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**7TH MSC TROOPS SPRING INTO ACTION TO  
COMBAT COVID-19 OUTBREAK**

**CHANGE OF COMMAND**

**COL GORBEA TAKES THE REINS OF THE 361ST**

**READING TO KIDS**

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DURING READ ACROSS AMERICA DAY**

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# FROM THE



Guten Tag, Team Ready!

The COVID-19 pandemic has quickly impacted our way of life. During these challenging times it is my top priority to protect our force while maintaining readiness.

It is important to maintain standards and discipline during this time in order to stop the spread of this virus. We have implemented some precautionary and preventative measures in order to protect our Soldiers, Civilians, Contractors, Local Nationals and Family Members.

Individual accountability is paramount. You never know who may be a vector carrying the virus. Hold each other accountable to ensure we all are exercising the proper precautions and preventative measures of social distancing, washing our hands, and altering our traditional greetings by avoiding hugs and handshakes in order to help prevent the spread.

Also, during this time, it is important to keep up on our individual readiness. Take this time to catch up on updating your records, completing evaluations, and completing online training.

I understand that these are challenging times, but we will get through this together.

Remember “Zusammen erreicht jeder mehr”. Together, everyone achieves more!

See you on the trail,  
Ready 6

**Brig. Gen. Michael Harvey**  
Commanding General



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# COMMAND

“THIS IS MY SQUAD”

Train as you fight is a commonly used term in the Army, but what does it really mean? For the last several months the 7th Mission Support Command (MSC), as well as, many other Active Component, National Guard, and Army Reserve units have diligently prepared for DEFENDER Europe 20, the largest military exercise conducted in Europe in over 25 years. As the exercise kicked off Soldiers and equipment began to arrive and move out to their assigned locations. Our Movement Control Teams, the 510th Regional Support Group (RSG), and several other Soldiers from the 7th MSC were actively engaged throughout. DEFENDER Europe 20 was progressing nicely when a real world problem quickly overtook the exercise and became the primary effort to prepare for, prevent, and eliminate. The Corona Virus or COVID 19 swept in causing an unexpected turn of events.



Although DEFENDER Europe 20 has drastically changed in scope due to COVID 19, we must adjust quickly to the current environment. This just goes to show that no matter how well prepared you are for your current mission, a very serious, real-world situation can change things with no notice. However, Professionally Lead Soldiers can adapt rapidly to any environment and overcome the obstacles presented with great success. As you might have figured out, this all comes back to Leadership and well trained, unified Soldiers and units.

The current precaution and prevention measures that are in place are the “The New Normal”, so we all must adjust (Soldiers, Civilians, Contractors, and our Family members). I ask that Leaders at all levels regularly check on your Soldiers and their families, and report anything that we can assist with. The 7th Strong Family is just that, a Family. We must take care of each and stay 7th Strong always.

“THIS IS MY SQUAD”

And always,

Remember Who You Are, Where You Come From, and Who You Represent

**Command Sgt. Maj. Paul Yingst**  
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# FROM THE CXO



Team,

I want to reassure our Civilian workforce that we are working closely with the 21st TSC and USAREUR to continue protecting the force during these trying times. The care of our workforce is and will remain my #1 priority. The 7th has already been called upon to provide critical capability and capacity in response to this pandemic so it is important that we simultaneously balance appropriate risk-to-mission with risk-to-force. Our charge is to continue to support and protect our workforce while maintaining maximum operational readiness. I urge each and every Soldier, employee, and family member to continue practicing all precautionary measures and strictly adhere to the 21st TSC and 7th MSC General Order #1 memo's that have been published in recent weeks. Remember – we will get through this together.

Most of our Civilian workforce has been placed on situational telework in order to reduce the risk to exposure of COVID-19. I challenge each of you to continue to improve your program or section during this time. Use this as an opportunity to do develop some of those SOP's, products, etc. that you've been putting off!

