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Dear Big Red One Soldiers, Families, and Friends.

The month of October has brought with it significant moments of unity, innovation, and a continued commitment to excellence within the 1st Infantry Division. Our stories this month reflect the spirit of our Division and the resolute dedication of our Soldiers.

A remarkable highlight was the joint casing and uncasing ceremony that welcomed back Dagger Brigade from Europe while bidding farewell to Demoment as the entire Division was reunited at Fort Riley for the first time in nearly two years. Such occasions remind us of the strength that comes from our unity and shared purpose.

Participation in the Association of the United States Army (AUSA) Annual Meeting and Exposition was another notable event. Select NCOs joined the Commanding General as part of a leader professional development opportunity, demonstrating our commitment to continuous growth and learning. The theme of this year's AUSA meeting, "Be All You Can Be," echoes the dedication and potential of our Soldiers as they shape the Army of 2030 and beyond.

The Division also played a pivotal role in Project Convergence at Fort Irwin, engaging in futuristic joint, multinational warfighting technologies demonstrations. These innovative exercises are crucial in our journey towards modernization and readiness for the challenges of tomorrow.

As we navigate through the changing seasons, the 1st Infantry Division remains steadfast in our dedication to service and readiness. We extend our gratitude for your continued support, and we invite you to enjoy this October mon Brigade. It marked a poignant 2023 edition as we celebrate the unity and innovation that define our Division.

> Sincerely, Editor-in-Chief of the Danger Forward Magazine

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FOREWORD











WELCOMING NEW COMMAND SERGEANTS MAJOR TO 1ID

ommand Sgt. Maj. Raymond S. Harris gives his first speech af-24, 2020. Harris completed a change of Command Sqt. Maj. Craig A. Bishop.

ter beginning his duties as the 1st Infantry Division's senior enlisted advisor at Fort Riley, Kansas, on January responsibility ceremony that marked the official transfer of responsibilities from

.S. Army Command Sgt. Maj. Derek Noyes, the 1st Infantry Division and Fort Riley command sergeant major, gives a speech at Cavalry Parade Field on Fort Riley, Kansas, Sep. 29, 2023. The 1st Inf. Div. conducted an assumption of responsibility for Noyes, who replaced Command Sgt. Maj. Clarence Raby, who served as the interim command sergeant major in place of Command Sgt. Maj. Christopher L. Mullinax, who relinquished responsibility in August 2023.

Command Sgt. Maj. Mullinax assumed duties as the 1st Infantry Division and Fort Riley command sergeant major in October 2021. Mullinax will now serve in the U.S. Army G3,5,7 at the Pentagon.





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WELCOMES NEW COMMAND SGT. MAJOR

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FORT RILEY, Kansas

oldiers of the 1st Infantry Di-Sgt. Maj. Derek Noyes as the deserts of the Middle East." new division command sergeant major during an assumption of responsibility ceremony on Fort Riley, Kansas, Sep. 29, 2023.

Noves replaced Command Sqt. Maj. Clarence Raby, who assumed the position on Aug. 9, 2023 from then Command Sgt. Maj. Christopher Mullinax.

"This division has an incredible history and I am humbled, honored and incredibly excited to be standing before you today as a Big Red One Soldier and your command sergeant major," said Noves. "It's not lost on me the legacy of the Soldiers who came before me in this storied division. From the battlefields of France, to the beaches of the Normandy, to the

jungles of Vietnam, to standing watch on vision welcomed Command the frontier of freedom in Europe, to the

> A native of Amarillo, Texas, Noyes enlisted in the United States Army in July 1996. He attended One Station Unit Training at Fort Knox, Kentucky, as an armor crewman. He has since held every enlisted leadership position in the armor and cavalry branches from tank gunner to brigade command sergeant major. Noves now adds division command sergeant major to that list.

> Noyes served as the command sergeant major of the 194th Armored Brigade, the operations sergeant major for the 3rd Infantry Division Sustainment Brigade and the command sergeant major of the 3rd Battalion, 69th Armor Regiment, at Fort Stewart, Georgia.

