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COVER: First Infantry Division Soldier of the Quarter Spc. Luisa Leon, HHC, 3-1 AHB, prepares to zero her weapon during a visit to the range Oct. 18.

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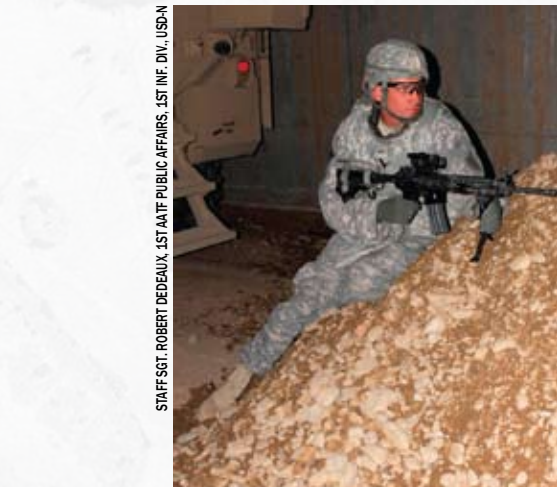


1HBCT



STAFF SGT. ROBERT DEDEUX, 1ST AATF PUBLIC AFFAIRS, 1ST INF. DIV., USD-N

ABOVE: Sgt. Robert Lalone, an artilleryman serving with 1st Bn., 5th FA, 1st Advise and Assist Task Force, 1st Inf. Div., establishes perimeter security during a snap traffic control point July 15 in southern Kirkuk, Iraq. **BELOW:** Cpl. Eric Cassavaugh, a petroleum supply specialist assigned to 101st Brigade Support Battalion, 1st Advise and Assist Task Force, 1st Inf. Div., takes cover behind a berm March 1, at Contingency Operating Location Manila, providing security for his platoon as they unload supplies in support of Operation New Dawn.



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Lt. Col. David Schimsa, deputy provincial reconstruction team leader, congratulates Spc. Nathan Wood after Wood was awarded the Purple Heart and Army Combat Action Badge during an awards ceremony June 26, at Contingency Operating Site Warrior.

SGT. DAVID STRAYER, 109TH MPAD, USDA



Sgt. Ian Blankenship, Bty. A, 1st Bn., 5th FA, 1st Advise and Assist Task Force, 1st Inf. Div., watches as a Kurdish soldier with 1st Regional Guard Brigade fires his weapon during a live-fire exercise June 15, at the Manila Training Center, Iraq.



SPC. ANDREW INGRAM, USD-N PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Pfc. Andrew Fletcher, an infantryman assigned to Co. D, 2nd Bn., 12th Cav. Regt., attached to 1st Advise and Assist Task Force, 1st Inf. Div., scans the streets and rooftops of Kirkuk City, Iraq, for suspicious behavior during a partnered cordon and search operation with Iraqi Security Forces on March 24.

SGT. KANDI HUGGINS, 1ST AATF PUBLIC AFFAIRS, 1ST INF. DIV., USD-N



ABOVE: Cpl. Kevin Dickinson, a military policeman assigned to HHC, 1st Special Troops Battalion, 1st Advise and Assist Task Force, 1st Inf. Div., monitors traffic June 15 exiting Contingency Operating Site Warrior, Iraq. **BELOW:** Soldiers of 12th Army Division practice dismounting from a U.S. Army UH-60 Black Hawk helicopter with Soldiers of HHC, 1st Bn., 14th Inf., 1st Advise and Assist Brigade, during static load training Dec. 23, at Contingency Operating Site Warrior, Iraq.

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Col. Michael Pappal, right, commander, 1st Advise and Assist Task Force, 1st Inf. Div., passes the "Golden Lions" expanded Combined Security Force guidon to new CSF commander, Col. Salah, concluding the unit's graduation ceremony June 20 at the Kirkuk Training Center, Iraq.



SPC. ANDREW INGRAM, USD-N PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Staff Sgt. Carlo Viqueira, squad leader, Co. B, 1st Bn., 14th Inf. Div., 1st Advise and Assist Task Force, 1st Inf. Div., supervises and mentors soldiers from 1st Kurdish Regional Guard Brigade as they practice ambush drills with silhouette targets April 14 at a troop movement range near Fire Base Manila in Kirkuk province, Iraq.



