



Senior Leaders SECARMY on readiness



"The world is complex and dangerous. In times of peril, the nation looks to the U.S. Army and expects us to win. And win we shall."

– Ryan D. McCarthy
Secretary of the Army
Oct. 14, 2019, Washington

On Point U.S. Army: Ready Now

The U.S. Army – Regular Army, National Guard and Army Reserve – is the best-trained, best-equipped and best-led land force ever to take to the field. The Army is ready to defeat any adversary, anywhere, whenever called upon, under any condition. The Army is ready now to fight and win. The Army's priorities are Readiness, Modernization and Reform, and taking care of the People is a key element of each of these priorities. These priorities enable the Army to remain at the forefront of a changing strategic and operational environment. The Army is committed to wisely using the resources entrusted by Congress and the American people to enhance readiness and build a more lethal force. Readiness in the Army means cohesive teams who are highly trained, disciplined and fit who can win on the battlefield.



Army People Strategy

The Army People Strategy is the roadmap the U.S. Army will use to build a 21st century talent-based personnel management system, reform essential quality of life programs, and build cohesive teams that are ready, professional, diverse, and integrated for the Joint Force.

FORSCOM Soldier named Army's 'Best Warrior'



From left, Gen. Joseph M. Martin, Vice Chief of Staff of the Army, Spc. David Chambers, 1st Squadron, 3rd Cavalry Regiment, III Corps, Soldier of the Year, Staff Sgt. Dakota Bowen, drill sergeant, NCO of the Year, and Sgt. Maj. of the Army Michael A. Grinston, at the AUSA awards ceremony, Washington, D.C., Oct. 14, 2019. (Photo courtesy U.S. Army)

By Joe Lacdan, Army News Service

WASHINGTON – When Spc. David Chambers navigated his way through the dark woods of Fort A.P. Hill, Virginia, with little more than a compass to guide him, he took on a challenge that few of the 2019 Best Warrior competitors expected: completing physical and mental tests by themselves.

"I felt a lot more isolated in this competition than any other competitions I've participated in," said the 2019 Soldier of the Year, who had to win at the brigade, division and U.S. Forces Command levels before competing at the service level.

Chambers, a 23-year old Soldier from 3rd Cavalry Regiment's 1st Squadron at Fort Hood, Texas, earned the honor after only a year in service, while Staff Sgt. Dakota Bowen, a drill ser-

geant from Fort Jackson, South Carolina, took NCO of the Year honors.

Sgt. Maj. of the Army Michael A. Grinston announced the winners at the Association of the U.S. Army Annual Meeting and Exposition Oct. 14. Twenty-two Soldiers competed in the grueling contest, which ran from Oct. 6-11 at A.P. Hill and Fort Lee, Virginia.

During the first day of competition, the contestants took the new Army Combat Fitness Test, wrote a timed essay and completed a 50-question written exam.

That would be the last time the competitors were together for most of the contest.

While Army leaders often focus on developing cohesion among teams and units, the Best Warrior contest challenged the competitors on an individual level, in a way they hadn't been before.

FORSCOM in the news

Capt. Travis A. Johnson, while assigned to 1st Squadron, 17th Cavalry Regiment, 82nd Airborne Division, **helped to save a man from a burning vehicle** last year.



Soldiers of the 3rd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division, **recently kicked off the brigade's inaugural "Iron Medic" competition** in Kuwait.



The 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 82nd Airborne Division, **recently tested a new robot that can be transported by an individual Soldier.**



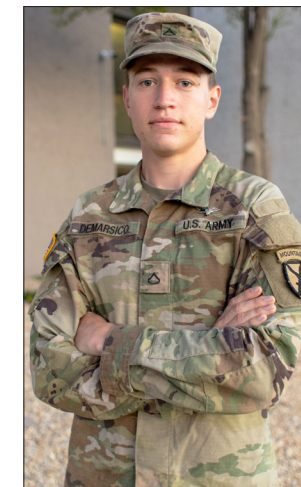
The 1st Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division, recently conducted an exercise on **developing its platoon leaders to be effective on the battlefield.**



Troopers from the Regimental Support Squadron, 3rd Cavalry Regiment, **recently underwent preparations for deployment to the National Training Center.**



Meet your Army



Recently promoted **Spc. Thomas DeMarsico**, combat medic, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2nd Battalion, 4th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division, recently earned his EFMB after an administrative no go during his first attempt. (U.S. Army photo by Sgt. Ashley Morris)

TOP SHOTS

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Left Spc. David Chambers prepares to report a 9-Line Medical Evacuation during a medical lane in the 2019 HQDA Best Warrior Competition at Fort A.P. Hill, Va., Oct. 6, 2019. (U.S. Army photo by Spc. Tescia Mims)

Right Spc. David Chambers, prepares to send a Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear report on the radio during the 2019 HQDA Best Warrior Competition at Fort A.P. Hill, Virginia, Oct. 8, 2019. (U.S. Army photo by Sgt. Victor Perez Vargas)



Above Maj. Gen. Brian J. McKiernan, deputy Commanding general, XVIII Airborne Corps and Fort Bragg, welcomes home the redeploying Soldiers of 525th Expeditionary Military Intelligence Brigade at Fort Bragg, N.C., Sept. 23rd, 2019. (U.S. Army photo by Sgt. Jeremiah Meaney)



Above Medics with 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Armored Division, conduct hot and cold casualty training at Biggs Airfield, Fort Bliss, Texas, Sep. 12, 2019. (U.S. Army photos by Sgt. Michael West)

Left Sgt. Scott Herring, B Company, 2nd Battalion, 12th Infantry Regiment, 2nd Infantry Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division, fires a Carl Gustaf recoilless rifle system on Fort Carson, Colo., Sept. 13, 2019. (U.S. Army photo by Staff Sgt. Neysa Canfield)



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