He deployed twice as part of Operation Iraq Freedom, once in support of Operation Enduring Freedom and once more in support of Operation Spartan Shield.

He has completed all levels of noncommissioned officer education, while also graduating from the Army Recruiter Course, the M1A1 Master Gunner Course and the Battle Staff Course, to name a few. He holds a bachelor's degree in history from the University of Maryland and is currently pursuing a master's degree in human resources from Columbia Southern University.

"The reason I chose sergeant major [Noves] is for the reasons I have just described," said Maj. Gen. John V. Meyer III, commander of the 1st Inf. Div. and Fort Riley. "I want somebody who is a leader, who will accept the authority

[Above] U.S. Army Soldiers assigned to the 1st Infantry Division welcomed Command Sgt. Mai. Jon Derek Noyes as the new division command sergeant major during an assumption of responsibility ceremony on Fort Riley, Kansas, Sept. 29, 2023.

> that I have given him and the responsibility that comes with that."

"I wanted somebody to accomplish what we need to do in the division and that is to focus on our people, focus on gunnery and focus on our maintenance; and this command sergeant major has the right training and experience to help us improve in those areas."

sioned officer corps has served an es- authority our NCO Corps has." sential role in the United States Army.

They are pivotal players in understanding commanders intent and end state and executing key tasks.

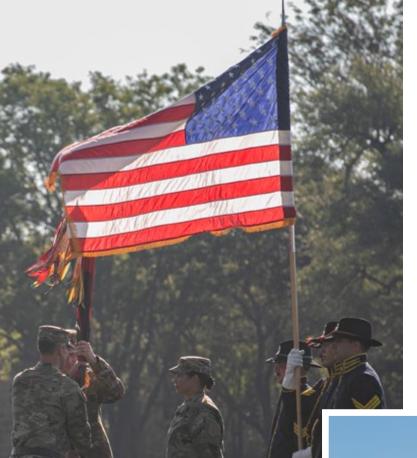
"When something happens to us on the beaches of Normandy on June 6, 1944, and the officers are no longer present on that beach because they have been killed, the noncommissioned officer corps steps up and leads the Soldiers off that beach and up that bluff to liber-Since its inception, the noncommis- ate a continent," said Meyer. "That's the U.S. Army Command Sgt. Maj. Jon Derek Noyes, newly appointed command sergeant major of the 1st Infantry Division and Fort Riley. speaks during an assumption of responsibility ceremony on Fort Riley, Kansas, Sept. 29, 2023. A native of Amarillo, Texas, Noyes enlisted in the United States Army in July 1996.



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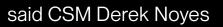
Noyes joins the Big Red One as it prepares to conduct extensive training exercises designed to improve warfighting capabilities alongside multinational allies and partners.

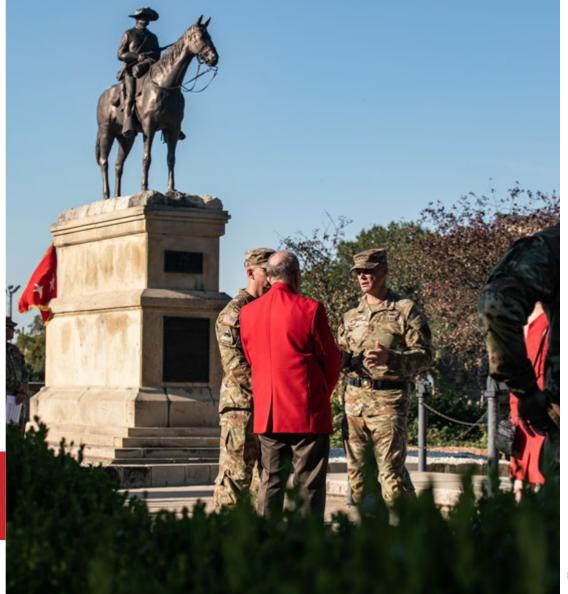
"I promise that I will give my all, every day, to continue to move that legacy forward," said Noyes. "Danger Seven signing on the net."

