

Senior Leaders Memorial Day message

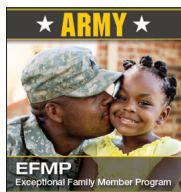


"Memorial Day is America's day to remember the men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice in defense of our country. To the Soldiers and Civilian employees and their Families, and the entire Forces Command Team: Have a safe holiday weekend."

– FORSCOM CG, CSM
May 21, 2019
Fort Bragg, N.C.

On Point Exceptional Family Member Program

The Exceptional Family Member Program (EFMP) identifies Soldiers who have Family members with special needs. These Family members may meet specific medical and/or educational eligibility criteria identified by the Department of Defense. Enrollment is mandatory for Active Duty Soldiers and voluntary for Reserve Component Soldiers. Once enrolled, the Soldiers' personnel record indicates any Family member with special needs. The Army's greatest assets is its Soldiers. Providing support to Families results in mission readiness. EFMP helps to ensure Families with special needs are met.



Army Officer Commissioning

U.S. Army commissioning programs produce **agile and adaptive leaders needed by the Army to win in a complex, multi-domain world.** The Army commissions more than 6,000 officers every year.



I Corps leads future of the Army at Joint Warfighting exercise



An M1135 nuclear biological chemical reconnaissance vehicle from the 690th Chemical Company, U.S. Army Alabama National Guard, maneuvers during the Joint Warfighting Assessment 19 at Yakima Training Center, Wash., May 4, 2019. (U.S. Army photo by Pfc. Valentina Y. Montano)

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YAKIMA TRAINING CENTER, Wash. – The future of the U.S. Army was on display April 23 to May 11, 2019, as more than 6,000 U.S. Soldiers and Marines from the Army's I Corps, 7th Infantry Division, 1st and 2nd Stryker Brigade Combat Teams with the 2nd Infantry Division, 17th Field Artillery Brigade, the Marine Corps Forces Reserve's 4th Tank Battalion from 4th Marine Division, and six partner nations participated in the Joint Warfighting Assessment 19 exercise here and at Joint Base Lewis-McChord.

JWA 19 is the Army's premier modernization assessment; weaving material solutions, multi-domain operations, MDO formations, concepts and capabilities at echelon into the Army's largest joint, multinational, live, virtual and constructive exercise aligned to the U.S. Indo-Pacific Command area of operations. JWA 19's mission is to provide critical insights and feedback on Army

modernization efforts.

Besides allowing participating units to train to enhance their readiness while integrating and assessing innovative concepts and capabilities in a challenging operational environment, JWA 19 provides critical information to Joint Modernization Command's Field Experiments Division.

With warfighting systems and equipment becoming more complex, the U.S. Army continues to assess and evaluate warfighting concepts and capabilities that will support the modernization of future forces and help these forces win in a complex world.

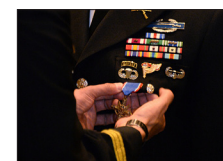
"The Secretary of the Army was given a task to rapidly modernize the Army," said U.S. Army Col. Christopher Barnwell, chief, FED at the JMC. "We've been fighting an unsophisticated enemy in Iraq and Afghanistan for almost two decades and during that time our adversaries were able to close the gap, and in some cases exceed that gap, in several areas."

FORSCOM in the news

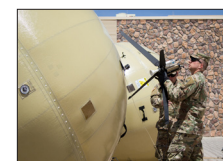
A MEDEVAC aircrew from the 1st Cavalry Division **recently rescued an injured hiker from the Guadalupe Mountain National Park** near El Paso, Texas.



A former officer in the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) **recently had his Silver Star upgraded to the Distinguished Service Cross.**



Soldiers assigned to the 1st Armored Division's headquarters G6 signal staff section, **recently trained on a new communications system** at Fort Bliss, Texas.



Soldiers from the 2nd Infantry Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division, recently conducted **air assault operations training** on Fort Carson, Colo.



Army EOD technicians from the 20th CBRNE Command **recently trained with federal, state and local law enforcement agencies** in Winter Park, Colorado.



Meet your Army



Sp. Jonathan M. Figueroa, human resource specialist with Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion, XVIII Airborne Corps, recently won the battalion's Soldier of the Month competition after having overcome his language barrier. Sp. Figueroa, a San Juan, Puerto Rico native, came into the Army at the age of 34. (U.S. Army photo by Pvt. Carlos A. Cuebas Fantauzzi)

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Right Soldiers from the 3rd Battalion, 66th Armored Regiment, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, conduct M136 AT4 Light Anti-Armor Weapon training at Johanna Range, Poland, May 2, 2019. (U.S. Army photo by Spc. Yon Trimble)

Left A cannon crewmember assigned to the 2nd Infantry Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division, prepares to attach a M119 Howitzer to a UH-60 Black Hawk helicopter during air assault training on Fort Carson, Colo., May 2, 2019. (U.S. Army photo by Staff Sgt. Neysa Canfield)



Above Command Sgt. Maj. Michael A. Grinston (left), U.S. Army Forces Command command sergeant major, helps carry a tactical litter during physical training on Fort Hood, Texas, April 25, 2019. (U.S. Army photo by Sgt. Ryan Rayno)



Above Pvt. Kesley Darnell, B Company, 1st Battalion, 508th Parachute Infantry Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 82nd Airborne Division, releases an Unmanned Aerial System (UAS) during the systems fielding at Fort Bragg, N.C., May 2, 2019. (U.S. Army photo by Patrick Ferraris)

Left 1st Lt. Patrick Boisson (right), 3rd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Armored Division, performs a first aid task during Expert Infantrymen Training at Camp Hovey, Korea, Apr. 27, 2019. (U.S. Army photo by Sgt. Alon J. Humphrey)



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