SGT. DANIEL STOUTAMIRE, 2ND AAB, 1ST INF. DIV.



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ABOVE: Col. Paul Calvert (center left), commander of 2nd Advise and Assist Brigade, 1st Inf. Div., USD-C, and Command Sgt. Maj. Rodney Lewis, senior noncommissioned officer with 2nd AAB, 1st Inf. Div., USD-C, uncash their brigade's colors at a Transfer of Authority ceremony Dec. 9 at Camp Liberty, Iraq. **LEFT TOP:** Spc. Ruben Pop, a medic with Co. C, Special Troops Bn., 2nd HBCT 1st Inf. Div., United States Division-Center and a Houston native, brushes the teeth of Timer, a working dog with the 11th Iraqi Army Division. Timer and three other working dogs were inherited by the 11th IA Div. from a contracting firm and are now being re-trained by Dagger Brigade Soldiers to work with 11th IA Div. handlers to detect explosive devices. **LEFT:** Spc. Michael Wilcox, HHC, 1st Bn., 63rd Armor, 2nd AAB, 1st Inf. Div., USD-C, passes ammunition to a Soldier with the 17th Iraqi Army Division commando battalion during scout sniper training April 13 at Qa'qaa range, south of Baghdad.



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ABOVE: Combat engineers with Special Troops Battalion, 2nd Advise and Assist Brigade, 1st Inf. Div., USD-C and fellow "Daggers" with 1st Bn., 18th Inf., prepare to detonate a breach charge before entering a house at a training range April 20 at Camp Taji, Iraq. **RIGHT TOP:** Pfc. Jesse Buck, right, an armor crewman with Co. B, 1st Bn., 18th Inf., 2nd AAB, 1st Inf. Div., USD-C, explains the proper way to disassemble and clean a rifle to a group of Iraqi soldiers with the 11th Iraqi Army Division on March 7 at Joint Security Station Old Ministry of Defense, Iraq. **RIGHT:** Pvt. Carlos Torres, a mechanic with Co. A, 1st Bn., 18th Inf., 2nd AAB, 1st Inf. Div., USD-C, works on a vehicle Feb. 15 at Camp Taji, Iraq.



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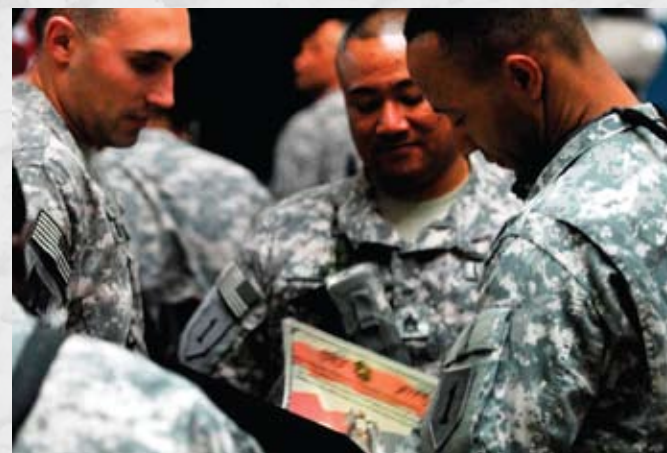
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Spc. David Judkins (left), a combat medic with HHC, 1st Bn., 18th Inf., 2nd Advise and Assist Brigade, 1st Inf. Div., USD-C, and Sgt. 1st Class Justin Westbrook, a platoon sergeant with the company, wait for Black Hawk helicopters to land so they can mount up and return to base July 26 near Camp Taji, Iraq.



SGT. DANIEL STOUTAMIRE, 2ND AAB, 1ST INF. DIV.