In the coming months, the 1st Inf. Div. will participate in a war-fighter exercise, a capstone training event where the division will exercise systems in simulated large scale combat operations.



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U.S. Army Soldiers assigned to the Commanding General's Mounted Color Guard, 1st Infantry Division, present arms during an assumption of responsibility ceremony on Fort Riley.

U.S. Army Maj. Gen. John V. Meyer III, commander of the 1st Infantry Division and Fort Riley, speaks to a 1st Inf. Div. Distinguished Trooper during an assumption of responsibility ceremony.

U.S. Army Maj. Gen. John V. Meyer III, commander of the 1st Infantry Division and Fort Riley, hands the Division colors to Command Sgt. Maj. Jon Derek Noyes, newly appointed command sergeant major of the 1st Inf. Div., during an assumption of responsibility ceremony on Sept. 29, 2023.

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COMBINED UNCASING CASING CEREMONY

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FORT RILEY, Kansas

he 1st Infantry Division conducted a combined casing and uncasing ceremony for the 1st Combat Aviation Brigade and 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, respectively, at Cavalry Parade Field on Fort Riley, Kansas, Oct. 4, 2023.

U.S. Soldiers, senior leaders, distinguished guests, friends and family of the Big Red One attended the ceremony to welcome back 2nd ABCT, "Dagger" Brigade, from their nine-month rotation. Simultaneously, the division prepared to send off 1st CAB, "Demon" Brigade, for their rotation to Europe.

An uncasing and casing ceremony is a reflection of customs practiced since the birth of the Army in 1775. In the past, unit flags, also known as the colors, served as a rallying point for

Soldiers during the smoke and fog of battle to assist Soldiers in finding the center of the battle lines and the commander. Today, the colors continue to be a symbol of the unit and the commander, and accompany the command wherever they go, whether deployed or in garrison.

During 2nd ABCT's rotation throughout Eastern Europe, they trained and operated in conjunction with NATO allies and partners in support of Operation Atlantic Resolve. Their return marked the first time that the entire division was together since 2021. But with the return of the brigade, came the departure of another.

2nd ABCT uncased their flag, which signified the completion of their mission in Europe and their resumption of responsibilities at Fort Riley. 1st

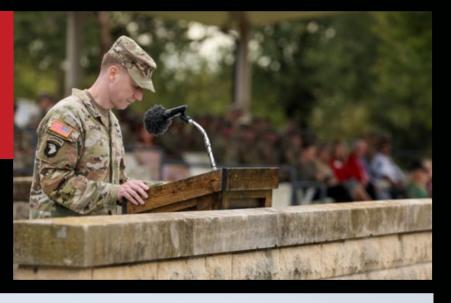
CAB cased their flag in preparation for the journey to the European theater, where it will once again serve as the tip of the spear and rally point from which the Demon Brigade will conduct their mission in Europe.

Following the casing of the colors, U.S. Army Maj. Gen. John V. Meyer III, the 1st Inf. Div. and Fort Riley commanding general, gave a speech expressing the division's support to allies in Europe.

"Standing in front of us, you see the division colors, and for a brief moment on that field was the first time that all of the colors in this division at Fort Riley were present and uncased on the parade field since the beginning of 2021," Meyer said. "And it's the last time they'll be uncased for the foreseeable future, as the

U.S. Army Col. Chad P. Corrigan, the 1st Combat Aviation Brigade, 1st Infantry Division commander, gives a speech at an uncasing and casing ceremony at Cavalry Parade Field. The 1st Inf. Div. conducted a casing ceremony for 1st CAB in preparation for their nine-month rotation in Europe, in support of NATO allies and partners during Operation Atlantic Resolve.







