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Senior Leaders Memorial Day Message



"In commemoration of Memorial Day, we encourage all members of the FORSCOM Family to honor the dedication and patriotism of our fallen brothers and sisters. To our Soldiers, Civilians, and their Families, please have a safe, healthy holiday weekend."

– FORSCOM CG, CSM
May 25, 2020
Fort Bragg, N.C.

On Point New emergency leave available to Army civilians

Army employees affected by COVID-19 will have the option of taking up to two weeks of emergency paid sick leave in addition to other paid leave entitlements. The new leave option allows civilians to take emergency leave from Apr 1-Dec. 31, provided they meet certain conditions. The leave is available to civilians required to remain in quarantine, employees who have been advised by a health care professional to self-quarantine; and to employees who experience COVID-19 symptoms and receive a medical diagnosis.



Modernization



Army medical unit adopts new concept

The 1st Medical Brigade implemented a military asset that didn't exist before COVID-19. The Urban Augmentation Medical Task Force is a new concept in rapid-deploying medical assets provided by the Army Reserve.

Xavier ROTC Salutes Graduates with 4-Star Advice



Gen. Michael X. Garrett, U.S. Army Forces Command commanding general, applauds new Army officers from his office at Fort Bragg, N.C., during the Xavier University Reserve Officer Training Corps virtual commissioning ceremony, May 15, 2020. (U.S. Army photo by Maj. Ruben Otero)

For the class of 2020, graduation ceremonies look a bit different than they have in the past. Instead of walking across the stage, many are finding themselves participating online in virtual commencement and Army Reserve Officer Training Corps commissioning ceremonies. The memories and the moment still remain personal and family events.

"Today we honor these graduating students who have chosen to become Army officers – making a significant commitment to our nation," said Gen. Michael X. Garrett, U.S. Army Forces Command Commanding General, during the Xavier University Reserve Officer Training Corps May 15 commissioning ceremony. He reminded them to enjoy the occasion with family and friends who also participated during the online military ceremony.

"There are few callings as noble as the one you have answered," Garrett said. "In fact, very few select the path of national service – less than one percent of Americans raise their right hand – and take the oath to serve in our military."

For the class of 2020, Garrett said, this ceremony marks two milestones: the culmination of years of dedication and, more importantly, their appointment as second lieutenants in the United States Army. The Xavier "All For One Battalion" spring commissioning ceremony also included graduates from Miami University of Ohio and Northern Kentucky University.

Garrett, who graduated in 1984 from Xavier University, located in Cincinnati, Ohio, was the officiating officer during the virtual-commissioning ceremony.

FORSCOM in the news

The FORSCOM commanding general recently visited West Point to inspect COVID-19 preparations before Soldiers from the 10th Mountain Division arrive.



Helicopters from the 1st Cavalry Division, recently conducted a flyover to honor healthcare professionals in recognition of their ongoing fight against COVID-19.



The 49th Public Affairs Detachment has brought a special set of skills to U.S. Army Garrison Ansbach (Germany) to bring awareness to the community.



The 1st Armored Division recently celebrated the nine year anniversary of its historic return to U.S. soil after serving four decades in Germany. **IRONSIDES**



The Security Force Assistance Brigade is looking to grow the force and expand their mission and strategy of train, assist and advise in hotspots around the world.



People



Maj. Evan Wolf, 1st Armored Division's Operations Research and Systems Analysis officer, became an unexpected hero in the COVID-19 pandemic as he created a COVID-19 progression rate model which was used to assist the City of El Paso while their task force was developing one suited to their unique needs.

Readiness

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Left Soldiers of 3rd Battalion, 2nd Air Defense Artillery Regiment, 31st Air Defense Artillery Brigade, 32d Army Air and Missile Defense Command, prepare to depart Fort Sill, Okla. for deployment, May 3, 2020. (U.S. Army photo by Sgt. Amanda Hunt)

Right Paratroopers with the 1st Brigade Combat Team, 82nd Airborne Division, prepare for an airborne operation on Fort Bragg, N.C., May 7, 2020. This airborne operation marked the division's return to limited training operations following health and safety guidelines due to COVID-19. (U.S. Army photo by Spc. Hubert D. Delany III)



Above Gen. Michael X. Garrett (right), commanding general, U.S. Army Forces Command, participated in physical training with First Army senior leaders at "The Trench," First Army's PT facility on Rock Island, Ill., May 13, 2020, while practicing social distancing due to COVID-19. (U.S. Army photo by Master Sgt. Sean McCollum)



Above Soldiers from the Joint Readiness Training Center and Fort Polk's 115th Field Hospital, 32nd Hospital Center, 1st Medical Brigade, participate in a deployment ceremony on Fort Polk, La., May 6, 2020, prior to leaving for the CENTCOM area of responsibility in support of Task Force Evacuate. (U.S. Army photo by Chuck Cannon)

Left Soldiers of the 377th Transportation Company, 142d Combat Sustainment Support Battalion, 1st Armored Division Sustainment Brigade, maintain readiness by conducting maintenance while using COVID-19 safety measures at Fort Bliss, Texas, May 5, 2020. (U.S. Army photo by Staff Sgt. Shawn Casey)



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