ABOVE LEFT: Lt. Col. Andrew Gainey (right), commander of 1st Bn., 7th FA, 2nd Advise and Assist Brigade, 1st Inf. Div., USD-C, and 1st Sgt. Peter Olynick (left), senior noncommissioned officer of Bty. B, 1st Bn., 7th FA Regt., examine a certificate awarded to Staff Sgt. Savali Ioane (second from right), a supply sergeant with Bty. B, 1st Bn., 7th FA Regt., 2nd AAB, 1st Inf. Div., USD-C, after a Feb. 21 ceremony at Victory Base Complex, Iraq, in which Ioane became a U.S. citizen. **ABOVE RIGHT:** SPC Philip Pavelko, 5th Sqdn., 4th Cav., 2nd HBCT, 1st Inf. Div., shows brigade spouse Kimberly Reel how to assemble a .50-caliber machine gun during the 2011 Dagger Spouse Challenge: Battle of the Battalions at Fort Riley. The challenge offered the spouses of the 2nd HBCT the opportunity to experience a little of what their Soldiers do on a daily basis as well as celebrate the fast approaching conclusion of the brigade's 12 month deployment to Iraq.



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3IBCT



PFC. DONALD WATKINS

ABOVE: Soldiers with the Focused Targeting Force, 3rd IBCT, 1st Inf. Div., Task Force Duke, board a CH-47 Chinook helicopter April 27 in Gardez City, Afghanistan. **RIGHT:** Maj. Rosemary Reed of the Khowst Provincial Reconstruction Team helps Sgt. 1st Class Paula Reill of the Indiana National Guard's 3-19th Agribusiness Development Team with her head scarf before a women's shura Feb. 10 in Jaji Maidan. It was the first women's shura held with coalition forces.

SPC. TOBEY WHITE, TF DUKE PUBLIC AFFAIRS



STAFF SGT. BEN NAVRATIL, TF DUKE PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Sgt. Jonathan Soto, a platoon sergeant in Co. B, 1st Bn., 26th Inf., 3rd IBCT, 1st Inf. Div., Task Force Duke, searches the roof of a home Sept. 11 in Majiles village, Afghanistan.



STAFF SGT. JOHN ZUMER, TF DUKE PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Gen. David Petraeus, ISAF Commander, awards the Purple Heart medal to Staff Sgt. Michael Roszko, a platoon sergeant in Co. A, 2nd Bn., 2nd Inf., 3rd IBCT, 1st Inf. Div., on June 2 at Forward Operating Base Salerno, Afghanistan. Roszko, an infantryman, was one of 16 Task Force Duke Soldiers awarded the Purple Heart by Petraeus.



STAFF SGT. ANDREW GUFFEY, TF DUKE PUBLIC AFFAIRS



2ND LT. NOEL JORDAN

ABOVE: Soldiers of Co. B, 1st Bn., 26th Inf., 3rd IBCT, 1st Inf. Div., Task Force Duke, play volleyball Feb. 21 against a team of Afghan citizens from Sabori, Saberi District, Khowst Province, Afghanistan. **LEFT:** Soldiers of 3rd Plt., Bty. A, 1st Bn., 6th FA Regiment, 3rd IBCT, fire their 105mm howitzer May 17 on Combat Outpost Herrera. An additional 18 rounds were fired in support of an infantry platoon that was running low on ammo during a firefight with insurgents in the Jaji District.



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1st Lt. Jordan Weiss, platoon leader of 3rd Plt., Co. B, 1st Bn., 26th Inf., 3rd IBCT, 1st Inf. Div., Task Force Duke, looks on as his Soldiers cross a field Sept. 10 in Sabari District, Afghanistan. Third Platoon was out on a three-day patrol aimed to establish a presence in the district's villages.



SGT. TOBEY WHITE, TF DUKE PUBLIC AFFAIRS

An Unmanned Aerial System "Shadow" is launched Aug. 26 at Forward Operating Base Sharana, Afghanistan, by Soldiers of Co. B, Special Troops Battalion, 3rd IBCT, 1st Inf. Div., Task Force Duke. The Shadow offers commanders intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance capabilities.

4IBCT



SGT. SCOTT LAMBERSON, 4IBCT PUBLIC AFFAIRS

A Soldier of the 701st Brigade Support Battalion administers aid during a mass casualty training exercise Aug. 21.



SGT. SCOTT LAMBERSON, 4IBCT PUBLIC AFFAIRS

During a convoy live-fire training exercise Aug. 17, Soldiers of the Brigade Special Troops Battalion, 4th IBCT, carry a mock casualty to a helicopter.