Story and photos by Spc. Daniela Lechuga

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U.S. Army Col. Brandon "Bull" Smith, the 1st Infantry Division and Fort Riley chief of staff (right), leads the 1st Inf. Div. during an uncasing and casing ceremony at Cavalry Parade Field on Fort Riley, Kansas, Oct. 4, 2023. The 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Inf. Div., uncased their colors to signify the completion of their mission in Europe and 1st Combat Aviation Brigade, 1st Inf. Div., cased their colors to prepare for their nine-month rotation to Europe in support of Operation Atlantic Resolve



"To the families and community, thank you."

said COL Bryan M. Harris

U.S. Soldiers assigned to the 1st Combat Aviation Brigade, 1st Infantry Division, case their colors at Cavalry Parade Field on Fort Riley, Kansas, Oct. 4, 2023. The 1st Inf. Div. conducted a casing ceremony for the 1st CAB in preparation for their ninemonth rotation to Europe, where they will support NATO allies and partners during Operation Atlantic Resolve. (U.S. Army photo by Spc. Daniela Lechuga)





United States Army continues their commitment and our commitment to the freedom of Europe, our allies and the alliance."

Meyer welcomed back the Dagger Brigade and spoke about the difference that 1st CAB will make while they are away, representing the division and the United States.

"For the family members of the Dagger Brigade, I know you're all happy that your Soldiers are home and we're pleased to have everybody back," Meyer said. "For the Soldiers in the Demon Brigade who are getting ready to deploy, our country needs you in Europe and you will make a difference. Your presence on the continent of Europe shows our country's commitment to our allies and it makes a difference every single day."

Col. Bryan M. Harris, the 2nd ABCT commander, shared insight on what the brigade did in Europe during their rotation and expressed his pride following the brigade's accomplishments.

"Like countless Dagger Soldiers who stepped forward to put tyranny in check, these Dagger Soldiers did the same" Harris said. "The Soldiers standing before you, their allies and partners know what they have accomplished. We demonstrated to the world and our allies what a ready. resilient and lethal armored brigade combat team is capable of in a combined arms operation."

On behalf of the brigade, Harris thanked friends and families for their support during the Dagger rotation, and wished the Demon Brigade a successful rotation.

"To the families and community, thank you," Harris said. "We can never repay the sacrifices you gave for freedom. The countless late night

calls, packages, letters and photos reminded everyone of us what we were defending. To the Demon Brigade, safe travels and Godspeed."

U.S. Army Col. Bryan M. Harris, the 2nd Ar-

mored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Divi-

sion commander, gives a speech at an uncasing

and casing ceremony at Cavalry Parade Field.

Col. Chad P. Corrigan, the 1st CAB commander, spoke about the last time the brigade was in Europe and the training they conducted leading into the next rotation.

"The CAB came home December 2021 from the last rotation," Corrigan said. "In the last 22 months the Soldiers and NCOs worked hard. doing very realistic training to be combat ready, really a lot of work on the maintenance side to make sure all the aircrafts are ready to go."

Corrigan looked to his Soldiers and the crowd, and said the brigade is prepared to go back and give their Brigade will be in Europe for nine

"They're ready, and we're looking forward to going over there to support

the mission of Operation Atlantic Resolve," Corrigan said. "We're ready to add another chapter in the long history of this historic division, and are proud to follow the footsteps of our recently deployed teammates from the second brigade and division headquarters."

Corrigan thanked the Flint Hills community, families and friends for their support and care.

"No one serves alone," Corrigan said. "I know goodbyes are never easy, but vour love and support makes us stronger. No mission too difficult. No sacrifice too great. Duty first, above the first."

