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Senior Leaders NCO education overhaul begins



“Training is the fulcrum for manning and equipping ... We must develop systems and policies that enable professional military education to sync with deployments and operational missions.”

—CSM Scott C. Schroeder

FORSCOM Command Sergeant Major
AUSA Annual Meeting and Exposition
Oct. 14, 2015, Washington

On Point New course for SFC’s as NCO education revamped

A new Master Leader Course pilot begins this week as part of a revamping of NCO education and professional development.

“As you may or may not know, the Master Leader Course is now official,” said Command Sgt. Maj. David S. Davenport Sr., U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command, speaking Oct. 14 during a forum at the Association of the U.S. Army Annual Meeting and Exposition. The first pilot of the course for sergeants first class is now being taught at Fort Bliss, Texas.



Army leadership recognizes disabled Americans

“The Army expresses its sincere gratitude for the many contributions and achievements of Americans with disabilities. These extremely capable Americans... routinely overcome significant challenges in order to serve their country and communities.”



Female Army Reserve Soldier graduates Army Ranger School



Maj. Lisa Jaster (center), celebrates her graduation from Army Ranger School, Oct. 16, with Capt. Kristen Griest (left) and 1st Lt. Shaye Haver. Griest and Haver were the first two women to graduate the grueling combat leadership course and earned their Ranger Tabs in August. (Photo courtesy of U.S. Army Reserve Command)

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FORT BENNING, Georgia (Oct. 16, 2015) – When Maj. Lisa Jaster walked across Victory Pond Friday Oct. 16 at Fort Benning, she secured her role in history as the first female Army Reserve officer to earn the distinctive black-and-gold shoulder tab. The 37-year-old engineer and mother of two children, aged 7 and 3, is the third female to graduate the grueling combat leadership course, joining the ranks of fellow West Point graduates and active duty officers Capt. Kristen Griest, 26, and 1st Lt. Shaye Haver, 25.

Jaster, an engineer for Shell Oil Co., and Army Reserve individual mobilization augmentee with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in Huntsville, Ala., embodies the dual nature of the leadership attributes and competencies of Army Reserve Soldiers, developed from both their civilian and their military occupations.

“Major Jaster represents the best of today’s Operational Army Reserve – trained, battle-tested and ready to serve whenever and wherever needed,” said Lt. Gen. Jeffrey Talley, chief of Army Reserve and commanding general, U.S. Army Reserve Command. “The Army Reserve couldn’t be more proud of this outstanding Soldier, and I know Shell Corporation, her civilian employer we share her with, is equally proud to have her in their organization.”

Jaster’s manager at Shell, Hans Hofland, agreed.

“We are very proud of Lisa and her ability to achieve such an extremely demanding goal,” Hofland wrote in a statement released on Monday by company officials. “Her ability to do well under pressure is exemplified in this achievement and it comes as no surprise to us that she was successful.”

FORSCOM in the news

A former 4th Infantry Division Soldier **will receive the Medal of Honor** for his actions in Afghanistan in 2012, during a White House ceremony, Nov. 12



The 10th Mountain Division prepared for **operations in Southwest Asia** as the division colors were cased during a recent ceremony at Fort Drum, N.Y.



Helping state adjutants general succeed was the focus of the recent U.S. Army Forces Command Commander’s **“Western TAG Huddle”** hosted by First Army.



The 1st Infantry Division made **history** recently by flying an Army **unmanned aerial system** in Federal Aviation Administration-controlled airspace.



Two 4th Infantry Division Soldiers were recently reunited with **body armor** credited with **saving their lives** during ceremonies on Fort Carson, Colo.



Public Affairs in action



Soldiers assigned to 1st Battalion, 64th Armor Regiment, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division, conduct gunnery with M1A2 Abrams tanks during exercise Combined Resolve V at 7th Army Joint Multinational Training Center, Grafenwoehr, Germany, Oct. 8, 2015. (U.S. Army photo by Spec. Gertrud Zach)

TOP SHOTS

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Right Spc. Anthony Gaines, fire support specialist with 1st Battalion, 41st Field Artillery Regiment, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division, calls for a fire mission at the 7th Army Joint Multinational Training Center, Grafenwoehr, Germany, Oct. 10, 2015. (U.S. Army photo by Maj. Randy Ready)

Left Soldiers from 1st Battalion, 506th Infantry Regiment, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division, run through the White Sands, New Mexico desert, Oct. 5, 2015, during a ground assault training exercise. (U.S. Army photo by Staff Sgt. Corey Baltos)



Above Pfc. Xavier Finger, wheeled vehicle mechanic, Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion, 1st Infantry Division Artillery, 1st Infantry Division, checks fluid levels on a M1078 Light Medium Tactical Vehicle, Oct. 5, 2015, at the unit's motor pool on Fort Riley, Kansas. (U.S. Army photo by Staff Sgt. Jerry Griffis)



Above First Lt. Victor Farrar, adjutant for 1st Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division, conducts a tire flip, Oct. 7, 2015, at Fort Drum, N.Y., during the Mountain Athlete Warrior portion of a division-hosted best Ranger assessment. (U.S. Army photo by Staff Sgt. Grant Matthes)

Left An M777 Howitzer crew assigned to A Battery, 2nd Battalion, 17th Field Artillery Regiment, 2nd Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 2nd Infantry Division, loads a 155mm round during a Division Artillery Readiness Test, Oct. 18, 2015, at Yakima Training Center, Wash. (U.S. Army photo by Capt. Meredith Mathis)



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