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Senior Leaders President honors military



"While the nature of war has changed over that time, the values that drive our brave men and women in uniform remain constant: honor, courage, selflessness."

– Barack Obama
President of the United States
May 25, 2015, Washington

On Point Army Personnel Recovery Program

The Army Personnel Recovery (PR) Program provides a commander-driven approach to prepare individuals for potentially isolating incidents and executes the recovery and reintegration of isolated personnel (evaders and captives). The program also prepares individuals, units, and commanders and staffs to conduct personnel recovery operations. Potential enemies are sophisticated in their manipulation of social and traditional media and will use propaganda to try to exploit Soldiers on the international stage if they become captured; we must deny the enemy this advantage. Soldiers who become isolated are still in the fight and must trust in their fellow Soldiers to recover them and have confidence in their own abilities to survive and resist enemy exploitation.



NIE program continues

Network Integration Evaluation (NIE) 15.2 is the ninth in a series of Soldier-led evaluations designed to further integrate and rapidly progress the Army's tactical communications network. NIE 15.2 took place at Fort Bliss, Texas, from May 2-20.

Obama: Nation owes debt to fallen Service members



President Barack Obama lays a commemorative wreath at the Tomb of the Unknowns at Arlington National Cemetery in Arlington, Va., May 25, 2015. (U.S. Army photo by EJ Hersom)

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WASHINGTON (May 25, 2015) – President Barack Obama used the stories of three Soldiers, who died in Afghanistan, to illustrate the values of the thousands of Service members who have made the ultimate sacrifice in the nation's wars.

Joined by Defense Secretary Ash Carter and Army Gen. Martin E. Dempsey, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Obama spoke at Arlington National Cemetery's amphitheater after laying a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in observance of Memorial Day.

Army Spc. Wyatt Martin and Army Sgt. 1st Class Ramon Morris were 15 years apart in age and traveled different paths in life, the president said, but their paths took them to the same unit in Afghanistan and made them brothers in arms.

"In December, an improvised explosive de-

vice struck their vehicle. They were the last two Americans to give their lives during our combat mission in Afghanistan," Obama said. "These two men, these two heroes, if you saw them passing on the street, you wouldn't have known they were brothers. But under this flag, in common cause, they were bonded together to secure our liberty, to keep us safe."

Like Martin and Morris, Army Cpl. John Dawson shared the same passion and convictions about serving his country, Obama said.

"In April, an attacker wearing an Afghan uniform, fired at a group of American Soldiers," the president said. "And Dawson became the first American Service member to give his life to this new mission to train Afghan forces. The words on John's dog tag were those of scripture: 'Greater love has no other than this, than to lay down your life for your friends.'"

FORSCOM in the news

The Army's only unit to combat chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear and explosive threats **conducted a change of command ceremony** recently.



The 7th Infantry Division held a **deployment ceremony** May 19 to **commemorate the departure** of a headquarters element to Afghanistan.



Two 10th Infantry Division units were awarded the Meritorious Unit Commendation **for exceptionally meritorious service in Afghanistan**.



The Louisiana State Police recognized two 20th CBRNE Command Soldiers recently for **their role in defusing military explosives in Louisiana**.



Current and former 3rd Infantry Division Soldiers **commemorated the 70th anniversary** of the liberation of two German towns during a celebration May 5.



Public Affairs units in action



16th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment - Pvt. DeAsia Bunkley, C Company, 2nd Battalion, 7th Infantry Regiment, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division, low crawls under barbed wire during the Adazi Military Base Obstacle Course Challenge held at Adazi Military Base in Latvia, May 15, 2015. (U.S. Army photo by Staff Sgt. Brooks Fletcher)

TOP SHOTS

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Above Staff Sgt. Pablo Palacio (left), the 82nd Airborne Division NCO of the Year, and Spc. Terri Bluebird, Division Soldier of the Year, render honors at a memorial dedicated to fallen Division paratroopers during the All American Week 2015 Memorial Ceremony, May 20, 2015, at Fort Bragg, N.C. (U.S. Army photo by Staff Sgt. Charles Crail)

Right A young child “high-fives” Staff Sgt. Robinson Byron of B Troop, 1st Squadron, 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment, Fort Irwin, Calif., at the 56th Annual Torrance Armed Forces Day Parade, May 16, 2015, Torrance, Calif. (U.S. Army photo by Gustavo Bahena)

Below Soldiers of the 4th Infantry Division and Fort Carson gathered to honor seven fallen Soldiers during a ceremony at Fort Carson, Colo., May 21, 2015. (U.S. Army photo by Staff Sgt. Rob Oson)



Above Spc. Bryan Pentz, a UH-60 Black Hawk helicopter crew member with the 227th Aviation Regiment, 1st Air Cavalry Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division, performs checks on an aircraft at Fort Bliss, Texas, May 11, 2015. (U.S. Army photo by Sgt. Brandon Banzhaf)

Left Soldiers from 1st Battalion, 187th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division evacuate a simulated casualty during a combined arms live-fire exercise in Laghman Province, Afghanistan, May 13, 2015. (U.S. Army photo by Capt. Charlie Emmons)



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