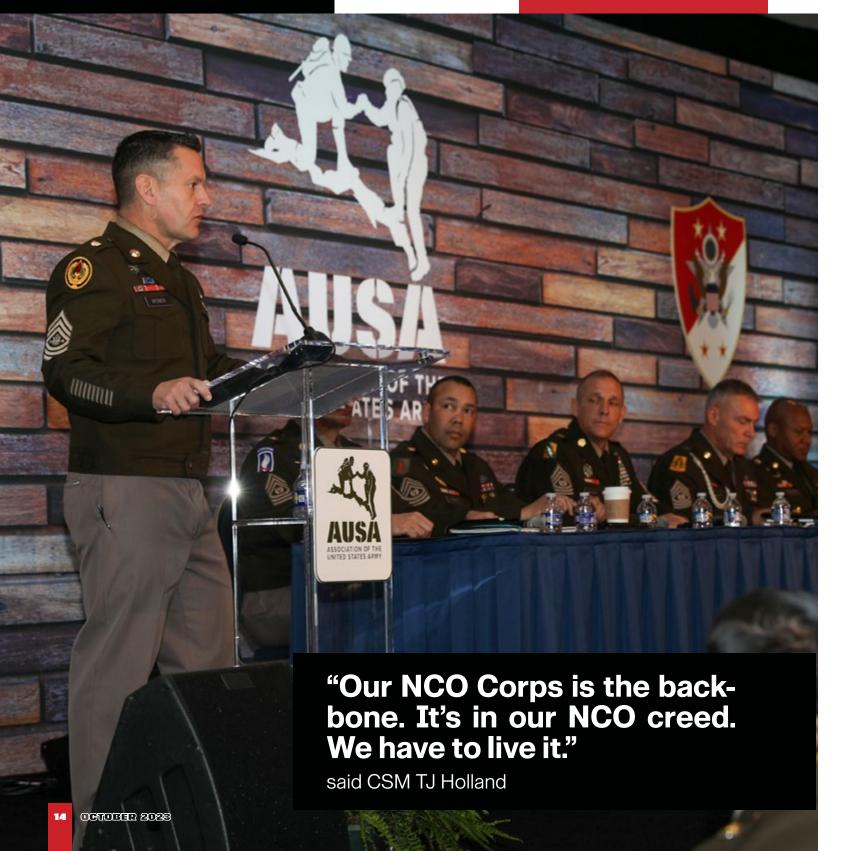
The 1st Inf. Div. remains steadfast and ready to support the United States' commitment to NATO allies and partners in Europe. The Demon months as part of a regular rotation of forces in support of Operation Atlantic Resolve. They are expected to return in July 2024.



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Sgt. Maj. of the Army Michael Weimer, speaks during the Sergeant Major of the Army Professional Development Forum in Washington D.C., Oct. 10, 2023. The forum was a key event during the Association of the United States Army annual meeting and exposition, where topics such as leadership, training, warfighting and modernization were discussed.



TID ATTENDS AUSA 2023

WASHINGTON D.C.

st Infantry Division leaders and senior noncommissioned officers attended and participated in the Association of the United States Army annual meeting and exposition in Washington, D.C., Oct. 9th-11th, 2023.

"Be All You Can Be" was the theme of this year's meeting, highlighting how the Army is innovating and adapting to operate in an evolving and complex world. From recruiting, retention, and talent management to training and equipping the force for a multidomain fight, the Army is focused on transforming for 2030 and beyond.

The meeting presented a dynamic conference which delivered the Army's key messages, highlighted the

st Infantry Division leaders and senior capabilities of Army organizations, and noncommissioned officers attended presented a wide range of industry products and services.

Big Red One NCOs took the opportunity to listen and take notes at the Sergeant Major of the Army's professional development forum, where topics such as leadership, training and modernization were discussed.

U.S. Army Command Sgt. Maj. TJ Holland, the 24th command sergeant major of U.S. Army Forces Command, expressed the importance of the NCO Corps within the Army, which the Big Red One Soldiers paid close attention to.

"Our NCO Corps is the backbone," Holland said. "It's in our NCO creed.

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Col. Bryan M. Harris, the 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Inf. Div. commander, participated in the Warrior's Corner event, where he gave insight on what the "Dagger" Brigade did in Europe during their nine-month rotation.

in conjunction with NATO allies and partners in support of Operation Atlantic Resolve. With a warfighting focus area, Harris spoke about how they partook in the international efforts to train military allies.

displays showcasing new advanced technology, including aerial and ground military vehicles, weapons and communication systems.

