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AER Campaign kicks off today

Leader Staff Reports

Fort Jackson kicks off the annual Army Emergency Relief fundraising campaign Feb. 25-26 at Century Lanes on post.

Retired Gen. John F. Campbell, chairman of AER said the campaign “has always been an important tool for commanders. In my nearly 40 years of service, I repeatedly witnessed the impact Army Leaders had on their Soldiers’ lives by sending them to their AER Office for financial assistance. AER provided \$70 million in loans and grants to 40,000 Soldiers and Families in 2019. This incredible amount of assistance was possible due to the support of our generous donors. Since our founding in 1942, this organization has relied on the comradery and generosity that exists between our men and women in uniform.”

The AER campaign runs from March 1 to May 15 in order to bring awareness and raise funds to support our Soldiers and Families in need of emergency financial support, said Capt. David Schroeder, AER Campaign Coordinator.

AER is one of two fundraising campaigns each year that can solicit donations from Soldiers and civilians. The other campaign is the annual Combined Federal Campaign or CFC.

Along Schroeder, the AER team consists of Staff Sgt. Jared A. Clark and Sgt. Matthew A. Willis. Prior to the campaign, AER Specialists Wanda Redd and Rob Meredith



Photo by JOSIE CARLSON

Fort Jackson Commander Brig. Gen. Milford H. ‘Beags’ Beagle Jr. signs his pledge for the kickoff of the Army Emergency Relief campaign, Feb. 17.

trained assigned unit representatives across Fort Jackson to explain the AER program to their units and ask for donations to AER using DA Form 4908.

Schroeder explained AER Unit Reps from Basic Combat Training and Advanced Indi-

vidual Training units coordinated with the AER Team briefings with the Soldiers in Training to explain the benefits of AER.

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MICHAELIS

Michaelis tapped to be Jackson’s next commander

Leader Staff Reports

Army Chief of Staff Gen. James C. McConville announced Tuesday that Brig. Gen. Milford H. Beagle Jr., commanding general, U.S. Army Training Center and Fort Jackson, will become the next commanding general, 10th Mountain Division (Light) and Fort Drum, Fort Drum, New York. McConville also announced Brig. Gen. Patrick R. Michaelis, deputy commanding general, U.S. Army Recruiting Command, Fort Knox, Kentucky, will become the next commanding general, U.S. Army Training Center and Fort Jackson.

ON THE COVER

Post Command Sgt. Maj. Philson Tavernier signs his Army Emergency Relief pledge form. Fort Jackson kicks off the AER campaign with a bowling tournament today and Friday.

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Soldiers listen to speakers during the Spiritual Readiness Pilot. The program brought together key stakeholders from across post including brigade and battalion command teams, unit ministry teams and behavioral health providers to work together to care for Soldiers.

Leaders receive tools to facilitate holistic Soldier care

By **JOSIE CARLSON**
Fort Jackson Leader

As part of the Army's continued support of support "people" as its number one priority, the Army Chaplain Corps has joined forces with Army Behavioral Health and other care providers to treat Soldiers holistically and support their overall readiness through Spiritual Readiness Pilots, (formerly known as Chaplaincy Integration Pilots).

Last week, the pilot program made its way to Victory Hall, as key stakeholders at Fort Jackson, including brigade and battalion command teams, unit ministry teams and behavioral health providers, came together to advance their work as partners in caring for Soldiers.

The Spiritual Readiness Pilot program, developed by the Chief of Chaplains Initiatives Group in coordination with Dr. Lisa Miller, Professor of Psychology and Educa-

tion at Columbia University, aims to explore ways to complement Behavioral Health Care with quality unit-level chaplaincy care.

Miller spoke to the group about inherent spirituality. She opened her presentation by assuring everyone that the science she was presenting had been developed by her lab and other labs over many years and had been vetted through peer review.

"The science tells us every single young man and young woman was born from day one with an innate capacity for spiritual life," Miller said.

Army Chief of Chaplains, Chaplain (Maj. Gen.) Thomas Solhjem described the importance of spirituality in a memo introducing the program. "Spirituality is important to the Army because scientific research by Dr. Miller and others confirms the protective value of personal spirituality against suicidality, clinical depression, risk-taking, and substance dependence and abuse."

Chaplain (Col.) Jonathan McGraw, director of the initiatives group, said they have been studying the spiritual needs of Soldiers for the last two and a half years, by looking at Columbia University's psychology of spirituality and Yale University's Life Worth Living program. "So we've brought those two together and we've set up with our chaplains a new way to assess the spiritual needs of the Soldier through an inventory, to then look at how their spiritual connection is ... what's their tradition?"

Army Training and Doctrine Command Chaplain (Col.) Gregory Edison said he was looking forward to continued training and seeing the science that supports the idea that we're born with a "spiritual core. This is a great asset to the chaplains and religious affairs specialists to validate what we know, as a profession of religious support care for the soul of the Army – the science to prove that."

During the program on Fort Jackson, Mill-



THE SCIENCE TELLS US EVERY SINGLE YOUNG MAN AND YOUNG WOMAN WAS BORN FROM DAY ONE WITH AN INNATE CAPACITY FOR SPIRITUAL LIFE.

– DR. LISA MILLER

er, along with Dr. Angela Gorrell of Baylor University, trained chaplains on a five-step model for supporting spiritual readiness.

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Construction moves forward

By **JOSIE CARLSON**
Fort Jackson Leader

If you live in Fort Jackson on-post housing you may have noticed construction happening at 5629 Imboden Street. A fire completely destroyed Unit C last May while the adjoining units, A, B, and D received major smoke damage.

Good news for those in the area, after talks back and forth with insurance companies and Balfour Betty Communities, they have settled on a cost for restoration, and can move forward with the project

Unit C has already been completely demolished, and workers are almost done gutting units A, B, and D. James Harper, Project Director with Balfour Betty Communities, said he expects the restoration to be complete by this summer. "I gave my contractors a target date to shoot for ... end of July."

After fire destroyed one unit and damaged three others, contractors expect to be done restoring these units in Fort Jackson housing by July of this year.

