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FORSCOM SENIOR LEADERS

Chief of Staff Gen. George Casey



"We know the budget has to come down, we know we need to be more efficient in how we execute, but we have to be very, very careful that we don't inadvertently hollow out the force as we're trying to reduce the resources, I think that would be a huge, huge mistake for all of us."

Outgoing CSA: Dangerous decade ahead

Army Gen. George Casey is urging against cuts to manpower and equipment, but he knows a tough fight looms

By Lance M. Bacon – Army Times

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. (Mar 13, 2011) — As the Army emerges from a decade of war, outgoing Chief of Staff Gen. George Casey has one strong note of warning: "The war is not over."

The nation has a history of cutting defense budgets and trimming the size of the force following a major conflict. For example, the military was cut to a size not seen since before the Korean War following Operation Desert Storm. More than 40 ships were decommissioned, which dropped the Navy below 500 battle force ships. Today, it stands at 286.

In following years, the Pentagon deactivated six Army divisions and cut more than 1,000 Air Force aircraft. The Pentagon began to close or withdraw from more than 700 bases and facilities worldwide. Weapons procurement also took a hit, as more than 100 military systems and weapon programs were cut in a two-year period. [More](#)

NEWS

Hundreds Of Soldiers Return To Fort Carson

More than 500 Soldiers came home Friday, into the waiting arms of their families.

By KKTV News, news@kktv.com

FORT CARSON, Co. (Mar 11, 2011) – Watch: Hundreds More Soldiers Return [Video](#)



Fort Hood Commander Nominated for 4th Star, new assignment

By On Your Side KWTX, KWTX.COM

FORT HOOD, Texas (Mar 10, 2011) - Defense Secretary Robert Gates announced Thursday he has nominated III Corps and Fort Hood Commander Lt. Gen. Robert W. Cone for promotion to the rank of general and assignment as the commander of U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command at Fort Monroe, Va. [Video and More](#)



Army's new PRT comes to National Training Center

By Sgt. Giancarlo Casem, Defense Video & Imaginary Distribution System

FORT IRWIN, Calif. (Mar 12, 2011) - Fort Irwin is an Army post that prides itself in providing the most-up-to-date training scenarios for units training at the National Training Center. Therefore, in order to transition to the Army's new Physical Readiness Training program, units across the installation sent Soldiers to attend a four-day PRT familiarization course, March 7-10. [More](#)



Army Forces Generation – AR 525-29 – now available online

By FORSCOM Public Affairs

FORT MCPHERSON, Ga. (Mar 16, 2011) – Our FORSCOM public home page <http://www.forscom.army.mil/> has a link to this new Department of the Army regulation, dated 14 March 2011. It institutionalizes the fundamentals of Army Force Generation, assigns roles and responsibilities for the ARFORGEN process, and it establishes the sourcing, resourcing, planning and execution line of effort. [See regulation](#)



Public Affairs



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ON POINT

A communication strategy, concerning Army actions in support of the repeal of the law commonly known as "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" has been published. On Feb. 28, the Office of the Chief of Public Affairs, Headquarters, Department of the Army published guidance that outlined that communication strategy.

Public Affairs Guidance (PAG) seeks to ensure public affairs professionals, Army leaders and others who might have contact with the news media are advised as to how to best ensure full understanding of the Army's communication effort. The PAG addresses unit actions for facilitating media access to Tier III repeal training at the unit level (media access to Tier I or II training is not authorized). The published PAG describes media ground rules for access, themes, messages, talking points and proposed personal questions. Commanders and public affairs personnel should deliberately plan to facilitate media access.

The Repeal of Don't Ask, Don't Tell PAG, [More](#)

PUBLIC AFFAIRS UNITS IN ACTION



FORT BRAGG, N.C. - Sgt. Tracey Long grades a candidate during scenario-based testing for the Expert Infantryman's Badge (EIB) with the 82nd Airborne Division's 1st Brigade Combat Team here. The EIB was created in 1943 as a means to recognize excellence among infantry Soldiers. (Photo by Sgt. Michael J. MacLeod, 1st Brigade Combat Team Public Affairs, 82nd Airborne Division)

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BELTON LAKE, Texas - Soldiers of the 4th Sustainment Brigade, 13th Expeditionary Sustainment Command, run to a safe distance after sling-loading a Humvee to a Black Hawk helicopter. (Photo by Staff Sgt. Matthew C. Cooley, 13th Expeditionary Sustainment Command Public Affairs)



FORT BRAGG, N.C. - Pfc. Justin Dalme, a paratrooper with the 82nd Airborne Division's 1st Brigade Combat Team, uses a compass to locate his last waypoint on a land-navigation course during a Soldier/NCO of the Year competition at Fort Bragg. The light on the soldier's face comes from a red-lens tactical flashlight. (Photo by Sgt. Michael J. MacLeod, 1st Brigade Combat Team Public Affairs, 82nd Airborne Division)



QARA QOSH, Iraq - Spc. Joshua Jacobsen, an infantryman assigned to the 4th Advise and Assist Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division, walks through the city of Qara Qosh, Iraq, pulling security during a joint patrol. Soldiers have conducted mounted or dismounted patrols with the Iraqis every day since assuming responsibility for a patrol base in northern Iraq last October. (Photo by Spc. Terence Ewings, 4th Brigade Combat Team Public Affairs, 1st Cavalry Division)



FORT BRAGG, N.C. - A Soldier from the 82nd Combat Aviation Brigade looks on as one of his fellow crew chiefs qualifies on the M240H machine gun during aerial gunnery at a Fort Bragg training range. The Soldiers were attempting to qualify from UH-60M Blackhawk helicopters in preparation for a deployment to Afghanistan later this year. (Photo by Sgt. Jessica M. Kuhn, 49th Public Affairs Detachment)

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