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and partners to integrate our capabilities.

Victory Team, you have built this Corps from the ground up and as we move into Year 2 of being fully operationally capable, we want you all to know how proud we are of everything you have accomplished. This year we continue our efforts as a senior tactical headquarters to provide training, sustain readiness and retain operational control of assigned and allocated units in order to compete across the competition continuum alongside our allies and partners; deny adversaries advantages in crisis; and should conflict occur, fight and WIN. We are confident in our Team’s ability to meet and exceed these expectations.

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UNIT IN THE SPOTLIGHT

YEAR IN REVIEW: THE BIG RED ONE IN EUROPE

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1st Infantry Division



When Soldiers of the 1st Infantry Division look back on their deployment in Europe, what will they remember of their time there?

Since their arrival in February of 2022, the division has seen a steady stream of Soldiers rotating through Europe to support allies and partners by improving capacity, capability and interoperability so as to fight alongside a diverse range of units if needed. The units operationally assigned to the 1 ID under V Corps, America’s forward deployed corps in Europe, trained alongside armed forces elements from Estonia, Finland, Germany, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania and Sweden.

Often Maj. Gen. John V. Meyer III, commander of the 1 ID, has asked Soldiers working in Europe what it means to be interoperable.

The 1 ID deployment in Europe has in many regards been about developing stronger communication efforts between allied units. Throughout their deployment, Soldiers have had the opportunity to improve readiness and develop warfighting tasks. Though nearly a dozen languages were spoken amongst allied forces, there existed a common understanding of the present goal at hand.

“We’re here to defend with our NATO allies,” said Meyer. “We appreciate you joining the Big Red One, we appreciate you joining our team.”

When the first round of Soldiers assigned to the 1 ID arrived most were expecting a six month deployment. Although the invasion of Ukraine at the start of the year extended the timeline of the division’s rotation, their mission remained the same.

“We took an oath to support and defend the ideals of our country,” said Meyer during a transfer of authority ceremony in Zagan, Poland. “Those ideals are the framework that sets our country apart and then our country asked us to come to Europe.”

Stronger Together

As soon as 1 ID boots touched European soil, a string of notable events followed. There was Defender 22, when units working alongside the Big Red One conducted one of the largest land exercises in Europe, showcasing their ability to cross streams and rivers during combat operations.

From there these units went on to assist with regional modernization efforts during multiple Abrams Logistical Summits conducted with Polish military partners after the construction of the Abrams Tank Training Academy in the Republic of Poland at the Biedrusko Training Area in Poznan, Poland.

“It’s all about building the partnership in regards to the NATO allies,” said Maj. Robert C. Churchill, the operations officer assigned to 1st Battalion, 68th Armored Regiment, 3rd Armored



U.S. Soldiers assigned to the 5th Engineer Battalion, 36th Engineer Brigade, coordinate boat movement during a wet-gap crossing operation part of Defender Europe 22 held at Dęblin, Poland, May 13, 2022. Defender Europe 2022 is a series of U.S. Army Europe and Africa multinational training exercises in Eastern Europe. (U.S. Army National Guard photo by Sgt. Agustín Montañez)

Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division, during one of these summits. “Doing this builds our allies and ensures our enduring partnership in Poland will continue and only get stronger.”

The work continued at exercise Hammer 22 as units attached to the 1st ID trained alongside Finland’s Armored Brigades. The exercise utilized over 4,000 Finnish soldiers and about 200 U.S. Soldiers from the 3rd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division. The U.S. cavalry Soldiers trained shoulder to shoulder with their Finnish counterparts in the forests of Kankaanpää, Finland, operating M2 Bradley Fighting Vehicles and Abrams tanks throughout the duration of the two week exercise.

“I know we have a team here we can fight alongside with,” said Lt. Col. Levi Thompson, commander of the 6th Squadron, 9th Cavalry Regiment, 3-1 ABCT, one of the unit’s operationally assigned to the 1 ID that participated in the exercise.

Many of these training missions emphasized the importance of knowing NATO’s capabilities and how best to work together. By year’s end, the 1 ID and its partner units supplied a combat force of approximately 12,000 Soldiers. These elements worked in conjunction with host nations to ensure stability and create strengthened bonds of partnership.

“I can say that being together is good,” said Lt. Col. Viktors Kareckis, battalion commander for the Latvian National Guard’s 4th Brigade, 44th Infantry Battalion during exercise NAMEJS 22. Kareckis and his unit coordinated force protection alongside U.S. Soldiers during the Latvian-led combined military exercise in which U.S.

