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**Major General  
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Maneuver Center  
of Excellence**

The Maneuver Center is off to a great start this year and I hope everyone was able to enjoy some well-deserved time off during the holiday season.

OSUT Transformation is alive and well with Infantry OSUT in full execution of 22 week training and Armor OSUT starting its initial cohorts of 22 weeks with the first classes graduating in March and April. We appreciate the feedback from the force as more and more 22 week graduates arrive to their first unit of assignment a better trained, more proficient, more lethal Soldier.

This spring will see Fort Benning a buzz with competitions beginning with Infantry week, 14-19 April; which includes the Lacerda Cup, the International Sniper Competition, the Best Mortar Competition and the Best Ranger Competition, and ending with the Sullivan Cup Best Tank Crew competition, 4-8 May.

Competitions are important to our craft as they enable Soldiers from across our force, joint partners and allies to test their proficiency and determine the best individual, team, or crew within their respective fields.

A competitive spirit keeps us at our best, as steel truly sharpens steel, and these world-class events are no different. The lessons learned and feedback from these competitions are invaluable as we strive to improve our training and education to provide the best trained, most proficient, and most lethal Soldiers we can.

I want to thank the entire team for their hard work, dedication, and total commitment to the Maneuver Force.

Thank you!

Gary M. Brito  
Major General, USA  
Commanding


**ONE FORCE,  
ONE FIGHT!**



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to  
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# Infantry OSUT

## PHYSICAL and MENTAL Toughness

The last 14-week Infantry One Station Unit Training (OSUT) graduated 17 January 2020, and 22-week Infantry OSUT is now the standard. Upon graduation from the 22-week Infantry OSUT, trainees will have walked over 100 miles of foot marches, fired over 2,400 rounds with their assigned weapon, culminating in both Fire Team and Urban Marksmanship live fires.

22-week Infantry OSUT graduates execute a minimum of 21 days in a tactical field environment and must pass individual day and night land navigation. Trainees are certified medically through the Combat Lifesaver Program and are Basic Level Certified in the Modern Army Combatives Program.

Infantry Soldiers now execute the new four-position combat course of fire per TC 3-20.40. Trainees will have completed four Army Combat Fitness Tests (ACFT) and two Army Physical Fitness Tests (APFT) along with a Combat Water Survival Assessment (CWSA). They execute two crucible events while in training: the Forge at Week 10 and the Bayonet FTX at Week 18 which challenge the Soldiers evolving knowledge of battle drills and tactical operations – transforming them from civilians to Infantry Soldiers who possess the Army Values, fundamental Soldier skills, physical fitness, character, confidence, commitment, and the Warrior Ethos ready to accomplish the mission of the Infantry.

22-week Infantry OSUT graduates are now better prepared to fight, survive and win on today's modern battlefield.



# Armor and Cavalry OSUT


## It's all about SETS and REPS

The 194th Armored Brigade continues to be the premier training organization for 19D Cavalry Scout, 19K Armor Crewman, 91A Abrams System Maintainer, and 91M Bradley Fighting Vehicle System Maintainer programs of instruction to enable the operational force.

With the transition to a 22-week one station unit training for scouts and crewmembers, the Soldiers will be more familiar with the different platforms.

The longer OSUT adds more training repetitions on the assigned vehicle platform including driving, employment, and maintenance, practice with the M4 and M9 weapons, increases indirect fires training, such as call for fire, reinforces anti-tank weapons training with the Javelin and AT-4 and crew-serves weapons. This additional training time increases the lethality of the Armor Soldier and provides a better trained, more disciplined Soldier who exhibits the knowledge, skills and attributes necessary for the operational units' success.

The brigade shapes Soldiers' ability to adapt to complex and emerging threats within the operational environment through physical and mental toughness, combat vehicle proficiency, field craft and discipline. Exposing Soldiers to the emerging technologies that near-peer competitor may employ on the modern battlefield allows them to react, giving them the ability to fight and win the nation's wars.

A photograph showing several soldiers in camouflage uniforms and helmets. One soldier is standing on top of a Bradley Fighting Vehicle (BFV), another is standing on the side of the vehicle, and a third is standing on the ground. The vehicle is yellow and has the number '169' on its side. The background is a clear blue sky.

**Soldiers will gain  
the ability to  
FIGHT and WIN  
the nation's wars.**

# FM 3-96 UPDATES

With the U.S. Army's shift in focus to large-scale combat operations and updates to nearly all Army Doctrine Publications and 12 Field Manuals (FMs), the Maneuver Center of Excellence is updating the publications it provides to the maneuver force. One of the most significant updates is to FM 3-96 Brigade Combat Team.

FM 3-96 provides an in-depth discussion on cyberspace electromagnetic activities teams within the Brigade Combat Team (BCT), information collection planning, engagement area development, and security cooperation stability operations tasks.

The new FM 3-96 acknowledges the Division and Corps headquarters may assign or attach organic BCT enablers to headquarters outside the BCT as well as emphasizes the advisor role that the engineer, artillery, and support battalion commanders have with the BCT commanders.

Final staffing of FM 3-96 is complete; the planned publication date is in late second or early third quarter, Fiscal Year 2020.

Also updated was Training Circular (TC) 3-20.21 Training to Proficiency, Maneuver Company and Troop. TC 3-20.21 provides examples of integration tasks for the associated warfighting functions in force on force and force on target scenarios to build more robust and rigorous mission essential task focused training. Once published, TC 3-20.21 replaces FM 3-20.21 Heavy Brigade Combat Team (HBCT) Gunnery.





