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1st Medical Brigade deploys TF Vanguard to Iraq



Soldiers with the 32nd Hospital Center's Task Force Vanguard participate in a ceremony on Fort Polk, La., June 8, 2020, prior to their deployment for a nine-month tour to Iraq. The unit will assume a combat support hospital role in Iraq. (U.S. Army photo by Chuck Cannon)

By Chuck Cannon, Fort Polk Public Affairs

FORT POLK, La. — More than 80 Soldiers from the Joint Readiness Training Center and Fort Polk's 32nd Hospital Center, departed for a nine-month tour in Iraq following a deployment ceremony June 8 at Warrior Gym.

Col. Lee Burnett, commander, 32nd HC, delivered the keynote address. He told those preparing to deploy that even though nine months might seem like a long time, the time would pass quickly, and they would develop lifetime friends.

"The bonds you make during the next nine months will never break," he said. "Those to your left and right are your brothers and sisters for life. When you need a hand, they will be there."

Burnett said TF Vanguard was in quality hands with Col. Paul Johnson and 1st Sgt. Demetrius Peggins.

"These two leaders have been key to the suc-

cess of the 32nd and 115th Field Hospital," he said. "When this mission came down, they both stepped forward and took on the challenge."

Burnett thanked 1st Medical Brigade and JRTC and Fort Polk leadership for their support as TF Vanguard prepared to deploy. He closed by thanking TF Vanguard Family members who were unable to attend the ceremony due to COVID-19 mitigation protocol.

"Thank you to each spouse, partner, son, daughter, mother and father," he said. "Your support means the world to this team."

Brig. Gen. Patrick D. Frank, commander, JRTC and Fort Polk, addressed the Soldiers. He said as he walked through the ranks of the formation before the ceremony, speaking with those about to deploy, he was reminded of something he already knew about TF Vanguard.

Senior Leaders 'Mark of professionalism'



"You're going to go over there and represent JRTC and Fort Polk and III Corps in an exceptionally professional manner. Everyone will know the mark of professionalism you leave on that theatre as you deploy back here to JRTC and Fort Polk."

— Brig. Gen. Patrick D. Frank
CG, JRTC and Fort Polk
June 8, 2020, Fort Polk, La.

On Point Army to hire new Soldiers during three-day event

The U.S. Army is kicking off its first nationwide virtual hiring campaign June 30-July 2 with a goal of recruiting 10,000 new Soldiers to serve in 150 different occupations.



Army National Hiring Days is an all-Army effort to inspire individuals across the nation to "Join Us." As part of the three-day hiring event, Army leaders, operational units, recruiters and community partners across America will focus on encouraging individuals to explore the Army's career paths, ranging from traditional combat roles to support positions in logistics, engineering and technology.

Modernization



1st ABCT, 3ID fields new rifle

Soldiers from the 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division, recently led the way in modernization when they fielded the U.S. Army's new Squad Designated Marksman Rifle on Fort Stewart.

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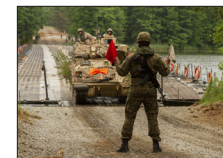
A Family's legacy of service spans more than six decades as Gen. Garrett, his father, his sister and son **have a combined length of service of nearly 100 years.**



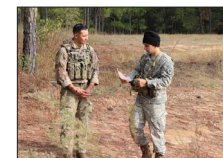
The 2nd Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division **recently held a re-designation ceremony** on Fort Carson signifying its' conversion.



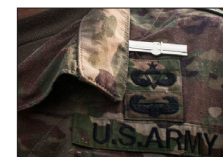
Soldiers with the 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division, and Polish soldiers, **recently conducted river crossing training** in Poland.



The 1st Security Force Assistance Brigade, recently arrived in Colombia after **the country requested support as part of an enhanced counter narcotics mission.**



Soldiers assigned to the 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 82nd Airborne Division, **recently completed testing to earn their Expert Infantry or Expert Soldier Badges.**



People



Staff Sgt. Nicholas Maggio, a military police noncommissioned officer and squad leader assigned to the 139th Military Police Company, 16th Military Police Brigade, returned to work recently after recovering from COVID-19. His recognition of COVID-19 symptoms and calling the nurse advice helpline, prevented others from becoming infected.

Readiness

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Right A Soldier with the 1st Cavalry Division Sustainment Brigade unfastens a vehicle from a railcar during railhead operations on Fort Hood, Texas, June 8, 2020, after the unit's return from Europe in support of exercise DEFENDER-Europe 2020. (U.S. Army photo by Sgt. Calab Franklin)

Left Soldiers dismount a Swimming Self-Propelled Carrier PTS to move towards an objective at Drawsko Pomorskie Training Area, Poland, June 13, 2020, during Exercise Allied Spirit, a DEFENDER-Europe 20 linked exercise. (U.S. Army photo by Spc. Javan Johnson)



Above Maj. Gen. Matthew W. McFarland, commanding general, 4th Infantry Division, speaks about the 2nd brigade's history and future plans as a Stryker brigade during their re-designation ceremony on Fort Carson, Colo., June 15, 2020. (U.S. Army photo by Staff Sgt. Neysa Canfield)



Above Sgt. Cuong Huynh, C Company, 3rd Battalion, 67th Armored Regiment, 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division, maneuvers his dismounted fire team while laying suppressing fire during exercise Allied Spirit at Buchierz Range, Drawsko Pomorskie Training Area, Poland, June 10, 2020. (U.S. Army photo by Sgt. Andres Chandler)

Left The 3rd Battalion, 16th Field Artillery Regiment, 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division, conducted rail operations in Europe during their support for DEFENDER-Europe 20 in advance of their redeployment back to Fort Hood, Texas, June 13, 2020. (U.S. Army photo by Staff Sgt. Greg Stevens)



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