Photo by **JOSIE CARLSON**

SMA emphasizes awareness during resilience webinar



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SHARP
SEXUAL HARASSMENT/ASSAULT
RESPONSE AND PREVENTION

By **DEVON L. SUITS**
Army News Service

Since the release of the Fort Hood Independent Review, the Army's top enlisted leader has doubled his efforts to meet with Soldiers as he continues to stress the importance of cohesive teams, he said during a webinar Wednesday.

Leaders at all levels need to take responsibility by educating themselves on the Army's standards toward sexual assault/harassment and take action when necessary, Sgt. Maj. of the Army Michael A. Grinston said.

Grinston recalled his initial feelings of anger and disappointment as he read through the results of the review, which were released in December, and learned that installation leaders had created a culture of tolerance toward the acts of sexual assault/harassment.

"I was so angry that our Soldiers had to live in an environment like that," Grinston said during a monthly Army Resilience Directorate webinar.

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KEEP THE ARMY READY: Report crime, suspicious activity

U.S. Army Criminal
Investigation Command

The U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Command, commonly referred to as CID, is asking the Army community and American public to help the Army maintain its readiness by reporting any and all criminal or suspicious activity.

“It is critical for people to say something when they see something and it literally can mean the difference between someone receiving the justice they deserve or victimizing another innocent person or our Army,” said Christopher Grey, spokesman for CID.

CID is responsible for conducting felony criminal investigations in which the Army is, or may be, a party of interest. The digital crime tips submission system allows users the ability to easily and anonymously submit information online. Utilizing the P3 Crime Tips, a nationwide platform used by crime stopper programs, schools, law enforcement entities, and a various federal agencies, CID is able to vet crime leads from incoming tips.

The program allows a person to submit crime solving assistance to CID without being directly involved in the investigation process and eliminates fear of retaliation.

Whenever a person submits a tip online, the completed form is securely transferred directly to Army CID through a Secure Sockets Layer connection, which means that the tips are encrypted, entirely confidential and completely anonymous. Users can also attach images, videos and documents with their tips.

Additionally, persons providing anonymous tips will have the ability to communicate with CID Special Agents. After submitting a tip, a tip reference/ID number is created that allows the tipster to create a password to check the status of the submitted tip or check on the status of a reward – if applicable.

There is also the multi-language feature for global use that allows tips to be auto-converted into English on the backend regardless of what language they were submitted.

The public can access the system via any Internet-connected device by visiting <https://www.cid.army.mil/>.

In addition to the web interface, the app is available for free download from the Apple Store and Google Play at <http://www.p3tips.com/app.aspx?ID=325>.



Photo by LANCE CPL. KATHERINE COTTINGHAM

An Extended Range Cannon Artillery is tested at Yuma Proving Ground, Ariz., Nov. 18, 2018. The system is part of the Army's long-range precision fires portfolio. Army Chief of Staff Gen. James C. McConville said that the upcoming budget will continue to focus on modernization efforts, such as long-range precision fires, during a virtual discussion hosted by the Heritage Foundation Feb. 17.

Army budget to maintain focus on modernization

By **SEAN KIMMONS**
Army News Service

As the Army crafts its next budget, its chief of staff said Feb. 17 he will ensure every dollar counts as the service pushes ahead with its modernization efforts.

The Army is currently pursuing over 30 signature modernization systems under its updated acquisition process that aims to cut timelines and eliminate wasteful spending.

“If we’re going to field a system, its success ... is getting it in the hands of Soldiers,” said Gen. James C. McConville during a virtual discussion hosted by the Heritage Foundation. “And we must do that and we must transform the Army now.”

McConville said the Army has moved to a 21st century acquisition process that is starting to field systems in three to five years compared to past systems that took about 15 years.

“We are aggressively moving out and getting after these systems,” he said. “And what we have to show is that every dollar that Congress gives us, we’re going to use it appropriately.”

Early last year, the Army showed its commitment to saving funds when it canceled the original solicitation for the Option-

ally Manned Fighting Vehicle. It later released a new one in December to better assist industry with a list of basic characteristics for the vehicle that will transform the way infantry Soldiers and maneuver formations fight on the battlefield.

“We stepped back and we came out with the characteristics that we’re looking for in the system,” McConville said.

Under the current acquisition process, the Army works closer with industry partners by initially providing them characteristics, not requirements, which allow them to be more innovative. Prototypes are then quickly delivered to Soldiers, who work with industry and others to finalize the requirements.

Army senior leaders have also routinely conducted “night court” budget reviews to realign billions of dollars to support modernization programs. During the budget review for fiscal year 2021, at least \$10 billion was realigned while 80 legacy programs were eliminated.

“I am pleased where we’re going,” McConville said. “We know that there may be some tough decisions, but we’re prepared to make those decisions as we move forward.”

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DOD News Service photo

President Joe Biden talks with Secretary of Defense Lloyd J. Austin III during a visit to the Pentagon, Feb. 10. Austin has pledged to root out sexual assault and extremism in the Defense Department.

DOD taking steps to prevent sexual assault and extremism

By **DAVID VERGUN**
DOD News Service

Sexual assault and extremism will not be tolerated in the Defense Department, and steps are being taken to ensure it, Secretary of Defense Lloyd J. Austin III said at a Pentagon press briefing.

“I take this issue of sexual assault very, very seriously. And I know that the service chiefs and the service secretaries do as well,” Austin said.

The collection of the data on sexual assault and harassment is just a first step, he added. The department will look into what’s work(ed) to prevent this and what hasn’t and what additional measures need to be taken to ensure a safe, secure and productive environment for all personnel.

“I think any other approach is, in my view, irresponsible. We’ve been working at this for a long time in earnest, but we haven’t gotten it right. In my commitment to our Soldiers, sailors, airmen and Marines and dependents, we’re going to do everything in our power to get it right,” he said.

Extremism tears at the very fabric of unit

cohesion, Austin said.

“It’s important for us to be able to trust the men and women on our left and right,” he said.

Austin mentioned that a few weeks ago he asked the services to conduct a one-day stand-down and gave them 60 days to provide a top-to-bottom review of extremism. “As I conduct that stand-down, I’ve encouraged (leaders) to have a dialogue with their troops about our values, about the oath of office they

took when they came into the service, and about who we are and what we’re about,” he said.

