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Senior Leaders

Price speaks at Fort Stewart event



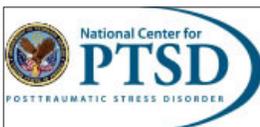
"I want to introduce you to a different King... a giant who only stood 5 feet 6 inches tall. A man who affected American History, not just African-American History."

– Maj. Gen. Barrye L. Price
Deputy Chief of Staff, G1, FORSCOM
Jan. 14, 2015
MLK Observance, Fort Stewart, Ga.

On Point

Veteran discharges subject to review

Army Discharge Review Board (ADRB) examines administrative discharges of Army veterans to change the characterization of service and/or the reason for discharge based on standards of equity or propriety. The Army implemented the Secretary of Defense's supplemental guidance to the Boards for Correction of Military Records for reviewing cases where veterans request to upgrade their other than honorable conditions discharges and cite post traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) as a contributing factor in their separation. In particular, the guidance focuses on veterans who served before PTSD was a recognized diagnosis.



Army Protection Program

The Army Protection Program (APP) serves as the Secretary of the Army's venue to address current and emerging protection requirements. The APP was developed after the 2009 Fort Hood Shooting findings.



Women in service review rollout due next year



Pfc. Olivia Newberry, a bridge crewmember, 62nd Engineer Battalion, 36th Engineer Brigade, prepares to rappel down the 50-foot tower during Air Assault training, Feb. 12, 2014. (U.S. Army photo by Staff Sgt. Tomora E. Clark)

By Amaani Lyle, Defense Media Activity

WASHINGTON (Jan. 12, 2015) – Following the 2013 repeal of the Direct Ground Combat Definition and Assignment Rule, the secretary of defense is scheduled to announce final decisions to integrate remaining closed occupations and any approved exceptions to policy on or about Jan. 1, 2016.

Juliet Beyler, the Defense Department's director of Officer and Enlisted Personnel Management, reported "good progress" in the Women in Service Review, which validates all occupational standards to ensure they are operational, relevant and gender-neutral by September 2015.

Since rescission of the definition and rule, Beyler said, the DoD has notified Congress of the integration of about 71,000 positions previously closed to women.

"Expanding opportunities to women, to include the 71,000 we've already opened since

2013," Beyler said, "[gives] a wider pool of qualified people so that commanders have greater flexibility ... and it'll strengthen the all-volunteer force."

Guidance to the services and to U.S. Special Operations Command includes a provision in which a military department secretary or service chief can request an exception to policy to keep a position closed, Beyler said.

"But any exception is going to have to be rigorously justified and will have to be based on the knowledge, skills and abilities required to perform the duties of the position," she said.

"More than 90 percent of our occupations are already open to women and 15 percent of our forces are women," she said. "By removing these antiquated gender-based barriers to service, it can only strengthen the all-volunteer force and allow people to serve based on their ability and their qualifications."

FORSCOM in the news

Fort Hood welcomed home "Rugged Brigade" Soldiers of the 36th Engineers who returned from **Operation United Assistance** in Liberia.



As part of First Army's "Bold Shift" initiative, the 191st Infantry Brigade **cased its colors during a deactivation ceremony** recently.



A field artillery battery from the 1st Armored Division Artillery at Fort Bliss, Texas, has been recently recognized as the **Army's best active duty field artillery battery**.



As service members of Joint Forces Command - United Assistance complete their Ebola mission, **their work to redeploy their equipment picked up steam**.



U.S. Army explosive ordnance disposal technicians **honed their expeditionary warfighting capabilities** at the National Training Center recently.



Public Affairs units in action

27th Public Affairs Detachment - Spc. Kayoed Ilesanmi, a medical laboratory specialist, 1st Area Medical Laboratory, Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md., demonstrates buddy team donning procedures of personal protective equipment at an Army mobile testing laboratory in Tappita, Liberia, Jan. 6, 2015. The Soldier tests blood samples for the Ebola virus in support of Operation United Assistance. (U.S. Army photo by Sgt. Dani Salvatore)



TOP SHOTS

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Left Sgt. Jeremiah Walden, an infantry trainer with 2nd Battalion, 34th Armor Regiment 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, adjusts an Iraqi trainee's weapon to ensure he has the correct sector of fire, Jan. 7, 2015, at Camp Taji, Iraq. (U.S. Army photo by Master Sgt. Mike Lavigne)

Right Pfc. Jason Ramirez, H Troop, 2nd Squadron, 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment, completes a portion of an obstacle course during a 'Spur Ride' on Fort Irwin, Calif., Jan. 7, 2015. The Spur Ride is a tradition among cavalry Soldiers to prove they are worthy of wearing spurs. (U.S. Army photo by Staff Sgt. Philip M. Tourula)



Above Soldiers of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 36th Engineer Brigade, inspect water at the Zorzor City, Liberia Ebola treatment unit, Jan. 2, 2015, in support of Operation United Assistance. (U.S. Army photo by Sgt. Ange Desinor)



Above Spc. Anthony Esparza, a member of the Adviser Team Security Force, 3rd Cavalry Regiment, Train, Advise, Assist Command – East, keeps a watchful eye on the perimeter near Torkham Gate at the Afghanistan-Pakistan border Jan. 4, 2015. (U.S. Army photo by Capt. Jarrod Morris)

Left 1st Cavalry Division medics prepare to perform initial medical screenings on Soldiers from the 36th Engineer Brigade who returned Jan. 7, 2015, from their deployment to Liberia, West Africa, where they supported Operation United Assistance. (U.S. Army photo by Sgt. 1st Class Erick Rodriguez)



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