



From the Command Sergeant Major's desk

In the past few months I have had the opportunity to attend several DIVARTY activation ceremonies across the U.S. Army. As of this month, six of our 10 DIVARTYs have activated: 1st Armored Division Artillery, 2nd Infantry Division Artillery, 25th Infantry Division Artillery, 3rd Infantry Division Artillery, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), and the 82nd Airborne Division Artillery.

The original date to start activating DIVARTYs was OCT 2014, however most division commanders have opted to move their activation dates up, starting with the 1st Armored Division Artillery which activated in July 2014, rather than later this year.

The remaining DIVARTYs are scheduled to activate not later than first quarter FY16.

For each of the ceremonies I attended, the recurring theme is that the DIVARTY is well supported by both the Field Artillery and Maneuver communities. However,

going forward it is up to us as FA noncommissioned officers to make sure that reinstating the DIVARTY structure does not become regret for our supported Maneuver formations. We must remember this force structure was re-implemented to support the Maneuver commander and to develop and provide highly-trained FA Soldiers, leaders and formations.

Repetitive deployments, conducting nonstandard missions have left most Field Artillery battalions out of practice in their core tasks and drills — at both the individual and collective levels. When the DIVARTY was removed from the Army structure, these requirements still existed—but a training oversight capability was not developed. We must get back to those core competencies, and we can do this by managing and certifying our Redleg Soldiers at all levels. The DIVARTY force structure allows us to take personal responsibility for all our Field Artillerymen and women.

Time and time again I have

talked about talent management. DIVARTYs are back, now it's up to us to maintain our credibility for our own training and certification. As we bring our Fire Supporters back under our wing, we must not only train and certify them, but ensure we put our Soldiers and leaders in the right positions. We have to position our people with the right talents into the right organizations, based on their knowledge, skills and attributes. To do anything else would be substandard.

Additionally, we are re-working aspects of our FA doctrine to effectively integrate DIVARTYs back into our formations. Specifically under revision is our portion ADRP 3-09 Fires, FM 3-09 Fire Support and ATP 3-09.90 Fire Support. Please be on the lookout for these revamped publications, as they will provide the doctrinal linkage needed to bring our DIVARTYs and FA Brigades back online with new relevance, outlining the

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roles, missions and functions of the units and how they support Unified Land Operations. Look for these manuals and provide feedback as these publications are staffed throughout the Army.

In closing, I would like to say it's up to us to set the conditions for future success for the Field Artillery.

As always, I encourage and

welcome any feedback or questions you may have. If you have not done so already, I encourage you and your Soldiers to visit my Facebook page @

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Thanks for all you do for the Army and the Field Artillery!
KING OF BATTLE!!!

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2014 Red Book

It's that time of year again; it's time to put together your annual Red Book submissions. The annual Redbook is an opportunity to highlight what your Soldiers and units have accomplished over the past year. Deadline for submission is 3 DECEMBER 2014.

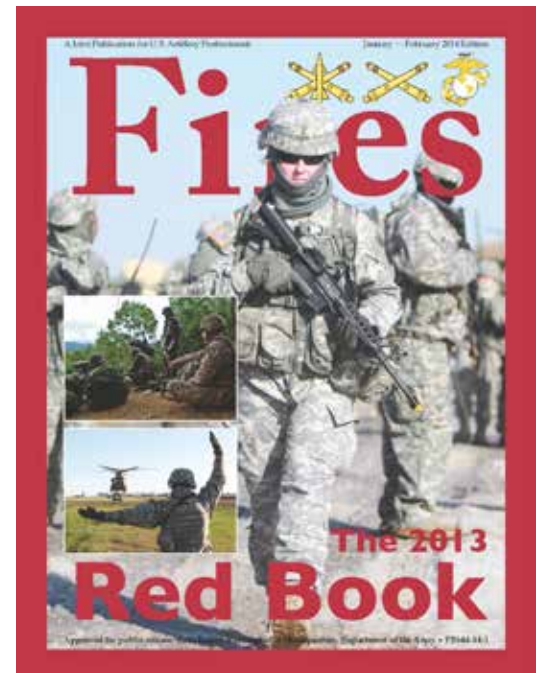
The Red Book MOI can be found online at

<http://sill-www.army.mil/firesbulletin>.

The Field Artillery Branch and the United States Field Artillery School encourages all our Field Artillery units to participate in this highly-anticipated, annual publication of the Fires Bulletin.

Please do not hesitate to call or email the staff at the Fires Bulletin or the FCoE STRATCOM office for any questions regarding submissions.

The point of contact for this year's Red Book submissions is



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DIVARTY AWAKENS

Marne Thunder DIVARTY returns to 3ID

By Corey Dickstein/Savannah Morning News

In a return to a more traditional field artillery structure, Fort Stewart's 42nd Fires Brigade was transformed Friday morning into the 3rd Infantry Division Artillery.

