

## Senior Leaders The new Army Chief of Staff



"People are the Army. They are our greatest strength, our most important weapon system. When we send the United States Army somewhere, we don't go to participate, we don't go to try hard. We go to win."

– Gen. James C. McConville  
Chief of Staff, U.S. Army  
Aug. 9, 2019, Washington, D.C.

## On Point Army Civilian Corps

Army Civilians are an integral part of the U.S. Army team, committed to selfless service in support of the protection and preservation of the United States. Army Civilians take an oath of office to support and defend the Constitution.

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## Summer Safety

Many Soldiers and their loved ones will take advantage of the warmer temperatures by going on vacations and road trips. While the summer months are a time for fun in the sun, they're also some of the most deadly for the Army, with notable increases in off-duty fatalities.



## FORSCOM Soldier uses training, shows courage during tragedy



Pfc. Glendon Oakley, automated logistical specialist, 504th Composite Supply Company, 142nd Combat Support Sustainment Battalion, 1st Armored Division Sustainment Brigade, 1st Armored Division, helped children to safety during the active shooter tragedy in El Paso, Texas, Aug. 3, 2019. (U.S. Army photo by Master Sgt. Vin Stevens)

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FORT BLISS, Texas – In the face of unknown danger and chaos, it is easy to let fear overwhelm you; for one Fort Bliss Soldier, he defied this fear, bolstered by Army training and personal conviction.

Pfc. Glendon Oakley, a native of Killeen, Texas and an automated logistical specialist assigned to 504th Composite Supply Company, 142nd Combat Support Sustainment Battalion, 1st Armored Division Sustainment Brigade, reacted heroically during the active shooter tragedy in El Paso, Texas, August 3.

Oakley gathered several panicked children at the Cielo Vista Mall and brought them to the safety of law enforcement as chaos enveloped the adjacent Walmart, the scene of the tragedy which claimed 22 lives.

The Walmart store is approximately 800 feet from the Cielo Vista Mall, separated by a parking lot, which caused law enforcement officials to evacuate both buildings as the shooter attempted to flee just north of the Walmart store.

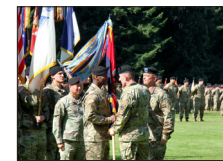
"You could hear all of the chaos going around, and that's when I did what I was trained to do," said Oakley, "I quickly reacted and I thought to myself if my child were there how I would want someone else to react. I just took action and tried to get as many kids as possible."

Oakley's quick and decisive action ensured the safety of the rescued children as law enforcement worked to de-escalate the tense situation.

"I just thought about keeping them as close as I could, a couple of them were jumping out of my hands, but the ones I could keep with me, I made sure that they made it to where they needed to be," said Oakley. "They were just scared, so I just did what I could do possible."

## FORSCOM in the news

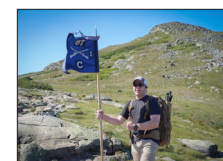
**Soldiers, Families, and friends gathered recently on Joint Base Lewis-McChord as the 7th Infantry Division conducted a change of command ceremony.**



Friends, Family and troopers of the 3rd Cavalry Regiment, recently conducted a **change of responsibility ceremony** on Fort Hood, Texas.



Soldiers from 1st Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division, **paid respects to fellow Soldiers during their recent 'Climb for the Fallen' hike.**



Soldiers from America's I Corps at Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Wash., **recently participated in the 70th Annual Seafair Torchlight Parade** in Seattle, Wash.



The 115th Quartermaster Field Feeding Company, 4th Infantry Division, was recently activated on Fort Carson as **one of the first field feeding companies of the modern era.**



## Meet your Army



**Spc. Jerome Arenas Delos Reyes**, aircraft powerplant repairer, 1st Combat Aviation Brigade, 1st Infantry Division, was born in Manila nearly 30 years ago and immigrated to the U.S. three years ago from the Philippines. Today he enjoys his job and the stability being in the Army has given him. (U.S. Army photo by Spc. Nyatan Bol)



# TOP SHOTS

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**Left** Sgt. Thomas Kempf, CH-47 Chinook helicopter flight crewmember, 1st Combat Aviation Brigade, 1st Infantry Division, monitors the attachment of a Humvee during a sling load training exercise at a range on Grafenwoehr Training Area, Germany, July 30, 2019. (U.S. Army photo by Sgt. Jeremiah Woods)

**Right** Sgt. Angel Colon, rifle team leader, I Troop, 3rd Squadron, 3rd Cavalry Regiment, is evaluated participating in an attack lane during a Regimental Squad Training Exercise on Ft. Hood, Texas, Aug. 2, 2019. (U.S. Army photo by Capt. Jo Nederhoed)



**Above** A breaching team from the 3rd Battalion, 66th Armor Regiment and 1st Engineer Battalion, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, rushes forward to clear an obstacle with explosives at Grafenwöhr, Germany, 25 July, 2019. (U.S. Army photo by Staff Sgt. Adam Decker)



**Above** Led by America's First Corps Army Band, Soldiers from Joint Base Lewis-McChord participate in the Seafair Alaska Airlines Torchlight Parade in Seattle, Wash., July 27, 2019. (U.S. Army photo by Spc. John Weaver)

**Left** A Paratrooper assigned to 2nd Battalion, 504th Parachute Infantry Regiment, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 82nd Airborne Division, detonates a flex linear charge prior to clearing and securing a building during Decisive Action rotation 19-08.5 at Fort Polk, La., July 29, 2019. (U.S. Army photo by Sgt. Michelle U. Blesam)



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