# Lacerda Cup All-Army Combatives



## APRIL 14 - 17

Twenty teams, with eight competitors and one coach, from across the Army will fight hand-to-hand for the championship titles. Male and female Soldiers will fight individually and as teams in eight weight classes: bantam weight, flyweight, lightweight, welterweight, middleweight, cruiserweight, light heavyweight, and heavyweight.

The U.S. Army Combatives Program enhances unit combat readiness by building Soldiers' personal courage, confidence and resiliency as well as their situational responsiveness to close-quarters threats in the operational environment.

**DAY ONE | TUESDAY | APRIL 14**

- Opening ceremony at Smith Gym
- Preliminary / Quarter-Final Rounds using standard rules at Smith Gym

**DAY TWO | WEDNESDAY | APRIL 15**

- Semi-Final rounds using intermediate rules at Smith Gym

**DAY THREE | THURSDAY | APRIL 16**

- Individual Championship Rounds using advanced rules at Doughboy Stadium
- Awards ceremony

**DAY FOUR | FRIDAY | APRIL 17**

- Team Championship Tactical Scenarios at Red Cloud Range
- Awards ceremony

# International



## INFANTRY WEEK 2020

# Sniper competition

**APRIL 14 - 17**

The global competition identifies the best sniper team out of teams from the U.S. and foreign militaries, and local, state and federal law enforcement agencies.

All teams are challenged with rigorous physical, mental and endurance events testing a range of sniper skills including, but are not limited to, long-range marksmanship, observation, reconnaissance and reporting skills, and ability to move with stealth and concealment.

**DAY ONE | TUESDAY | APRIL 14**

- Opening ceremony at USASC Compound
- Competition events are various ranges

**DAY TWO | WEDNESDAY | APRIL 15**

- Competition events are various ranges

**DAY THREE | THURSDAY | APRIL 16**

- Spectator Day at Burroughs and Galloway Range
- Stryker Evac
- Mogadischu Shootout

**DAY FOUR | FRIDAY | APRIL 17**

- Awards ceremony
- ASA Sniper Banquet





# Best Mortar competition

## APRIL 15 - 17

The international competition will test the technical and tactical skills of 30 four-man teams. Those skills include mortar technical gunnery skills, fire direction center tasks (analog and digital capacity), call for fire tasks and the ability to move as a team.

The competition recognizes the superior physical fitness and technical and tactical expertise of the mortar teams. It inspires competitiveness and excellence within the mortar community and shares best practices, which raises esprit de corps for the mortar community and for the Army.

**DAY ONE | WEDNESDAY | APRIL 15**

- Army Combat Fitness Test (ACFT)
- 60mm LFX
- Mortar Tasks
- 120mm LFX

**DAY TWO | THURSDAY | APRIL 16**

- Obstacle Course
- Confidence Course
- CSM Adkins event (M4 and M17)
- Hand Grenade Lane
- CCC written examination
- Urban Obstacle Course (TCCC)
- Night Land Navigation

**DAY THREE | FRIDAY | APRIL 17**

- LFX (Hipshoot and direct lay)
- Awards ceremony





**INFANTRY WEEK 2020**

# Best Ranger competition

**APRIL 17 - 20**

The 37th annual David E. Grange Jr. Best Ranger Competition tests two-man Ranger teams in a grueling three-day, 60-hour event that tests their physical, mental, technical and tactical skills. Back-to-back events include weapons firing, extended foot marches and land navigation courses, and Rangers skills.

All events are timed and competitors score points for each completed event. Both team members must complete each task. The awards ceremony is April 20.

**DAY ONE | FRIDAY | APRIL 17**

- Mass Start at Camp Rogers
- Malvesti
- Run to Victory Pond - Water event
- Run to McKenna Urban Assault Course
- Air movement from McKenna to Farnsworth
- Dixie Ranges (Farnsworth, Simpson, Shelton, Wagner)
- FRIES from Splinter Village to Naval Yard in Columbus, Ga.
- Army Combat Fitness Test (ACFT) downtown Columbus, Georgia
- Weapons assembly downtown Columbus, Ga.
- Obstacle course downtown Columbus, Ga.
- Start of foot march from downtown Columbus, Ga. to Galloway

**DAY TWO | SATURDAY | APRIL 18**

- Night stakes at Galloway
- Night hold at Galloway
- Day Stakes
- Darby Mile
- Reverse Malvesti
- Fly away to night orienteering

**DAY THREE | SUNDAY | APRIL 19**

- Night hold at Camp Darby
- Darby Queen
- Helocast
- CWSA
- Patton Range
- Final Buddy Run

**DAY FOUR | MONDAY | APRIL 20**

- Awards ceremony





# Sullivan Cup Best Tank Crew Competition

## MAY 4-8, 2020

The Sullivan Cup, a biennial competition to determine the best tank crew from the Armor communities of the Army and Marine Corps and international partners, occurs May 4 - 8.

The competition focuses on the performance of a tank crew in maneuver, sustainment, and gunnery skills.

### DAY ONE | MONDAY | MAY 4

- Opening Remarks
- ACFT
- Gunner Skills Test
- Combat Resupply
- Operation Thunderbolt Live Fire Demo
- Sequencing Ceremony

### DAY TWO | TUESDAY | MAY 5

- Tank LFX Teams 1 - 7
- Tank STX Teams 8 - 14

### DAY THREE | WEDNESDAY | MAY 6

- Tank STX 1 - 7
- Tank LFX 8 - 14

### DAY FOUR | THURSDAY | MAY 7

- Stress Shoot
- Land Navigation

### DAY FIVE | FRIDAY | MAY 8

- Final Drive
- Awards Ceremony
- Armor Ball

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FORT BENNING, GEORGIA