I'm sure many of you are following closely what is happening back in the United States and I'd ask that you keep our families, friends, and loved ones in your thoughts and prayers as they work through this pandemic also. If you're following what is going on with our political leadership you know that a stimulus package was signed by the President recently. That legislation will likely have an impact on our future year budget. We already anticipated a cut to fund necessary modernization reforms in future years and this legislation could potentially exacerbate that. I need everyone to look at pulling readiness into this fiscal year and start buying readiness now. If there is something you planned on purchasing in FY21 – send it to us and we will look at funding it this fiscal year.

I want to personally thank each and every Soldier that has been working as part of our teams that are in the community screening at installation gates, cleaning and disinfecting areas, and preparing the formation for when the 7th MSC is called upon to provide the next critical capability. Your efforts and dedication go a long way towards showing how relevant the 7th MSC is in this theater. We couldn't do it without you. Keep up the great work!

7<sup>th</sup> Strong!

Forward and Ready!

**Mr. William Huggins**  
Command Executive Officer

# HHC BA Schedule

*Changes and updates are ongoing...*

17-19 April	MUTA 6	VIRTUAL BA (more information to follow)
May	MUTA 0	NO BA
6-7 June	MUTA 4	APFT/AT Recovery
18-19 July	MUTA 4	Family Day
1-15 August	AT	Baumholder
12-13 September	MUTA 4	Mandatory TRNG Make-up/SRP Level 1



*CPT Brian Estes*

## HHC Commander and 1SG



*1SG Stanton Shackett*



Greetings HHC,

What a month it has been! To quote SECDEF Mark Esper, "The Department of Defense is engaged in one of the great global challenges of our time as we work together to combat the spread of the coronavirus." And every one of us has a vital role to play in this mission. On an individual level, it is important to follow the guidelines put out by all levels of leadership: the DoD, 21<sup>st</sup> TSC, 7<sup>th</sup> MSC, and the local state or national government where you reside. Due to the uncertainty regarding the length of time that the travel and social distancing restrictions will be in place, our training schedule and Defender Europe 20 plans are currently in flux. The BA and AT plans are currently being reworked and more information will be disseminated as it becomes finalized. It is our goal to give you all the opportunity to make up any missed BAs to avoid having a bad year. You can also contact HHC about the possibility of coming on orders to assist with the COVID-19 response. In the meantime, you can take this opportunity to make sure you are current on administrative items or online training, such as completing your PRR or Annual Cyber Awareness Training. It is also imperative that everyone's physical address information in ADPAAS be current. Information will be sent out regarding how to update it. Stay safe and healthy out there.

Forward and Ready!

## COVID-19 Special Coverage



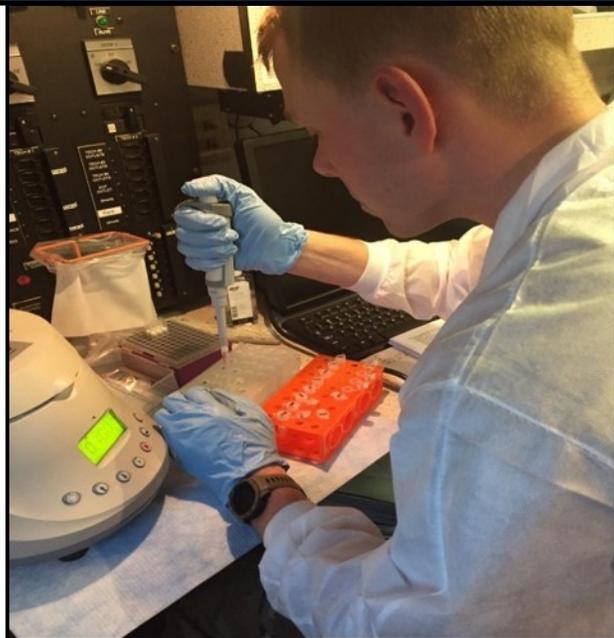
***7th MSC troops spring into action to help protect the force during COVID-19 outbreak***