Soldiers of the 1st Infantry Division Artillery, working in tandem with Soldiers of the 3rd Battalion, 321st Field Artillery Regiment, 18th Field Artillery Brigade and Airmen of the 352nd Special Operations Wing, delivered two M142 High Mobility Artillery Rocket Systems, often referred to as HIMARS, to multiple locations across Latvia as a way to showcase their capability for rapid response.

NAMEJS rolled into Silver Arrow, then Iron Wolf and Bull Run soon thereafter; a year of active participation in the combined effort of NATO defense and training.

To cap off the year, Soldiers stationed at the forward operating station in Boleslawiec, Poland, conducted exercise Winter Strike 22, a command post exercise and simulated battle drill designed to further develop battlefield communication strategies amongst allied leadership elements.

“Over the course of the last 20 plus years, we have been fighting a counter-insurgency battle and now we’re shifting our focus back to large-scale combat operations,” said U.S. Army Lt. Col. Paul G. Lockhart, commander of 1st Battalion, 66th Armor Regiment, 3rd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division, during one of the many live fire exercises conducted in Europe throughout the year. “We’re getting back to the basics so if we have to fight a near peer threat or competitor, we have the ability to do that.”

In February of 2023, exactly one year after the 1 ID arrived in Europe, the unit will transfer command authority to the 4th Infantry Division, having woven new threads in the ever growing fabric of European and American history.

YEAR IN REVIEW 2022

JANUARY



U.S. and Polish Soldiers gather for Women's Cultural Exchange.
JANUARY 8



3rd Battalion, 66th Armored Regiment, ran the symbolic 9-kilometer route from Vilnius Antakalnis Cemetery to the Television Tower together with our partners from Lithuania and other NATO countries.

JANUARY 10

FEBRUARY



Soldiers from V Corps and 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division prepare the load test of the RM70 Mobile Railway Ramp at the railhead near Drawsko Pomorskie, Poland. This was the first time in history, Polish equipment was used to load the U.S. tracked vehicles.

FEBRUARY 1



3rd Squadron, 2d Cavalry Regiment, conducts a tactical road march from Germany that spanned more than 900 miles as part of Saber Strike 22.

FEBRUARY 26



1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division receive M1A2 Abrams tank from Army Prepositioned Stocks Program for the first time in history in Grafenwoehr, Germany.

MARCH 2



173rd Airborne Brigade participate in Saber Strike 22 in Latvia.
MARCH 7



Soldiers with Enhanced Forward Presence Battlegroup Poland participate in a NATO live fire exercise in Poland.
MARCH 16



U.S. Army Gen. Mark A. Milley, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, meets with Soldiers in Latvia.

MARCH 5



1st Infantry Division conduct live fire training exercise with Romanian forces at Smardan Training Area.

MARCH 8

U.S. Secretary of Defense Lloyd Austin visits U.S. Soldiers and Bulgarian Land Forces, at Novo Selo Training Area, Bulgaria.

MARCH 18



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JANUARY 11

Allied Spirit 22 kicks off.

FEBRUARY 2

President Joe Biden approved the deployment of 3,000 U.S. troops to Poland, Germany and Romania.

MARCH

MARCH 6

V Corps Soldiers rapidly deploy to Ansbach, Germany to build readiness, improve interoperability, reinforce allies and deter further Russian aggression.



MARCH 11

Sgt. Maj. of the Army Michael A. Grinston visits U.S. Soldiers at Grafenwoehr, Germany.



41st Field Artillery Brigade conducts M270 Multiple Launch Rocket Systems live fire exercise



3rd Division Sustainment Brigade, 3rd Infantry Division, deploy to Europe.



12th Combat Aviation Brigade participates in Latvian Armed Forces media day.

FEBRUARY 24, 2022
RUSSIA INVADES UKRAINE

FEBRUARY 26

1st Air Cavalry Brigade arrives in Poland.



YEAR IN REVIEW 2022

APRIL



V Corps unfurls the unit colors in Ansbach, Germany.

APRIL 5

12th CAB participates in Polish-led joint exercise in Poland.

APRIL 8



Area Support Group – Black Sea hosts an Orthodox Easter Egg Hunt at Mihail Kogalniceanu Air Base, Romania.

APRIL 23



4th Security Force Assistance Brigade participated in a demonstration of capabilities at Bulgaria's Armed Forces Day celebration.

MAY 6



Lt. Gen. John S. Kolasheski, commanding general, V Corps, and Maj. Gen. Christopher LaNeve, commanding general, 82nd Airborne Division, hold a press conference with Spokesman for the Department of Defense, John Kirby.

