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Senior Leaders

FORSCOM welcomes new CSM



"Today's ceremony isn't about me, it's about the 800,000 Soldiers ... within our units. Their families trust us with the charge to ensure that **their sons and daughters** are taken care of."

— CSM Christopher K. Greca
FORSCOM Command Sergeant Major
June 24, Fort Bragg, N.C.

On Point

Army leaders discuss Soldier for Life campaign

The skills and values that Soldiers develop serving their nation in uniform are the same skills and values that make them **valuable life-long citizens and employees** within their own communities, said Gen. Daniel B. Allyn during a panel discussion in Chicago about reintegrating veterans and their Families. The panel brought together five state and military leaders with different roles in supporting Soldiers and veterans to discuss the Army's "Soldier for Life" campaign. This initiative is an Army program designed to enable Soldiers, veterans and Families to leave military service "career ready".



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Soldier for Life enables Army, governmental, and the community to **facilitate successful reintegration** of our Soldiers, Veterans, and their Families to keep them Army Strong and instill their values, ethos and leadership within communities.

Ten Brigade Combat Teams to reorganize by end of FY 17



Chief of Staff of the Army, Gen. Ray Odierno, announced that 10 brigade combat teams based in the United States are slated for reorganization by the end of fiscal year 2017. (U.S. Army photo by C. Todd Lopez)

By C. Todd Lopez, Army News Service

The Army announced June 25, 2013, that 10 brigade combat teams based in the United States are slated to be reorganized by the end of fiscal year 2017.

In addition to the 10 brigade combat teams, known as BCTs, announced today, the Army also announced last year it would cut two brigades in Germany that complete inactivation this fiscal year. These changes will reduce the number of BCTs in the Army from 45 to 33.

"Based on extensive analysis, the lessons of 12 years of war and the need to increase the Army's operational capability and flexibility, the Army is reorganizing our brigade combat teams to reduce the number of headquarters while sustaining as much combat capability as possible," said Chief of Staff of the Army Gen. Ray Odierno

during a press conference at the Pentagon. "In other words, we are increasing our tooth-to-tail ratio."

It is expected that at a later date, the name of an additional BCT will be announced that will also be reorganized, Odierno said. When that happens, it will bring the total number of remaining BCTs in the Army down to 32.

While the number of BCTs will be reduced, the size of remaining BCTs will increase, on average, to about 4,500 Soldiers. That will be accomplished, in many cases, by moving assets from existing BCTs into other brigades. While 10 BCTs will be eliminated from the Army, some of the components from those brigades will be put into remaining BCTs. With the expected cuts in BCTs, the Army will be left with a mix of 12 armored BCTs, 14 infantry BCTs, and seven Stryker BCTs.

FORSCOM in the news

Brig. Gen. Kristin K. French **relinquished command of the 3d ESC** to Col. Flem B. "Donnie" Walker Jr. at the Natcher Physical Fitness Center, Fort Knox, Ky.



You never know when or if your military training will come in handy. On June 9, three 10th Mountain Division Soldiers **sprang into action** to help a young man.



"Warriors" with the 1st Air Cavalry Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division, are conducting **combined high altitude training strategy** at Fort Bliss, Texas.



Army fuelers worked around the clock to keep **helicopters in the fight** against the Black Forest fire by conducting rapid refuels and equipment maintenance.



Soldiers of the 4th Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 2nd Infantry Division, **stood down for safety** to improve their dealings with the rigors of a challenging profession.



Public Affairs units in action



17th Public Affairs Detachment Pfc. Nathaniel Kirkpatrick, a rifleman with 2nd Battalion, 3rd Infantry Regiment, 3rd Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 2nd Infantry Division, climbs across a rope obstacle during the I Corps Soldier of the Year Competition June 11, 2013. (U.S. Army photo by Staff Sgt. Justin Naylor)

TOP SHOTS

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Above Sgt. 1st Class Andrew Hennessey (center), air defense and airspace management noncommissioned officer in charge, Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 17th Fires Brigade, takes the lead during the high-crawl portion of the 'Lightning' physical training course at Lewis North, Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Wash., June 13, 2013. (U.S. Army photo by Spc. Nathan Goodall)

Right U.S. and Indonesian Army paratroopers exit a C17 Globemaster aircraft June 18, 2013, during the U.S. Army Pacific-sponsored annual Garuda Shield exercise in West Java, Indonesia. The paratroopers represent the U.S. Army 82nd Airborne Division and Indonesian Army 1st Infantry Division. (U.S. Army photo by Sgt. Michael J. MacLeod)

Below Spc. Jeremiah Carter, 2nd Battalion, 23rd Infantry Regiment, 4th Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 2nd Infantry Division, conducts a dismounted presence patrol with his unit, June 2, 2013, in Afghanistan. (U.S. Army photo by Staff Sgt. Shane Hamann)



Above Spc. Jacob H. Hughes, an infantryman with 2nd Battalion, 506th Infantry Regiment, 4th Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division, pulls security during a mission in Khost Province, Afghanistan, June 2, 2013. (U.S. Army photo by Sgt. Justin A. Moeller)

Below Staff Sgt. Christopher Suiters, 4th Combat Aviation Brigade, 4th Infantry Division, looks at the smoke caused by the fires during their firefighting mission at Black Forest, Colo., June 12, 2013. (U.S. Army photo by Sgt. Jonathan C. Thibault)

