

1/10 Special Forces Group (Airborne) CMMS Range

A U.S. Green Beret assigned to 1st Battalion, 10th Special Forces Group (Airborne) engages a paper target during a standing shooting drill at a Combat Marksmanship (CMMS) range on the Baumholder Major Training Area, Baumholder, Germany, Aug. 20, 2026. The CMMS range is designed to allow shooters to accurately and effectively engage targets from close to long ranges from static positions and mobile. (U.S. Army Photo by Daryl Averill Jr.)

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WWII Plaques Donated to Florence American Cemetery

From left, Timothy M. Andersen, Camp Darby deputy garrison manager; Eryth Z. Zechel, Florence American Cemetery superintendent; and author Davide Filippi hold books written by Filippi during a ceremony, Aug. 17, 2026. Filippi also donated three WWII grave markers he recovered from local battlefields belonging to fallen U.S. Army soldiers Sgt. Elmer Martin, 2nd Lt. John J. Brennan, and Sgt. Andrew M. Stockard. (U.S. Army photo by Elena Baladelli)

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From left, Timothy M. Andersen, Camp Darby deputy garrison manager, and Eryth Z. Zecher, Florence American Cemetery superintendent, examine three WWII grave markers donated by author Davide Filippi, Aug. 17, 2026. Filippi recovered the brass plaques—originally marking the graves of fallen U.S. Army soldiers Sgt. Elmer Martin, 2nd Lt. John J. Brennan, and Sgt. Andrew M. Stockard—using a metal detector on former battlefields in Tuscany. (U.S. Army photo by Elena Baladelli)

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18th CSSB M4 Range

A U.S. Soldier assigned to 18th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion, fires his M4 carbine rifle during a qualification range at the 7th Army Training Command's Grafenwoehr Training Area, Germany, Aug. 31, 2026. The live fire qualification evaluates individual marksmanship and weapons proficiency, helping ensure Soldiers maintain combat readiness. (U.S. Army photo by Spc. Francisco Torres)

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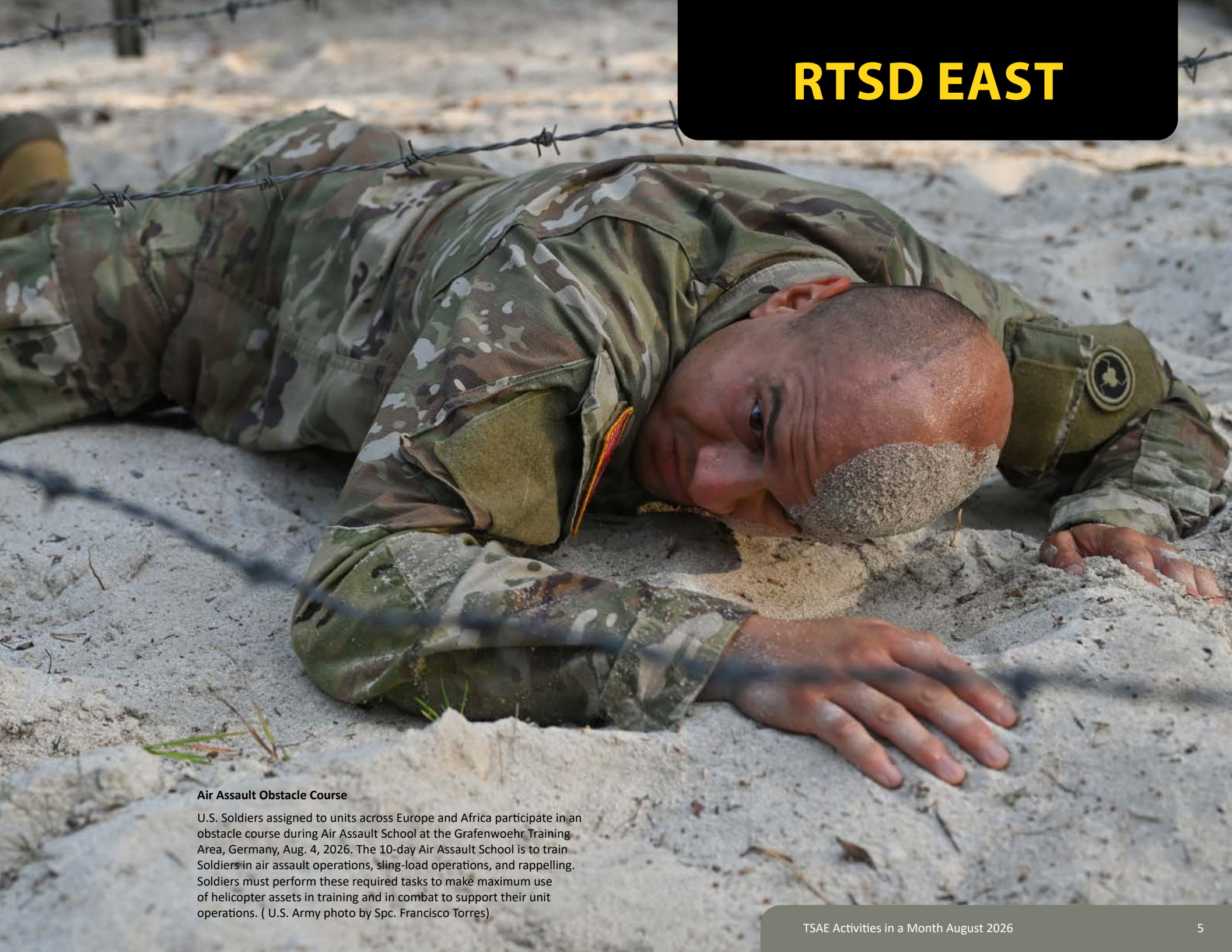