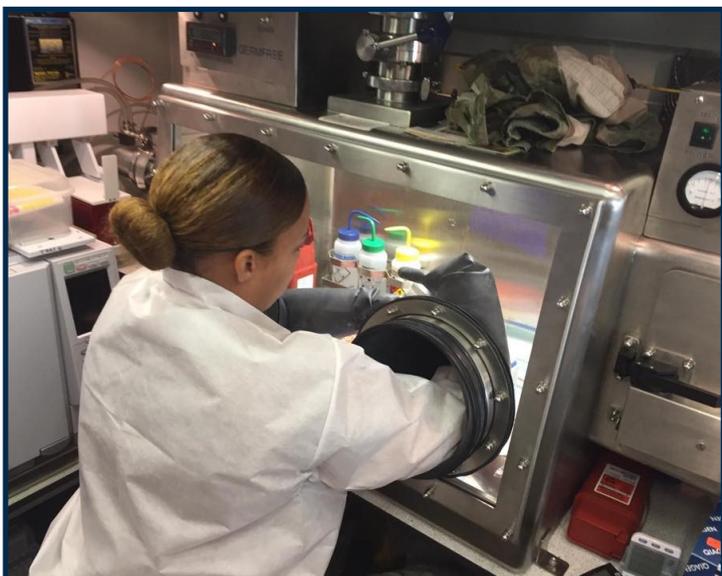
*From disinfecting areas on local Army garrisons to screening vehicle occupants as they drive onto Daenner Kaserne, 7th MSC troops have been out in front working hard to protect the force during the outbreak.*

# COVID-19 Special Coverage

*Army Reserve Soldiers from the 773rd Civil Support Team collaborated with Soldiers from the 30th Medical Brigade to test the capability and capacity of the Analytical Laboratory System (ALS). By successfully demonstrating a presumptive identification for COVID-19 from patient samples, the 773rd can provide an additional tool for the local military medical community to use in the fight against COVID-19. The team uses the Joint Biological Agent Identification and Diagnostic System (JBAIDS) within the ALS to conduct rapid testing of suspected COVID-19 patient samples, providing presumptive results in approximately five hours. Although results must be confirmed by a clinical laboratory, this capability gives medical providers a faster response from which to make informed decisions for patient care.*



## ***773rd assists in Coronavirus testing***





## ***U.S. Army Reserve Soldiers supply the force during pandemic***

Story and photos by Sgt. 1st Class Joy Dulen  
7th MSC Public Affairs

PIRMASENS, Germany – In the midst of a global pandemic, there’s been an increase in demand for supplies at Army hospitals and U.S. Army Reserve Soldiers in Europe are helping to fill that demand.

Soldiers from Medical Support Unit-Europe, 7th Mission Support Command, based out of Kaiserslautern, Germany, are supporting the shipping and receiving functions in the warehouse at U.S. Army Medical Materiel Center, Europe in Pirmasens for 30 days (or more) to help push Class VIII medical supplies to where they need to go – the hospitals.

“A lot of what we’ve been doing is unpacking and receiving shipments that come in,” said 1st Lt. Ava Carter, a clinical social worker with MSU-E. “We receive them and put them on the shelf so that they can then turn around and go back out to fulfill outstanding

orders.”

Carter and her team of six Soldiers took on the mission a week ago in response to the COVID-19 outbreak to help with the increase in demand for supplies and support the staff of mostly German local nationals who work in the warehouse.

“The demand has increased, for sure,” said Carter. “With people being out sick and being quarantined and being on curfew - us being here, we can step in to support where maybe (others) might not be able to.”

MSU-E troops, along with active duty Soldiers from the 8th Medical Logistics Company, 421st Multifunctional Medical Battalion, 30th Medical Brigade, 21st Theater Sustainment Command, out of Baumholder, Germany, are supporting the mission in the warehouse.

# COVID-19 Special Coverage

“Even if they were fully staffed, this would still be a large enough volume that would warrant additional support,” said Carter. “The amount of materials and supply and inventory that’s coming to those docks every day – with a full staff, they’d still need someone to help.”

USAMMCE plans, synchronizes and provides medical logistics support to service members and their families in the U.S. European Command, U.S. Africa Command and U.S. Central Command areas of responsibility, as well as to the U.S. Department of State.

The USAMMCE warehouse receives and ships Class VIII medical supplies to hospitals throughout these areas and Carter says it’s always an important mission, but especially right now.