“This is also a time for us to educate leaders in terms of understanding those signs and symptoms that can indicate that we could be developing an issue within our ranks,” he added. Austin mentioned he believes that 99.9% of service members believe in that oath, embrace core values, and are committed to doing the right things.

For ACS, every week is Consumer Protection Week

ACS Financial Readiness Program

Are you looking to protect yourself from fraud, identity theft, and scams? Maybe you’re wondering about the best way to use credit, how to shop for a used car, or maximize your security online. Fort Jackson’s Army Community Service office has information for you during National Consumer Protection Week – Feb. 28 to March 6 – and any time of the year.

ACS has a dedicated financial readiness staff to assist with your financial needs. Services include classes for your unit/organization, one on one financial counseling, dealing with consumer issues such as scams or identity theft and much more. Our motto is: “Real-Life Solutions for Successful Army Living”.

ACS, in partnership with the South Carolina Department of Consumer Affairs, is offering a virtual Scams and Identity Theft class March 1 from 10-11 a.m. via Microsoft Teams. Attendees will be given tips to help protect their identity and finances. Call 751-5256 to register for the class or to speak to a financial readiness specialist.

Go to <http://www.ftc.gov/ncpw> to learn how to get free consumer education materials and read the latest from consumer protection experts.

Community Updates

Strengths & Themes Assessment

Fort Jackson is looking to hear from Soldiers, Department of the Army Civilians, Family members and retirees on how Fort Jackson can be a healthier installation in the Community Strengths and Themes Assessment. The assessment is open until March 31. Visit <https://usaphcapps.amedd.army.mil/Survey/se/2511374505D32214> to take the survey.



Volunteer of the Year Nominations

Fort Jackson is currently accepting nominations for Volunteer/Family of the Year. Fort Jackson will host the 2021 Volunteer/Family of the Year Recognition Ceremony, 10 a.m. April 23 at the NCO Club in order to honor and recognize exemplary contributions made by Fort Jackson Families and volunteers. The ceremony will include the nominees for the 2020 Family of the Year award and the four winners of the Volunteer of the Year award in four categories; youth, retiree, active duty military and Family member/civilian. Nomination forms must be completed and delivered via email. The Volunteer of the Year nomination deadline is March 12. For more information call the Volunteer Coordinator, at 751-5256.

Citizenship, Immigration Assistance

Army Community Service is offering citizenship and immigration assistance for military and Family members. To learn more, call U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Service Contact Center at (800) 375-5283 or online at www.uscis.gov.

Post Newcomers Orientation

9 a.m., Post Theater, 1st Thursday of every month (except federal holidays). The orientation is mandatory for all Soldiers and required for all Department of the Army Civilians arriving to Fort Jackson. It is a great opportunity for spouses to receive first-hand information about the valuable resources on and around Fort Jackson. Please note, everyone in attendance will be required to wear a face mask and will adhere to safe social distancing practices. For more information, call Army Community Service at 751-5256.

Education Needs Assessment

The Education Needs Assessment survey is now available to assist the Army to improve post-secondary education programs here on Fort Jackson. These improvements will help you with your academic and career goals. Soldiers, adult family members, retirees, and Department of the Army Civilians are requested to participate. The survey opened runs until March 12. Access the Education Needs Assessment by visiting: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/DXH8JPB> For additional information, contact the Fort Jackson Education Center at 751-5341.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

TODAY

Biweekly Virtual Town Hall

3:30 p.m. Facebook live. Fort Jackson Commander, Brig. Gen. Milford H. "Beags" Beagle Jr., and select leaders from across post provide updates on installation activities and COVID-19 precautions on a Facebook live.

TODAY AND FRIDAY

AER kickoff / bowling tournament

3 p.m. Century Lanes. Fort Jackson kicks off the annual Army Emergency Relief fundraising campaign with a bowling tournament. For more information contact your unit AER representative.

MONDAY

Scams and Identity Theft Webinar

10-11 a.m. DFMWR/Army Community Service in partnership with SC Department of Consumer Affairs will share tips to help you protect your identity and your finances. For more information or to register, call 751-5256.

WEDNESDAY

Shred Day

9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Fort Jackson Recycling Center. The Fort Jackson Recycling Center is hosting a Shred Day to make document destruction easy. Participants can disposing of sensitive documents and decrease the chances of identity theft. All they have to do is just drop off their paper products at the Fort Jackson Recycling Center and continue with their day. For more information, call 751-4201/4208.

MARCH 13

Drive-in Movie Night

6:30-9:30 p.m. Marion Street Station. Fort Jackson Outdoor Recreation will be a free drive in movie, but space will be limited. Concessions will be available for sale through the Solomon Center and Fort Jackson BOSS program. Only one car per family allowed. No alcoholic beverages allowed during the movie. Arrive early to get parked and to get food before the movie begins. Patrons will register for at Marion Street Station by phone, in person, or email. The parking lot will be marked for each family signed up. There are 40 first-come, first-serve spots available. Sign up by March 10. Patrons will be required to pick up their parking pass from Marion Street Station no later than March 11. If Patrons do not pick up their pass by cutoff date, they forfeit their spot and it will be given to the next family in line. For more information or to sign up, stop by Marion Street Station or call 751-3484.

MARCH 27

Outdoor Recreation Bonfire Bash

3 p.m. March 27 to 10 a.m. March 28. Weston Lake Recreation Area. Family- friendly overnight primitive camping event featuring pre-made sandwiches for dinner, coffee and pastries for breakfast, ghost stories, s'mores, tent set up demonstration, how to build a camp-

fire, outdoor games (Corn Hole and Kan Jam) and more. Camping equipment is available for rent including tents, cots, sleeping bags, sleeping pads, cook stoves, pots and pans. For more information or to sign up, stop by Marion Street Station or call 751-3484.

APRIL 15

LTB Change of Command

10 a.m. Victory Hall. Col. Brian T. Beckno will relinquish command of the Leader Training Brigade to Col. Joseph A. Jackson. For more information, email Capt. Justin M. McCaw at justinn.m.mccaw@mail.mil

CLOSURES AND HOURS

Please continue to monitor the Fort Jackson website and social media pages for updates to Fort Jackson COVID-19 policies.

