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FORSCOM SENIOR LEADERS

Army Family Action Plan Conference



FORSCOM Deputy Commanding General.

Lt. Gen. Howard B. Bromberg spoke at the FORSCOM-level 2011 Army Family Action Plan Conference March 7 in Atlanta, welcoming the 50 delegates from FORSCOM's subordinate units nationwide.

"The resiliency of what you are going to do (at the 2011 FORSCOM Army Family Action Plan Conference) is really going to help us push through this next (era of continuous conflict)."

"Your resiliency has brought us through; the things you've done with AFAP have helped bring us through, and the things you're going to do this week and in the future are going to bring us through ... as we continue."

"Your contributions are extremely important ... a hardy congratulations to each one of you for participating and making our Army better."

Video excerpt of Lt. Gen. Bromberg's remarks at AFAP: [Video](#)

To follow coverage of this year's AFAP conference, click on FORSCOM's social media icons or visit the [AFAP Resource Center](#) for updates.

NEWS

NTC/Fort Irwin CG will engage community, stay on 'cutting edge' of training

By Caroline Keyser (Fort Irwin USAG)

FORT IRWIN, Calif. (March 2, 2011) – As Brig. Gen. Terry Ferrell begins his tenure as the National Training Center and Fort Irwin's newest leader, he wants the community to know he's glad he's here. "First and foremost, I would tell you that it is with great honor and pride that I have the opportunity to serve as your commander," said Ferrell. "My wife and I both are excited to be here. We look forward to the opportunity to serve with our Soldiers, Families and civilians who make the mission happen every day."



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Gen. Casey: National Guard very different from 30 years ago

ARFORGEN different way to build readiness; It's predictability important for Guard, Reserve
By Sgt. Darron Salzer, National Guard Bureau

ARLINGTON, Va. (Army News Service, March 7, 2011) – Every Guard brigade has deployed to Iraq or Afghanistan, and more than 300,000 Guardsmen have deployed in this war, Army Chief of Staff Gen. George W. Casey Jr. said, Feb. 28 at the Senior Leadership Conference here. "You are fully engaged, to include fully burdened, with more than 600 Guardsmen killed and more than 5,000 wounded," he told senior Guard officers and noncommissioned officers. "It's a fundamentally different Guard, and because of that, it is a fundamentally different Army today, and we can't go back."



Buzz on BRAC: Bragg moves are right on schedule

By Henry Cuninghame, Fayetteville Observer

FAYETTEVILLE, N.C. (March 7, 2011) – The number of people moving to Fort Bragg from Atlanta should start to pick up significantly this month. So far, about 450 workers have come to Fort Bragg from Forces Command and U.S. Army Reserve Command at Fort McPherson, Ga. The four- and three-star commands have a mix of senior military and civilian workers.



Military History: Long tradition music to the ears

By Roy Parker Jr., Fayetteville Observer

FAYETTEVILLE, N.C. (March 6, 2011) – Fort Bragg will enhance a 90-year tradition of great military music when the Army Ground Forces Band moves to the post with the Forces Command headquarters. The newest musical resident coming to Fort Bragg traces its lineage to the 1840s, when a band of the 4th Infantry Regiment played and fought in the War with Mexico.



Public Affairs



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ON POINT

The Army Posture Statement is the written testimony of the Secretary of the Army and the Chief of Staff of the Army to Congress. It informs Congress about the state of the Army and outlines its compelling needs for Congress to consider when reviewing the President's budget for the following fiscal year.

In the past decade, America's Army has been challenged, but it has prevailed in some of the most daunting tasks in the history of our military. Soldiers from the Active Army, Army National Guard and Army Reserve demonstrate indelible spirit, sacrifice and sheer determination in protecting our national interests and supporting our friends and allies around the world. In the coming years, our top priorities will be to maintain our combat edge, while we reconstitute the force for other missions and build resilience in our people. Finally, the Army has made significant progress in restoring balance through the four imperatives we identified in 2007 – sustain, prepare, reset and transform.

"Our Nation and our Army are at a strategic crossroads. We are faced with a challenging strategic environment abroad and difficult economic conditions at home. The Army will approach this with determined leadership and thoughtful execution. We are determined to preserve those initiatives that sustain the quality-of-life of our force, while simultaneously developing new solutions to our business practices and to the way we manage our personnel and acquire our equipment." – taken from the cover letter signed by both Gen. George W. Casey, Army Chief of Staff, and the Honorable John M. McHugh, Secretary of the Army.

2011 Army Posture Statement (AKO login required).

https://secureweb2.hqda.pentagon.mil/VDAS_ArmyPostureStatement2011/index.asp

PUBLIC AFFAIRS UNITS IN ACTION



KANDAHAR PROVINCE, Afghanistan - Sgt. David Smitt maintains over watch, during an air assault patrol with Soldiers and British gunners in Afghanistan's Kandahar province. Smitt is assigned to the 101st Combat Aviation Brigade, 101st Airborne Division, and the gunners are assigned to the Royal Air Force Regiment's 15th Squadron. (Photo by Sgt. First Class Sadie Bleistein, 101st Combat Aviation Brigade Public Affairs, 101st Airborne Division)

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MAZAR-E-SHARIF, Afghanistan - 1st Lt. Rebecca Wagner, effects coordinator and female engagement team officer in charge, 4th Combat Aviation Brigade (CAB), 4th Infantry Division, counts with the Afghan children of the Red Crescent Society orphanage and school when the 4th CAB delivered school supplies, clothing items and toys. (Photo by Spc. Jeanita C. Pisachubbe, 4th Combat Aviation Brigade Public Affairs, 4th Infantry Division)



TANGI VALLEY, Afghanistan – Team leader for the Afghan National Army's 4th Kandak, 4th brigade, 205th Corps, informs village elders of a shura to discuss the new patrol base in the Tangi Valley. ANA soldiers and Australian forces from the Australian Afghan mentoring task force, patrolled through a village in the Tangi Valley in order to hear the villagers concerns. (Photo by Spc. Jonathan Thomas, 16th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment)



FORT BRAGG, N.C. - Chief Warrant Officer Isais Sierra, Combat Aviation Brigade, 82nd Airborne Division, pilots a UH-60 M Black Hawk at Fort Bragg. The UH-60 M Black Hawk is an updated UH-60 Black Hawk specifically designed for medevac missions. (Photo by Sgt. Derek L. Kuhn, 40th Public Affairs Detachment)



FORT BRAGG, N.C. - Sgt. Jeffery Smith, a patrol explosive detector dog handler with the 16th Military Police Brigade, searches for an explosive training aid with his dog Barron during their annual certification course on Fort Bragg. Teams from Fort Stewart, Ga., Fort Riley, Kan., Fort Hood, Texas and Fort Bragg certified after reaching a passing score in patrol, obedience, subject apprehension, retention, and explosives or narcotics detection. (Photo by Spc. Cody A. Thompson, 40th Public Affairs Detachment)

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