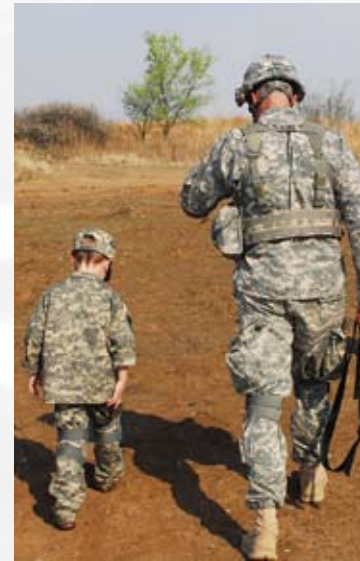


Soldiers of Co. B, 2nd Bn., 16th Inf., 4th IBCT, walk toward a UH-60 Black Hawk for to conduct training for an air assault mission Sept. 28 at Smoky Hill Air National Guard Range near Salina, Kan.



SGT. SCOTT LAMBERSON, 4IBCT PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Soldiers of the 1st Infantry Division grant the wish of 7-year-old Ian Field and welcomed him to their ranks. In April, Ian, who visited the division as part of the Make-A-Wish program, spent the day training on Fort Riley as a member of 1st Bn., 28th Inf. Regt., 4th IBCT.



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SGT. SCOTT LAMBERSON, 4IBCT PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Soldiers of the 1st Bn., 28th Inf., 4th IBCT, 1st Inf. Div., stand ready to present the American Flag during the halftime show at the Kansas State Wildcat football game against the Baylor Bears on Oct. 1 in Manhattan, Kan.



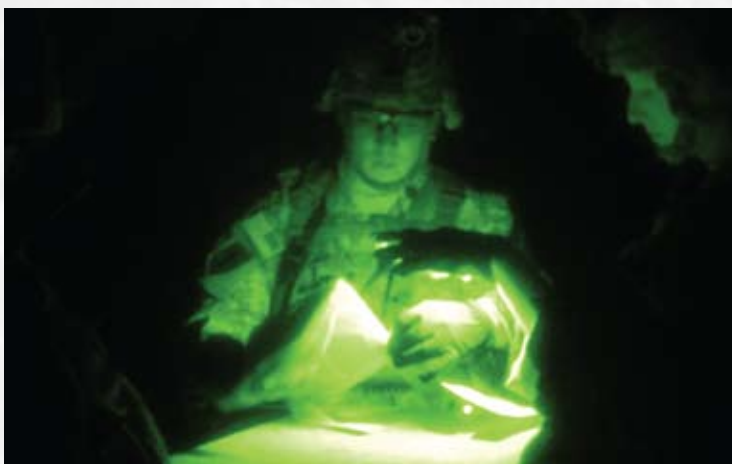
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SGT. GENIE A. ARNOLD, 4IBCT PUBLIC AFFAIRS

TOP: Pfc. Steven Wenth of the 2nd Bn., 32nd FA, 4th IBCT, 1st Inf. Div., conducts one of the eight tasks needed to certify as a howitzer gunner Aug. 14. ABOVE: Soldiers of 1st Sqd., 4th Cav., 4th IBCT, 1st Inf. Div., pull guard as they wait to be extracted from the field following an air assault training mission Aug. 22.

A Soldier with Co. B, 2nd Bn., 16th Inf., 4th IBCT searches through items of possible intelligence gathered from a detainee during a night air assault training mission Sept. 27 near Salina, Kan. The Soldiers were conducting the mission in search of three high-value targets.



SGT. SCOTT LAMBERSON, 4IBCT PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Pfc. Kyle Brinkmann, from Co. C, 701st BSB, 4th IBCT, 1st Inf. Div., provides simulated respiration for a wounded Soldier during the Top Medical Team Competition on July 18, at the Medical Simulation Training Center on Fort Riley.



SGT. VANCE E. WILLIAMSON, 4IBCT PUBLIC AFFAIRS



SGT. KEVEN PARRY, CAB PUBLIC AFFAIRS

RIGHT: A Soldier of 601st ASB loads a training round into an OH-58 Kiowa helicopter during a field training exercise Oct. 26. **ABOVE:** The award-winning Combat Aviation Brigade color guard presents the colors during a veteran's recognition event Nov. 9 at Kansas State University in Manhattan, Kan.



