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Senior Leaders SECDEF gives initial thoughts



"Every action we take will be designed to ensure our military is ready to fight today and in the future. Recognizing that no nation is secure without friends, we will work with the State Department to strengthen our alliances. Further, we are devoted to gaining full value from every taxpayer dollar spent on defense, thereby earning the trust of Congress and the American people."

– James Mattis
Secretary of Defense
Jan. 20, 2017, Washington

On Point Transition Assistance Program Virtual Center

The Soldier for Life - Transition Assistance Program (SFL-TAP) Virtual Center is an immersive, three-dimensional, online environment where Soldiers can receive transition and education services normally provided at a brick-and-mortar SFL-TAP Center. SFL-TAP provides transition services to Soldiers, Department of the Army Civilians, and Family members who transition from active duty. SFL-TAP continues to work toward helping the veterans prepare and connect to the civilian sector and thereby decrease veteran unemployment.

**Soldier For Life – Transition
Assistance Program (SFL-TAP)**



Meet Your Army

Meet Your Army is an outreach initiative that sends Army leaders to American communities where the Army has little or no presence. The goals for Meet Your Army are to educate, excite, and inspire the American public about their Army.

Leaders from across the Army meet, discuss 'command post of the future'



Lt. Gen. Sean MacFarland (left), commanding general, III Corps, and Lt. Gen. Patrick J. Donahue II, deputy commanding general, U.S. Army Forces Command, are briefed on command post equipment, during a command post huddle at Fort Bliss, Texas, Jan. 18, 2017. (U.S. Army photo by Abigail Meyer)

By Abigail Meyer, Fort Bliss Public Affairs

FORT BLISS, Texas -- An Army command post is the nucleus of a military operation. It must function seamlessly and commanders must know what's happening on the battlefield at all times.

In today's evolving combat environment, command posts must evolve too. Leaders from across the Army met at Fort Bliss, Texas, Jan. 18, 2017, to discuss how today's Army will build the command post of the future.

"Lessons from ongoing conflicts around the world tell us it's imperative that we increase the mobility and streamline the footprint of our command posts," said Gen. Robert "Abe" Abrams, commanding general, U.S. Army Forces Command. "We have to make our command posts more effective, mobile and survivable. Events like this command post huddle at Fort Bliss keep

the Army ready to fight and win our nation's wars in a dynamic environment."

Leaders used examples of training exercises to show what was working and where capabilities need to be improved. Part of the huddle focused on solutions able to be standardized across the Army, creating commonalities in command posts.

They talked size, making scalable and redundant command posts to improve survivability from a brigade-sized element up to a corps. They discussed network capabilities and worked to define terms applicable across the Army.

"We have to continually adjust our thinking and our approach to combat. The rise of near-peer threats, coupled with an increasingly expeditionary mindset, dictate our need for command posts that are capable, yet more mobile and survivable at every echelon," said Lt. Gen. Sean MacFarland, commanding general, III Corps.

FORSCOM in the news

The U.S. Army Forces Command commanding general held a meeting recently with **senior military and civilian FORSCOM staff** at Fort Bragg, N.C.



The 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) recently welcomed its **45th commanding general** during a change of command ceremony at Fort Campbell, Ky.



U.S. Army Forces Command's senior enlisted leader **met with members** of the 10th Mountain Division during a recent visit to Fort Drum, N.Y.



Helicopters and aircrews from 1st Battalion, 501st Aviation Regiment, 1st Armored Division, will **deploy to Europe soon** in support of Operation Atlantic Resolve.



The U.S. Army Reserve's 99th Regional Support Command recently began a new **Maintenance Sustainment and Readiness Program**



First live fire in Poland



24th Press Camp Headquarters - Staff Sgt. Marquavis Mitchell, tank commander, A Company, 1st Battalion, 68th Armor Regiment, 3rd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division, prepares a M1A2 Main Battle Tank for a live fire exercise at Presidential Range in Swietozow, Poland, Jan. 16, 2017. (U.S. Army photo by Staff Sgt. Elizabeth Tarr)

TOP SHOTS

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Above Members of the U.S. Army 1st Cavalry Division Horse Detachment march down Pennsylvania Avenue during the 58th Presidential Inauguration in Washington, D.C., Jan. 20, 2017. (DoD photo by U.S. Army Sgt. Paige Behringer)



Right Infantrymen with B Company, 3rd Battalion, 15th Infantry Regiment, 2nd Infantry Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division, rehearse entering and clearing a room in preparation for Exercise China Focus at Fort Stewart, Ga., Jan. 10, 2017. (U.S. Army photo by Spc. Efrén Rodríguez)

Left Members of the Commanding General's Mounted Color Guard, 1st Infantry Division, march by Freedom Plaza on Pennsylvania Avenue during the 58th Presidential Inauguration in Washington, D.C., Jan. 20, 2017. (DoD photo by U.S. Army Sgt. Kalie Jones)



Above U.S. Army Reserve Soldiers from the 3rd Transportation Brigade (Expeditionary) march during the 58th Presidential Inauguration Parade in Washington, D.C., Jan. 20, 2017. (U.S. Army photo by Master Sgt. Michel Sauret)

Left Troopers from 1st Squadron, 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment, prepare to defend the National Training Center (NTC) 'City of Ujen' during phase 1 of NTC rotation 17-03, Jan. 15, 2017. (U.S. Army photo by Pvt. Austin Anyzeski)



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