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**Unit Changes from Directorate to Command**

**FORT BLISS, Texas** – The Department of the Army re-designated the Army Capabilities Integration Center’s Future Force Integration Directorate as the Brigade Modernization Command on February 7, 2011. This action reflects the Army’s modernization plan and establishes BMC and the 2<sup>nd</sup> Brigade Combat Team, 1<sup>st</sup> Armored Division, along with Fort Bliss and White Sands Missile Range, as the Army’s centerpiece for integrated network evaluations. The BMC will conduct physical integration and evaluations of the network, capability packages and other capabilities in order to provide doctrine, organization, training, materiel, leadership and education, personnel and facilities recommendations to the Army. As part of this effort, the Army attached the 2<sup>nd</sup> Brigade, 1<sup>st</sup> Armored Division, to the BMC and assigned it the Army Evaluation Task Force mission.

Why did the Army change the organization from a directorate to a command? As a command, BMC will have the appropriate authorities to man, train, equip and organize the 2/1 AD in order to conduct integrated Army capability evaluations. These evaluations will triple in scope in Fiscal Year 11, encompassing many elements at Fort Bliss and White Sands Missile Range. This increase in mission load will bring increased resources from supporting Army organizations, and the new command status will facilitate critical coordination between BMC and its partners throughout the materiel, combat and training development communities. An additional benefit heard from Soldiers and Families is the enhanced esprit de corps of belonging to a command and the emphasis the Army placed on the importance of their mission and their contributions.

“This recent action will not cause any significant changes in the way we operate at Fort Bliss, nor will it disrupt our work force,” said BMC Commanding General Maj. Gen. Keith Walker, who has been at the helm of the organization since August 2009. “Our status as a command highlights the importance and enduring nature of our mission.” BMC remains a part of the Army Capabilities Integration Center under the U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command at Fort Monroe, Va. BMC will continue to work as an active partner in the Fort Bliss and El Paso communities.