



## Senior Leaders

### ‘Readiness number one priority’



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– Lt. Gen. Michael E. Kurilla  
CG, XVIII Airborne Corps and Fort Bragg  
Oct. 7, 2019, Fort Bragg, N.C.

## On Point

### Changes coming to Army Combat Fitness Test

Major changes are coming to the Army Combat Fitness Test, officials announced Sept. 27. The changes, locked in for FY 2020, include the official testing standards for all Soldiers, each one tailored



to an individual’s military occupational specialty (MOS). Also, all Initial Military Training (Officers and Enlisted) will take the ACFT as a graduation requirement, and the arm-extension pushup will replace the hand-release pushup. **The ACFT is expected to be the standard fitness test for all Soldiers by October 2020.** The latest adjustments come on the heels of the Army’s initial message that the age- and gender-neutral ACFT will replace the nearly 40-year-old Army Physical Fitness Test, or APFT.

## TAP

The first significant changes to the Defense Department’s **Transition Assistance Program** since 2011 are taking effect with the new FY. For more information on the updates to TAP, service members should contact their installation transition office.



## XVIII Airborne Corps hosts change of command



Lt. Gen. Michael “Erik” Kurilla takes the XVIII Airborne Corps colors from Gen. Michael X. Garrett, U. S. Army Forces Command commanding general, signifying his taking command of the corps during the XVIII Airborne Corps Change of Command Ceremony on Fort Bragg, N.C., Oct. 7, 2019. (U.S. Army photo by Spc. Adam M. Manternach)

### By XVIII Airborne Corps Public Affairs Office

FORT BRAGG, N.C. - The XVIII Airborne Corps held a change of command ceremony at the main post flagpole, welcoming a familiar Fort Bragg leader to the helm, Oct. 7, 2019.

Lt. Gen. Michael “Erik” Kurilla took the reigns as the new commanding general of the XVIII Airborne Corps following his promotion earlier that morning.

“My vow to the more than 90,000 service members of the XVIII Airborne Corps is that I will lead by example, courage, empathy and honor,” Kurilla said. “Readiness will be our number one priority, with the focus on our people. Our best days are ahead of us.”

Kurilla is from Elk River, Minnesota, and was commissioned in the Infantry from West Point in

1988.

“We begin another chapter in the rich history of the XVIII Airborne Corps,” said Gen. Michael X. Garrett, commanding general of U.S. Army Forces Command, who presided over the ceremony. “(Lt.) General Kurilla is the exact and right leader to lead this corps through its next chapter.”

Kurilla most recently served as Chief of Staff of U.S. Central Command. Prior to that assignment he was the commander of the 82nd Airborne Division.

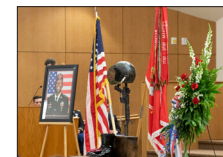
Outgoing commander of the XVIII Abn. Corps, Lt. Gen. Paul J. LaCamera, relinquished command after being at the helm for 21 months of the nation’s Contingency Corps - charged with deploying anywhere in the world on short notice.

## FORSCOM in the news

1st Infantry Division (Forward) recently held **an unveiling ceremony to announce the designation of a forward deployed division headquarters** in Poland.



Soldiers, Family and friends gathered recently to **honor the life of a fallen 20th Engineer Brigade paratrooper** at the All American Chapel, Fort Bragg.



First Army recently held a **command team certification to ensure continued Reserve Component readiness** at Rock Island Arsenal, Ill.



A 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) unit recently supported Fort Campbell units, schools, garrison and tenant units **during a boil water advisory.**



Maintenance teams from the 504th Expeditionary Military Intelligence Brigade **recently conducted a competition called Ready Wrench Rumble** on Fort Hood, Texas.



## Meet your Army



**Spc. Juan Gonzalez**, a scout with Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 32nd Infantry Regiment, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division (LI), recently became the first enlisted Soldier to achieve the maximum score on the new Army Combat Fitness Test. (U.S. Army photo by SSG James Avery)



# TOP SHOTS

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**Above** Spc. David Chambers is getting grid coordinates to call in a simulated unexploded ordnance (UXO) during the 2019 HQDA Best Warrior Competition at Fort A.P. Hill, Va., Oct. 6, 2019. (U.S. Army photo by Spc. Nathan Smith)



**Right** From left, Lt. Gen. Paul J. LaCamera, outgoing XVIII Airborne Corps commanding general, Gen. Michael X. Garrett, U.S. Army Forces Command commanding general, and Lt. Gen. Michael "Erik" Kurilla, incoming XVIII Airborne Corps commanding general, stand at attention during the XVIII Airborne Corps change of command ceremony on Fort Bragg, N.C., Oct. 7, 2019. (U.S. Army Photo by Sgt. Andrew McNeil)

**Left** Staff Sgt. Alexander Miller, prepares to evacuate a simulated casualty during the 2019 HQDA Best Warrior Competition at Fort A.P. Hill, Va., Oct. 6, 2019. (U.S. Army photo by Spc. Tescia Mims)



**Above** Soldiers stand in formation during the retreat and farewell ceremony for Maj. Gen. Randy George, outgoing commanding general, 4th Infantry Division and Fort Carson, and Maj. Gen. Matthew McFarlane, incoming commanding general, at Fort Carson, Colo., Oct. 4, 2019. (U.S. Army photo by Sgt. Daphney Black)

**Left** Lt. Col. Keith Benedict (left), commander, and Command Sgt. Maj. Benjamin Stolba, command sergeant major, 2nd Battalion, 14th Infantry Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division, lay a wreath at Fort Drum, N.Y., Oct. 3, 2019, in honor of the Mogadishu Mile and the veterans of the Battle of Mogadishu during Operation Restore Hope. (U.S. Army photo by Spc. Tiffany Mitchell)



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