SGT. KEVEN PARRY, CAB PUBLIC AFFAIRS



SGT. ROLAND HALE, CAB, 1ST INF. DIV. PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Soldiers with 1st Bn., 28th Inf. Regt., 4th IBCT, load a Black Hawk helicopter during air assault training Aug. 3 with the CAB, 1st Inf. Div., at Fort Riley.

Spc. Anthony Samuel and Pvt. Lyonell Dykstra, both of Co. A, 601st ASB, CAB, 1st Inf. Div., leave the vicinity of the simulated emergency after having executed all emergency procedures during a training exercise Oct. 4 at Marshall Army Airfield.



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Col. John Morgan and Command Sgt. Maj. James Thomson presented a volleyball signed by the Combat Aviation Brigade command group to the Kansas State University women's volleyball team during the team's Military Appreciation Night on Nov. 19 in Manhattan, Kan.



SGT. ROLAND HALE, CAB, 1ST INF. DIV. PUBLIC AFFAIRS



SGT. KEVEN PARRY, CAB PUBLIC AFFAIRS

LEFT: A Soldier of 1st Bn., 28th Inf. Regt., pulls security during air assault training with the CAB, 1st Inf. Div., on Aug. 3 on Fort Riley. **ABOVE:** Soldiers of 4th IBCT conduct sling-load training with the assistance of aircraft from the CAB on Oct. 27 on Fort Riley.

SGT. KEVEN PARRY, CAB PUBLIC AFFAIRS



An AH-64 Apache helicopter waits for clearance to enter training lanes on the morning of Nov. 11 at the Joint Readiness Training Center at Fort Polk, La.



1SB



Col. Brian Tempest, commander of the 1st Sust. Bde., presents a Purple Heart medal to World War II veteran Ernest Hofstetter on Nov. 10 during the Veterans Day Salute in Natoma, Kan. Hofstetter was originally awarded the Purple Heart after being shot in the hand while serving in Europe.

SGT. VICKIE WOODS, 1ST SB PUBLIC AFFAIRS



The 1st Sust. Bde. forms up for the annual Brigade run.

SGT. 1ST CLASS MATTHEW VEASLEY, 1ST SB PUBLIC AFFAIRS



Pvt. Shane Meyers, an ammunition stock control specialist, 1st Sust. Bde., received an American flag pin and bumper sticker Nov. 11 from citizens of Wabaunsee County, Kan. Meyers, 19, was acknowledged for being the youngest veteran in the Wabaunsee County Veterans Day Parade.

SGT. VICKIE WOODS, 1ST SB PUBLIC AFFAIRS



ABOVE: The Rigger Detachment of the 1st Sust. Bde. observes package chute deployment during an air supply mission in Southwest Asia. RIGHT: Soldiers of the 1st Sust. Bde. conduct a naval gunnery from a Logistics Support Vessel in the Persian Gulf.

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RIGHT: Vehicles from the 1st Sust. Bde. provide security and hauling in early 2011 as part of the responsible draw-down of U.S. troops and equipment in Iraq. The "Durable" Brigade hauled more than 2.2 million tons of retrograde out of Iraq. RIGHT BOTTOM: 1st Sust. Bde. Soldiers prepare to load a Humvee on a logistics support vessel to be refitted and returned to the Army's inventory.



SGT. 1ST CLASS MATTHEW VEASLEY, 1ST SB PUBLIC AFFAIRS



Col. Brian and Renee Tempest, Command Sgt. Maj. Miguel and Donna Rivera, 1st Sust. Bde. command team, pose for a photo with the Kansas State women's basketball team after their victory over Oklahoma State on Nov. 3 in Manhattan, Kan.

SGT. VICKIE WOODS, 1ST SB PUBLIC AFFAIRS



SGT. 1ST CLASS MATTHEW VEASLEY, 1ST SB PUBLIC AFFAIRS



4TH MEB PUBLIC AFFAIRS

LEFT: More than 100 Soldiers unfurl the American flag at Busch Stadium in St. Louis during the opening ceremony for Game 1 of the 2011 World Series on Oct. 19. Major League Baseball dedicated the game between the Texas Rangers and the St. Louis Cardinals to veterans and their Families. **BELOW:** Col. Frank Rangel, 4th MEB commander, briefs several of his staff officers before a scheduled commander's update and assessment Oct. 18. The CUA concluded the brigade's field training exercise, Dauntless Courage.