The Division Artillery, or DIVARTY, will serve as a headquarters element in charge of all of the division's artillery assets. The transformation underscores a shift in focus for the Army as it transitions to a smaller force and readies for new missions at the end of two prolonged wars.

The 3rd Infantry Division Artillery, nicknamed Marne Thunder, was inactivated in 2006 as part of the Army's shift to its current modular structure based around brigade combat teams that placed a range of assets — infantry, armor,

artillery and support — directly under the brigade commander.

While that modular structure will not change, the division's three field artillery battalions will attach to the Division Artillery headquarters for training and administrative purposes.

The change, said DIVARTY commander John O'Grady, reflects the Army's commitment to restrengthen the core missions of artillerymen — skills that have waned over the past decade as field artillery soldiers have often traded their heavy guns for roles traditionally reserved for infantrymen while deployed to Iraq or Afghanistan.

"We'll play a key role in reversing the continually atrophied field artillery skills, halt the erosion

of professional and leader development for (artillery unit's) war fighting functions and restore the art and science of synchronizing all fires," O'Grady said.

The colonel said the 200-plus soldiers in his headquarters element will ensure artillerymen division-wide are trained in the same manner and are capable of providing whatever form of artillery support any commander might need.

He called that role a "sacred trust" between artillerymen and the infantry and armor soldiers they support.

The transition marked an end for the short-lived 42nd Fires Brigade that O'Grady took command of a year ago upon its activation.

'King of Battle' returns to throne at Fort Campbell

By Philip Grey/The Leaf-Chronicle

The 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) reactivated the Division Artillery Brigade (DIVARTY) at Fort Campbell on Thursday morning, almost 10 years after "modularity" and the return of brigade combat teams led to the unit's inactivation in May 2005.

It was far from the only time DIVARTY has been through the inactivation/activation cycle in its nearly 100-year history.

And it's not the case that artillery has been missing from the division for the last decade. The soldiers of the 320th Artillery regiment, divided up in battalions among the division's BCTs, have

been an integral part of operations — sometimes as artillerymen, but mostly as platoons and squads in an infantry role during the last decade-plus of asymmetrical warfare.

Now, as the Army reshapes itself again for a new era, the venerable "King of Battle" — artillery — is once again making a resurgence, and its soldiers are already training at Fort Campbell and elsewhere to recover their "core competencies," eroded as a result of not being utilized much in an artillery role during the War On Terror fight.

And as incoming DIVARTY commander Col. Kyle Marsh noted on Thursday, the resurgence is

not limited to Fort Campbell, but will be occurring with each of the Army's 10 active-duty divisions over the next two years.

On Thursday, the new era for "redlegs" of the Screaming Eagle division began with the boom of the big guns on the parade field, followed by the uncasing and unfurling of the DIVARTY colors that hadn't seen the light of day for nearly a decade, and the passing of the colors from the division commander to the new DIVARTY commander, and then to the brigade's senior enlisted adviser, Command Sgt. Maj. Carl A. Fagan.

DIVARTY AWAKENS

82nd Airborne DIVARTY is back

By Amanda Dolasinski/The Fayetteville Observer

The 82nd Airborne Division Artillery on Thursday became the Army's fifth division artillery headquarters to reactivate.

The move comes in conjunction with a reorganization to better prepare for future threats by placing more resources into the hands of brigade commanders.

Col. Christopher S. Moretti assumed command of the reactivated 82nd Airborne Division Artillery during a ceremony on Fort Bragg. The reactivation marks the latest steps taken by Fort Bragg units in an Army-wide reorganization.

"The 82nd Airborne (Division Artillery) has always been known as the Army's premier (division artillery) and referred to by our coalition partners as the world's best-trained and professional gunners and fire supporters," Moretti said. "Very importantly here, this activation reconnects our regimental lineage and serves as a catalyst for regaining the highest standards of professional expertise that former (division artillery) commanders and command sergeants major have ingrained."

The unit was inactivated in 2006 as part of the transformation of the 82nd Airborne Division as a whole to the Army's modular force structure.

2nd Infantry DIVARTY activates on JBLM

By Staff Sgt. Mark Miranda/ARNews

The 7th Infantry Division held a ceremony Sept. 25 on JBLM Lewis North to stand up a new unit, as the Army brings back division artillery to the ranks and capabilities of its divisions.

The 2nd Infantry Division Artillery (DIVARTY) is part of 7th Infantry Division, but the name of the artillery headquarters reflects its relationship to 2nd Infantry Division, based in South Korea.

The DIVARTY picks up training and development responsibility for JBLM artillery battalions assigned to both 2-2 and 3-2 Stryker Brigade Combat Teams.

Col. Philip Raymond, commander, 2nd Infantry DIVARTY, said his unit will also oversee training and development for another two artillery units stationed in Alaska.

