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New SMA 'Average Soldier' takes office

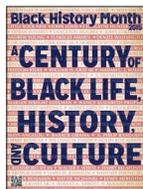


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— SMA Daniel A. Dailey
Sergeant Major of the Army
Jan. 30, 2015, Washington

On Point National African American History Month

Each February, the U. S. Army honors the remarkable contributions of African American men and women in the building of the nation. The 2015 theme, selected by the Association for the Study of African American Life and History is, "A Century of Black Life, History, and Culture."



This theme highlights the fact that over the past century, African American life, history, and culture have become major forces in the United States and the world. The Army leadership has asked the entire Army family to publicly commemorate the significant contributions that continue to make the Army the premiere fighting force in the world.



Patient Recognition Week

National Patient Recognition Week is celebrated annually Feb. 1-7, throughout the country and is recognized officially with events on National Patient Recognition Day, Feb. 3. The theme for 2015 is "Committed to your Well-being."

Dailey assumes role as 15th Sergeant Major of Army



Chief of Staff of the Army Gen. Ray Odierno administers the oath of office to Sgt. Maj. of the Army Daniel A. Dailey, Jan. 30, 2015, at the Pentagon as Dailey's wife, Holly, holds a bible. (U.S. Army photo by C. Todd Lopez)

By C. Todd Lopez, Army News Service

WASHINGTON (Jan. 30, 2015) – The 15th Sergeant Major of the Army was sworn into office Jan. 30, 2015, bringing with him a wealth of experience from both the operational and institutional Army.

Before administering the oath of office to Sgt. Maj. of the Army Daniel A. Dailey, Chief of Staff of the Army Gen. Ray Odierno explained what it is he believes Dailey will bring to the office.

The general said the first time he met Dailey, the non-commissioned officer had been a platoon sergeant. Subsequently, he served as a battalion sergeant major, brigade sergeant major, and division sergeant major. Dailey also has in-depth institutional experience, Odierno said, having served as the command sergeant major at TRADOC.

"He brings this broad experience of both understanding the institutional side as well as the tactical and operational side," Odierno said. "In my mind, there is no one more qualified to take

on the responsibilities and the challenges our Army faces in the future."

After being sworn into office and swapping out his uniform coat for a new one that bears his new rank insignia, Dailey explained how he, a self-described "middle of the road guy," was able to rise to the highest enlisted position in the Army.

Dailey thanked both the officer and enlisted Soldiers who helped shape his career, as well as civilians in government and those from his hometown, including his high school principal.

"All of these people, from the former leaders to my Family, made it possible for an average guy to be the representative for a million of the nation's best and brightest," Dailey said. "That's why I'm convinced that anyone can be the sergeant major of the Army. Any Soldier in today's Army, even an average Soldier like me, has the potential to be an Army senior leader some day. It just requires two things: great leadership, and a strong Army Family."

FORSCOM in the news

The outgoing 10th Mountain Division deputy commanding general, operations, **received the Legion of Merit** during a farewell ceremony recently.



History is being made, as 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division, replaces 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 2nd Infantry Division, in Korea.



Army explosive ordnance disposal Soldiers recently **trained Congolese military and law enforcement units to identify** explosive hazards.



The 3rd Infantry Division is the winner of the 2014 U.S. Army Forces Command **Exceptional Organization Safety Award** (Division Level).



Soldiers from the 55th Ordnance Company (EOD) **rendered safe a cannon ball** from the Civil War that was found in a chimney in Washington recently.



Public Affairs units in action



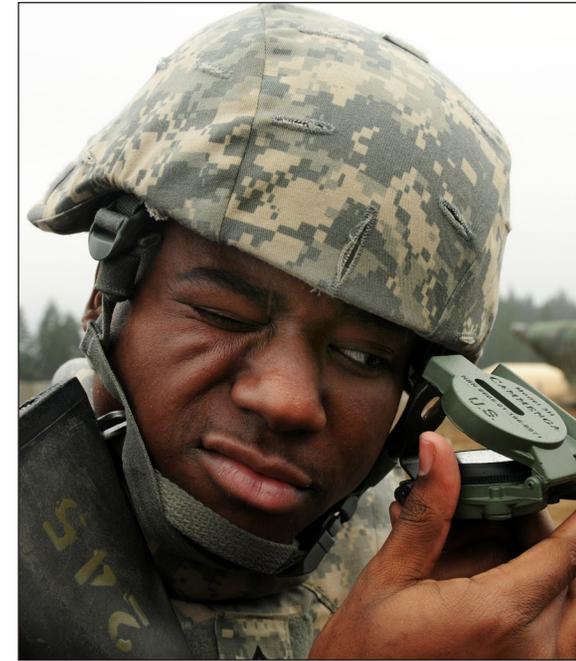
5th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment - Sgt. George Banks (left), signal support specialist with Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion, I Corps, gives radio communication instruction to Sgt. 1st Class Andrew Porch (center), 28th Public Affairs Detachment, and Sgt. Ryan Hallock (right), 19th Public Affairs Detachment at Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Wash., Jan. 21, 2015. (U.S. Army photo by Sgt. Sinthia Rosario)

TOP SHOTS

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Left Spc. Michael Schlupp, C Company, 2nd Battalion, 3rd Infantry Regiment, 3rd Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 2nd Infantry Division, searches a room for simulated enemy forces during training at Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Wash., Jan. 22, 2015. (U.S. Army photo by Staff Sgt. Justin Naylor)



Right Pfc. Bassheen Doss, human resources specialist, Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion, 1 Corps, takes a reading using a lensatic compass during land navigation training at Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Wash., Jan. 22, 2015. (U.S. Army photo by Sgt. 1st Class Andrew Porch)



Above Pvt. Neil Smith (right) and Spc. Cameron Gary, 91st Engineer Battalion, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division, road march during the 10-mile "Saber Challenge" Jan. 22, 2015. The Saber Challenge consisted of a road march with six challenge stations along the route. (U.S. Army photo by Staff Sgt. Keith Anderson)



Above Soldiers from the 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, fire a Tube-launched Optically-tracked Wire-guided (TOW) missile from a Bradley Fighting Vehicle during a live-fire exercise, Jan. 22, 2015, at the Udairi Range Complex, Kuwait. (U.S. Army photo by Staff Sgt. Bernhard Lashleyleidn)

Left Paratroopers assigned to 1st Battalion, 325th Airborne Infantry Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 82nd Airborne Division, drive Light Tactical All Terrain Vehicles through a familiarization course on Fort Bragg, N.C., Jan. 22, 2015. (U.S. Army photo by Sgt. Eliverto V. Larios)



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