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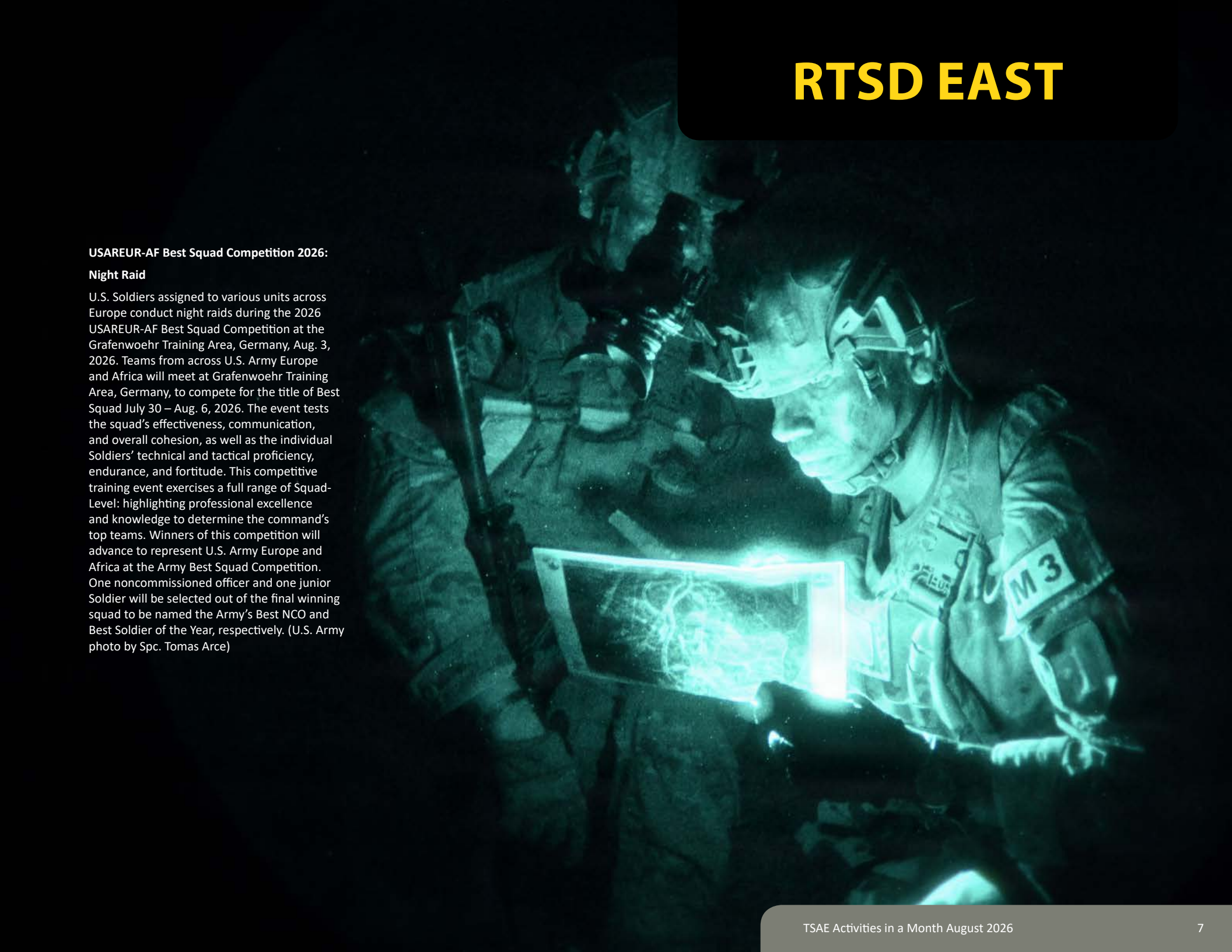

