

Senior Leaders The Army's balancing efforts



"We're continuing to train mission essential personnel. But really, what we're trying to do is we're trying to balance protecting the force so we can protect the nation."

Gen. James McConville
Chief of Staff, U.S. Army
March 26, 2020, Washington

On Point April is Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month

National Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month is observed each year during the month of April to raise awareness and educate communities on the prevention of sexual assault. The Army's 2020 theme is "Building Cohesive Teams through Character, Trust and Resilience. Protecting Our People Protects Our Mission." The Sexual Harassment/Assault Response and Prevention program's primary mission is to enhance Army readiness through the prevention of sexual assault, sexual harassment, and associated retaliatory behaviors while providing comprehensive response capabilities.



Modernization

I Corps begins new weapon standards

America's I Corps is integrating the Army's new weapons qualification, a marksmanship test that will enable Soldiers to be more prepared for combat than they were with the old marksmanship qualification.



FORSCOM provides medical units to support COVID-19 efforts



Soldiers with the 10th Field Hospital, 627th Hospital Center, 1st Medical Brigade, load their gear for a state-side deployment to Washington state, March 27, 2020. (U.S. Army photo by Pfc. Ashton Empty)

WASHINGTON – As more people are exposed to COVID-19, the U.S. Army is preparing to provide medical support and hospital capacity to help states and other national agencies to contain the virus and protect the nation.

Moving on the orders of Secretary of the Army Ryan McCarthy, the Army recently issued deployment orders to the 531st Hospital from Fort Campbell, Kentucky, the 627th Hospital from Fort Carson, Colorado, and the 9th Hospital from Fort Hood, Texas, to deploy to New York and Washington state.

"Army health care professionals are adequately equipped with first-rate training, equipment and technology in order to deal with emergent health issues," said McCarthy, Secretary of the Army. "Protecting the health of the force and the American people are our top priorities."

Army hospitals are expeditionary facilities with full hospital capability. Each hospital has intensive-care-unit beds and intermediate-care beds. In addition, Army hospitals have operating rooms, an emergency department, X-ray facilities and a pharmacy. Although they are designed to serve as trauma hospitals, they have the capability to function as full-service hospitals for all patient types.

Army hospital staffs can provide routine and emergency medical support to community medical staffs, allowing them to focus their resources and efforts on detecting and treating patients believed to have been exposed to COVID-19.

This response is part of the whole-of-nation approach to fighting COVID-19. The Army is working with interagency partners to support and protect our military force and the American people.

FORSCOM in the news

The Commanding General, First Army Division West, **recently visited Soldier quarantine sites** on Fort Bliss to check their quality of life.



The 1st Infantry Division Forward Surgeon's Office **recently delivered medical supplies and personal protective equipment (PPE)** to bases in Poland.



Five Soldiers from the 1st Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division, **recently graduated from the demanding Ranger School** at Fort Benning.



Soldiers assigned to a special unit in the 20th Engineer Brigade, **recently conducted combat water survival training** at Fort Bragg, N. C.



3rd Infantry and 1st Cavalry Division **recently conducted an air assault demonstration** with Hungarian soldiers in Hungary.



People



Sgt. Stephanie Johnson, lead salvage diver for the 569th Engineer Dive Detachment, 53rd Engineer Battalion, 7th Transportation Brigade (Expeditionary), at Joint Base Langley-Eustis, Va., is currently the only female enlisted diver in the U.S. Army.

Readiness

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Left Soldiers assigned to the 1st Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 2nd Infantry Division, tactically maneuver during Decisive Action Rotation 20-05 at the National Training Center in Fort Irwin, Calif., March 16, 2020. (U.S. Army photo by Cpl. Antoine Rolle)

Right Soldiers assigned to the 531st Hospital Center and 586th Field Hospital, 44th Medical Brigade, prepare their gear for loading headed for New York in support of civil authorities and our nation's response to the COVID-19 pandemic, March 25, 2020. (U.S. Army photo by Sgt. Fletcher King)

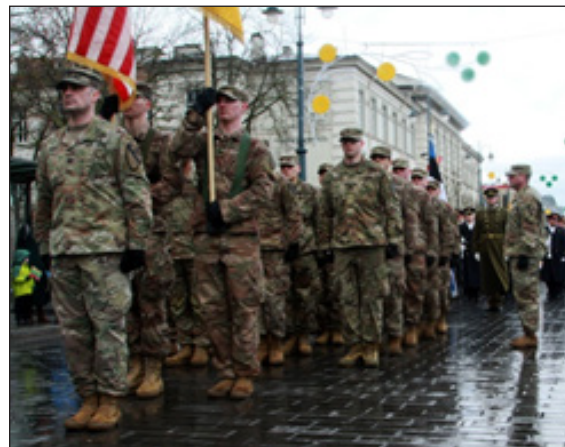


Above Soldiers from the 9th Hospital Center, 1st Medical Brigade, deploy from Fort Hood to the New York City area, March 26, 2020, where they will begin augmenting local medical professionals in the fight against COVID-19. (U.S. Army photo by Capt. Tyson Friar)

Left The 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division, participates in the formal flag raising ceremony and Independence Day Parade commemorating the restoration of Lithuanian independence in Vilnius, Lithuania, March 11, 2020. (U.S. Army photo by Sgt. Megan Zander)



Above 1st Infantry Division Soldiers wash their hands at a designated hand washing station outside 1st Infantry Division Headquarters, Fort Riley, Kansas, March 18, 2020. (U.S. Army photo by Spc. Brandon Bruer)



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