

## Senior Leaders SECDEF honors 9/11 heroes



"Today we honor the lives taken by the horrific terrorist attacks 18 years ago, and the lives of those who have died fighting since then to defend the American values attacked that day. Our commitment to see that fight through will never waver."

— Mark T. Esper  
Secretary of Defense  
Sept. 11, 2019, Washington

## On Point Army Acquisition Workforce Talent Management

The Army Acquisition Workforce talent management is a **strategically focused U.S. Army effort to align recruitment, training, development, and retention with the workforce needs and demands of a 21st century Army.** The Army

defines talent management as the deliberate and coordinated process of optimizing leader development to improve individual and organizational capability to meet current and future Army requirements. The approximately 42,000 military and civilian professionals within the Army Acquisition Workforce (AAW) perform a critical mission to cultivate innovation, design the impossible, and provide Soldiers with what they need to be successful.



## Army Medical Reform

Army Medicine is reforming to align medical operations. **This alignment will sustain the readiness of Soldiers** and deploy a medical force that is trained and ready to support the U.S. Army in a high-intensity conflict and any directed mission.

## Yudh Abhyas 19 Kicks Off at JBLM



A combined color guard of 1st Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 2nd Infantry Division, and Indian Army Soldiers present their nation's colors during the Yudh Abhyas 19 opening ceremony at Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Wash., Sept. 5, 2019. (U.S. Army photo by Sgt. Adeline Witherspoon)

By Sgt. 1st Class Tony White, 7th Infantry Division Public Affairs

JOINT BASE LEWIS-McCHORD, Wash. - Soldiers with the U.S. Army's 7th Infantry Division and the Indian army's 99th Mountain Brigade officially began exercise Yudh Abhyas 19 with an opening ceremony at Watkins Field here, Sept. 5, 2019.

The joint training opportunity partners the two allied armies as they build on the mutual trust gained from past bilateral exercises beginning in 2004.

"As our Indian counterparts know, (Yudh Abhyas) exercise translates to "Preparing for War", noted the 7th Infantry Division Commanding General, Maj. Gen. Xavier T. Brunson. "And nothing could be more important over the past 15 years of us working together than us prepar-

ing for war together. It started with platoons and companies conducting basic battle drills and today there are over 700 Soldiers participating in this exercise.

"We know our Soldiers are better after they train together," Brunson concluded. "Both of our armies have gained a wealth of knowledge on how to fight in complex terrain all over the world. We have many lessons to share with each other. Coming together today gives us the opportunity."

The armies will face a myriad of tasks during the two-week training period. Although the opportunity will ultimately focus on techniques and tactics against a hybrid threat, the training will include expert academic exchange and providing humanitarian assistance and disaster relief.

## FORSCOM in the news

The 17th Field Artillery Brigade **recently participated in the opening ceremony in Japan of Orient Shield 2019** as the U.S. Army's Multi-Domain Task Force.



The 1st Armored Division Sustainment Brigade **recently conducted a colors casing ceremony** as it prepares to support Operation Freedom's Sentinel.



Soldiers from the 1st Aviation Regiment, 1st Infantry Division, **recently conducted a personnel recovery training exercise** at Novo Selo Training Area, Bulgaria.



Soldiers with the 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Armored Division, **recently received their first M1A2 Abrams Main Battle Tanks** as they convert to an ABCT.



Soldiers from the 1st Aviation Regiment, 1st Infantry Division, **recently conducted aerial gunnery qualifications** in Novo Selo Training Area, Bulgaria.



## Meet your Army



**Pfc. Catherine Sevigny** stands in front of a UH-60 Black Hawk helicopter in Plovdiv, Bulgaria, Aug. 21, 2019. The 19-year-old is part of the 3rd Assault Helicopter Battalion, 1st Aviation Regiment, 1st Infantry Division, and works as a crew chief and Black Hawk helicopter maintainer. (U.S. Army photo by Pfc. Andrew Wash)



# TOP SHOTS

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**Left** Lt. Gen. Lee Quintas, (right), deputy commanding general, U.S. Army Forces Command, talks to Soldiers of Task Force Truck at the fairgrounds motor pool on Fort Bragg, N.C., Sept. 4, 2019, as they prepare equipment, stage vehicles and stand ready to assist with Hurricane Dorian recovery efforts. (U.S. Army photo by Eve Meinhardt)

**Right** Paratroopers assigned to the 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 82nd Airborne Division, conduct an airborne operation at Sicily Drop Zone on Fort Bragg, N.C., Aug. 7, 2019. (U.S. Army photo by Staff Sgt. Anthony Johnson)



**Above** Soldiers with Task Force Truck stage their vehicles and prepare their equipment at the fairgrounds on Fort Bragg, N.C., Sept. 4, 2019, in anticipation of moving to locations needing assistance with Hurricane Dorian recovery efforts. Task Force Truck is comprised of units from Fort Bragg and the 3rd Expeditionary Sustainment Command. (U.S. Army photo by Eve Meinhardt)



**Above** Mr. Roy Wallace, the assistant deputy chief of staff G-1, Headquarters, Department of the Army, speaks Sept. 11 to hundreds of Soldiers and Civilian Employees at U.S. Army Forces Command and U.S. Army Reserve Command on Fort Bragg, N.C., about his experiences on Sept. 11, 2001, during the terrorist attack on the Pentagon. He spoke on the 18th anniversary of the terrorist attacks in Washington, D.C.; New York; and Pennsylvania. Then Col. Wallace was serving at the Pentagon that morning during the 2001 explosion and helped carry to safety another Soldier, who was severely burned from the hijacked airplane's jet fuel at the crash site. Wallace received the Soldier's Medal for his actions that day. (U.S. Army photo by Rob Haynes)

**Left** Soldiers assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 32nd Field Artillery, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), night fire a M777 towed 155 mm Howitzer on Qayyarah West Airfield, Iraq, Aug. 10, 2019. (U.S. Army photo by Spc. DeAndre Pierce)



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