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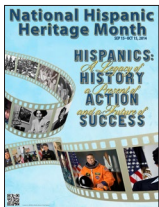
“Top Three” salute Hispanic Heritage, contributions

“Our nation and our Army are much stronger today because we embrace diversity. Subsequently, the U.S. Army is a more effective fighting force because our leadership values the strengths and depth of experience available without our military and civilian talent pools.”

Army Senior leaders
Hispanic Heritage Month Message
Sept. 15, 2014, Washington, D.C.

On Point Army, nation begin month-long salute to Hispanic Heritage

Each year from Sept. 15 - Oct. 15, America reflects on and celebrates the tremendous contributions of Hispanic Americans. These individuals have not hesitated to defend and show their allegiance to the nation in many important ways. The legacy of exceptional service begun by prior generations of Hispanic Americans continues today, and is evident in various functional areas of the force and levels of leadership.



Soldier 2020 Ranger Assessment

A planned Ranger course assessment would include male and female Soldiers as course students, with female observers as advisors to the Airborne and Ranger Training Brigade. In January, the Army will make a decision on conducting the assessment.



Female volunteers sought for Ranger course assessment



Ranger trainees demonstrate teamwork during a raft assault. The Army is now calling for female volunteers to possibly attend a Ranger assessment course in the spring. (U.S. Army photo by John D. Helms)

By Gary Sheftick,
Army News Service

WASHINGTON (Sept. 12, 2014) - The Army is asking for female volunteers to possibly attend a Ranger course in the spring.

The assessment course would be open to all women in the ranks of specialist to major, if they can meet the physical qualifications and prerequisites.

Female observers would also be needed to serve as advisors to the Airborne and Ranger Training Brigade. The deadline to submit selection packets is Oct. 10.

Current Ranger course standards will remain the same for all students. Prerequisites, phase performance requirements and graduation standards would not change for the assessment.

All female candidates would be required to attend the Army National Guard Ranger Training

and Assessment Course, known as RTAC, conducted at Fort Benning, Georgia, prior to the assessment course.

Women who volunteer to serve as observers for the Ranger course must also undergo a selection process that includes a fitness test, land navigation, a combat water survival assessment, an operations order test, 12-mile road march with 35-pound rucksack, and review boards.

Women who complete the Ranger assessment course as students will be awarded the Ranger tab to wear, but will not be awarded associated Ranger skill identifiers due to restrictions in Title 10, U.S. Code, Section 652. The decision to change that or not is scheduled to be made by the secretary of Defense no later than Jan. 1, 2016, when he determines if women will be permitted to become Infantry Soldiers and serve in other closed military occupational specialties.

FORSCOM in the news

Soldiers of the 759th Ordnance Company (EOD), recently took first place in “Urban Shield”, a Bay Area, Calif. bomb squad competition.



A 10th Sustainment Brigade, 10th Mountain Division Soldier is developing ways she can help U.S. veterans or the less fortunate in a foreign country.



Japan Ground Self Defense Forces recently trained with 2nd Infantry Division Soldiers during Exercise Rising Thunder 2014 at Yakima Training Center, Wash.



10th Mountain Division cavalry scouts had a unique training experience recently by working alongside members of the Canadian Royal Dragoons.



Soldiers of the 2nd Infantry Division joined Indonesia soldiers during Exercise Garuda Shield 2014 in Asem Bagus, Indonesia, recently.



Public Affairs units in action



16th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment - Pfc. Zach Kremlacek, 2nd Battalion, 1st Infantry Regiment, 2nd Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 2nd Infantry Division, Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Wash., performs security at an East Java patrol base during Indonesian-U.S. exercise Garuda Shield, Sept. 8, 2014, (U.S. Army photo by Sgt. Brooks Fletcher)

TOP SHOTS

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Left Paratroopers salute during the Sept. 11, 2014, Remembrance Ceremony at Fort Bragg, N.C. Local leaders, service members, first responders and Family members attended the event, commemorating the 13th anniversary of the attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon. (U.S. Army photo by Sgt. Kissta DiGregorio)

Right Sgt. Richard Davis (left) and Sgt. Colin Steffa, guide Army mules Jane and Julie through the arena, Sept. 6, 2014, during a special demonstration at the Kansas State Fair's Draft Horse Competition in Hutchinson, Kan. (U.S. Army photo by Amanda Kim Stairrett)



Above Staff Sgt. Kris Shirley, civil affairs sergeant with the 84th Civil Affairs Battalion, guards the entrance of an objective at the Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Wash., paintball course, Sept. 5, 2014. (U.S. Army photo by Sgt. James J. Bunn)



Above Soldiers assigned to B Company, 2nd Battalion, 5th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division, perform the swim portion of a triathlon, Sept. 5, 2014, at Fort Hood, Texas. (U.S. Army photo by Spc. Paige Behringer)

Left Spc. Linda Adams, transportation management coordinator, 495th Movement Control Team, Fort Stewart, Ga., instructs a truck driver, Sept. 8, 2014, at Bagram Air Field, Afghanistan. (U.S. Army photo by Staff Sgt. Michael K. Selvage)



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