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"There is nothing that our Army can't do, but we can do all things a lot easier with the support of a very grateful nation." – Gen. Michael X. Garrett, FORSCOM commanding general

## On Point New capabilities bolster Army presence in Eastern Europe

Ongoing efforts to cut acquisition timelines will get new capabilities out sooner to counter near-peer threats in Eastern Europe, Army leaders told lawmakers, May 1. One measure of success is that it now only takes three to five months to get a requirement approved compared to three to five years in the past.



"We're carrying on this process to make sure that we are moving at the speed of relevance to get capability to our Soldiers," said Gen. John Murray, commander of Army Futures Command.



## STRONG B.A.N.D.S. "Reach Your Peak"

Physical health and well-being are vital components of readiness and resiliency. Exercise programs enhance quality of life, improve productivity, and bring positive physical and mental changes.

# Paratroopers conclude 'Operation Devil Storm'



A 1st Brigade Combat Team, 82nd Airborne Division paratrooper provides security for Operation Devil Storm at Fort Bragg, N.C. – The 1st Brigade Combat Team "Devils" of the 82nd Airborne Division just completed their 10-day Mission Readiness Exercise. The exercise, Devil Storm, took place on Holland Drop Zone and across the entire training area at Fort Bragg, N.C. Devil Storm lasted from April 23 to May 3.

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"Over the last six months, we've gone through an echeloned approach to training," said Col. Andrew Saslav, commander of the 1st Brigade Combat Team. "We've trained our squads and our platoons, about a month and a half ago we knocked out company live fires and now it's time to bring all those capabilities from across the seven battalions into synchronization."

Devil Storm began April 23, when the brigade received their mission from the 82nd Airborne

Operations Center. This order initiated the 96-hour sequence, a regimented system of preparation that allowed the brigade to coordinate and ready their personnel and equipment for a combat airborne operation.

On the night of April 27, more than 1,500 paratroopers donned chutes and equipment, and conducted a mass-tactical static-line airborne operation onto Holland Drop Zone, officially beginning the operation.

Over the next five days, the Devil Brigade coordinated with a wide variety of enabler units and conducted offensive combat operations across the training areas of Fort Bragg.

"Overall our paratroopers have performed amazingly and I'm extremely proud. They have proven that they are lethal, they are disciplined, and most importantly that they are a learning organization," said Saslav.

## FORSCOM in the news

Brig. Gen. Patrick D. Frank (left), commanding general, Joint Readiness Training Center and Fort Polk, congratulates Best Ranger competitors, April 18.



Debi Win'E and Rep. Lou Correa cut the ribbon to the newly renamed post office in Orange County, California, honoring Spc. Trevor A. Win'E, April 24.



Soldiers with 1-224th Aviation Regiment, 28th Expeditionary Combat Aviation Brigade recognized for supporting lifesaving rescues during flooding in Pennsylvania.



Soldiers from 5th Squadron, 73rd Cavalry Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 82nd Airborne Division, win the 2019 Gainey Cup - Best Scout Squad Competition.



The first fielding of the Joint Light Tactical Vehicles (JLTV) to an Army Reserve unit began April 25 at Fort McCoy, Wisconsin. The unit will receive a total of 60 vehicles.



## Meet your Army



Chelsea George, Mrs. Missouri and an Army spouse, advocates for the personal cause of helping people with cancer. She entered the Mrs. Missouri pageant out of a desire to integrate into the surrounding community. She will compete for Mrs. United States in Las Vegas in August. (Courtesy photo)



# TOP SHOTS

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**Left:** 66th Military Police Company Soldiers conduct simulated, urban search and rescue operations in an area with chemical, biological, radiological or nuclear contamination during Guardian Response 19 at Muscatatuck Urban Training Center, Ind., May 5. (U.S. Army Reserve photo by Sgt. Philip Scaringi)

**Right:** Lt. Col. Philbert Palmore (right center), 10th BSB, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division commander, cheers on his Soldiers during the tug-of-war competition as part of the 10th Mountain Division Run activities, April 26. (U.S. Army photo by Staff Sgt. James Avery)



**Above:** Maintenance personnel from the 183rd Assault Helicopter Battalion began preparing three UH-60 Black Hawk Helicopters for deployment to Guatemala in support of Beyond the Horizon 2019, April 28. (U.S. Army photo by Thomas Alvarez)



**Above:** A lieutenant assigned to the 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 82nd Airborne Division drags a litter April 25, during the brigade's annual Janney Cup competition at Fort Bragg. (U.S. Army photo by Maj. Thomas Cieslak)

**Left:** Pfc. Eian Kennedy, a 2nd Infantry Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division, attempts a combatives grip on Cpl. Micah Barton, 4th Security Forces Assistance Brigade, during the combatives portion of the 4th Infantry Division Best Warrior competition testing at Fort Carson, Colorado, April 26. (U.S. Army photo by Pvt. Ashton Empty)



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