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## FORSCOM SENIOR LEADERS

### Memorial Day 2011



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

*"The freedom Americans enjoy today continues at a precious cost, paid not only by our Soldiers, but also by the Families they left behind. We reverently extend our gratitude and prayers to those special Army Families during this annual time of remembrance. I remind you to stop for a minute Monday, May 30, at 3 p.m. local time as the nation pauses for The National Moment of Remembrance. This annual observance allows all Americans to unite in national reflection and profound appreciation."*

[Memorial Day 2011 Message](#)

## NEWS

### Chinese Delegation Visits Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield

By Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield Public Affairs

**FORT STEWART, Ga.** (May 20, 2011) – Thursday, a Chinese delegation led by Gen. Chen Bingde, the chief of the general staff for the People's Liberation Army, spent approximately four hours with Soldiers and leadership at Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield as part of their week-long visit to several military bases in the United States. [More](#)



### Reducing medical non-deploying Soldiers help conserve fighting strength

By Sgt. 1<sup>st</sup> Class Anthony Florence, U.S. Army Forces Command Public Affairs

**FORT McPHERSON, Ga.** (May 24, 2011) – When Soldiers become medically non-deployable it is in the Army's best interest to get them back in the fight or separate them from service with all the entitlements benefits they deserve. [More](#)



### Forces Command cuts 100 civilian positions

By Henry Cuningham, Fayetteville Observer

**FORT BRAGG, N.C.** (May 25, 2011) – Forces Command has reduced its headquarters staff by 100 civilian positions in response to military budget-tightening, the deputy commander said Tuesday at Fort Bragg. [More](#)



### 1st Armored Division uncases colors at Fort Bliss

By David Poe, Fort Bliss Public Affairs

**FORT BLISS, Texas** (May 25, 2011) – The salute blast of howitzer cannon fire cascading off El Paso's Franklin Mountains marked the official welcoming of the 1st Armored Division to Fort Bliss May 24. [More](#) [More photos](#)



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### Secretary Gates' Memorial Day message

Memorial Day is a special holiday, a single day during which we honor the spirit of all who have died in service to our nation; those whom we continue to remember and honor in our hearts. Instead of paying tribute to a place or thing through a stone monument or a lowered flag, on this special day we see the faces of all those Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Marine who, over the years, sacrificed their lives in defense of freedom. We also think about their families and friends, perhaps people we know, and we mark this special day by celebrating their legacy while grieving their absence in our lives.

Selfless service and ultimate sacrifice cannot be appreciated enough...and because we are an all-volunteer force, it is certain that although giving their lives in defense of our country is a possibility and risk, brothers and sisters in the profession of arms who have consistently put their lives on the line will tell you the cost is worth the freedoms preserved.

In his annual Memorial Day message to service members worldwide, Defense Secretary Robert M. Gates urges the nation's men and women in uniform to observe a moment of silence at 3:00 p.m. on the holiday to honor their fallen comrades. While devoting special attention to our fallen on this day, Secretary Gates also encouraged us to remember service members and their families throughout the year.

[Secretary Gates' message](#)

## PUBLIC AFFAIRS UNITS IN ACTION



**FORT BRAGG, N.C.** – Paratroopers from the 82nd Airborne Division participate in a rehearsal for the Division Review at Pike Field, Fort Bragg. The review is part of All-American Week 2011, in which active duty and veteran paratroopers celebrate the unit's storied legacy. (U.S. Army photo by Sgt. Michael J. MacLeod, 1st Brigade Combat Team Public Affairs, 82nd Airborne Division) [More 82nd Airborne Division photos](#)

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### FORT RILEY, Kan.

– Gen. James Thurman, commanding general of U.S. Army Forces Command, passes the 1<sup>st</sup> Infantry Division colors to Maj. Gen. William Mayville, incoming commander of the 1<sup>st</sup> Infantry Division, during the unit's change of command ceremony at Fort Riley, Kan., May 25. Mayville is joining the 'Big Red One' after serving as the deputy chief of staff for operations with the International Security Assistance Force. (U.S. Army photo by Staff Sgt. Nathaniel Smith, 1<sup>st</sup> Infantry Division Public Affairs)



### YAKIMA TRAINING CENTER, Wash.

- Chief Warrant Officer 2 Nicholas Willden and Capt. Wesley Cogdal, pilots from Cajun Troop, 4th Squadron, 6th Air Cavalry Regiment, get ready to fly their OH-58D Kiowa helicopter during their annual gunnery qualification at Yakima Training Center. (U.S. Army photo by Spc. Ryan Hallock, 28th Public Affairs Detachment)



**BAGRAM AIRFIELD, Afghanistan** – Maj. Gen. John F. Campbell (foreground), Commander, Regional Command – East and Command Sgt. Maj. Scott C. Schroeder, Command Sergeant Major, Regional Command – East, case the colors of the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) during the Combined Joint Task Force-101 to Combined Joint Task Force-1 Transfer of Authority ceremony held at Bagram Airfield, Afghanistan. The 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) was deployed in support of Operation Enduring Freedom from June 15, 2010 to May 19, 2011. (U.S. Army photo by Sgt. David House, 17th Public Affairs Detachment)



**KANDAHAR PROVINCE, Afghanistan** – Spc. Jason Cooley, assigned to Bravo Company, 2nd Battalion, 502nd Infantry Regiment, 101st Airborne Division, pulls security near an open poppy field in a local village in the Siah Choy subdistrict of Zhari district, Kandahar province, Afghanistan. Cooley pulls security to provide cover for troop movements through the local villages. (U.S. Army photo by Sgt. Canaan Radcliffe)

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