

## Senior Leaders FORSCOM CG, CSM sends...

"The Army Birthday is a time to celebrate, and show gratitude to our men and women who are forward-stationed or deployed. Whether you are in uniform, an Army Civilian, or support our brave men and women as a Family member, thank you for your service."

– FORSCOM CG and CSM  
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Fort Bragg, N.C.

## On Point U.S. Army Birthday

As Army Chief of Staff Gen. Mark A. Milley spoke to veterans at the 75th anniversary of the D-Day invasion, he asked what lessons they had learned from hitting the beach in that deadly campaign.



"Never let it happen again," a 96-year-old veteran who earned two Silver Stars told the general.

Milley called it the "single most violent conflict in human history" when over 150,000 allied troops stormed the heavily fortified coast of France's Normandy region. By the time the campaign ended in early August, nearly 37,000 ground troops had been killed. At a cake-cutting ceremony at the U.S. Capitol to kick off the Army's 244th birthday, Milley said that sacrifice should not be forgotten.

## National Safety Month

With the passage of Memorial Day, **the deadliest months for Army mishaps - June, July and August - are here**, but leaders and Soldiers have an opportunity to **refocus their safety efforts** with the service-wide annual observance of National Safety Month.



## FORSCOM CSM selected as 16th Sergeant Major of the Army



Command Sgt. Maj. Michael Grinston, U.S. Army Forces Command's Command Sergeant Major, speaks to students at the First Corps Basic Leaders Course on Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Wash., Jan. 9, 2019. (U.S. Army photo by Sgt. Kyle Larsen)

### By U.S. Army Public Affairs

WASHINGTON – Secretary of the Army Dr. Mark T. Esper and Army Chief of Staff Gen. Mark A. Milley, announced today Command Sgt. Maj. Michael A. Grinston will assume responsibilities as the 16th sergeant major of the Army (SMA).

"I look forward to working with Command Sgt. Maj. Michael Grinston," Esper said. "The Army is in the midst of a renaissance, and he is a great choice to carry on our readiness, modernization and reform efforts."

Grinston currently serves as the senior enlisted leader for U.S. Army Forces Command (FORSCOM) – the U.S. Army's largest command and provider of expeditionary land forces. He is a combat veteran who has served in every leadership position from team leader to division command sergeant major.

His deployments include two tours each to Operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom, as well as Desert Shield, Desert Storm and to Kosovo. Grinston also served as the senior enlisted leader for the Army's first deployment of a division headquarters, with 1st Infantry Division, in support of Operation Inherent Resolve from October 2014 to June 2015.

"Congratulations to Command Sgt. Maj. Grinston and his family," Milley said. "He is a world class leader who stands out among our exceptional Noncommissioned Officer Corps. He is the right Noncommissioned Officer to lead our Army into the future."

"I am honored to have the opportunity to continue to serve the great Soldiers and families of the United States Army," Grinston said.

## FORSCOM in the news

Soldiers, Family members, and friends recently gathered on Fort Stewart, Ga. to **observe the 3rd Infantry Division change of command ceremony.**



A former 10th Mountain Division Soldier was recently posthumously **awarded the Distinguished Service Cross** for his actions in Afghanistan.



U.S. Army Forces Command recently coordinated the **first of its kind joint digital integration exercise** at Camp Shelby Joint Forces Training Center, Miss.



The 3rd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division, cased its colors recently signaling their **deployment for a nine-month rotation to Korea.**



The 5th Battalion, 1st Security Forces Assistance Brigade, **recently provided training support to the 10th Mountain Division's annual Warfighter Exercise.**



## Meet your Army



**Chief Warrant Officer 2 Ray Finlay**, a UH 60 Blackhawk pilot assigned to the 4th Combat Aviation Brigade, 4th Infantry Division, was motivated to serve due to both of his grandfather's serving during WWII. (U.S. Army video by Sgt. Daphney Black)



# TOP SHOTS

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**Left** Sgt. Curry Tidwell and Pvt. Angel Marrero (foreground), 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, load ammo into an M3 Bradley Fighting Vehicle prior to live-fire training at Novo Selo Training Area, Bulgaria, May 8, 2019. (U.S. Army photo by Staff Sgt. True Thao)

**Right** Paratroopers assigned to 37th Brigade Engineer Battalion, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 82nd Airborne Division, conduct simulated subterranean breaching techniques and chemical reconnaissance testing as part of the battalion's field training exercise. (U.S. Army photo by Staff Sgt. Anthony Johnson)



**Above** Staff Sgt. Mark Robinson, 1st Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 1st Armored Division, performs a needle chest decompression on a simulation medical mannequin during the 1st Armored Division Best Warrior Competition at Fort Bliss, Texas, May 13, 2019. (U.S. Army photo by Spc. Matthew Marcellus)



**Above** Soldiers of the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), march down the streets of Magneville, France, June 4, 2019. (U.S. Army photo by Sgt. Steven Lopez)

**Left** Sgt. Jared Beall, an infantry Soldier with 1st Battalion, 68th Armor Regiment, 3rd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division, undergoes evaluation on the M136 AT4 anti-tank weapon during testing for the Expert Infantryman Badge at Camp Buehring, Kuwait, May 29, 2019. (U.S. Army photo by Sgt. Liane Hatch)



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