AAFES REGULAR HOURS:

- Main Exchange: 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Mon.-Fri. and 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Sat. and Sun.
- SSI Troop Store: 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Mon.-Fri. and Closed Sat. and Sun.
- Jackson Reception Station: Closed Sun.-Mon., 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tues.-Thurs., 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Fri.
- Jackson Hospital Store: 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. Mon.-Fri.
- Jackson Perez Troop Store: Appointment Only
- Jackson Coleman Gym Troop Store: Appointment Only
- Jackson Tank Hill Troop Store: Appointment Only
- Main Barber Shop: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mon.-Fri. and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sat. and Sun.
- Clothing and Sales: Closed Sun. and Mon., 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tue. - Fri., Sat. 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Mini-mall Dry Cleaners: Closed Sun. and Mon.; 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tues.-Sat.
- Class 6: 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Mon. - Fri. and 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sat. and Sun.
- Gate 1 Express: 6:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Mon - Fri. and closed Sat. and Sun.
- Gate 2 Express: 4:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. Mon. - Fri. and 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Sat. and Sun.
- Starbucks: 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Mon. - Sun.
- Boston Market: Closed Sun.-Tues., 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Weds.-Sat.
- Arby's: Close Sun.-Mon., 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tues.-Sat.
- Qdoba: 11 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.
- Charley's: 11 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.
- Popeye's: 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Mon.-Fri.; 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Sat.-Sun.
- Burger King: 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Mon.-Fri.; and 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Sat. and Sun.
- Reel Time Theater - Closed

*Limited dine-in seating available.

AAFES REGULAR CONCESSION HOURS

- Enterprise Rent-A-Car: 24 hours Mon.-Sun.
- Gate 1 Barber Shop: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri., Closed Sat., Sun.,

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Deadline for events to be included in the calendar or Happenings is one week before publication. Include the time, date and place the event will occur, as well as other necessary information.

If you submit an article on an event that already has taken place, please send it as soon as possible. Tuesday is the last day we will be able to accept an article for publication the following Thursday. Include the date and place of the event, as well as a description of what took place. Please include quotations, if possible. With any photo you submit, include IDs — rank, unit, and first and last names. Questions? Call 751-3615.

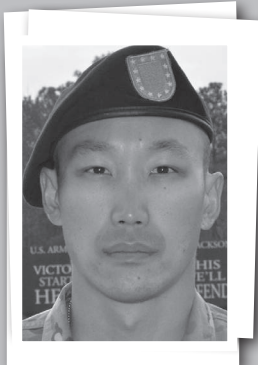
Weds.

- Gate 1 Pizza Hut: 10:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Mon.-Sun.
- Main Exchange - Barber Shop: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mon.-Fri., 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sat.-Sun.
- Main Exchange - Optical: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mon.-Fri., 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sat., Closed Sun.
- Main Exchange -Optometry: Open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tues.
- Main Exchange - Photo Shop: Open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Mon.-Fri.
- Main Exchange - Recon T-Shirts: Open 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Mon.-Thurs.
- Main Exchange - Simply Perfect Nails: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Mon.-Sat., 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sun.
- Main Exchange - Stylique: Open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thurs. and Sat.
- Main Exchange - The UPS Store: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Mon.-Fri., 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sat., 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sun.
- Main Exchange - Yigit Wireless: Open 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Weds.-Thurs.
- Mini Mall Barber Shop: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mon.-Fri.; 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sat., Closed Sun.
- Mini Mall Beauty Line: Open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Fri. - Sat.
- Mini Mall MC Alterations Shop: Open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Weds.-Sat.
- Mini Mall Patriot Outfitters: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Mon.-Fri.; 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sat., 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sun.
- Mini Mall Trophy Shop: Open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tues.-Fri., 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sat. Closed Sun.
- Perez Barber Shop: Closed
- Perez - Leonard Studio: 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Mon.-Fri.

'I BECAME A SOLDIER'

4TH BATTALION, 39TH INFANTRY REGIMENT

PFC. HAROLD SHEEN, 29
Streamwood, Illinois



"I joined the Army because I wanted to grow more as a person and better my future (by using) the opportunities that will come with the Army."

"The most challenging thing about Basic Combat Training was dealing with my battle buddies.. They had a hard time understanding and following simple instructions."

"My MOS is a 94F- Computer/Detection Systems Repairer. I chose it so that I can learn more about technology and to develop my skills in that field."

PFC. SHAWN MURPHY, 25
Ventura, Iowa



"My father served before me and was an advocate for me joining the Army."

"I expected Basic Combat Training to be an experience that would push me to my limits both physically and mentally."

"Learning how to balance my emotions along with helping younger trainees deal with their emotions was the most challenging aspect of BCT."

"My MOS is 68C – Practical Nursing Specialist. I chose this MOS because I thrive when helping others. I spent a lot of time around medical personnel due to my father having multiple sclerosis and I fell in love with the medical field."

PVT. SHELBY GIVENS, 18
Breckenridge, Texas



"My father influenced me to join the Army along with many other Family members who were also in the military. I joined to keep up the Family business of serving."

"I imagined Basic Combat Training to be a lot harder and tiring before coming. I thought we'd get less personal time and sleep."

"Because of the ruck marching, the Anvil and Forge were the most challenging parts of BCT. It was physically challenging."

"My MOS is 35G - Geospatial Intelligence Imagery Analyst. I chose this MOS because I wanted to do something in the intelligence field."

PFC. ANTHONY WOOD, 19
Layton, Utah



"I joined the Army because I've always had big dreams for my life and the Army is the mechanism to do so. I have a desire to be a protector and mentor so I sought out to join the Army."

"I expected Basic Combat Training to be full of corrective actions, heavily regimented and full of training."

"A challenging part of BCT was me trying to sustain a high level of focus and standard."

"My MOS is 94F - Computer/Detection Systems Repairer. I chose this MOS because I enjoy electronics."

SPC. JULIAN TAITAGUE, 22
Fayetteville, North Carolina



"Coming from a military Family, the Army has always been in the back of mind in terms of a career option."

