

Senior Leaders SECARMY on Readiness



"One thing in particular about readiness you will see is us talking about the strategic aspect, force projection. So, getting the notification to a unit, getting them on an airplane, putting their equipment on a ship and being in position in a matter of days. And there's no greater testament to that than the 1st Brigade Combat team in the 82nd Airborne Division."

– Ryan D. McCarthy
Secretary of the Army
Jan. 9, 2020, Arlington, Texas

On Point Army Civilian Corps Creed

The Army Civilian Corps Creed defines the purpose and role of the Army Civilian. The Army Civilian Corps Creed was codified when Army Civilian Corps was established in 2006 by the Secretary



of the Army and Chief of Staff of the Army. **Since its establishment, Army Civilians have taken an ever-increasing role as Army leaders.** The establishment of the Army Civilian Corps as part of the Army profession has strengthened Army readiness. Army Civilians have and will continue to fulfill a vital role within the Army team.

Modernization



Cav Soldiers reflect on APS-4 experience

Soldiers from the 1st Cavalry Division, recently conducted a validation live-fire exercise at the Rodriguez Live Fire Complex utilizing equipment from the Army Prepositioned Stock-4 set at Camp Carroll, South Korea.

3rd Infantry Division unit loads vehicles for NTC rotation



Soldiers with the 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division, chain down armored vehicles to a railcar at the Rail Marshalling Area, Fort Stewart, Ga., Dec. 18, 2019. (U.S. Army photo by Spc. William Griffen)

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FORT STEWART, Ga. - Soldiers with the 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team conducted rail loading operations at the Rail Marshalling Area, Fort Stewart, Georgia, Dec. 13-17, in preparation for their upcoming rotation to the National Training Center, at Fort Irwin, California.

More than 1,000 pieces of equipment, to include M1 Abrams tanks, M2 Bradley Fighting Vehicles, M109 Paladin Howitzers, Joint Light Tactical Vehicles, HMMWVs, along with other tactical vehicles, will be transported westward to the southern California desert.

The 1st Battalion, 64th Armor Regiment was tasked with being the command and control node for 1ABCT to manage the staging and load-out of the brigade's equipment. The 1-64th was responsible for ensuring that thousands of vehicles at the RMA were ready to be sent to NTC.

"We are managing and ensuring that this is a

deliberate and an efficient operation," said Capt. Douglas Sparrow, the lead planner for 1-64th Armor Bn. "It is of the utmost importance that we ensure the safety of our Soldiers and the safety of our equipment."

Safety was paramount throughout each stage of the operation. First Lieutenant Matthew Malcuit, an infantry officer and platoon leader, played a key role in managing and mitigating risks at the individual Soldier level which included ensuring that vehicles were loaded properly and paperwork filled out accurately.

"One challenge that we face at the RMA is paying attention to detail," Malcuit said. "It's making sure there is nothing loose on the vehicles that could fall out en route; it's making sure our shipping labels are right, so everything we're shipping ends up in the right spot. The M1 Abrams is actually wider than the train car, so it's especially important that they are properly loaded and secured."

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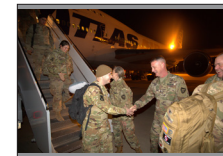
Senior enlisted leaders with 2nd Infantry Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division, **recently participated in the brigade's first senior leader physical training competition** on Fort Carson.



Soldiers from 1st Infantry Division (Forward) were recently presented awards in Poznan, Poland **for their contributions towards the Atlantic Resolve mission.**



Soldiers assigned to 11th Expeditionary Combat Aviation Brigade, **recently returned to Fort Hood following a nine-month deployment** to the CENTCOM AOR.



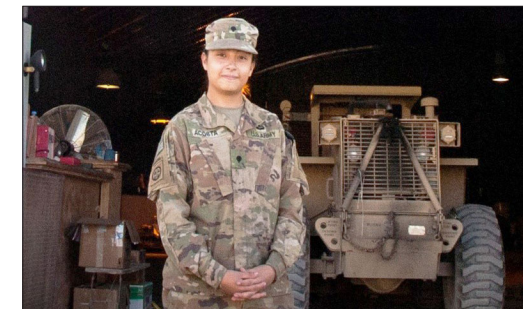
A Paratrooper assigned to 5th Squadron, 73rd Cavalry Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 82nd Airborne Division **overcame cancer and months of treatment to deploy to Afghanistan.**



Soldiers from 1st Cavalry Division, recently joined Lithuanian service members and civilians in the **Road of Life and Death tribute run** in Vilnius, Lithuania.



People



Spc. Sarah Acosta, tactical power generation specialist, Company F, 3rd Battalion, 319th Airborne Field Artillery Regiment, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 82nd Airborne Division, ensures a remote base in Uruzgan Province, Afghanistan stays powered. (U.S. Army photo by Maj. Thomas Cieslak)

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Right Sgt. Jae Kim, 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division, passes through the arch to receive the Creed of the Noncommissioned Officer from Command Sgt. Maj. Andrew Deunger, senior enlisted leader, 3rd Bn, 15th Inf. Regt., 2nd ABCT, 3ID, at Fort Stewart, Ga., Jan. 10, 2020. (U.S. Army photo by Spc. Jordyn Worshek)

Left Culinary specialists with the 501st Brigade Support Battalion, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 1st Armored Division, recently won the 2019 Army Field Support Battalion Philip A. Connolly Award. They were presented the award at Fort Bliss, Texas, Jan. 8, 2020. (U.S. Army photo by Staff Sgt. Kris Bonet)



Above Staff Sgt. Kirk Smoes, 1st Battalion, 8th Cavalry Regiment, 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division, and a contractor install a combat vehicle tactical engagement simulation system (CVTESS) on a M1A1 Abrams Tank at the Grafenwoehr Training Area, Germany, Jan. 9, 2020. (U.S. Army photo by Gertrud Zach)



Above Staff Sgt. Jason N. Bobo, C Troop, 5th Squadron, 73rd Cavalry Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 82nd Airborne Division, helps secure a helicopter landing zone as a CH-47 Chinook helicopter prepares to land following a key leader engagement in Southeastern Afghanistan, Dec. 29, 2019. (U.S. Army photo by Master Sgt. Alejandro Licea)

Left Soldiers with the 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division, guide an M1 Abrams tank onto a rail car at the Rail Marshalling Area on Fort Stewart, Ga., Dec. 18, 2019 in preparation for their upcoming rotation to the National Training Center, Fort Irwin, Calif. (U.S. Army photo by Spc. William Griffen)



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