

## Senior Leaders CSA confirmation hearing



"Our goal should be to sustain great power peace that has existed since World War II, and deal firmly with all those who might challenge us."

– Gen. Mark A. Milley  
Chief of Staff, U.S. Army  
July 11, Washington, D.C.

## On Point State licensure and certification costs reimbursement for Spouses

Army Directive 2019-18, Reimbursement for State Licensure and Certification Costs for the Spouse of a Soldier Arising from a Permanent Change of Station, establishes policy to reimburse qualified costs associated with State licensures and certifications when spouses undergo a permanent change of station with their Soldier to another State. The Army will reimburse qualified relicensing costs for the spouses. These are costs to cover the examination and registration fees imposed by the State of the new duty station. This will allow spouses to secure a license or recertification in the new duty station for the same profession as in the original duty station.



## Expert Soldier Badge

The Army recently announced a new proficiency badge, the Expert Soldier Badge, which is the **equivalent of the Expert Infantry Badge and Expert Field Medical Badge** but for all other military occupational specialties in the Army.

## III Corps Soldiers recommit to service for the nation



Brig. Gen. Darren L. Werner, Commanding General, 13th ESC, administers the Oath of Enlistment to 13th ESC Soldiers and other III Corps and Fort Hood Soldiers during a mass reenlistment ceremony July 5 at Minute Maid Park in Houston, Texas

By Sgt. 1st Class Kelvin Ringold, 3rd ESC Public Affairs

HOUSTON, Texas - Today, only 1% of the United States population is currently serving in the military and the veteran population is declining. Now more than ever, the Army is focused and committed to retaining the most qualified, well-trained Soldiers that are eager to make a difference. On a humid Houston, Texas, night at Minute Maid Park, the opportunity to do just that was on display for the sold-out crowd of 41,000 screaming fans in attendance.

80 Soldiers from 13th Expeditionary Sustainment Command, 11th Signal Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division and other III Corps Soldiers stationed at Fort Hood, Texas, participated in a mass reenlistment ceremony at Minute Maid Park Friday.

This was the sixth recommitment ceremony

the 13th ESC put together working with community partners across Texas, but the second consecutive July event hosted by the Houston Astros.

"Having the opportunity to give back to the military members and their families is something we feel very strongly about," said Andrew Remson, Houston Astros Community Relations. "This event is great for the city to witness firsthand and allows them to show their appreciation as well."

Sgt. Maj. Rex A. Fortner, 13th ESC's retention sergeant major, has been the driving force getting these events planned, and was happy with the outcome of this last one.

"This was my final event with the 13th ESC and also the biggest reenlistment we put on all year," Fortner said. "This was the best farewell I could have hoped for as I leave for my next assignment."

## FORSCOM in the news

Command Sgt. Maj. Michael A. Grinston, FORSCOM Command Sgt. Maj., **recently attended the New Zealand Army Senior Enlisted Leader's conference forum.**



Leaders of 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division, **recently mentored Ukrainian observer/controllers during field training in Ukraine.**



Soldiers and vehicles from the 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, recently participated in **the culminating event of Saber Guardian 2019** in Romania.



The 1st Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 1st Armored Division, recently conducted a ceremony to **convert the brigade into the Army's newest armored brigade combat team.**



82nd Airborne Division snipers recently participated in **airborne infiltration test trials of potentially the Army's newest sniper system** at Ft. Bragg, N.C.



## Meet your Army



**Capt. Christopher M. Dixon**, 2nd Battalion, 3rd Field Artillery Regiment, 1st Armored Division, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, was recently awarded the Edmund L. Gruber Award. The award recognizes "superb individual thought, innovation and overall excellence that results in significant contributions to or the enhancement of the Field Artillery's war fighting capabilities."



# TOP SHOTS

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**Left** Members of a Stinger Man-Portable Air Defense System (MANPAD) team with 1st Battalion, 16th Infantry Regiment, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, fire at an outlaw drone as part of exercise Shabla 19 at Shabla, Bulgaria, June 13, 2019. (U.S. Army photo by Sgt. Thomas Mort)

**Right** A Paratrooper assigned to the 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 82nd Airborne Division, fires a 60mm mortar system during a combined arms live fire exercise in Novo Selo Training Area, Bulgaria, June 23, 2019. (U.S. Army photo by Staff Sgt. Anthony Johnson)



**Above** Cpl. Joshua Cooper, 20th Engineer Brigade, vaults over an obstacle while competing in the 2019 XVIII Airborne Corps Noncommissioned Officer and Soldier of the Year Competition at Fort Bragg, N.C., June 24, 2019. (U.S. Army photo by Pfc. Nathaniel Gayle)



**Above** U.S. Army Reserve Soldiers jump out of a UH-60 Blackhawk helicopter as part of a Helocast event at Mott Lake during the 2019 U.S. Army Reserve Best Warrior Competition on Fort Bragg, N.C., June 27, 2019. (U.S. Army photo by Staff Sgt. Aaron Rognstad)

**Left** 1st Sgt. David O. Rodriguez Jr., Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 13th Expeditionary Sustainment Command, recites the Oath of Enlistment during a ceremony at Minute Maid Park in Houston, Texas, July 5, 2019. (U.S. Army photo by Sgt. 1st Class Kelvin Ringold)



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