"Before joining, I imagined Basic Combat Training to be physically and mentally demanding."

"Interacting with so many trainees with different levels of preparedness and motivation was a challenge during BCT."

"My MOS is 35P - Cryptologic Linguist. I chose this MOS because I studied Arabic in school and found I greatly enjoy languages."

SPC. TIMOTHY TOWNER, 33
England



"I joined the Army because I've always had an interest in the military. My wife and Family were my biggest supporters when I told them I wanted to join."

"I imagined a physically demanding training environment with a heavy focus on military tactics, weapons, drill and ceremony."

"The age difference was the biggest challenge I had during Basic Combat Training."

"My MOS is 09S - Commissioned Officer Candidate. I chose this MOS because I wanted to develop my leadership potential."

Yes WE'RE OPEN

Army Community Service 751-5256

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Mon-Fri.....7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

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Training Holidays.....8 a.m.-4 p.m.

POV Sales - To sell a vehicle on the POV Lot, register at the Auto craft Shop.

Century Lanes Bowling Center 751-6138

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ARMY IG TO SOLDIERS: ‘We celebrate the differences that make us stronger’

By **JOSEPH LACDAN**
Army News Service

The Army’s inspector general preaches building trust when he meets with Soldiers and civilians at Army installations throughout the country.

Lt. Gen. Leslie Smith demonstrates that in the way he listens to Soldiers as they tell their life stories or talk about their backgrounds. With Southern charm and a humility that comes from a blue-collar upbringing, the Atlanta native speaks to Army members the way he speaks to his Family or old friends.

He and his wife of more than 30 years, Vanedra, have also instilled trust and respect for others in their two daughters, Taylor and Tori. Tori, the youngest, is an Army officer attending medical school at Howard University and plans to become an Army doctor.

The couple taught their children that building trust comes from treating others equally.

“We always fall back on things that our parents taught us,” Vanedra Smith said. “My mom always said, ‘It’s important to treat people the way that you want to be treated.’ And that’s one of the things that I’ve always instilled in my daughters, and I also let them know that there’s one race: the human race.”

Leslie Smith also believes that a more diverse force will make the Army stronger. Smith also joined acting Secretary of the Army John E. Whitley to speak virtually with cadets at Alabama A&M and Alabama State universities Feb. 18 and 19, as part of the Army’s wider effort to recruit more African-Americans into its ranks.

“We want to make sure that we focus on a diverse group of people coming into our Army and into our armed forces, because we are representative of the nation,” Smith said by video conference on Feb. 9. “So we need to fight for that talent.”

Smith also recorded a special Black History Month message for the NBA’s Washington Wizards to air during the team’s historically black college and university night Saturday. Later this year, Smith will visit Army installations as part of the Project Inclusion listening tour.



Lt. Gen. Leslie Smith, the Army’s inspector general, stands with two ROTC scholarship award winners Dec. 12, 2019. Smith said recruiting more at historically black and Hispanic colleges and universities makes the Army stronger.

Smith praised the efforts of Project Inclusion, an initiative that includes listening sessions that continued Feb. 23-25 at Fort Irwin, California. The program collects data from the sessions to identify social issues related to diversity and inclusion that can be brought up to Army leadership.

To mold the Army into a welcoming, inclusive place for all backgrounds, Smith understands Army units must be united from the ground up.

Sergeant Major of the Army Michael A. Grinston strives to

foster trust at the squad level through the “This is My Squad” initiative to build greater team unity, similar to the bonds formed in special forces units. Other Army leaders, including Smith, have taken it upon themselves to spread that message throughout the force.

As the Army’s inspector general, Smith doesn’t take his position of influence lightly.

“If I say one thing and I do something else, that’s a problem,” Smith said. “So I have to make sure ... I demonstrate what I ex-

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pect (Soldiers) to be. So if I expect someone to be in good physical shape, I have to be in good physical shape. If I expect people to treat everyone with dignity and respect, I have to do the same.”

“All of it comes back down to trust at the individual level, the team level, the organization level and then on the Army level.”

Needed change

After recent events at Fort Hood, Texas, which included the deaths of missing Soldiers, the focus on race relations and accountability within the Army’s ranks has been pushed to the forefront.

Last summer, then-Secretary of the Army Ryan D. McCarthy ordered an independent review that revealed significant improvements must be made to the Army’s Sexual Harassment/Assault Response and Prevention program as well as Soldier accountability procedures.

“There are areas that we need to work on,” Smith said. “I think the Fort Hood independent review showed us some things that we need to continue to highlight. But for me, it comes down to how we’re building trust. And the only way you build trust is getting to know the people that are around you.”

Smith spoke at a Martin Luther King Jr. celebration at Fort Lee, Virginia, last month and has participated in similar events over the years. He said he encourages Soldiers to honor King’s legacy by acting against incidents of sexual harassment/assault, racism, extremism and bullying, and reporting occurrences to their chain of command.

Vanedra Smith supports the Army in any way that she can, as a member of the Army Spouses’ Club of the Greater Washington Area and by attending events that promote diversity. General Smith said that Soldiers must not only know their peers better, but should also encourage their families to become involved.

“The atmosphere of a place, or the success or the failure of it, starts at the top,” Vanedra said. “So in order for an organization or person or people to succeed, we need everybody involved.”

Knowing where you came from

Smith said understanding the nation’s diverse history will help foster that trust. At speaking engagements, he talks about Black pioneers such as Benjamin Banneker, a surveyor who helped Andrew Ellicott map the initial layout of Washington, D.C., in the late 18th century.

The Atlanta native also frequently speaks about his summer visits to Mound Bayou, Mississippi, a farming community where his Family originated. Mound Bayou became a prosperous Black community amid racial segregation in the Deep South. Smith spent time learning from his uncles and cousins about his background and what was expected from him.

“To this day, my relatives still have high expectations of me as a leader, not only in the Army but in my family and community,” Leslie Smith said.

He also spoke of Secretary of Defense Lloyd J. Austin III, a close friend of the Smiths who became the nation’s first African-American to hold the position on Jan. 22.

