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Senior Leaders

Milley salutes airborne corps



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— Gen. Mark A. Milley
Commanding General, FORSCOM
May 5, 2015, Fort Bragg, N.C.

On Point

Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage Month

Asian Pacific American Heritage Month is celebrated each May to recognize the contributions of Asian and Pacific Americans. May holds two important anniversaries: the arrival of the first Japanese immigrants on May 7, 1843, and the completion of the transcontinental railroad by predominantly Chinese laborers on May 10, 1869. This year's theme is "**Many Cultures, One Voice: Promote Equality and Inclusion,**" which honors Asian and Pacific American Soldiers, civilians, and Family members who have helped shape the history and make America's Army a model institution for diversity and inclusion.



Military Appreciation Month

National Military Appreciation Month is to encourage the nation to publicly demonstrate their appreciation for the sacrifices and successes made by Service members. The theme for this year's commemoration is "**United States Armed Forces: Honor, Recognize & Remember.**"



Townsend gets third star, takes command of 'Sky Dragons'



Spc. Evan Townsend, a combat medic assigned to the 75th Ranger Regiment, affixes the rank of lieutenant general to the uniform of his father, Lt. Gen. Stephen J. Townsend, May 5, 2015, at Fort Bragg, N.C., prior to the change of command ceremony where Townsend took command of XVIII Airborne Corps & Fort Bragg, from Lt. Gen. Joseph Anderson. (U.S. Army photo by Jim Hinnant)

By Sgt. 1st Class Vin Stevens, XVIII Airborne Corps Public Affairs

FORT BRAGG, N.C. (May 5, 2015) - Lt. Gen. Stephen J. Townsend took command of the XVIII Airborne Corps and Fort Bragg during a change of command ceremony on Fort Bragg's Main Post Parade Field.

Townsend's previous assignment was as the commander of the 10th Mountain Division, Fort Drum, N.Y.

Gen. Mark A. Milley, commanding general of U.S. Army Forces Command, presided over the ceremony.

"Today marks the conclusion of yet another chapter in the Corps' storied history," said Milley. "XVIII Airborne Corps is an incredible organization that strikes fast and hard, and always brings victory."

The sun shined down on the parade field as outgoing commander Lt. Gen. Joseph Anderson passed the unit's colors to Milley, who then passed the colors to Townsend, completing the transfer of authority.

Following the formal ceremony, Anderson thanked the troops and the Fort Bragg community for their team effort in making the Corps successful.

"I am filled with a profound sense of satisfaction and pride knowing this Corps lived up to all its expectations and accomplished the mission to standard," said Anderson.

Townsend followed Anderson with brief remarks to the audience, thanking him and the Fort Bragg community for the warm welcome.

"I'll make one promise today: When the next crisis comes, and the phones start ringing, the XVIII Airborne Corps and Fort Bragg will be ready."

FORSCOM in the news

The way ahead for **First Army in a time of transition** was the focus of the First Army Commanders Conference held 27-30 April at Rock Island, Ill.



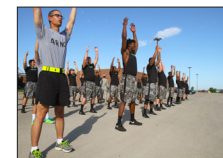
An Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) technician from the 20th CBRNE Command was **honored at an EOD Warrior Foundation ceremony**, May 2.



A senior NCO with 1st Brigade Combat Team, 1st Armored Division, pulled a drowning infant from a pool, April 23, **performing CPR that saved the child's life.**



Football players from Baylor University **trained with Soldiers** from the 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division at the end of April.



Active Army, Army Reserve and National Guard Soldiers **trained as a Total Force** during Warfighter Exercise 15-04 on Joint Base Lewis McChord, Wash. recently.



Public Affairs units in action



16th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment - Sgt. Edward Sharpe, section chief, 1st Battalion, 41st Field Artillery Regiment, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division, discusses the 109A6 Paladin artillery system with Col. Eugenijus Vosylius, commandant of the Lithuanian Military Academy, during exercise Flaming Thunder, held at the General Silvestras Zilikaliskas Training Area in Pabrade, Lithuania, April 22, 2015. (U.S. Army photo by Sgt. Jarred Woods)

TOP SHOTS

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Left Pfc. Levi Lynch, B Company, 91st Engineer Battalion, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division, shows members of the Baylor University football team the M249 light machine gun, April 25, 2015, at Fort Hood, Texas. (U.S. Army photo by Sgt. Fred Brown)

Right Sgt. Edward Sharp (left), Sgt. Enrique Melero (right), and Spc. Pedro Scott, (bottom right), 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division, move their M109A6 Paladin artillery system into position during an exercise at the General Silvestras Zikaliskas training area, Pabrade, Lithuania, April 21, 2015. (U.S. Army photo by Sgt. James Avery)



Above Sgt. 1st Class Jason M. Sypherd, first sergeant, Company A, 1st Battalion, 68th Armor Regiment, 3rd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division, demonstrates a balanced shooting stance during the battalion's five-day lieutenant certification course at Camp Buehring, Kuwait, April 29, 2015. (U.S. Army photo by Spc. Gregory T. Summers)



Above Spc. Carissa Payeur, health care specialist, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division, negotiates a barbed-wire obstacle during the division's 2015 Soldier of the Year competition on Fort Campbell, Ky., April 22, 2015. (U.S. Army photo by Sgt. Sierra A. Fown)

Left Sgt. Shaun Reed, combat engineer, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division, loads the main gun of an M1A2 Abrams main battle tank, April 21, 2015, at Camp Konotop, Poland. (U.S. Army photo by Spc. Marcus Floyd)



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