



FORSCOM SENIOR LEADERS

Brig. Gen. John Rossi to lead 32nd Army Air and Missile Defense Command

By John Hall / El Paso Times



Brig. Gen. John G. Rossi, center, accepted the unit colors of the 32nd Army Air and Missile Defense Command from General James D. Thurman, left, during a ceremony at Fort Bliss March 22. (Photo by Rudy Gutierrez/El Paso Times)

FORT BLISS, Texas (March 22, 2011) – Brig. Gen. John Rossi took command of the 32nd Army Air and Missile Defense Command March 22. [More](#)

"Gen. Rossi is a proven leader, capable and worthy of the increased responsibility he receives today," said Gen. James Thurman, head of U.S. Army Forces Command. "For the past 28 years he has had some of the most challenging assignments in our Army and those same jobs and his unique experiences make him especially qualified to lead this unit and these Soldiers at a time when we remain engaged in a protracted conflict and an uncertain national security environment."



General James D. Thurman
Commanding General
U.S. Army Forces Command

NEWS

Rodriguez tapped for fourth star, FORSCOM command

By Kevin Baron, Stars and Stripes

WASHINGTON (March 29, 2011) – Lt. Gen. David Rodriguez, the No. 2 commander of the Afghanistan War for the last two years, has been nominated to receive his fourth star and take command of U.S. Army Forces Command in Fort McPherson, Ga. [More](#)



FORSCOM, INSCOM discuss ways to enhance partnership

By John Satterwhite, U.S. Army Forces Command Public Affairs

FORT MCPHERSON, Ga. (March 28, 2011) – With an anticipated decision that will promote a closer working relationship between the U.S. Army's Intelligence and Security Command (INSCOM) and U.S. Army Forces Command (FORSCOM), the two commands met here Thursday to discuss ways to optimize the processes to man, train, equip, certify, mobilize, deploy, and support military intelligence forces in support of Army Force Generation (ARFORGEN). [More](#)



FORSCOM band commander reaches out to unit's new hometown community

By Larry Stevens, U.S. Army Forces Command Public Affairs

FORT BRAGG, N.C. (March 27, 2011) – With Fort Bragg soon to be the new home for the U.S. Army Forces Command's Army Ground Forces Band, the band is eager to introduce itself to its new hometown community. [More](#)



Aviation brigade to bring Soldiers, money to Fort Carson

By Tom Roeder, The Gazette

FORT CARSON, Colo. (March 28, 2011) – Fort Carson will be home to a 2,700 Soldier aviation brigade, congressional sources confirmed Monday. Army leaders briefed Colorado's congressional delegation Monday morning on the move, which would push the post's population of GIs to nearly 30,000 and bring an estimated \$240 million in military construction to the Pikes Peak region. [More](#)



Casey gets sense of 'Don't Ask, Don't Tell' repeal training progress at Fort Riley

By Shandi Dix, Fort Riley Public Affairs & Alison Kohler, MEDDAC Public Affairs

FORT RILEY, Kan. (March 25, 2011) – The GEN George Casey, chief of staff of the Army visited Fort Riley March 24, to conduct sensing sessions for the repeal of the law commonly known as "Don't Ask, Don't Tell." [More](#)



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Study Addresses Suicide Prevention Efforts

By Donna Miles, American Forces Press Service

HAMPTON, Va. (March 25, 2011) – A new study commissioned by the Defense Department affirms many of the suicide-prevention efforts being made within DOD and the military services and recommends ways to strengthen them.

In preparing "The War Within: Suicide Prevention in the U.S. Military," the Rand National Defense Research Institute examined data on military suicides, identified what scientific literature and leaders in the field consider the best prevention strategies and recommended ways to ensure existing programs reflect the state of the art, officials said.

... The study, written for health policy officials and suicide-prevention program managers, recognized critical factors in a comprehensive prevention program. These include:

- Raising awareness and promoting self-care;
- Identifying people at high risk, including screening for mental health problems;
- Eliminating actual or perceived barriers to quality behavioral health care;
- Providing high-quality mental health treatment and specific interventions focused on suicide when needed;
- Restricting access to firearms and other lethal means, with attention to how lethal medications are packaged and how door hinges and shower rods are constructed; and
- Responding appropriately when suicides occur. [More](#)

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KANDAHAR AIRFIELD, Afghanistan - From left to right: Chief Warrant Officer 2 Elizabeth Kimbrough, Capt. Donna J. Buono, Chief Warrant Officer 4 Anne Wiley, and Capt. Carmel Cammack, all leaders within Task Force Palehorse, join for a group shot in front of an AH-64 Apache helicopter at their landing pad on Kandahar Airfield. All four of the women fly either Apaches or OH-58D Kiowas and Wiley serves as the unit's senior standardization instructor pilot and is the first to hold that position at the squadron level. (U.S. Army Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Stephanie Carl, 159th Combat Aviation Brigade Public Affairs, 101st Airborne Division)

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FORT CARSON, Colo. – An AH-64D Apache helicopter from Task Force Spearhead, 1st Air Cavalry Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division fires a rocket during a gunnery at high-altitude, mountain environmental training near Fort Carson. The pilots and crew chiefs of the task force are participating in the brigade's last rotation. (U.S. Army Photo by Command Sgt. Maj. Eric Pitkus, 1st Air Cavalry Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division)



CONTINGENCY OPERATING SITE WARRIOR, Iraq – Capt. Mark Quivers, commander, Company D, 2nd Battalion, 12th Cavalry Regiment, attached to the 1st Advise and Assist Task Force, 1st Infantry Division, speaks to Iraqi Police Sgt. Dler, a member of the elite Emergency Response Unit, about the citizens of Kirkuk City during a joint cordon and search mission. Quivers, helped the Iraqi police plan the cordon and search as part of U.S. Forces mission to advise, train and assist Iraqi Forces. Dler said cordon and search missions provide valuable intelligence about violent extremists and show the local citizens the Iraqi police are committed to keep the people of Kirkuk safe. (U.S. Army Photo by Spc. Andrew Ingram, U.S. Division-North Public Affairs)



FORT BRAGG, N.C. – Paratroopers help their battle buddy climb down from an artillery piece after hooking it up to a UH-60M Black Hawk helicopter during a field exercise between the 82nd Airborne Division's 1st Brigade Combat Team and its Combat Aviation Brigade at Fort Bragg. (U.S. Army Photo by Sgt. Michael J. MacLeod, 1st Brigade Combat Team Public Affairs, 82nd Airborne Division)



SHIGAL VALLEY, Afghanistan – As the sun sets behind Sgt. 1st Class Jamie R. Johnson, a platoon sergeant assigned to 1st Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division, he watches the floor of the Shigal Valley in eastern Afghanistan. (U.S. Army Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Mark Burrell, 1st Brigade Combat Team Public Affairs, 101st Airborne Division)

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