Austin broke several barriers in his military career, becoming the first Black operations officer of the 82nd Airborne Division at Fort Bragg, North Carolina. A native of Thomasville, Georgia, Austin also became the first Black commander of U.S. Central Command and the first Black vice chief of staff of the Army. He retired from active duty after 40 years in the Army.

“He’s been blazing a trail for a long time,” Smith said. “We have to talk about those things.”

Smith said that the Army must continue to honor not only



Lt. Gen. Leslie Smith, the Army’s inspector general, swore in his daughter, 2nd Lt. Tori Smith, who is now attending medical school at Howard University to become an Army nurse. Also pictured is Smith’s wife, Vanedra.

Black History Month, but other months that celebrate diversity including Asian Pacific American Heritage Month in May and Hispanic Heritage Month during September and October.

“We celebrate the differences that make us stronger,” Smith said.

Tori Smith, who graduated from her parents’ alma mater, Georgia Southern University, applied to study at Howard, a historically Black institution. Vanedra said her daughter chose to attend the school in part to gain a greater understanding of her heritage. Tori wanted to become an Army doctor after noticing

a disparity in the number of Black doctors.

“She really wanted to go somewhere where she could learn a little bit more about her history, and so as an African-American, she can give back to the African-American community,” Vanedra said.

In that way, Tori can continue to follow in her father’s footsteps. Taylor, the Smiths’ elder daughter, said her Army experiences helped her become a global citizen. These experiences enabled her to bring a multifaceted perspective as an advertising graphic designer in Austin, Texas.

Webinar

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Participants in the monthly discussions include Sexual Harassment/Assault Response and Prevention program, or SHARP, experts as well as suicide prevention and substance abuse program managers, and ready and resilient integrators. The forum serves as an educational tool by exchanging the latest research, policies, tools and best practices.

“I was disappointed that our leaders, especially our noncommissioned officers, did not enforce the standard,” Grinston said.

Grinston was quick to blame himself for the report’s findings, he said. As the Army’s top enlisted leader, he is responsible for setting and enforcing the Army’s standard.

“I feel that I failed to communicate the importance of being a part of a cohesive team that is highly trained, disciplined and fit,” he explained. “I talk about ‘This is My Squad,’ (and) how to take ownership and treat people with dignity and respect. I failed to get (my message) down to the NCOs on Fort Hood.”

Need for change

Army senior leaders have acknowledged that sexual harassment/assault, suicide, and racism/extremism are considered the top threats to Army personnel, said Jill Londagin, the SHARP program director.

“The Army is working with the Department of Defense to develop a more standardized, integrated model for addressing sexual harassment and sexual assault across the board,” she said.

A 2018 survey analyzing the workplace and gender relations of active-duty personnel estimated that 5.8% of women and .7% of men across the military experienced a sexual assault during fiscal year 2018. The survey also determined that 16% of Army women experienced a sexual assault throughout their careers.

Data also identified a strong correlation between rates of sexual assault and sexual harassment among military personnel. The survey indicated 24% of female service members and 6% of men had experienced sexual harassment during their careers. In turn, one in five female service members who experienced sexual harassment was also sexually assaulted.

Increased leader engagement and perpetrator accountability will be necessary as the Army moves forward, she said.

Program improvements

Although the Army’s People First Task



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Sgt. Maj. of the Army Michael A. Grinston, lower right, has a discussion with a group of Soldiers in November 2020. Grinston spoke during a monthly Army Resilience Directorate webinar Feb. 17. He said that leaders at all levels need to take responsibility by educating themselves on the Army’s standards toward sexual assault/harassment and take action when necessary.

Force is currently reviewing SHARP and other programs to address corrosives such as sexual harassment and sexual assault, many changes were already in progress before the Fort Hood Independent Review, Londagin said.

SHARP program leaders are currently working to bolster the number of personnel by developing standardized position descriptions and comparable pay. They are also setting career ladders to promote job progression within the SHARP field.

SHARP officials are also working on a stand-alone SHARP regulation, slated for release this fiscal year, Londagin said. The regulation will consolidate close to 15 different regulations and directives.

“It is frustrating for folks on the ground and commanders when you don’t have one regulation to understand what needs to be done to counter sexual harassment and sexual assault within our formations,” she said.

Commanders will be required to complete a SHARP Command Team Trainer within the first 60 days of assuming command, she said. The training provides commanders a series of scenarios to help evaluate their understanding of the SHARP program and victim sup-

port. Performance is assessed throughout the practice exercise and feedback is provided in a self-guided, after action review.

The Army has started to roll out new training requirements for commanders and SHARP professionals in support of the expedited transfer policy. Under the policy, Soldiers and adult dependents who are victims of sexual assault can request a move to a new unit or installation if their current environment is impacting their safety or emotional well-being or the command’s ability to function. The Army is also working to improve its prevention efforts through consistent messaging across all echelons. To enable a climate of cohesion and trust requires a comprehensive approach tailored to each unit and environment, she said.

“We know that numbers matter (as) we call upon everyone to play an active role in preventing sexual harassment and sexual assault within our formations,” she said. “We need to revamp our training and education down to the tactical level, so that commanders and leaders focus on prevention efforts to decrease the number of incidents within our formations.”

Awareness, support

While the Army continues to improve or adjust policy and programs to address sexual harassment/assault, suicide, and racism/extremism, Grinston challenges all leaders to be more mindful and take time to know and care for their Soldiers.

“As crazy as it sounds, I fundamentally believe about 90% of the time we don’t know the person in the room standing right next to us,” Grinston said. “We have to know what is normal for a person and then do something about it.”

He said leaders would garner trust if they could develop a genuine relationship with their personnel. Superiors should also move past just sending a Soldier to get help and go with them to ensure they receive the support they need.

“We all have to (do our part) to make our Army better,” Grinston said. “I think it is going to get better. We have to show ownership – all of us – and I need your help.”

“We have to look at this a different way. If we don’t do that, we will continue down the same path, (which) is not a good path, in my opinion,” he added.

