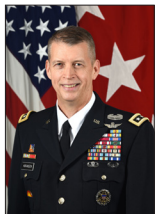


## Senior Leaders New Army Guard Director



"I am sincerely humbled by this incredible opportunity and look forward to continuing to serve the Soldiers, civilians and Families of our Army National Guard. It's time for me to get to work with all of you and ensure our nation's Army National Guard remains Always Ready, Always There."

– Lt. Gen. Daniel R. Hokanson  
Director, Army National Guard  
June 21, 2019, Arlington, Va.

## On Point U.S. Army Families keep our Army strong

The strength of our nation is our Army. The strength of our Army is our Soldiers. The strength of our Soldiers is in our Families. Taking care of our Soldiers, Families, and Civilians is an enduring Army priority. Decades

of research demonstrate that Family readiness impacts overall Army readiness, including resilience, retention, and readiness. Army Families continually demonstrate their dedication, service, and willingness to make great sacrifices to Soldiers – long separations from loved ones, the uncertainty and demands of multiple deployments, school and job transfers, and frequent moves.



## Cadet Summer Training

Cadet Summer Training is the largest annual training event in the Army. It is designed to lay the foundation of Army future leaders in the Active force, Army Reserve and National Guard.



## 4th ID Soldiers earn awards for actions in Afghanistan



Soldiers with the 1st Battalion, 12th Infantry Regiment, 2nd Infantry Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division, received awards in front of their peers and leaders during a ceremony at Fort Carson, Colo., June 11, 2019. (U.S. Army photo by Staff Sgt. Neysa Canfield)

By Staff Sgt. Neysa Canfield, 2nd Infantry Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division Public Affairs

FORT CARSON, Colo. – Six Soldiers with 1st Battalion, 12th Infantry Regiment, 2nd Infantry Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division, received awards for their heroic actions, during an awards ceremony June 11.

During the ceremony 1st Lt. Cooper L. Lemons, Sgt. 1st Class John Ballenger, Staff Sgt. Timme L. Jones, and Spc. Benaiah O. Wiedenhoft were awarded the Army Commendation Medal with Combat device and Spc's. Jacob S. Shontz and Joseph Smith were awarded the Army Commendation Medal with Valor device.

The six Soldiers, who were assigned to Alpha "Arrowhead" Company, 1st Bn., 12th Inf. Reg., played a crucial role in the events that occurred on Oct. 18, 2018 in Kandahar City, according to

Col. Dave Zinn, then commander of 2nd IBCT and deputy commander for Train, Advise and Assist Command-South (TAAC-South) during the incident.

"On October 18th, Arrowhead was tasked with protecting senior U.S. officials who were meeting with high-level Afghan officials at the provincial governor's compound in the center of Kandahar City to discuss upcoming national elections," said Zinn.

On the day of the incident, the Soldiers of Alpha Company drove a convoy into the center of Kandahar City and pulled security for hours as U.S. and Afghan officials discussed future plans.

On that day a Taliban member had infiltrated Afghan security forces and conducted an insider attack. While under fire, the Soldiers sprang into action.

## FORSCOM in the news

FORSCOM had 11 Captains and one warrant officer who were **recently awarded the General Douglas MacArthur Leadership Award** at a Pentagon ceremony.



FORSCOM and its' officers, enlisted and civilians were recently recognized as winners of the **FY 2018 Secretary of the Army and Chief of Staff, Army, Safety Awards**.



Leaders of the 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 82nd Airborne Division, **recently cased the brigade's colors** signifying their deployment to Afghanistan.



Advisors from 3rd Squadron and 6th Battalion, 3rd SFOB, recently trained together to **learn team tactical skills during unit training** at Fort Hood, Texas.



The 32d Army Air and Missile Defense Command was recently awarded **the Division Level Army Exceptional Organization Safety Award** for FY 18 for the most effective overall safety program.



## Meet your Army

**1st Lt. Brad Smith**, company executive officer, 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment, recently had his old unit, the Idaho Army National Guard's 116th Cavalry Brigade Combat Team, do a rotation at the NTC in Fort Irwin, Calif. Smith enlisted with the unit in 2009 when he was 19, to begin his extraordinary journey to become a commissioned officer.





# TOP SHOTS

Here are the best photos from FORSCOM Public Affairs professionals world-wide. For more photos and information, click these photos or visit [army.mil/forscom](http://army.mil/forscom)



**Right** Spc. Nicholas Callahan (left), 44th Medical Brigade, and Staff Sgt. Matthew Whitney, 3rd Infantry Division, are the winners of the 2019 XVIII Airborne Corps Noncommissioned Officer and Soldier of the Year Competition held on Fort Bragg, N.C., June 24-28, 2019. (U.S. Army photo by Pfc. Joshua Cowden)

**Left** Command Sgt. Maj. Vincent Simonetti, outgoing senior enlisted leader, 2nd Infantry Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division, passes the 21BCT colors to Col. Dave Zinn, outgoing commander for 21BCT, during a change of leadership ceremony on Fort Carson, Colo., June 13, 2019. (U.S. Army photo by Staff Sgt. Neysa Canfield)



**Above** An infantry Soldier with the 3rd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division, prepares to throw a practice M67 fragmentation grenade during Expert Infantryman Badge testing at Camp Buehring, Kuwait, May 29, 2019. (U.S. Army photo by Sgt. Liane Hatch)



**Above** Members of America's First Corps Army Band march during the Steilacoom Fourth of July parade in Steilacoom, Wash., July 4, 2019. (U.S. Army photo by Staff Sgt. Adam Ross)

**Left** Sgt. Austin Sharp, a multiple launch rocket system crewmember, 1st Battalion, 14th Field Artillery Regiment, 75th Field Artillery Brigade, checks his sights on an M240B machine gun before qualifying at Kerr Hill range, Fort Sill, Okla., June 4, 2019. (U.S. Army photo by Sgt. Dustin D. Biven)



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