col. David M. Conner changes command with Lt. Col. Stephen Magennis during a ceremony, April 26.



Troopers with 3rd Squadron, 4th Cavalry Regiment provide security during Operation Lightning Strike 2019 on Pōhakuloa Training Area, Hawaii, April 14.



Meet your Army



Spc. Shatyra Reed, a public affairs mass communication specialist with the 22nd Mobile Public Affairs Detachment, and her daughter Amore Cox, pose for a photo in Fayetteville, N.C., April 25. Since 1986, (U.S. Army photo by Pfc. Hubert D. Delany III / 22nd Mobile Public Affairs Detachment)

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Left: 1st Brigade Combat Team, 82nd Airborne Division paratroopers apply camouflage during Operation Devil Storm at Green Ramp on Pope Army Airfield, North Carolina, April 27. (U.S. Army photo by Pvt. Chantel Green)

Right: A cavalry scout with Troop B., 2nd Squadron, 1st Cavalry Regiment, 1st Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division crosses a rope during the obstacle course at the U.S. Army Fort Carson Best Warrior Competition, April 25. (U.S. Army photo by Pvt. Ashton Empty)



Above: Spc. Yannik Marazia, 510th Regional Support Group, 7th Mission Support Command, wades through a trench during the 7th MSC Best Warrior Competition (BWC) in Kaiserslautern, Germany, April 26. (U.S. Army Reserve photo by Sgt Christopher Stelter)



Above: 1st Lt. Patrick Boisson, 4th Battalion 6th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Armored Brigade Combat Team “Bulldogs,” 1st Armored Division, performs first aid on an open head wound during Expert Infantryman Badge testing. The concept of EIB testing lanes is to test EIB candidates on their knowledge of the fundamentals related to warrior tasks. (U.S. Army photo by Sgt. Alon J. Humphrey)

Left: A U.S. Army Reserve Soldier with the 100th Infantry Battalion displays current camouflage and position techniques in American Samoa, April, 26. (U.S. Army photo by Staff Sgt. David Overson)



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