“For every day that a pallet sits on the dock and doesn’t get filled, that’s another day that a hospital goes without what it needs or diminishes its current supply,” she said. “So I think it’s really important because it could be anybody that needs those supplies - it could be me, it could be my family, it could be my friends. It could be anyone in those hospitals waiting on supplies.”

As Reserve Soldiers, Carter and her team normally work civilian jobs and only don their military uniforms for once-a-month battle training assemblies or two-week annual training. That has changed quickly for many Soldiers un-



*U.S. Army Reserve Sgt. Farid Tehrani, right, a supply sergeant with Medical Support Unit-Europe, 7th Mission Support Command, and U.S. Army Sgt. Roger Rood, a biomedical equipment specialist with the 8th Medical Logistics Company, 421st Multifunctional Medical Battalion, 30th Medical Brigade, 21st Theater Sustainment Command, load boxes of medical supplies onto a pallet at the U.S. Army Medical Materiel Center, Europe warehouse in Pirmasens, Germany, March 26, 2020.*

der the 7th MSC, the only U.S. Army Reserve Command stationed in Europe, who have come on orders to help with various missions designed to protect the force during the COVID-19 pandemic.

“Right now, we’re here for 30 days but we’re all willing to support as long as needed,” said Carter. “We’re willing to do whatever it takes.”

*(Top Left) U.S. Army Reserve Spc. Tiffany Boatner, a human resources specialist with Medical Support Unit-Europe, 7th Mission Support Command, sorts bottles of acetaminophen at the U.S. Army Medical Materiel Center, Europe warehouse in Pirmasens, Germany, March 26, 2020. 7th MSC Soldiers are supporting the shipping and receiving functions in the warehouse to help with the high demand of Army Class VIII medical supplies during the COVID-19 pandemic.*

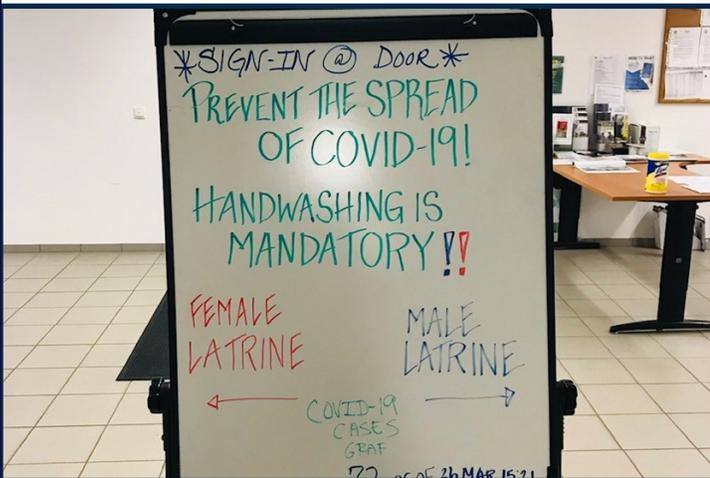


*(Left) U.S. Army Reserve 1st Lt. Ava Carter, a clinical social worker with Medical Support Unit-Europe, 7th Mission Support Command, discusses warehouse functions with Wilbert Stephens, Chief of Transportation at U.S. Army Medical Materiel Center, Europe in Pirmasens, Germany, March 26, 2020. 7th MSC Soldiers are supporting the shipping and receiving functions in the warehouse to help with the high demand of Army Class VIII medical supplies during the COVID-19 pandemic.*

# COVID-19 Special Coverage



## **457th, 361st CA Soldiers reach out; take action to combat COVID-19**



*(Left) Sgt. Joseph Nuttall and Spc. Jennifer Valkovic, Alpha Company, 457th Civil Affairs Battalion, Vicenza, Italy, met with USAG Italy's Host Nation Media & Community Relations Chief Anna Cicotti, March 27, 2020. The purpose of the meeting was to find sources of information outside of the USAG Italy footprint. After a successful meeting, Cicotti now provides the CIM CELL team from A Co. daily updates from local & national media sources. A Co. Soldiers are conducting their Annual Training in Vicenza for COVID-19 response.*



**7TH STRONG...FORWARD AND READY!**



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**#1 reason for 7th MSC's user violations: "I was just charging my phone."  
G6 will be installing physical USB port blockers on all network equipment in 2020  
to help eliminate security violations & better protect our networks.**