APRIL 24



Soldiers from 2nd Cavalry Regiment participate in Sliven Strong Man Competition in Bulgaria.

MAY 6



Ukrainian Refugees in Bulgaria host thank you ceremony for the U.S. and Bulgaria's efforts toward helping Ukraine.

MAY 23



V Corps participates in a Memorial Day ceremony at the Normandy American Cemetery and Memorial, in Normandy, France.

MAY 29

JUNE



V Corps participates in the 78th Anniversary of D-Day in Normandy, France.

JUNE 2



3rd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division fire M1A2 Abrams during gunnery table V in Poland.

JUNE 7

3/4th ABCT with Poland's 4th Chemical Regiment conduct CBRNE training.

JUNE 10



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APRIL 6



From left to right, U.K. Brig. Gen. Chris King, commander, 104th Theatre Sustainment Brigade, U.S. Army Maj. Gen. Robert Burke, deputy commanding general for support, U.S. Army V Corps and Denmark Maj. Gen. Wiggers Hyldgaard, chief of joint operations stand shoulder to shoulder after witnessing a port operation in which U.K. forces managed transit logistics of British and American military equipment to a Danish port.



1st Air Cavalry Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division conduct aerial gunnery training at Novo Selo Training Area, Bulgaria.



12th CAB participated in Joint Terminal Attack Controllers training in Camp Adazi, Latvia.

MAY



MAY 10

12th CAB participates in exercise Swift Response in Norway.

MAY 31 - JUNE 7

V Corps' held its first annual Ehlers Cup competition in Grafenwoehr, Germany. Winners were given a battlefield tour of Normandy, France, during the 78th anniversary of the D-Day invasion.



MAY 12

U.S. Soldiers and NATO allies complete a historic wet-gap crossing operation as part of Defender Europe 22 held at Nowogród, Poland.

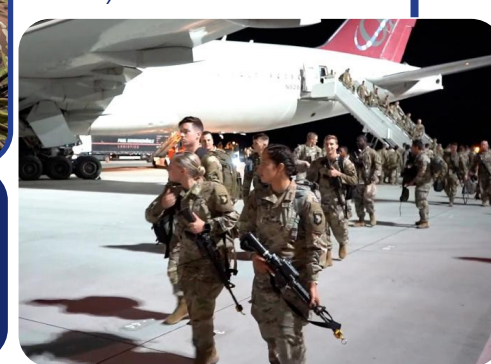


JUNE 17

Belgium's King Philippe visits Mihail Kogalniceanu Air Base, Romania.

JUNE 28

101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) arrives in Romania.



JUNE 23

3rd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division take over for 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division in Poland.

YEAR IN REVIEW 2022

JULY 13

1st Infantry Division Artillery sets up tac at Forward Operating Site Adazi, Latvia.

JULY 30



U.S.-Romanian Air and Land Demonstration as part of the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) Uncasing Ceremony in Romania.

V Corps' unveils Camp Kościuszko.



U.S. Soldiers participate in Polish Oath Keeping Ceremony.



Soldiers from 7th Army Training Command and V Corps participate in the 7th ATC/V Corps level Best Squad Competition.

JULY 14



U.S. hosts Abrams Tank Academy at Biedrusko, Poland, to teach Polish tank crewmen on operations, tactics and maintenance of the M1 Abrams tanks.

AUGUST 10



2nd BCT, 101st Airborne Div. conduct combined arms maneuver training with Finnish forces in Rovaniemi, Finland.

AUGUST 11

V Corps participates in Polish Armed Forces Day parade.

AUGUST 14



2nd BCT, 101st Airborne Div. participate in Romanian Navy Day ceremony.

AUGUST 15



12th CAB participate in exercise Ample Strike in the Czech Republic.

SEPTEMBER 12



101st ABN participate in 78th Commemoration of Operation Market Garden in the Netherlands.

SEPTEMBER 11



12th CAB participate in exercise Ample Strike in the Czech Republic.

SEPTEMBER 12



Exercise Silver Arrow 2022 Camp Adazi, Latvia.

SEPTEMBER 29

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AUGUST



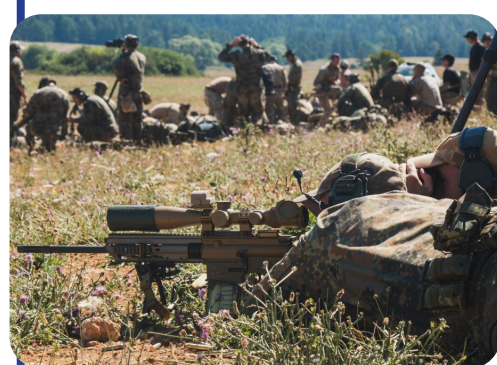
JULY 21

3/4 ABCT conducts weapon swap training with Finnish Soldiers at Niinisalo, Finland.



