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FORSCOM SENIOR LEADERS

Aviation Force Flies Into Future

By Kari Hawkins, USAG Redstone



"This is the true total aviation force that is making a difference every minute of the day in Iraq, Afghanistan and all around the world," Gen. James Thurman, commander of the Army Forces Command, said. "Their dedicated and meaningful service stands as a personification of Army values."

REDSTONE ARSENAL, Ala. (May 6, 2011) – Despite challenges of an aging aviation fleet and the demands of two wars, aviation programs will remain a key component of the Army's focus to win on the battlefield, said one of the Army's leading generals.

Speaking to Soldier aviators, general officers and industry representatives attending the Army Aviation Association of America annual Professional Forum and Exposition at Nashville's Gaylord Opryland Hotel, Gen. James Thurman, commander of the Army Forces Command, said "the Army absolutely remains focused on winning the war today, and Army aviation continues to be a central component of that success. I know we will make Army aviation even more effective in future battles." [More](#)

NEWS

Obama, Biden rally Fort Campbell Soldiers

By Fort Campbell Public Affairs

FORT CAMPBELL, Ky. (May 6, 2011) – President Barack Obama and Vice President Joe Biden visited Fort Campbell, Ky., May 6 to speak with Soldiers who recently came home from a yearlong deployment to Afghanistan. The leaders' first stop after landing was to the 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment compound where the distinguished guests spoke privately with the 160th SOAR leadership and Soldiers. [More](#) [Video](#)



Army Shifts strategy ahead of decreased deployments

By Michelle Tan, Army Times

SPRINGFIELD, Va. (May 9, 2011) – The Army is maturing and fine-tuning the Army Force Generation model as it prepares for decreased demand for boots on the ground in Iraq and Afghanistan. As demand drops, more Soldiers will be contingency forces, said, Lt. Gen. Howard Bromberg, deputy commanding general of Forces Command. The greater focus on contingency forces may begin next year. [More](#)



U.S. Army Forces Command NCO to receive award from Asian-Pacific Americans

By Rob McIlvaine, ARNEWS

ARLINGTON, Va. (May 4, 2011) – The Federal Asian Pacific American Council will recognize an Army noncommissioned officer at its national conference, May 12, 2011. [More](#)



Bragg aviators flying high to prepare for deployment

By Henry Cuninghame, Fayetteville Observer

FORT BRAGG, N.C. (May 9, 2011) – Fort Bragg helicopter crews have been practicing high-altitude flying in the Colorado Rockies in preparation for their upcoming deployment to Afghanistan. There's a "huge learning curve" for young pilots flying about 250 feet above sea level at Fort Bragg versus at 10,000 and higher in mountain ranges, said Chief Warrant Officer 4 Larry Thomas, who flies a twin-rotor Chinook. [More](#)



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ON POINT

New Army Chief: Focus on the squad

"If we look at it exclusively as an individual soldier and what he can carry, we'll never get the right answer, ... The questions is, what does the squad need? When we figure out what the squad needs, then we figure out a way to deliver it."



GENERAL MARTIN E. DEMPSEY
37th Chief of Staff
UNITED STATES ARMY

By Lance M. Bacon, Army Times

SPRINGFIELD, Va. (May 9, 2011) – When it comes to building the Army of tomorrow, the focus is not on the corps, division or even the brigade.

It's on the squad.

The consensus among military leaders and analysts, is that low-intensity counterterrorism and counterinsurgency operations will dominate the future force. That lays the bulk of the burden on the shoulders of the squad and platoon ... and the Army's top officer doesn't want his Soldiers in a fair fight.

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PUBLIC AFFAIRS UNITS IN ACTION



MAIWAND DISTRICT, Afghanistan - Village elders in the Maiwand District meet with officers of the U.S. and Afghan forces at a shura. (U.S. Army photo by Sgt. Dillon Townset, 16th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment) [Video Story](#) [More Photos](#)

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JOINT SECURITY STATION LOYALTY, Iraq - Capt. Auguste Badiel, left, battalion signal officer with the 1st "First Lightning" Battalion, 7th Field Artillery Regiment, 2nd Advise and Assist Brigade, 1st Infantry Division, and Spc. Timothy Francen, middle, an information management specialist with 1st Bn, 7th FA Regt., work to ensure optimum quality picture and sound during a video teleconference between children of the 1st Iraqi Federal Police Division Soldiers and students from Morris Hill Elementary at Fort Riley, Kan. (U.S. Army photo by Capt. Christopher Miles, 2nd Advise and Assist Brigade, 1st Infantry Division)

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PAKTIKI PROVINCE, Afghanistan - Lt. Col. Darren C. Rickettes (left), Lt. Col. Donn H. Hill (2nd from left) and Deputy Commanding General of Afghan Development, Brig. Gen. John Uberti, 101st Airborne Division, talk with an Afghan National Army commander during Operation Overlord in the Naka district of Paktika province, Afghanistan. Operation Overlord is a division-level air assault mission designed to trap Taliban forces in the province. (U.S. Army photo by Spc. Zachary Burke)



FORT POLK, La. - A Stryker vehicle belonging to the 4th Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 2nd Infantry Division, based out of Joint Base Lewis-McChord, fires a tube-launched, optically-tracked, wire-guided missile at a range during the brigade's rotation through Fort Polk's, Joint Readiness Training Center. (U.S. Army photo by Pfc. Victor J. Ayala, 49th Public Affairs Detachment)



YAKIMA TRAINING CENTER, Wash. - Spc. Walter Hanks (right), a St. Louis, Missouri native assigned to 3rd Platoon (Hazardous Response Platoon), 172nd Chemical Company, 2nd Chemical Biological Radiological Nuclear Battalion passes through decontamination as part of a hazardous material reconnaissance exercise at Yakima Training Center. (U.S. Army photo by Spc. Nathan Booth, 4th Public Affairs Detachment) [More](#)

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