February retirees

Fort Jackson recognized the following Soldiers at the monthly retirement review Feb. 23: Lt. Col. William G. Rom, U.S. Army Central, Shaw Air Force Base, S.C.; Lt. Col. Dwight A. Armbrust, Moncrief Army Health Clinic; Capt. Sandra F. Brown, Army Training Center; Chief Warrant Officer 3 James B. Kimble, 4th Battlefield Coordination Detachment, Shaw Air Force Base, S.C.; Chief Warrant Officer 2 Brian S. Kelley, U.S. Army Central; Master Sgt. Arian K. Pickens-Thomas, Moncrief Army Health Clinic; and Sgt. 1st Class Eric T. Bennett, U.S. Army Drill Sergeant Academy.

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Holistic

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The model is designed for use at the battalion level and will help new Soldiers focus on developing a “personal life operating system” as a foundation to “a life worth living.”

Gorrell said, “There are several key questions that we ask in (our Life Worth Living program), for instance, ‘What is a meaningful life? What does it mean to lead our lives well? What does it mean for life to feel right?’” Gorrell added that she is giving the chaplains ways to help Soldiers answer these questions for themselves.

Command teams and drill sergeants attended sessions to learn about developing spiritually fit Soldiers. There was also training for chaplains and behavioral health providers to improve their collaboration and referral efforts.

Surgeon General of the Army Lt. Gen. R. Scott Dingle could not be at Fort Jackson in person but provided remarks by video. He spoke about combat medics and healthcare providers taking care of physical needs and the importance of those who take care of mental and spiritual needs.

“It’s time for us to synergize because peo-

ple are first ... it’s time for us to synergize so that we can be combat multipliers to ensure that our Soldiers and our Family members are getting a holistic approach that takes the mind, the body, the soul, the mental, the spiritual, the physical into account for the overall readiness of our Soldiers and the entire Army Family,” Dingle said.

Army Chief of Behavioral Health, Lt. Col. Sam Preston said this is a powerful collaboration already resulting in changes to policy concerning behavioral health risk management. “We added a paragraph based on clinical practice guidelines and science that it is important for providers to assess collectively and comprehensively the spirituality and religious background of individuals seeking care, specifically those who are suicidal.”

Preston went on to explain this is important because as behavioral health providers they need to understand the population they are serving.

“Good medicine is looking at individuals comprehensively, not simply the chemistry, the physiology, and the psychology of it, but also who they are as an individual,” Preston said.

Army Deputy Chief of Staff, G-1 Lt. Gen. Gary Brito, co-chair of the People First Task Force, spoke to the chaplains and behavioral health care providers about the corrosives of sexual assault, sexual harassment, extremism, and racism, and also the importance of the



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Army Deputy Chief of Staff, G-1, Lt. Gen. Gary Brito speaks to chaplains and behavioral health care workers during the Spiritual Readiness Pilot at Fort Jackson, Feb. 17.

“triad” of spiritual, physical, and mental readiness. Speaking about his position on the task force, Brito said, “I want to focus on the first word, People ... Please trust me, the audio and the video from our Chief of Staff of people being a philosophy and a priority could not be

stronger today.”

“I’m glad to be part of the team with you. You are definitely going to help us meet the desired end state of everything that the people first task force is working on, more importantly what our army needs right now ...” Brito said.

Simplicity key to winning complex wars, says TRADOC commander

By **THOMAS BRADING**
Army News Service

Training multi-domain ready Soldiers may be a tall order, but Army Training and Doctrine Command is up to the challenge, its commander said as he highlighted multiple ways forward at a virtual conference Feb. 16.

Those paths include rolling out a new training management system, updating training facilities and Field Manual 7-0, and increasing live, virtual training, said Gen. Paul Funk II during the AFCEA TechNet Augusta Virtual Solutions Series.

TRADOC is “committed to developing leaders who can lead our formations, fight and win on the battlefields of today and tomorrow,” Funk said.

To do this, “we must bring the training to the Soldier, not the Soldier to the training,” he said, adding the command plans to enable warfighters and echelons to survive on modern battlefields.

The Army aims to deliver an Army Training Information System, or ATIS, by the end of fiscal year 2023. ATIS is a one-stop shop for doctrine that “will enable the sharing of lessons learned from the institutional Army to the operational force,” he said.

“The system will bring together over 28 separate and distinct stovepiped legacy systems into one integrated training management tool,” the general added.

Ultimately, the end goal is to provide Soldiers with the information they need, when they need it most. For example, “winning” could be as simple as providing timely information, like turning left instead of right to avoid an improvised explosive device in a deployed environment, he said.