The Army is re-creating the DIVARTY model it

its three battalions were inactivated and then reactivated and assigned to separate units. They were organic to the division's reorganized modular brigade combat teams. That organization was meant to better position the force for frequent deployments to Iraq and Afghanistan.

During those 8 1/2 years, field artillery soldiers and units fought alongside maneuver units in diverse roles in Iraq and Afghanistan, Moretti said.

"This proved to be somewhat detrimental to the sustainment of core artillery competencies," he said. "This gap in the capabilities necessitated the return of (division artillery) formations Army-wide. As we move forward over the next two years, the Army will re-establish (division artillery) headquarters within each of the 10 active duty divisions."

Brig. Gen. Richard D. Clarke, who assumed command of the 82nd Airborne Division earlier this month, said the unit's skills will be used to provide lethal firing in support of the division.

"These are capabilities that are important now more than ever, and especially as we expand to work with our sister services and partner nations," Clarke said.

once had, as it restructures after wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. When deployed, artillery units often went as part of larger combat brigades. Artillery Soldiers focused less on artillery engagements and instead conducted missions such as patrolling in populated areas to gather information.

The DIVARTYs put aside during the peak of the wars are returning, since soldiers are no longer locked into deployment cycles.

"These senior representatives train, mentor and The 2nd Infantry DIVARTY will also have responsibilities on the Korean Peninsula. Its headquarters would be with some of the first called for combat missions if war returned between North and South Korea.

With artillery units going back to a focus on missions requiring the big guns, the DIVARTY role is to make sure the artillery Soldiers are ready.

DIVARTY AWAKENS

25th DIVARTY reborn after almost a decade

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS, HAWAII /ARNews

After nearly a decade, the 25th Infantry Division Artillery was reborn in a ceremony on Oct. 1.

DIVARTY cased its colors on June 15, 2005 as the Army transitioned to a then-new warfighting configuration.

The Army is again refining warfighting configurations, and the 25th ID saw a need to bring the DIVARTY back to life.

“There’s two different reasons,” Col. Christopher Cardoni, the new DIVARTY commander. “One, to bring back that operational level planning and execution capacity and capability for the division. And then also, create division-wide standards and certification programs to ensure we get back to our core skills.”

Cardoni also said those core artillery skills -- planning, integration, synchronization, and execution of fires -- were in decline. Some brigades were fine, but when they went above the brigade level, the capacity and capability to do it just wasn’t there. Fixing this is DIVARTY’S primary mission.

“We have the experts at DIVARTY,” said Command Sgt. Maj. Jim Cabrera, Sr., the DIVARTY senior enlisted advisor. “We certify the battalions, making sure they’re on the same sheet of music, then they go to the brigades for deployment.”

Cardoni and Cabrera both stated that artillery battalions today are a little different than they were when DIVARTY was deactivated.

“The artillery battalions as a whole have evolved,” Cardoni said. “They have a lot more capability than they used to when I was a captain or major in a battalion. Whether it’s target acquisition capability, better weapon systems, or precision fires, they have a lot more they are responsible for within the artillery battalion.”

One thing DIVARTY is not here to do is to tell the brigades what to do with their Field Artillery battalions.

“We’re one big team,” Cardoni said. “I don’t intend to put a fence around this DIVARTY and say, ‘This is ours and that’s yours, and we’ll go play with our stuff and you go play with your stuff.’ We have to be the leaders in cooperation. We have to be the first ones to reach out in any situation to the maneuver brigades and provide anything they need.”

With DIVARTY reactivated and taking on the operational-level planning for the division, the FA battalions, already lethal and effective, should only see their capabilities increase.

THIS MONTH IN HISTORY “NOVEMBER”



1 November 1946, the War Department redesignated the Field Artillery School as The Artillery School with the Antiaircraft Artillery School at Fort Bliss, Texas, and Sea Coast Artillery School, at Fort Winfield Scott, California, as branches of The Artillery School. The merger did not mean physical collocation. Each school stayed at its existing location.

5 November 1899, SGT Clarence M. Condon, Battery G, 3rd U.S. Artillery, received a Medal of Honor for action on this date. While in command of a detachment of 4 men, he charged and routed 40 entrenched insurgents, inflicting on them heavy loss near Calulut, Luzon, Philippines.

14-17 November 1965, At the Battle of the Ia Drang in Vietnam, American field artillery demonstrated air-mobile artillery’s and aerial rocket artillery’s ability to furnish effective fire support and played a key role in defeating more than 3,000 North Vietnamese Army/People’s Army of Republic of Vietnam regular forces. The artillery units involved were 1-21 FA (towed 105mm), 2-17 FA (towed 105mm), and 2-20 FA (Aerial Rocket Artillery).

18 November 1967, PFC Sammy L. Davis, Battery C, 2nd Battalion, 4th Artillery, distinguished himself on that date to earn a Medal of Honor for action against the Viet Cong battalion ground assault on the fire base.