**Plugging in a phone provides a gateway for malware to enter and attack our entire network!**

- Take security and safety precautions
- Understand the consequences of actions and behaviors online
- Protect information and information systems
- Increase the resiliency of our cyber infrastructure
- Create a culture of awareness

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## ***361st Civil Affairs Brigade changes command***

Story by Staff Sgt. Todd Strobel  
Photos by Sgt. Christopher Stelter  
*221st Public Affairs Detachment*

KAISERSLAUTERN, Germany – U.S. Army Reserve Soldiers from the 361st Civil Affairs Brigade welcomed a new commander to their unit, Col. Carlos E. Gorbea, during a March 7 ceremony, here, and bid farewell to outgoing commander, Col. Bradley A. Heston.

Hundreds of people gathered inside the post gym on Kleber Kaserne for the afternoon ceremony, presided over by Brig. Gen. Michael T. Harvey, commander of the 7th Mission Support Command.

Soldiers and guidon bearers snapped to attention when they heard the bugle call for the opening of

the ceremony. The passing of the colors, a time-honored tradition, signified the responsibility of command passing from the outgoing to the incoming commander.

Heston, who took command in 2017, highlighted the brigade's many accomplishments during his remarks. These included direct support to U.S. Army Europe missions; Saber Guardian, Saber Strike and Cobra Strike.

"I will never forget these past three years," said Heston, while reflecting on the accomplishments of his team of the 361st.

The Honorable Nellie Gorbea, Rhode Island Secretary of State, flew to Germany to see her younger brother take command.

“My brother is third generation in our family,” said Gorbea, “It’s in his blood to lead.”

During his remarks, Harvey offered Gorbea leadership advice upon taking command.

“It’s the greatest privilege you can ever have to lead this nation’s most precious resources, its sons and daughters,” Harvey said. “Don’t change who you are, what you have done to get here. Do the things which has made you successful in the past.”

Gorbea, a Rhode Island native and graduate of Massachusetts Institute of Technology, is no stranger to the 361st, having previously served as commander of its subordinate unit, the 457th Civil Affairs Battalion.

“My first act as commander is for all Soldiers to relax, including the color guard,” said Gorbea, to re-



*U.S. Army Reserve Soldiers from the 361st Civil Affairs Brigade, 7th Mission Support Command, stand in formation during a change of command ceremony held on Kleber Kaserne in Kaiserslautern, Germany, March 7, 2020.*

lieve Soldiers standing at attention – remarks met with applause.

“The future of the 361st Civil Affairs Brigade is bright, and more relevant now than ever,” Gorbea said.

*(Top Left) Brig. Gen. Michael T. Harvey, right, commander of the 7th Mission Support Command, passes the unit colors to Col. Carlos E. Gorbea, incoming commander of the 361st Civil Affairs Brigade, during a change of command ceremony held on Kleber Kaserne in Kaiserslautern, Germany, March 7, 2020.*



*(Left) The Honorable Nellie Gorbea, Rhode Island Secretary of State, presents a U.S. Senate Certificate of Accomplishment to her brother, Col. Carlos E. Gorbea, just prior to his taking command of the 361st Civil Affairs Brigade during a change of command ceremony held on Kleber Kaserne in Kaiserslautern, Germany, March 7, 2020.*



# Retention

On February 14, 2020, Sgt. 1st Class Ed Rosado coordinated two reenlistments for the 341st TC Det. The unit was conducting their Annual Training mission at Coleman Barracks in Mannheim, Germany. 1st Lt. Leacherlyn De La Rosa had the privilege of giving the oath of reenlistment to Sgt. Tyler A. Duvall and Sgt. Steven C. Grote.

They both received a reenlistment bonus in the amount of \$4,000.