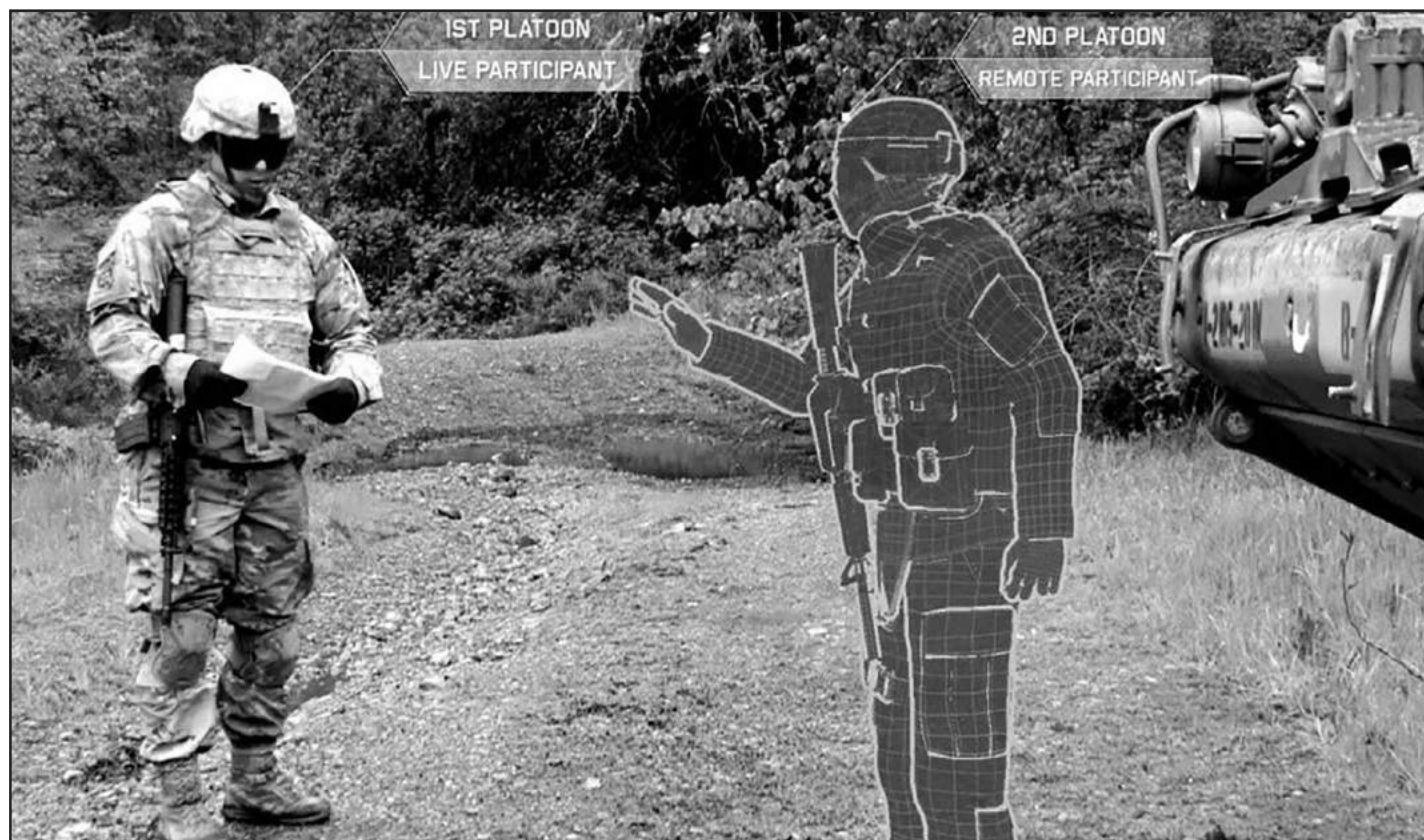
FM 7-0

Simplicity was a common thread between other topics. For example, this spring the Army plans to release a new version of FM 7-0, which was last revised in 2016, to address near-peer competitors, like Russia and China, with a focus on simplicity, Funk said.

“FM 7-0 will emphasize prioritizing training and the use of training management cycles,” he said.

The revised manual intends to include details on the Army Training Network and Digital Training Management System, a refined combined arms training strategy, and the Small Unit Leader Tool and Digital Job Book, he explained.

“In a more complex world, the one prin-



A Stryker vehicle commander interacts in real-time with a Soldier avatar that is operated remotely from a collective trainer Jan. 1, 2018. Multiple agencies in and out of the Army are working together to develop the Synthetic Training Environment that links augmented reality with live training.

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ciple of war we need is simplicity,” Funk said.

The latest FM 7-0 will “simplify our training doctrine by reintroducing the training management cycle. It also takes on the critical role of the senior leaders and our noncommissioned officers in our training at echelon,” he added.

A Stryker vehicle commander interacts in real-time with a Soldier avatar that is operated remotely from a collective trainer Jan. 1, 2018. Multiple agencies in and out of the Army are working together to develop the Synthetic Training Environment that links augmented reality with live training.

Upgraded training

Another initiative Funk outlined was a strategy to revamp training to better equip a multi-domain capable force with world-class, 21st century training facilities, he said.

TRADOC is managing and updating over 900,000 training aids, 4,100 ranges and nearly 6.5 million acres of training area. “These new updates will enable leaders at all levels to train their Soldiers on their weapon systems at home station and (at) our combat training centers,”

he said.

In addition, the updates will enable the Army to better analyze data, measure effectiveness and ensure it is a multi-domain ready force by 2028, he said.

Finally, the last initiative is to blend live, virtual and constructed learning environments together with the new Synthetic Training Environment, or STE, being developed by Army Futures Command, he said.

This type of training relies on simulations capable of preparing all Soldiers on a digital map called One World Terrain, which will replace nearly 60 individual terrain databases currently in use, he said.

The biggest challenge in doing this, he said, is having the right terrain.

On one hand, “we’re trying to replicate downtown Baghdad to the window, to the doorknob” for troops to receive the most accurate, real-world urban environment training, Funk said. On the other, “we’re trying to maneuver multi-corps operations and not get bogged down” by excessive details used in digital mapping of environments like One

World Terrain.

To pull off a massive software filled with 3D maps, One World Terrain requires a copious amount of raw data, Funk said. The software is one of many reasons data has become a top Army priority.

“Data is not just an IT asset, nor the responsibility of our signal or cyber warriors,” Funk said. “Each of us has the responsibility to treat data as a weapons system that we manage, secure, and use to our advantage on the battlefield.”

Data for One World Terrain is pulled from all over. Some terrain modeling has been designed by young Soldiers in their free time, and other data has been pulled from publicly available sources.

“The great news is we’ve got Soldiers out there who are incredibly skilled at this, (and) who do this in their spare time, and they share these models with us,” Funk said. “The modeling and sim world is fascinating. These kids love to do this stuff. What’s neat for us is we get to share the fruits of their labor, and really replicate world-class training environments.”

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He also advised industry that if their programs are not on cost, performance or schedule, they could be the next ones to be cut.

“We’re asking everyone to realize the

importance of fielding those systems and meeting the requirements that they said they can do,” he said.

The reason for the urgency is that the U.S. is presently in an era of great power competition with China and Russia, McConville said.

“They are modernizing their forces and I believe that the way we keep the peace, which is what everybody wants, is through strength,” he said.

As he studied military history throughout his career, the general said he noticed that when a military is not strong, other countries may decide to take advantage.

“That’s when you end up in wars and that’s when you end up having challenges in first battles,” he said. “We never want that to happen.”

Modern, improved systems can provide that deterrence. The general said the future Army should have more range and speed

over an adversary, whether that’s new combat vehicles, aircraft or long-range precision fires.

“We’re going to be able to reach out and touch those who wish us harm, if required, in a way we’ve never done before,” he said.

Project Convergence, which is headed by Army Futures Command, could also enhance the speed of tying sensors with artificial intelligence to inform the right shooters to hit an enemy target.

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