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Senior Leaders

Abrams addresses leader summit



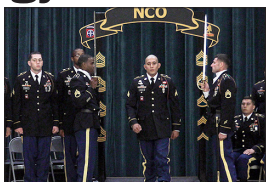
“We have to think differently about how we build and sustain readiness. The operating environment we’re going to fight in and operate in is completely different.”

– Gen. Robert B. Abrams
Commanding General, FORSCOM
Mar. 8, 2016, Fort Bragg, N.C.

On Point

Army releases NCO 2020 Strategy

Leader development is fundamental to the readiness of the U.S. Army. The Noncommissioned Officer 2020 Strategy provides **vision and guidance on the ends, ways and means for developing NCOs who are prepared for the challenges of an uncertain future.** Led by U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command’s Institute of Noncommissioned Officer Professional Development, NCO 2020 will fundamentally change the Noncommissioned Officer Education System into the NCO Professional Development System, or NCOPLS.



Maternity Leave Changes

The Army’s new maternity leave policy grants eligible regular Army or reserve component Soldiers **12 continuous weeks** of non-chargeable maternity leave following a birth event.



FORSCOM, TRADOC work to ‘Shape The Future Force’



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By FORSCOM Public Affairs

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The historic summit, many years in the making, focused on key Army priorities: Maximizing unit readiness, realistic training, individual readiness, Army 2025, implementing Soldier 2020, Army University, unit sourcing for Combatant Commanders, installation management, leader development, and other vital topics affecting a rapidly changing Army and world.

“In this room we have commanders of the

U.S. Army Centers of Excellence, commandants, commanders and command sergeants major from throughout Forces Command and Training and Doctrine Command, U.S. Army Reserve two- and one-star commanders, National Guard commanders and five Adjutant Generals,” said Gen. Robert B. “Abe” Abrams, in his welcoming remarks to this Total Army Force gathering.

Aligning with Army Chief of Staff Gen. Mark Milley’s key Army priorities, Gen. Abrams discussed Forces Command’s updated mission statement, with its emphasis on readiness: “FORSCOM trains and prepares a combat ready, globally responsive Total Force in order to build and sustain readiness to meet Combatant Command requirements.”

“This is the first time the word ‘readiness’ is included in FORSCOM’s mission statement,” he pointed out. “We are all about building and sustaining readiness across the force.”

FORSCOM in the news

The 3rd Cavalry Regiment recently departed Fort Hood, Texas for **deployment to Fort Irwin, Calif. for National Training Center** Rotation 16-04.



With an assist from the **MQ-1C Gray Eagle Unmanned Aerial System**, the guns of 3rd Infantry Division Artillery recently combined for a Mass Fire Mission on Fort Stewart.



Soldiers with the 10th Mountain Division have been putting the **InstantEye Unmanned Aerial System** through its paces while deployed to Iraq.



10th Mountain Division Soldiers deployed to Fort Campbell recently to participate in a field exercise with the 101st Airborne Division’s 1st Brigade Combat Team.



Soldiers, friends and Family members recently gathered at Fort Campbell, Ky. to bid **farewell to the 52nd Ordnance Group (EOD)** as it prepares to deploy to **Iraq**.



Public Affairs units in action



28th Public Affairs Detachment - Spc. John Hannah, an armament specialist with 16th Combat Aviation Brigade, 7th Infantry Division, prepares 30 mm ammunition to be loaded into an AH-64 Apache helicopter at Yakima Training Center, Yakima, Wash., Feb. 25, 2016. (U.S. Army photo by Sgt. Cody Quinn)

TOP SHOTS

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Right 1st Lt. Sarah Siekman performs a Jumpmaster Personnel Inspection on Sgt. 1st Class Dennis Gordon, both with the 82nd Airborne Division, prior to performing a static line parachute jump in support of the Saturday Proficiency Jump Program, Feb. 20, 2016, at Fort Bragg, N.C. (U.S. Army photo by Sgt. Tierney P. Curry)



Left Soldiers with 1st Battalion, 37th Field Artillery Regiment, 2nd Infantry Division Artillery, send a round down range during a combined arms exercise at Yakima Training Center, Yakima, Wash., Feb. 24, 2016. (U.S. Army photo by Sgt. Cody Quinn)



Above Spc. Kristen Hoham, a medic with C Company, 296th Brigade Support Battalion, 1st Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 2nd Infantry Division, takes a patient's blood pressure during a medical engagement in Muang Khom, Thailand, Feb. 18, 2016. (U.S. Army photo by Spc. Loren Keely)



Above Soldiers assigned to 3rd Cavalry Regiment, 1st Cavalry Division, enter a building during a clearance operation on a mock town at the National Training Center, Fort Irwin, Calif., Feb. 18, 2016. (U.S. Army photo by Staff Sgt. Alex Manne)

Left Soldiers with the 3rd Battalion, 15th Infantry Regiment, 2nd Infantry Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division, learn how to properly clear a Ruchnoy Pulemyot Kalashnikova weapon (RPK) during a foreign weapons familiarization class at the International Peacekeeping and Security Center near Yavoriv, Ukraine, Feb. 25, 2016. (U.S. Army photo by Capt. Russell Gordon)



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