*(Photos by Staff Sgt. June Q SanMiguel)*



*Effective March 2nd, 2020 reenlistment bonuses have changed and reenlistments are now immediate.*

*Soldiers who are within 12 months of ETS are eligible to look at reenlistment options.*

*Educate yourself and take advantage of all the Army benefits you gain as a Soldier.*

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## ***U.S. and Polish officials meet with troops in Poland***



*U.S. Army Reserve Brig. Gen. Michael T. Harvey, commanding general of the 7th Mission Support Command, attended a troop engagement event alongside Andrzej Duda, President of the Republic of Poland; Mariusz Blaszczak, Minister of National Defense for the Republic of Poland; Georgette Mosbacher, U.S. Ambassador to the Republic of Poland; and General Rajmund T. Andrzejczak, Chief of the General Staff of the Polish Armed Forces, at Drawsko Pomorskie Training Area, Poland, in support of DEFENDER-Europe 20, March 11, 2020. Harvey represented the U.S. Army at the event where U.S. and Polish dignitaries addressed media and hundreds of troops from both the U.S. and Polish armed forces.*

*(Photos by Sgt. 1st Class Joy Dulen, 7th MSC Public Affairs)*



*Four Civilian members of the 7th MSC team were recognized for their years of service to the U.S. government at a Civilian Recognition Ceremony hosted and presented by Maj. Gen. Christopher Mohan, commanding general of the 21st Theater Sustainment Command.*

*Awards were presented to:*

*Mr. Leonel Brodhead - 20 years*

*Ms. Lindsey Thompson - 15 years*

*Ms. Danielle Hanson - 15 years*

*Ms. Ashley Norton - 5 years*

## **Length of Service recognition for four 7th MSC Civilians**





## ***Read Across America takes on different theme in Germany***

Story and photos by Sgt. 1st Class Joy Dulen  
*7th MSC Public Affairs*

KAISERSLAUTERN, Germany – Reading to children on the birthday of Dr. Seuss doesn't just happen across America, but wherever Americans call home.

U.S. Army Reserve Soldiers and Civilians from the 7th Mission Support Command read books to children at Vogelweh Elementary School as part of Read Across America, here, on March 2.

Read Across America was created in 1997 by the National Education Association and takes place annually on the school day closest to March 2, the birthday of Dr. Seuss.

VES is located on one of a few different U.S. Army posts located in the Kaiserslautern area. Volunteers from the 7th MSC read to children from kindergarten to fifth grade but instead of focusing on Dr. Seuss books, this year's reading lineup highlighted children's books that take on a different theme.

"We are celebrating reading and this year's theme is diversity," said Kerri Larimer, an information specialist at VES. "So we're celebrating the uniqueness of everybody from different cultures and backgrounds to where people come from, disabilities and special abilities."

Sgt. Patrick Arriola, 7th MSC Soldier and former teacher, jumped right on board when he heard about the volunteer opportunity.

“I’ve always volunteered a lot, it’s the way I was raised,” said Arriola. “But also I used to be an elementary teacher, so it was great getting back in the classroom with the students. It was a lot of fun and I enjoyed it.”

“It’s wonderful to have the community involvement and have the Soldiers come in and share their own personal stories with us and connect with the community,” said Larimer. “I think this is great for the kids to meet all different people from the community.”

Teachers, students and the local military community gathering together to celebrate diversity.

“Opportunities like this are a great way to for us to collaborate with a local elementary school - for us,



*U.S. Army Reserve Master Sgt. Wendy Williams, 7th Mission Support Command Equal Opportunity Advisor, reads a book to a third grade class at Vogelweh Elementary School during Read Across America day, March 2, 2020. Read Across America was created in 1997 by the National Education Association and takes place annually on the school day closest to March 2, the birthday of Dr. Seuss.*

for the school and for the community in general,” said Arriola. “I look forward to working with them in the future.”

*(Top Left) U.S. Army Sgt. Patrick Arriola, 7th Mission Support Command, asks questions to third graders at Vogelweh Elementary School after reading them a book during Read Across America day, March 2, 2020. Read Across America was created in 1997 by the National Education Association and takes place annually on the school day closest to March 2, the birthday of Dr. Seuss.*



*(Left) Edward Knight, a security manager with the 7th Mission Support Command, reads a book to a third grade class at Vogelweh Elementary School during Read Across America day, March 2, 2020. Read Across America was created in 1997 by the National Education Association and takes place annually on the school day closest to March 2, the birthday of Dr. Seuss.*