

## Senior Leaders Veterans Day - FORSCOM

"We especially thank all veterans continuing to serve on the U.S. Army Forces Command team. We salute you and your Families for your dedicated service as a Soldier For Life. Have a safe Veterans Day!"

— FORSCOM CG and CSM  
Nov. 4, 2019  
Fort Bragg, N.C.

## On Point Military Family Month

Military Family Month was established by the Armed Services YMCA and is observed every November. This observance provides an opportunity for the U.S. Army to honor the extraordinary commitment, contributions and daily sacrifices of Army Families.



The Army's number one priority is the readiness of Soldiers, civilians, and their Families. Decades of research demonstrate that Army Family readiness impacts strategic Army outcomes, including resilience, retention, and readiness. The Army is thankful for the selfless sacrifices of Army Families who serve alongside their Soldiers, enduring hardships, and providing unconditional love and support.

## Officer Merit Promotions

Army Officer Merit Promotions is a new policy in which the U.S. Army will promote top performing officers based on merit, rather than time-in-grade. The new authority allows the Army to recognize and reward personnel based on their performance, rather than simply based on their time-in-grade.



## Combat Aviation Brigade's from FORSCOM switch out in Europe



After a nine month rotation, the 1st Combat Aviation Brigade, 1st Infantry Division officially transferred authority to the 3rd Combat Aviation Brigade, 3rd Infantry Division, at Storck Barracks, Illesheim, Germany, Nov. 1, 2019. (U.S. Army photo by Capt. Matthew St Clair)

### By Capt. Matthew St Clair, Combat Aviation Brigade Public Affairs, 1st Infantry Division

STORCK BARRACKS, ILLESHEIM, Germany – After a nine month rotation, the 1st Combat Aviation Brigade, 1st Infantry Division, officially transferred authority to the 3rd Combat Aviation Brigade, 3rd Infantry Division on Friday November 1, 2019.

The cold November morning marked the 5th iteration of the Rotational Air Forces mission for Atlantic Resolve. Since April 2014, U.S. Army Europe has led the Department of Defense's Atlantic Resolve land efforts by bringing units based in the U.S. to Europe for nine month rotations. The mission allows U.S. Army units to train and integrate with European counterparts across the continent, while also deterring adversarial aggression.

Distinguished guests from across Germany

and Eastern Europe were in attendance as the 1st Combat Aviation Brigade lowered its colors. Simultaneously, the 3rd Combat Aviation Brigade raised their unit colors signifying the assumption of the Atlantic Resolve mission.

Throughout the rotation, the 1st CAB succeeded in strengthening existing partnerships and building new ones across the continent. "We participated in nine major exercises across Europe, while supporting 21 different nations. We flew over 14,000 hours, drove 144,000 miles, and transported 8,000 people on our aircraft, including congressional delegations, senior U.S. military leaders and top level officials from our NATO allies," said Col. Bryan Chivers, commander of the 1st Combat Aviation Brigade, 1st Infantry Division. "Although the measurable impacts are great, the non-quantifiable impacts are even greater... a lasting peace and stability throughout Europe".

## FORSCOM in the news

Soldiers from U.S. Army Forces Command units stationed at Fort Hood, Texas, **recently participated in a mass reenlistment ceremony** in Houston, Texas.



Specialized teams from the 20th CBRNE Command, **recently conducted a field training exercise** on Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md.



A Soldier from the 1st Armored Division was **among the first Soldiers to be awarded the new Expert Soldier Badge** during the AUSA annual meeting.



Soldiers of the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), recently took part in the **multi-echelon, division wide Warfighter Exercise 20-01** at Fort Campbell, Ky.



Soldiers of the 48th Chemical Brigade and 89th Military Police Brigade, **recently tested a new decontamination system** at Fort Hood, Texas.



## Meet your Army



**Brian Mixon** (left), air traffic control manager, Fort Stewart/Hunter Army Airfield, Ga., received the 2019 Air Traffic Control Manager of the Year Award from Jack McAuley, Raytheon Corporation, air traffic control association board member, in Washington D.C., Oct. 22, 2019. (Photo courtesy of Air Traffic Control Association)



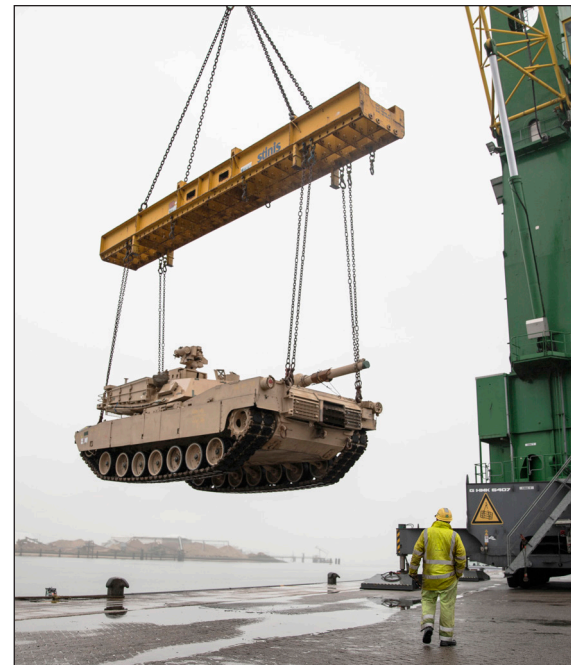
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**Left** Spc. Tanner Dana, 2nd Battalion, 325th Airborne Infantry Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 82nd Airborne Division, engages targets during urban combat training rehearsals on Fort Bragg, N.C., Oct. 17, 2019. (U. S. Army photo by Sgt. 1st Class Jason Hull)

**Right** An M1A2 Abrams Tank belonging to the 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division, is raised over the pier ledge at the Port of Vlissingen, Netherlands, to be lowered onto a low-barge ship for transportation to another location within Europe, Oct. 12, 2019. (U.S. Army photo by Sgt. Kyle Larsen)



**Above** Soldiers with 6th Squadron, 1st Cavalry Regiment, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Armored Division, test their M1A2 Abrams Main Battle Tanks for the first time at Fort Bliss, Texas, Oct. 18, 2019, during a live-fire accuracy screening test. (U.S. Army photo by Staff Sgt. Kris Bonet)



**Above** Soldiers assigned to the 530th Clearance Company, 92nd Engineer Battalion, 3rd Infantry Division, stand behind a blast blanket while detonating a breaching charge during the urban breaching portion of a demolition range training event, Oct. 17, 2019, at Fort Stewart, Ga. (U.S. Army photo by Sgt. Arjenis Nunez)

**Left** Soldiers with A Company, 4th Battalion, 6th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Armored Division, conducted squad live-fire exercises at Fort Bliss, Texas, Oct. 7-18, 2019. (U.S. Army photo by Sgt. Alon Humphrey)



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