"I was given the opportunity to attend briefings held by some of the Army's most senior leaders, as well as explore the world of military advancement that so many of the vendors were display-The brigade trained and operated ing," said Sgt. 1st Class Joshua Schuller, an M1 armor crewman assigned to Alpha Company, 2nd Battalion 70th Armor Regiment, 2nd ABCT, 1st Inf. Div.

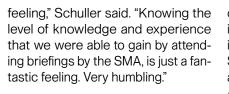
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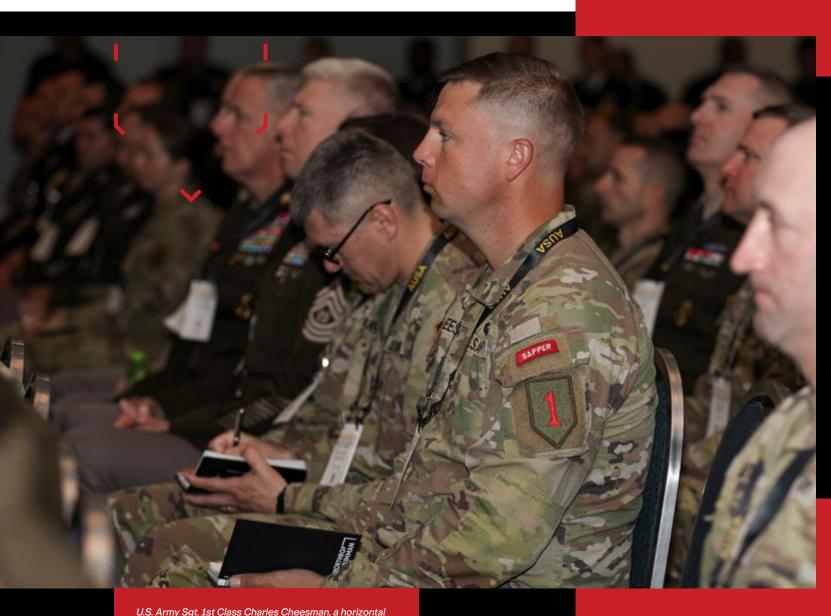
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The 1st Inf. Div. will continue to recognize NCOs throughout their Year of the NCO campaign, modernize to remain as the premier fighting force, and support the United States' commitment to NATO allies and partners in Europe.



"Knowing the level of knowledge and experience that we were able to gain by attending briefings by the SMA, is just a fantastic feeling. Very humbling."

said SFC Joshua Schuller



U.S. Army Sgt. 1st Class Joshua Schuller, an M1 armor crewman assigned to Alpha Company, 2nd Battalion, 70th Armor Regiment, 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division (left) and Master Sgt. Oscar Valenzuela, a network communications systems specialist assigned to Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Inf. Div. (far right), observe the Kaman Kargo unmanned aerial vehicle display in Washington D.C., Oct. 9, 2023. The display was part of an exhibition in the Association of the United States Army annual meeting and exposition.

construction engineer assigned to Bravo Company, 1st Engineer Battalion, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, sits in during the Sergeant Major of the Army Professional Development Forum in Washington D.C., Oct. 10, 2023. The forum was a key event during the Association of the United States Army annual meeting and exposition, where topics such as leadership, training, warfighting and modernization were discussed.

VICTORY RECEPTION ACTIVATION CEREMONY



FORT RILEY, Kansas

ducted a combined activation ceremony and assumption of command and responsibility for Victory Reception Company (VRC), Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion, Division Artillery, 1st Inf. Div., at Cavalry 2023.

distinguished guests, friends, and family of the VRC attended the ceremony to witness the uncasing of the colors and the assumption of command, and man Resources. responsibility.

Although Installation Reception Companies are a new formation within the

■he 1st Infantry Division con- Army, their purpose can be traced it began the new company's history back to the Replacement Depots that were established during World War I. These organizations were responsible for training newly arrived soldiers while accounting for personnel returning to the home front. Personnel Service Bat-Parade Field, Fort Riley, Kansas, Oct. 19, talions (PSBs) replaced the Replacement Depots following the Vietnam War. However, as the Army modernized Big Red One Soldiers, senior leaders, in response to the changing demands during the War on Terrorism, PSBs were deactivated, and their mission was given to Garrison Departments of Hu-

> As the First Infantry Division officially activated its Installation Reception Company and uncased the colors,

and lineage.

