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FORSCOM SENIOR LEADERS



General says fourth of personnel in BRAC move already at Bragg

... More people will move in May, and "we'll finish up in August," said Brig. Gen. Kenneth C. Roberts, director of mobilization for Forces Command. Each command has about 370 people in place at Fort Bragg, Roberts said...

By Henry Cuningham, *fayobserver.com*

PINEHURST, N.C. (April 20, 2011) – About 740 people have arrived at Fort Bragg from Atlanta for the BRAC move, a Forces Command official told a statewide business audience Tuesday.

That represents more than a fourth of the 2,800 people who will be coming from Fort McPherson. Those workers are mostly higher-level civilian and military personnel. [More](#)

NEWS

Army training barracks: operational readiness training complexes

By Jerry Harbison, *Public Works Digest*

SAN ANTONIO, Texas (March/April 2011) – One barracks program that covers all three components of the U.S. Army — the active force, the U.S. Army Reserve and the Army National Guard — is the operational readiness training complex. [More \(PDF magazine page 10\)](#)



Month of the Military Child: Siblings reflect on military lifestyle, continue support to others

By Jennifer Scales, *Fort Stewart Public Affairs*

FORT STEWART, Ga. (April 13, 2011) – "Don't think of their being gone as a negative," says Cortney. "They [Soldiers] are there for a good cause, and they will be back really soon. The time will fly by, so in the mean time, go out and have some fun." [More](#)



Service members help clean Japanese school

By Derek Kuhn, *40th Public Affairs Detachment*

CAMP ISHINONAKI, Japan (April 8, 2011) – Service members with U.S. Army Japan along with the Japanese Self Defense Force are conducting relief efforts cleaning local school buildings that were damaged during the March 11 earthquake and tsunami in the Tohoku region as part of Operation Tomodachi. [More](#)



1st Infantry Division gives 'Soldier' 20 year career in two days

By Mollie Miller, *1st Infantry Division Public Affairs*

FORT RILEY, Kan. (April 15, 2011) – The Soldiers of 1st Battalion, 28th Infantry Regiment, 4th Infantry Brigade Combat Team stood tall April 15 as the 1st Infantry Division's newest command sergeant major strolled into Barlow Theater on Fort Riley. [More](#)



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Month of the Military Child



"As a grateful nation, it is our sacred responsibility to stand by our military children, just as they and their families stand by us." – First Lady Michelle Obama, co-initiator with Dr. Jill Biden of "Joining Forces," a comprehensive national initiative to mobilize all sectors of society to give service members and their families the opportunities and support they have earned.

April is Month of the Military Child, which gives the U.S. military an opportunity to recognize contributions and sacrifices of service members' sons and daughters, this year with a theme of "Celebrate Military Children: The Strength of Our Future."

More than 1.7 million children under the age of 18 have at least one parent serving in the armed forces. And it is estimated that more than 900,000 children have had one or both parents deployed multiple times.

[Month of the Military Child video](#)

PUBLIC AFFAIRS UNITS IN ACTION



AICHI, Japan – Army Sgt. Derric Byrd, a sling load technician with Okinawa's 35th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion, sling loads a pallet of water to a UH-60 Blackhawk helicopter at Ishanomki, Japan on April 11. The sling load Byrd and his other Soldiers prepared was delivered to residents in some of the most remote areas of the tsunami ravaged areas of Japan. (U.S. Army photo by Sgt. Derek Kuhn, 40th Public Affairs Detachment) [Video story](#)

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FORT BENNING, Ga. – Staff Sgt. Jeremiah Waggoner ascends the rope during the prusik climb portion of the 2011 David E. Grange, Jr. Best Ranger Competition. (U.S. Army photo by Maj. Kamil Sztalkoper, U.S. Army Forces Command Public Affairs) [Best Ranger Competition Galleries](#)



TAROK KOLACHE, Afghanistan - 1st Lt. Alexander Schell, facilities management staff officer assigned to 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division, shakes hands with an Afghan National Army soldier from 1st Afghan National Army Battalion, 1st ANA Brigade, 205th Hero Corps, who provided security for a mosque opening ceremony at Tarok Kolache village in Arghandab District. Schell helped provide security for the ribbon cutting ceremony at the mosque. (U.S. Army photo by Sgt. Breanne Pye, 1st Brigade Combat Team Public Affairs, 4th Infantry Division)



BARAWALA KALET, Afghanistan - A Soldier with the 101st Airborne Division returns fire with a M249 light machine gun during combat operations in the valley of Barawala Kalet, Kunar province, Afghanistan. (U.S. Army photo by Pfc. Cameron Boyd)



AL ASAD, Iraq - Pfc. Franklin Delacruz provides security for an air medical evacuation at Al Asad Airbase, Iraq. Delacruz is assigned to the 4th Advise and Assist Brigade, 3rd Infantry Division. (U.S. Army photo by Spc. Gary Silverman)

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