USAREUR-AF Best Squad Competition 2026:

Night Raid

U.S. Soldiers assigned to various units across Europe conduct night raids during the 2026 USAREUR-AF Best Squad Competition at the Grafenwoehr Training Area, Germany, Aug. 3, 2026. Teams from across U.S. Army Europe and Africa will meet at Grafenwoehr Training Area, Germany, to compete for the title of Best Squad July 30 – Aug. 6, 2026. The event tests the squad's effectiveness, communication, and overall cohesion, as well as the individual Soldiers' technical and tactical proficiency, endurance, and fortitude. This competitive training event exercises a full range of Squad-Level: highlighting professional excellence and knowledge to determine the command's top teams. Winners of this competition will advance to represent U.S. Army Europe and Africa at the Army Best Squad Competition. One noncommissioned officer and one junior Soldier will be selected out of the final winning squad to be named the Army's Best NCO and Best Soldier of the Year, respectively. (U.S. Army photo by Spc. Tomas Arce)

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720th EOD Breaching Range

U.S. Soldiers assigned to 720th Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) Company prepare detonating cord for a door breaching lane on the Baumholder MTA, Baumholder, Germany, Aug. 19, 2026. The breaching range reinforces familiarity with the employment, procedures, and effects of live breaching explosives. (U.S. Army Photo by Daryl Averill Jr.)

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16th Sustainment Brigade Stirrup and Whisk

U.S. Soldiers, British soldiers, and Italian soldiers competed in a cooking competition, Stirrup and Whisk, hosted by 16th Sustainment Brigade in Baumholder, Germany, August 2026. The competition started on Aug. 24th running through Aug. 27th consisting of different menu categories using ingredients provided throughout the competition days. Each team was challenged to put together their own dish, culminating in a team mix up day and awards ceremony. (U.S. Army Photo by Daryl Averill Jr.)

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720th EOD Breaching Range

U.S. Soldiers assigned to 720th Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) take cover during an explosive door breach on the Baumholder MTA, Baumholder, Germany, Aug. 19, 2026. The breaching range reinforces familiarity with the employment, procedures, and effects of live breaching explosives. (U.S. Army Photo by Daryl Averill Jr.)

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421st MMB Assumption of Responsibility Ceremony

Command Sgt. Maj. Yakima Sanderlin salutes with the color guard during the 421st MMB Assumption of Responsibility ceremony on Minnick Field, Baumholder, Germany, Aug. 05, 2026. On order, 421st deploys tailored force packages to synchronize and provide Health Service Support and Force Health Protection in support of operations across the competition continuum. (U.S. Army Photo by Daryl Averill Jr.)

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