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NTC 'like no other place in world' for training troops and units



FORT IRWIN, Calif. — The National Training Center gives visiting soldiers and units the chance to train and practice their craft "like no other place in the world," its commanding general said.



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The rotation report is a publication, highlighting joint readiness training at the National Training Center, Fort Irwin, Calif.

Fort Bliss soldiers face mock chemical attack in Mojave Desert



A soldier puts on his gas mask after a mock gas attack at NTC.

(Photo: DAVID BURGE/EL PASO TIMES)

FORT IRWIN, Calif. — An artillery shell falls from the sky and bursts on the ground, spreading its deadly gas.

The field headquarters of Fort Bliss' 2nd Brigade Combat Team has been hit. Soldiers scurry for cover, while others quickly change into gas masks and chemical gear and hunt for the perpetrators.

The gas attack could have killed dozens of soldiers if it had been real.

Instead, it was just one scenario in an elaborate war game that the Strike Bri-

gade faced during a training rotation this August at the National Training Center. NTC is considered one of the Army's premier training facilities.

Capt. Jonathan Janiszewski, commander of 2nd Brigade's Headquarters and Headquarters Company, said NTC can replicate threats "out here that we can't simulate effectively at home station."

Those threats can include mock chemical attacks, improvised explosive devices and insurgents and criminal gangs, played by role players, who are deter-



New commander will lead aviation battalion on rotation to NTC

Training at a place like NTC "provides great opportunities to validate your systems, validate your equipment, your leadership, the integration with a ground force," Chung said. The battalion has been training for about a year for this rotation, Chung said.



2nd Brigade will 'get kitchen sink thrown' at it during NTC rotation

Soldiers who have gone through a rotation at the National Training Center often say it is tougher than combat.

Between 3,500 to 3,800 soldiers from Fort Bliss' 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team will get to experience one of the Army's

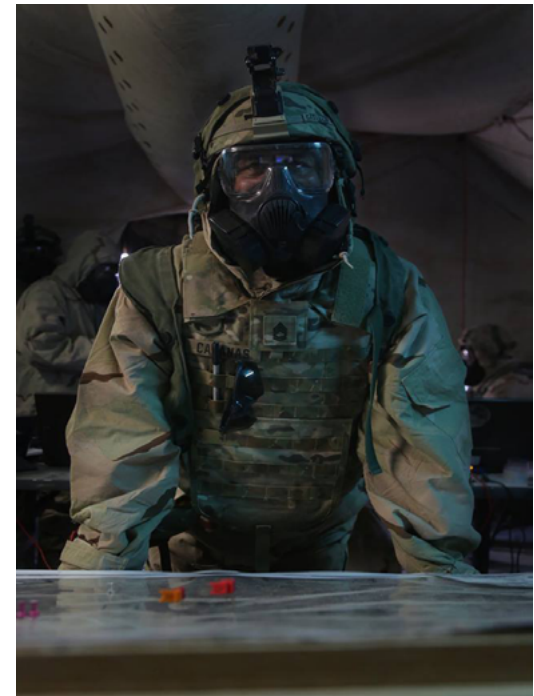
NTC TOP SHOTS

Here are the top photos from National Training Center Public Affairs professionals.



Left: U.S. Army Soldiers assigned to 2nd Battalion, 20th Field Artillery Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 1st Armored Division, fire a salvo of rockets during Decisive Action Rotation 17-08 at the National Training Center in Fort Irwin, Calif., Aug. 24, 2017. (U.S. Army photo by Spc. Sasha Parrott, Operations Group, National Training Center)

Right: A U.S. Army Soldier assigned to 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 1st Armored Division, operates in a Tactical Operations Center during Decisive Action Rotation 17-08 at the National Training Center in Fort Irwin, Calif., Aug. 23, 2017. (U.S. Army photo by Spc. Daniel Parrott, Operations Group, National Training Center)



Above: U.S. Army Soldiers assigned to 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 1st Armored Division, maneuver through the desert in an Abrams Tank during Decisive Action Rotation 17-08 at the National Training Center in Fort Irwin, Calif., Aug. 21, 2017. (U.S. Army photo by Spc. Sasha Parrott, Operations Group, National Training Center)



Top: U.S. Army Soldiers assigned to 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 1st Armored Division, provide security in conjunction with a simulated attack during Decisive Action Rotation 17-08 at the National Training Center in Fort Irwin, Calif., Aug. 9, 2017. (U.S. Army photo by Spc. Dana Clarke,)

Left: A U.S. Army Soldier assigned to 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 1st Armored Division, calls out to his squad members during Decisive Action Rotation 17-08 at the National Training Center in Fort Irwin, Calif., Aug. 25, 2017. (U.S. Army photo by Spc. JD Sacharok,)



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