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Senior Leaders FORSCOM CG on diversity



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– Gen. Michael X. Garrett

Commanding General, FORSCOM

Feb. 13, 2020, Raleigh, N.C.

On Point DEFENDER-Europe 20

Exercise DEFENDER-Europe 20 is the deployment of a division-size combat-credible force from the United States to Europe, the drawing of equipment and the movement of personnel and equipment across the theater to various training areas. The Army will apply the lessons learned through nearly five years of Atlantic Resolve rotations on a much larger scale with exercise DEFENDER-Europe 20 which is the first in a series of DEFENDER exercises the U.S. Army has planned in Europe and the Pacific over the next five years. **In the future, the U.S. military will be ready to deploy, fight and win decisively against any near-peer adversary in a joint, multi-domain, high-intensity conflict.**



Modernization



First Army trains Observers

The First Army Academy, located at Camp Shelby, Mississippi, trains every Soldier assigned to First Army on the basics of being an Observer, Coach, and Trainer. Recently, the First Army Academy traveled to Puerto Rico for the first time.

FORSCOM CG recognizes N.C. African-American veterans



U.S. Army Forces Command Commanding General, Gen. Michael Garrett, honors N.C. veteran John Roosevelt Thompson (middle), one of the first Black Americans permitted to enter the U.S. Marine Corps, along with Larry D. Hall, Secretary, N.C. Dept. of Military and Veterans Affairs, during the North Carolina's African American Veteran Lineage Day in Raleigh, N.C., Feb. 13, 2020. (U.S. Army photo by Robert M. Haynes)

By Ashley Patoka, FORSCOM Public Affairs

RALEIGH, N.C. – Honoring Black History Month, U.S. Army Forces Commander, Gen. Michael X. Garrett recognized the military service of North Carolina African-American Veterans during a ceremony at the North Carolina Museum of History.

During the 2nd annual N.C. African American Veteran Lineage Day Ceremony, African-American service members who took the oath of enlistment to serve during World War II, and participated in other campaigns such as Korea and Vietnam.

"Today's honorees represent the very best America has to offer," Garrett said, "people who exemplify selfless service, courage, and honor."

Up until 1948, the U.S. military had separate

formations based on skin color and gender.

"Consider this," Garrett said, "since the American Revolution, men and women took up arms in defense of their Nation in the face of outright discrimination, and segregation – because they wanted to make a difference."

They came together in groups like the Buffalo Soldiers, the Marines of the Montford Pointers; the Women Airforce Service Pilots; the Women Accepted for Volunteer Emergency Service (or United States Naval Reserve (Women's Reserve); and the Women's Army Corps.

"Now compare that with today: Integration within our formations is the norm," Garrett said. "The rich tapestry of American society is represented throughout our uniformed services and rank, and when you boil it down, that, is the strength of our military."

FORSCOM in the news

The Chief of Army Reserve and Commanding General, U.S. Army Reserve Command, **recently conducted an official visit to Fort McCoy, Wis.**



America's First Corps, with other active duty and Army Reserve and National Guard units, **recently completed a Warfighter Exercise** on Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Wash.



Unit Ministry Teams from around the North Country, **recently attended the inaugural 10th Mountain Division and Fort Drum Unit Ministry Team ball.**



The 1st Infantry Division Forward, **recently hosted children from an orphanage in Poland** for a partial tour of their base and to meet and greet Soldiers.



Soldiers with the 2nd Infantry Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division, **recently confirmed their pledge to the U.S. Army** during a mass re-enlistment ceremony.



People



Capt. Tony Sagastizado, an Army engineer officer assigned to the 23rd Brigade Engineer Battalion, 1st Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 2nd Infantry Division, came to the aid of Arthur Benson, whose RV had overturned in Federal Way, Wash. (U.S. Army photo by Sgt. Adeline Witherspoon)

Readiness

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Left Combat Engineer Paratroopers from across the 82nd Airborne Division, train for the Best Sapper competition on Fort Bragg, N.C., Feb. 12, 2020. (U.S. Army photo by Sgt. Cody Parsons)

Right Indirect fire Infantrymen with 1st Battalion, 506th Infantry Regiment, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), fire a M244 Lightweight Mortar during a live-fire exercise at Fort Campbell, Ky., Feb. 4, 2020. (U.S. Army photo by Spc. Beverly Roche)



Above Staff Sgt. Brian Jones, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division, prepares and counts artillery rounds for calibration fire on an M109 Paladin during a rotation at the National Training Center, Fort Irwin, Calif., Feb. 6, 2020. (U.S. Army photo by Spc. Kamryn Guthrie)



Above Staff Sgt. Falemanu Salanoa, First Army Observer Coach/Trainer, watches as Soldiers of the 41st Infantry Brigade Combat Team, Oregon National Guard, make plans for their next movement during their patrol at Fort Bliss, Texas, Feb. 4, 2020. (U.S. Army photo by Sgt. Aaron Berogan)

Left Spc. Jose Guitron, 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division, is ready to drive a M109A6 Paladin onto the American Roll-On Roll-Off Carrier Green Bay for transport in preparation for DEFENDER-Europe 20 at the port of Savannah, Ga., Feb. 11, 2020. (U.S. Army photo by Pfc. Nathaniel Gayle)



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