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FORSCOM SENIOR LEADERS

U.S. Army Aviators set 'aim point' for future vertical-lift aircraft



CALL FOR ACQUISITION REFORM

"I am challenging both the industrial Army and private industry to conduct after-action reviews," ... "To understand what we have done over the course of the past few years, what we need to do in the future, and how we can adapt to increase efficiency of the system. We have to field platforms quicker, I believe, and aviation systems." **General James D. Thurman**, Commanding General, U.S. Army Forces Command

By C. Todd Lopez, Army News Service

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (April 21, 2011) – The U.S. Army needs to plan now for a replacement helicopter -- one that has a longer range, is faster, can carry a bigger payload, is more survivable and that has a reduced logistical footprint.

Army aviation leaders want such an airframe in less than 20 years -- and they say the Army can't afford to back down from that goal. [More](#)

NEWS

Afghan forces work with 2nd Stryker Cavalry Regiment to protect their country

By Spc. Edward Garibay, 16th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment

KANDAHAR AIRFIELD, Afghanistan (April 20, 2011) – The Afghan National Security Forces in Kandahar, Afghanistan, are learning from 2nd Stryker Cavalry Regiment Soldiers and showing they're ready to defend their country. [More](#)



Fort Hood community welcomes new commanding general

By Rachel Parks, III Corps and Fort Hood Public Affairs

FORT HOOD, Texas (April 21, 2011) – Soldiers, civilians, family members and Central Texas community leaders congregated at Fort Hood's Sadowski Field, April 21, 2011, to welcome the new III Corps and Fort Hood commanding general, Lt. Gen. Don Campbell Jr. [More](#) [Video](#)



Army launches 'Net Zero' pilot program

By Alexandra Hemmerly-Brown, Army News Service

WASHINGTON, D.C. (April 20, 2011) – The Army released a list of installations Tuesday that are participating in an energy-conserving pilot program to only use as much energy as they create by 2020. [More](#)



Soldier scientists monitor radiation deploys in support of Operation Tomodachi

By Sgt. Derek Kuhn, 49th Public Affairs Detachment

AICHI, Japan (April 25, 2011) – After the March 11 9.0 magnitude earthquake and subsequent tsunami, much of north eastern Japan was left to recover from the destruction caused by the natural disasters. Complicating matters, the Fukushima nuclear power plant went off-line, which prompted many to evacuate what was left of their homes. [More](#)



The Army Ground Forces Band Alumni Concert

The FORSCOM band will bid Atlanta farewell with a reunion concert at 7 p.m., April 29. Past and current members of The Army Ground Forces Band will join together for a final public performance before the band moves from Fort McPherson, Ga., to Fort Bragg, N.C. The concert will be held at the McEachern High School Performing Arts Center in Powder Springs, Ga. Admission is free. [Details](#)



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ON POINT

The Army's vision is to appropriately manage our natural resources with a goal of net zero installations. Today the Army faces significant threats to our energy and water supply requirements both home and abroad. Addressing energy security and sustainability is operationally necessary, financially prudent, and essential to mission accomplishment.

A Net Zero Energy Installation (NZEI) is an installation that produces as much energy on site as it uses over the course of a year. To achieve this goal, installations must first implement aggressive conservation and efficiency efforts while benchmarking energy consumption to identify further opportunities.

The goal is to manage our installations not only on a net zero energy basis, but net zero water and waste as well. The Army is creating a culture that recognizes the value of sustainability measured not just in terms of financial benefits, but benefits to maintaining mission capability, quality of life, relationships with local communities, and the preservation of options for the Army's future. The Army is leveraging available authorities for private sector investment, including using power purchase agreements (PPA), enhanced-use leases (EUL), energy savings performance contracts (ESPC), and utilities energy service contracts (UESCs) as tools to achieve these objectives. The Army must invest in its installations and improve efficiencies in energy, water and waste for the benefit of our current and future missions. The Army is piloting five installations to be Net Zero Energy, five installations to be Net Zero Waster, five installations to be Net Zero Water, and one that is all three by 2020. The Army goal is to have 25 Net Zero Installations by 2030.

For more information on the Army's Net Zero initiative, click here:

<http://army-energy.hqda.pentagon.mil/netzero/>

For more information on Army Earth Day 2011, click here:

<http://www.aec.army.mil/usaec/newsroom/earthday00.html>

PUBLIC AFFAIRS UNITS IN ACTION



SENDAI, Japan - Japanese and U.S. Soldiers work together in removing debris from the rail tracks in the Tohoku region, April 21, in support of Operation Soul Train. (U.S. Army photo by Sgt. Monique Tindal, 49th Public Affairs Detachment) [Story](#)

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CONTINGENCY OPERATING SITE MAREZ, Iraq – Staff Sgt. Ricardo Mendoza, noncommissioned officer in charge for a 81mm mortar system assigned to 4th Advise and Assist Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division, helps an Iraqi soldier align his mortar sight during a live fire exercise at Destiny Range. A native of Amarillo, Texas, Mendoza aided the Iraqi soldiers in their live fire exercise to help increase their proficiency on the mortar system. (U.S. Army photo by Spc. Angel Washington, 4th Advise and Assist Brigade Public Affairs, 1st Cavalry Division)



LOGAR PROVINCE, Afghanistan – Pfc. Joshua Clark from Grayson, Ky., and Spc. Saikan Corbitt from Newark, N.J., with 1st Platoon, Bravo Company, 4th Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division, move behind mud walls in order to take over an enemy sniper position during Operation Charkh Restoration, Charkh District, Logar Province, Afghanistan. (U.S. Army photo by Sgt. Sean Casey)



TERRA NOVA, Afghanistan – Soldiers from the 1st Battalion, 320th Field Artillery Regiment, currently attached to the 1st Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division, go on a walkabout patrol to show their counterparts their patrol routes in Terra Nova in the Arghandab District. (U.S. Army photo by Pfc. Nathan Thome, 1st Brigade Combat Team Public Affairs, 4th Infantry Division)



KANDAHAR AIRFIELD, Afghanistan – Capt. Sean Levine, chaplain, 117th Infantry Battalion, 2nd Stryker Brigade Combat Team, prepares for the Easter or Pascha (a Christian version of Passover) service at Kandahar Airfield, Afghanistan, April 23. The lighting of incense is an ancient method of expressing reverence. The darkness of the church represents the time Jesus Christ spent in his tomb prior to his resurrection. (U.S. Army photo by Spc. Jennifer Spradlin, 16th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment)

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