4TH MEB PUBLIC AFFAIRS



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ABOVE: Michael Doyle, Ph.D., associate professor and director of the public history program, Ball State University, and Maj. John Morrow, 4th MEB plans officer, share a laugh upon Morrow's presentation of a brigade coin and certificate of appreciation signed by the 4th MEB commander. Both attended the banquet held at the campus student center before the kick off of the BSU Cantigny 1st Infantry Division Oral History Project III on Nov. 7 in Muncie, Ind. **RIGHT:** Sgt. Timothy Hanck, a military police soldier assigned to the 252nd Military Police Detachment, 4th MEB, leads members of the post Special Reaction Team on a damage assessment of military housing on Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., following a tornado touchdown Dec. 31.



4TH MEB PUBLIC AFFAIRS



4TH MEB PAO

The Big Red One's 4th Maneuver Enhancement Brigade added another page to its history books Oct. 1 when it culminated its mission of federal / military response to a potential chemical, biological, radiological, Nuclear and high-yield Explosives event in the homeland. The brigade relinquished its authority and designation as the Task Force Operations component to U.S. Northern Command's CBRNE-Consequence Management Response Force, or CCMRF, to the 1st Maneuver Enhancement Brigade in a formal ceremony Sept. 30 at Fort Polk, La. During the past two years, the "Dauntless" Brigade provided a variety of personnel and resources needed to assist federal, state and local civil authorities during a CBRN response operation, including chemical detection, engineering and search and rescue. Since its designation as Task Force Operations, the brigade has conducted more than 40 exercises nationwide including two command post exercises at Fort Leavenworth, Kan., and two mission readiness exercises at Camp Atterbury, Ind.

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75 FIRES



A 75th Fires Bde. medic provides first aid to wounded Soldiers during the brigade's Diamond Freeze training exercise Jan. 30 at Fort Sill, Okla.



Service members from the 75th Fires Bde. work with Marines to help carry a wounded Marine to safety during the brigade's Combined Arms Live Fire Exercise on Jan. 27 at Fort Sill, Okla.



Service members of the 75th Fires Bde. set up their radar during a no-notice exercise Nov. 17 at Fort Sill, Okla.



Spc. Xuefeng Wang and Pfc. Mark Meneses, 75th Fires Bde. Soldiers, conduct a hasty hook-up during a no-notice exercise Nov. 17. The Soldiers thwarted an "attack" and successfully completed the exercise scenario.



ABOVE: Sgt. Brian Randall, section chief of the 258th Signal Co., gives a class to his fellow Soldiers during Diamond Fury on Sept. 12 at Fort Sill, Okla. RIGHT: Soldiers of 2nd Bn., 18th FA, fire rockets down range destroying their target during the brigade's Diamond Freeze exercise Feb. 2 at Fort Sill, Okla.



CLOCKWISE FROM LEFT: Service members of the 75th Fires Bde. conduct nuclear, biological and chemical training in a wooded Fort Sill, Okla., training site June 22. Service members of the 75th Fires Brigade fire to stop the enemy from coming within his sector during the brigade's Diamond Freeze exercise Jan. 30 at Fort Sill, Okla. A rocket fired from the launcher shook up the serenity of the range in Fort Sill, Okla., as Bty. C, 2nd Bn., 18th FA, conducted a Multiple Launch Rocket System live fire Dec. 8; service members of the 75th Fires Bde. conduct a hasty hook-up of a downed vehicle during an exercise June 7 at Fort Sill, Okla.



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Flowers are presented by the Commanding General's Mounted Color Guard on April 8 during a change of command ceremony for DHHB, 1st Inf. Div. Lt. Col. James Davis assumed command of the unit from Lt. Col. Mark Childs during the early morning ceremony in front of the division's headquarters.



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Maj. Gen. William Mayville, commanding general of the 1st Inf. Div. and Fort Riley, is presented a shell casing fired from a ceremonial cannon May 25 on the post's Cavalry Parade Field. The day's ceremony officially named Mayville as the division's commander, replacing now-Lt. Gen. Vincent Brooks.



