

Senior Leaders 'Deterrent to armed conflict'

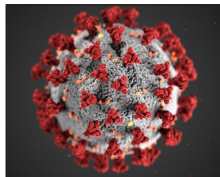


"The way you avoid conflict is through strength. The way you avoid it is strong relationships with partners and allies in the region and working together. Standing together with our allies and partners shows strength."

– Gen. James McConville
Chief of Staff, U.S. Army
Feb. 19, 2020, Fort Meade, Md.

On Point COVID-19: Army stands ready

The Army is taking the necessary steps to combat the spread of COVID-19, all while simultaneously implementing measures to treat personnel impacted by the disease, the Army's top medical officer said Thursday. With the emerging concern over the spread of COVID-19, the safety and health of all service members have become one of DOD's top priorities, said Thomas McCaffery, the assistant secretary of defense for health affairs. According to data collected on March 4, four people have tested positive for the novel coronavirus throughout the Department of Defense, McCaffery said, as he testified with other defense health officials before the House Committee on Appropriations' defense subcommittee.



Modernization



Pilot Combat Paramedic Course

The Combat Paramedic Course (CPC) is aimed at producing operationally focused paramedics capable of meeting the demands of Multi-Domain Operations with a goal of zero preventable deaths on the battlefield.

FORSCOM units conduct transfer of authority in Korea



Col. Thomas Murtha (left), and Command Sgt. Maj. Stephen LaRocque, commander and command sergeant major, 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, uncasing their unit colors during the transfer of authority ceremony on Camp Humphreys, Republic of Korea, Mar. 4, 2020. (U.S. Army photo by Staff Sgt. Simon McTizic)

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CAMP HUMPHREYS, Republic of Korea - The 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, "Dagger" 1st Infantry Division and the 3rd Armored Brigade Combat Team, "Greywolf" 1st Cavalry Division conducted a transfer of authority ceremony here on March 4.

The ceremony marked the official assumption of the rotational mission in the Republic of Korea for the "Dagger" brigade from Fort Riley, Kansas, and the completion of mission for the "Greywolf" brigade as they return home to Fort Hood, Texas.

"We are honored to lead the most lethal Armored Brigade Combat Team in our Army," said Col. Thomas Murtha, commander of the 2nd ABCT, 1st Inf. Div. "We are proud to join the incredible 2nd Infantry Division team."

The 2ABCT, 1st Inf. Div. replaced the 3ABCT, 1st Cav. Div., as part of a regular rotation of forces to support the United States' commitment to Southeast Asia partners and allies.

"Dagger" brigade's relief in place with "Greywolf" brigade is a routine heel to toe rotation of an ABCT to Korea. These rotational forces ensure Korea maintains the capabilities of a combat ready ABCT on the peninsula.

In preparation for their rotational deployment, "Dagger" Soldiers underwent months of readiness exercises, which included numerous home-station gunneries and a rigorous rotation to the National Training Center at Fort Irwin, California.

In total, the brigade deployed approximately 3,500 Soldiers and over 200 tracked vehicles to include Abrams Tanks, Bradley Fighting Vehicles, and Paladin Self-Propelled Howitzers for the rotation.

FORSCOM in the news

The Army National Guard recently activated the **54th Security Force Assistance Brigade** during a ceremony on Fort Bragg, N.C.



Soldiers from 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division, gathered with Polish troops to **commemorate the 75th anniversary of Dwańsko's liberation.**



The 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division, and Patriot Inn Dining Facility, were **recently recognized for their excellence in Army food service.**



Soldiers with the 1st Engineer Battalion, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, **recently participated in Diehard Stakes** at Fort Riley, Kansas.



Recently, two Soldiers from the 1st Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division, **trained and graduated from the Army Mountain Warfare School.**



People

Staff Sgt. Chasteen Butterfield, Fort Carson Mounted Guard, Headquarters and Support Company, Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion, 4th Infantry Division, finds her passion in the Fort Carson Mounted Color Guard at Fort Carson, Colo. "Don't set limitations. Give yourself all the room to grow," said Butterfield. (U.S. Army photo by Staff Sgt. Daphney Black)



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Right Soldiers from the 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division, board a plane at Hunter Army Airfield, Ga., Mar. 4, 2020, to travel to Poland to begin the U.S. European Command's Joint Exercise Program Defender 2020. (U.S. Army photo by Spc. Jordyn Worshek)

Left Soldiers with 1st Battalion, 8th Cavalry Regiment, 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division, conduct security operations alongside Hungarian Armed Forces during exercise Hawk Strike in Hungary on March 3, 2020. (U.S. Army photo by Staff Sgt. Noshoba Davis)



Above Pfc. Tyler Fulkerson, A Battery, 5th Battalion, 3rd Field Artillery Regiment, 17th Fires Brigade, assembles an OE-254 antenna during FDC Table Five certification on Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Wash., Mar. 3, 2020. (U.S. Army photo by Staff Sgt. Kyle Larsen)



Above Soldiers with 1st Battalion, 8th Cavalry Regiment, 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division, train to clear a town alongside Hungarian Armed Forces during exercise Hawk Strike in Hungary on March 3, 2020. (U.S. Army photo by Staff Sgt. Noshoba Davis)

Left Soldiers from the 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division, and Polish soldiers, salute after placing wreaths on the headstones of Polish soldiers during a ceremony to pay tribute to the liberation of Drawsko on its 75th anniversary in Drawsko Pomorskie, Poland, March 4, 2020. (U.S. Army photo by Spc. Cody Wolfgang Kellum)



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