JULY 23

2nd Brigade Combat Team, 101st ABN participate in exercise Ryske 22 in Finland.



AUGUST 4

European Best Sniper Competition

AUGUST 4

A U.S. Army M2A3 Bradley Fighting Vehicle assigned to 3/4 ABCT participates in a live fire training at Drawsko Pomorskie, Poland.



AUGUST 8-12

U.S. Army Europe and Africa Best Squad Competition



AUGUST 29

3rd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division uncase their colors in Poland.



SEPTEMBER 27

U.S. Army Europe and Africa provide HIMARS for Swedish led exercise Nordic Strike 22



SEPTEMBER 30

V Corps welcomes new Deputy Commanding General of Manuever Maj. Gen. David B. Womack.



YEAR IN REVIEW 2022

OCTOBER



U.S. Army Soldiers with the 3rd Battalion, 8th Cavalry Regiment, 3rd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division (3-8 CAV) and 1st Battalion, 185th Infantry Regiment along with soldiers from the Romanian Army "Transylvanian Gepards" Battery, British Army "Black Dragons" Troop, Polish Armed Forces 15th Mechanized Infantry Brigade, and Croatian Army from "Archer" Battery take over Battlegroup Poland.

OCTOBER 4



101st Airborne Division Sustainment Brigade uncasing their colors in Grafenwöhr, Germany.

OCTOBER 6



Soldiers from 1st Infantry Division arrive in Poznan, Poland.

OCTOBER 13



12th CAB participates in dunker training.

OCTOBER 18



OCTOBER 21

2nd BCT, 101st ABN participate in exercise Olympic Cooperation in Greece.



OCTOBER 23

U.S. Army participates in memorial ceremony for the Polish and Hungarian Uprisings of 1956.

OCTOBER 26
3rd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division Host Abrams Logistical Summit



OCTOBER 25

Exercise Iron Wolf 22 in Lithuania.

NOVEMBER

NOVEMBER 9



3rd Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division participate in exercise Hammer 22 in Niinisalo, Finland.

U.S. Soldiers assigned to A Battery, Field Artillery Squadron, 2nd Cavalry Regiment, fire M777A2 Howitzers during a Table XV Battery Certification live fire exercise in Germany.



12 CAB joins the Netherlands and Poland at exercise Falcon Autumn in the Netherlands.

NOVEMBER 10
2nd BCT, 101st ABN conduct fast rope insertion and extraction systems training



NOVEMBER 14

eFP Battle Group Poland unveils new Polish Infantry Fighting Vehicle, the Borsuk (Badger).

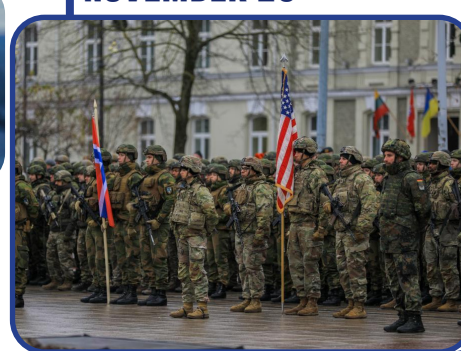


NOVEMBER 21

101st ABN conducts Combat Lifesaver course in Romania.



NOVEMBER 23



U.S. Military participates in a Torah Scroll dedication for the Ukrainian Army.



2nd BCT, 101st ABN conducts NATO exercise Black Scorpion.



eFP Battle Group Poland conducts exercise Bull Run 22.

NOVEMBER 24



1st Battalion, 66th Armor Regiment, Iron Knights, 3rd Armored Brigade, 4th Infantry Division are replaced by 2nd Battalion, 7th Cavalry Regiment, Ghost Battalion, 3rd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division.

NOVEMBER 28

DECEMBER 8

V Corps participates in NATO exercise Loyal Leda.



DECEMBER 12

V Corps Soldiers participate in exercise Winter Strike 22.



1st Infantry Division Band puts on a holiday concert in Boleslawiec, Poland.

DECEMBER 16



DECEMBER 18

U.S. Army Chief of Staff Gen. James C. McConville and U.S. Sgt. Maj. of the Army Michael A. Grinston visited V Corps Soldiers in Poland.



DECEMBER



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