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Command Sgt. Maj. Jim Champagne, then the senior noncommissioned officer of the 1st Inf. Div., prepares to hand the division's colors to now -Lt. Gen. Vincent Brooks, second from right, the outgoing commander of the division during a change of command ceremony May 25 on Cavalry Parade Field. The ceremony officially named Maj. Gen. William Mayville, second from left facing away, as the division's new commander. Gen. James Thurman, far right, then the FORSCOM commanding general, participated in the ceremony.



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FROM TOP LEFT, CLOCKWISE: Leaders of the 1st Inf. Div. and Fort Riley share a laugh before the start of a Victory with Honors ceremony in recognition of Maj. Gen. David Petersen on March 30 at the post's King Field House. Petersen, who was then a brigadier general, served for almost 18 months as the deputy commanding general-rear for the division and post while the unit's headquarters completed a yearlong tour in Iraq; the American flag along with the colors of the 1st Inf. Div. are displayed May 25 on Cavalry Parade Field during the division's change of command ceremony, officially naming Maj. Gen. William Mayville as the commanding general of the 1st Inf. Div. and Fort Riley; Command Sgt. Maj. Jim Thomson, Kansas Gov. Sam Brownback, and 1st Infantry Division Commanding General Maj. Gen. William Mayville present a medallion to Michael Cook III during a 9/11 remembrance ceremony at Fort Riley, Kan. Cook's father died serving with the division's 2nd HBCT in Iraq; Staff Sgt. John Campbell, left, and Spc. Uzoma Ezeanache of Signal Co., DHHB, 1st Inf. Div., prepare to take down one of the company's portable satellites June 22 at Fort Riley's Building 8388. The unit's equipment was completing its third and final week of validations following a reset period after its return from Iraq.



SGT. ROLAND HALE, CAG, 1ST INF. DIV. PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Soldiers of Division Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion, 1st Inf. Div. qualify on squad automatic weapons Jan. 9 at Fort Riley, Kan. The range qualification was part of the Soldiers' preparation for an upcoming deployment.



SGT. NATHANIEL SMITH, 1ST INF. DIV. PUBLIC AFFAIRS



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The Commanding General's Mounted Color Guard showcased the 1st Infantry Division's grand history Oct. 31 during three cavalcades on Fort Riley's Cavalry Parade Field. Footage of the cavalcades was included in a spirit video the 1st Infantry Division created for the Dec. 10 the Army/Navy game.



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Spc. Philip Pavelko, 5th Sqdn., 4th Cav. Regt., 2nd HBCT, 1st Inf. Div., shows brigade spouse Kimberly Reel how to assemble a .50-caliber machine gun during the 2011 Dagger Spouse Challenge: Battle of the Battalions. The challenge offered the spouses of the 2nd HBCT, 1st Inf. Div. the opportunity to experience a little of what their Soldiers do on a daily basis.



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The Commanding General's Mounted Color Guard, including Sgt. Tommy Evans, dominated the competition at the 2011 National Cavalry Competition Sept. 28 to Oct. 1 in El Reno, Okla. The team's 13 riders and 15 horses returned to Fort Riley with more than two dozen ribbons and awards.



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The 1st Infantry Division Band prepares to participate in the division's change of command ceremony May 25. Maj. Gen. William Mayville became the division's 75th commanding general during the ceremony conducted on Cavalry Parade Field.



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1st Sgt. Stephen Foxx plays the tuba May 25 during the 1st Infantry Division's change of command ceremony on Cavalry Parade Field. The ceremony officially named Maj. Gen. William Mayville as the 75th commanding general of the 1st Inf. Div. and Fort Riley.



