

Senior Leaders FORSCOM Best Warrior



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– CSM Curt Cornelison
FORSCOM CSM
August 22, 2019, Fort Bragg, N.C.

On Point Soldier and Family Readiness Groups

Soldier and Family Readiness Groups (SFRG), formerly known as Family Readiness Groups (FRG), is a unit's commander's program, comprised of Soldiers, civilian employees, Family members (immediate and extended), and volunteers belonging to a unit. It forms a network of mutual support and assistance and assists unit commanders in meeting military and personal deployment preparedness and enhances Soldier and Family readiness. Family Readiness Groups policies and procedures were recently updated to meet the needs of the Army, Commands, Soldiers, and Families and ensure a ready and resilient Force now and into the future.



Army bonuses

Effective Sept. 9, 2019, Soldiers willing to reenlist in some of the Army's most in-demand careers have the chance to receive up to \$81,000 in lump-sum bonuses – the highest amount in more than five years, officials announced recently.



U.S. Army Forces Command salutes Best Warriors



Staff Sgt. Alexander Miller (left), a combat engineer, 555th Engineer Brigade, I Corps and Spc. David Chambers, an infantryman, 3rd Cavalry Regiment, III Corps, were named FORSCOM Noncommissioned Officer of the Year and Soldier of the Year for 2019 at a ceremony on Fort Bragg, N.C., Aug. 22, 2019. (U.S. Army photo by Robert M. Haynes)

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Sixteen Soldiers from units across the U.S. Army Forces Command competed for the coveted title of FORSCOM Noncommissioned Officer and Soldier of the Year during the 2019 Best Warrior Competition at Fort Bragg, N.C. and Fort Stewart, Ga., Aug. 16 through 21.

The Best Warrior Competition recognizes Soldiers and NCO's who demonstrate commitment to the Army Values, embody the Warrior Ethos, as well as represent the Force of the Future.

Command Sgt. Maj. J. Curt Cornelison, the FORSCOM command sergeant major, observed competitors and provided them with support and motivation. He said that a good, tough competition like this not only promotes and recognizes excellence, but it teaches the importance of win-

ning in a Soldier's line of work.

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Competitors had limited knowledge of what the competition would actually entail aside from basic soldiering skills. Soldiers and NCO's completed the Army's new physical fitness test and an obstacle course in the beginning phases of the competition. However, none of them expected the competition to take them off of Fort Bragg and to Fort Stewart.

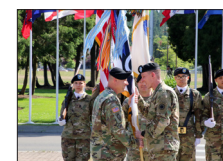
Once in Georgia, competitors were tested on tactical maneuvering, patrolling, day and night land navigation, weapons proficiency and medical lanes.

FORSCOM in the news

French Army Brig. Gen. Hubert Cottereau was **recently welcomed** to the 3rd Infantry Division **during a retreat ceremony** on Fort Stewart, Ga.



Soldiers from America's First Corps **recently welcomed their new command sergeant major** during a ceremony at Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Wash.



Sniper teams from the 1st Armored Division, **recently competed in the Iron Sniper 2019 competition** at Fort Bliss, Texas and Dona Ana Range Complex, N.M.



Soldiers from the 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division, **recently conducted section level live fire qualification** at Fort Stewart, Ga.



The 75th Field Artillery Brigade **recently conducted a cold-load air/land raid** from Henry Post Army Airfield, Okla. to Dyess Air Force Base, Texas.



Meet your Army



Sgt. Elias Chesire, 3rd Assault Helicopter Battalion, 4th Aviation Regiment, 4th Combat Aviation Brigade, 4th Infantry Division, a native of Eldoret, Kenya, started running about 10 years ago. He achieved the goals of earning a college degree on athletic scholarship and obtaining citizenship through his military service.

TOP SHOTS

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Above Sgt. Phillip Palmeri, an infantryman with B Company, 3rd Battalion, 15th Infantry Regiment, 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division, crawls to a breach point during a live-fire training exercise on Fort Stewart, Ga., Aug. 7, 2019. (U.S. Army Photo by Spc. Jordyn Worshek)



Left A noncommissioned officer from the 3rd Infantry Division, executes an obstacle during the FORSCOM Best Warrior Competition on Fort Bragg, N.C., Aug. 17, 2019. (U.S. Army photo courtesy 22nd Mobile Public Affairs Detachment)

Right Gen. Michael Garrett, commanding general, FORSCOM, shows his support of the FORSCOM Best Warrior Competition by joining Spc. Joshua Cardwell, representing JRTC and Fort Polk, as he conducted the medical evaluation lanes on Fort Bragg, N.C., Aug. 20, 2019. (U.S. Army photo by Sgt. Brian Stephenson)



Above A Soldier from the 89th Military Police Brigade, low crawls during the FORSCOM Best Warrior Competition on Fort Bragg, N.C., Aug. 20, 2019. (U.S. Army photo courtesy 22nd Mobile Public Affairs Detachment)

Left Command Sgt. Maj. Curt Cornelison, FORSCOM command sergeant major, hosted a noncommissioned officer professional development session, along with former command sergeants major and former Fort Bragg senior enlisted leaders, at Pope Army Airfield FRG center, Aug. 21, 2019, to discuss leadership, mentorship and NCO qualities. (U.S. Army photo by Sgt. Brian Stephenson)



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