After assuming command and responsibility. Capt. William Gagnon-Brubaker. the newly appointed VRC commander, along with 1st Sgt. Jason M. Wright, the newly appointed first sergeant of the VRC, and Lt. Col. Derek J. Raymond, the commander of HHBn, 1st Inf. Div., conducted a passing of colors ceremony.

During the ceremony, Raymond passed the company guidon to Gagnon-Brubaker, officially designating him as the first commander of the new company. Gagnon-Brubaker then entrusted Wright with the responsibility of the unit by passing him the guidon.





U.S. Army Lt. Col. Derek J. Raymond, the Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion, Division Artillery, 1st Infantry Division commander, gives a speech during an activation ceremony at Cavalry Parade Field on Fort Riley, Kansas, Oct. 19, 2023.

"Having the service members come out to Kansas City shows how much they care about the community."

said Dirk Huston

Finally, Wright passed the guidon to the guidon bearer, symbolizing his allegiance to the Soldiers of VRC and the continuation of the NCO support channel.

"There's a saying, 'First impressions are lasting impressions," Raymond said. "I can't think of a more meaningful expression that represents the Victory Reception Company. The VRC is the first impression of the 1st Infantry Division for every Soldier."

Raymond gave his remarks, explaining the importance and mission of the new unit.

"While we are not in combat operations today, the Victory Reception Company prepares every new Soldier to arrive at their new units, ready to train for combat operations," Raymond said.

"When Soldiers leave VRC, they arrive at their new units ready to train. They are ready to become more lethal, and they are ready to deploy, fight, and win our nation's wars."

On the other hand, Gagnon-Brubaker discussed how leaders across the division collaborated to establish the VRC.

"Today's activation ceremony marks the culmination of 23 months of hard work

transitioning reception operations from the Fort Riley Garrison to the First Infantry Division," Gagnon-Brubaker said. "This could only be achieved with the close cooperation of leaders across the 1st Infantry Division, the Fort Riley Garrison and the Fort Riley Community."

He expressed gratitude to past and present Soldiers and NCOs for their assistance in preparing incoming Soldiers for their units.

"Thank you again for your tireless efforts in taking care of Soldiers and preparing them for their new assignment," Gagnon-Brubaker said. "Your hard work does not go unnoticed by the leaders across this installation and is reflected in consistent praise and thanks I hear from new Soldiers and their Families long after they have departed our care."

The VRC will continue to ensure seamless integration of new soldiers and their families into the 1st Inf. Div., Fort Riley, and Flint Hills Community while building combat power for the division and Fort Riley units. U.S. Army Capt. William Gagnon-Brubaker, the incoming Victory Reception Company, Head-quarters and Headquarters Battalion, Division Artillery, 1st Infantry Division commander, looks at his formation at Cavalry Parade Field.



U.S. Army Lt. Col. Derek J. Raymond, the Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion, Division Artillery, 1st Infantry Division commander (right), passes the Victory Reception Company guidon to Capt. William Gagnon-Brubaker, the incoming Victory Reception Company commander (left).





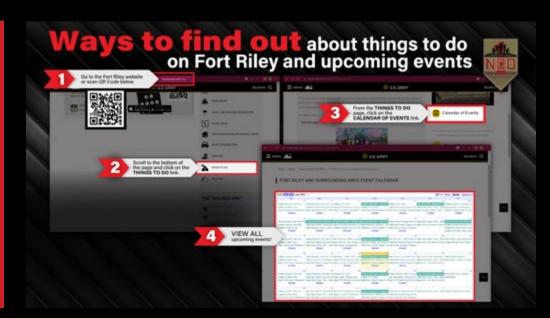


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