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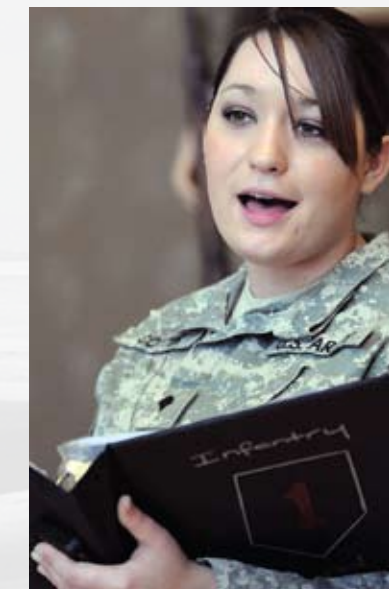


AMANDA KIM STAIRRETT, DUTY FIRST! MAGAZINE

ABOVE: Spc. Mikayla Cotton, Spc. Amanda Haberberger, Spc. Mark Koehl and Spc. James Wolfe sing carols in the lobby of 1st Infantry Division headquarters Dec. 12. RIGHT: Members of the Commanding General's Mounted Color Guard attend the Nov. 9 burial of retired Col. Dale Taylor at Fort Riley Cemetery. Taylor spent nearly 70 years training horses and riders. His career began in 1942 at the historic Army post where he first served as a riding instructor for the cavalry.



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AMANDA KIM STAIRRETT, DUTY FIRST! MAGAZINE

Spc. Mikayla Cotton performs holiday carols in the lobby of 1st Infantry Division headquarters Dec. 12.



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Maj. Gen. William Mayville, commanding general of the 1st Inf. Div. and Fort Riley, and division Command Sgt. Maj. Jim Champagne, join Staff Sgt. Jim Taylor, the oldest Soldier in the division; Pfc. Danielle Smythers, the youngest Soldier in the division; and Best Ranger Competition competitors, Capt. Nicholas Fender and Lt. Joshua Gorczynski, in a ceremonial cake cutting to celebrate the 1st Infantry Division's 94th birthday June 8.



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ABOVE: Maj. Gen. William Mayville, commanding general of the 1st Inf. Div. and Fort Riley (left), poses with members of the "Rangers" of 2nd Bn., 16th Inf. Regt., 4th IBCT, who made up the winning group in the 2011 Victory Cup Competition at Fort Riley, Kan. **LEFT:** Members of the Strong Beginnings Pre-K class at the 1st Division Child Development Center recite the Pledge of Allegiance during their graduation ceremony May 19. **ABOVE LEFT:** Soldiers of the 1st Infantry Division granted the wish of 7-year-old Ian Field in April and welcomed him to the Big Red One family. Ian, who visited the division as part of the Make-A-Wish program, spent the day training on Fort Riley as a member of 1st Bn., 28th Inf. Regt., Dragon Brigade, 4th IBCT.



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Maj. Gen. Vincent Brooks, then commanding general of the 1st Inf. Div. and Fort Riley, was the guest speaker for the 21st Annual Charter Dinner for the Heart of America Chapter of Tuskegee Airmen, Inc. on May 14 in Overland Park, Kan. The dinner honored the legacy of the Tuskegee Airmen, African American military aviators who flew missions throughout Europe during World War II.



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Hannah Maher makes a rubbing of the memorial stone honoring her dad, Sgt. Brent Maher, following the Victory Park Ceremony on June 29 at Fort Riley, Kan.



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A young Family member greets Soldiers following a Purple Heart presentation ceremony Sept. 27 in Victory Park at Fort Riley, Kan. The Soldiers, all assigned to the division's 1st and 2nd HBCTs, were wounded in Iraq and Afghanistan.



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ABOVE: Soldiers from the 977th Military Police Company transport their patient to a waiting medical evacuation helicopter during Combat Lifesaver Training at Fort Riley's Medical Simulation Training Center. **ABOVE RIGHT:** The Junction City High School Bluejay Football Team welcomed Soldiers from the 1st Infantry Division and the 97th Military Police Battalion to the 5th Annual Military Appreciation Night Sept. 23. Brig. Gen. Paul Funk, the division's deputy commanding general for maneuver, conducted the pre-game coin toss with a 1st Infantry Division coin and Maj. Jay Avery, 97th MP Bn. executive officer, ran out the game ball.



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ABOVE: Pfc. Jordan Boswell and his wife, Tiffany, hold their 9-day-old son, Connor, following a welcome-home ceremony Oct. 21 at Fort Riley. Boswell and more than 250 of his fellow Soldiers from 1st Bn., 7th FA Regt., 2nd HBCT, 1st Inf. Div., were returning home from a 12-month deployment to Iraq. **LEFT:** "Burn Boss" Mark Neely monitors a prescribed burn April 12 near Camp Funston on Fort Riley.



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