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FORSCOM SENIOR LEADERS

3rd BCT all home from Iraq – with no combat deaths

By Lance Benzel, THE GAZETTE

FORT CARSON, Colorado (Mar. 19, 2011) – The March 19 homecoming at Fort Carson for the post's 3rd Brigade Combat Team marked the first time since war broke out in Iraq that a Fort Carson brigade ended a deployment without a single combat death.

"It says a lot for the accomplishments and gains in Iraq and the work that we've been through," said Sgt. 1st Class Donald Kerns, who served three tours in the battle-scarred country. "We didn't do anything solo," Kerns said. "In order for a bad guy to get picked up, we had to go through Iraqi channels. They had to say, 'Yes, this a bad guy,' and we'd go get him together. "The Iraqis were basically in the lead on everything." [More](#)

Master Sgt. David Gonzalez gets big hugs as his daughters, Oliva (foreground) and Isabella (background) as they jump into his arms after him being away for a year of deployment. For Gonzalez, the March 19 homecoming at Fort Carson marked his last deployment in a long and demanding Army career, capped by three tours in Iraq with the post's 3rd Brigade Combat Team. (Photo by JERILEE BENNETT, THE GAZETTE.)



NEWS

AFAP conference delegates in Atlanta surveyed about knowledge of Army Force Generation

By Sgt. 1st Class Anthony Florence, FORSCOM Public Affairs

Atlanta, Ga. (Mar. 23, 2011) - About 50 delegates from U.S. Army Forces Command (FORSCOM) units nationwide here for the Army Family Action Plan (AFAP) Conference, March 7-11, took part in a survey to gauge their knowledge of Army Force Generation (ARFORGEN). Consisting of 15 questions, the survey was conducted using FORSCOM's Audience Response System (ARS) that features automated anonymous response technology. [More](#)



Army leaders to focus on efforts to sustain Reserve Component as part of Total Army Force; cooperation to improve Army Force Generation, readiness

By Paul Boyce, U.S. Army Forces Command

Fort McPherson, Ga. (Mar. 24, 2011) - More than 200 senior Army leaders, commanders and their staff members from at least 30 states and territories will meet soon at Camp Robinson, near Little Rock, Ark., to discuss Army readiness priorities involving the Army National Guard and U.S. Army Reserve forces. [More](#)



The BRAC arrival: Military footprint grows as workers relocate from Georgia

By Gregory Phillips, fayobserver.com

Fayetteville, N.C. (Mar. 20, 2011) - After more than five years of talk, expectation and construction, here come the people. During the next few months, some 2,800 military and civilian personnel will move into the Cape Fear region from Georgia to work in the \$302 million centerpiece of military base realignment, the combined headquarters of Forces Command and U.S. Army Reserve Command. The headquarters is set to open on Fort Bragg in September. [More](#)



Votes are in: AFAP issues prioritized, presented to FORSCOM's senior leaders

By Britney Walker, U.S. Army Forces Command Public Affairs

Fort McPherson, Ga. (Mar. 18, 2011) - The U.S. Army Forces Command (FORSCOM) 2011 Army Family Action Plan (AFAP) conference concluded Friday with the selection of five quality-of-life issues for referral to the senior leaders of the Army's largest organization for further consideration. Hosted by the FORSCOM G-1 Well-Being Division with participation by 48 delegates from across FORSCOM's units nationwide, this year's conference was conducted March 7-11 in Atlanta. [More](#)



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The U.S. Army Forces Command's (FORSCOM) process improvement branch of G-8 resource management has an ambitious agenda April 4-29: train Soldiers and civilian employees at three posts in the latest Lean Six Sigma Black Belt continuous-process improvement techniques. As part of some streamlining and restructuring, the process improvement branch is part of the new Efficiencies Division in the G-8.

The FORSCOM team will visit Forts Bragg, Drum and Riley this April providing innovative government and business best practices and methods designed to improve the quality of work processes by identifying and removing the causes of errors and defects.

During a recent ceremony, Under Secretary of the Army Joseph P. Westphal explained just how valuable practitioners of the manufacturing and business process improvement programs are to the Army. He said in 2009, those individuals, and thousands of others across the Army, produced for the Army \$1 billion in cost savings and \$3.3 billion in cost avoidances during fiscal year 2010. The secretary said that in times of budget cuts, military spending is under scrutiny.

To read the full article on this topic, [click here](#).

PUBLIC AFFAIRS UNITS IN ACTION



FORT BRAGG, N.C. - Sgt. 1st Class Scott Brinson assesses a Soldier's fictitious wounds on Fort Bragg, N.C. Brinson is a paratrooper assigned to the 82nd Airborne Division's 1st Brigade Combat Team. (Photo by Sgt. Michael J. MacLeod, 1st Brigade Combat Team Public Affairs, 82nd Airborne Division)

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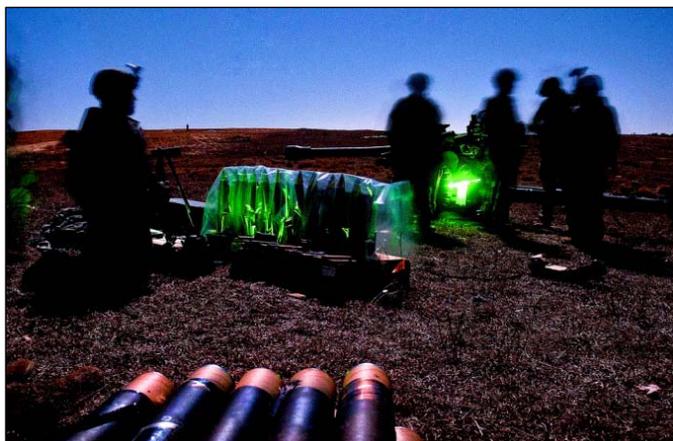
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DEH GHOLAMAN, Afghanistan - A UH-60M Blackhawk helicopter with the 159th Combat Aviation Brigade (CAB) lands in Deh Gholaman village in southern Afghanistan to drop off humanitarian assistance supplies. The 159th CAB, part of the 101st Airborne Division at Fort Campbell, Ky., is providing aviation support throughout Regional Command-South. (Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Stephanie Carl, 159th Combat Aviation Brigade Public Affairs)



CAMP TAQADDUM, Iraq - Staff Sgt. Tripler Soalo, platoon sergeant, 4th Advise and Assist Brigade, 3rd Infantry Division, shows a soldier with the 8th Iraqi Army Brigade, 1st Iraqi Army Division, his target during an M-16 rifle exercise at Camp Taqaddum, Iraq. (Photo by Staff Sgt. Tanya Thomas, 4th Brigade Combat Team Public Affairs, 3rd Infantry Division)



FORT BRAGG, N.C. - A paratrooper kneels by live artillery rounds covered in plastic while gunners prepare a M119A2 105mm howitzer to fire during a mass training exercise at Fort Bragg. These airborne artillerymen are getting back to their basic skill sets following several deployments in non-artillery roles. (Photo by Sgt. Michael J. MacLeod, 1st Brigade Combat Team Public Affairs, 82nd Airborne Division)



LOGAR PROVINCE, Afghanistan - Spc. Joseph A. Evans and Pfc. Nathan E. Yurkovich, assigned to the 4th Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division, move to their security positions in the Kharwar District. (Photo by Sgt. Cooper T. Cash, 210th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment)