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Senior Leaders

'A kaleidoscope of challenges'



Regarding U.S. strategy in the Middle East, U.S. Secretary of Defense Ash Carter described the region as a kaleidoscope of challenges. "ISIL poses a threat to our people and friendly countries, not only in the Middle East, but around the world."

—The Honorable Ash Carter
Secretary of Defense
Oct. 27, 2015, Washington

On Point

Cybersecurity: A Leadership Imperative

Cybersecurity is a leadership imperative for the Army as each year cyber capabilities and threats multiply. These threats are **real, pervasive and nearly inescapable**. Leaders at all levels must reinforce cybersecurity discipline in their organizations to protect networks, data and systems. Today's Army and world relies on maintaining stable, safe and resilient access to cyberspace. Maintaining that edge requires effective cybersecurity built on individual and shared responsibility for protecting information and systems from criminals, nation states, terrorists, hackers and malicious insiders that threaten the national and personal security.



Operational Army Reserve

Operational Army Reserve is the result of the 1993 Offsite Agreement which resulted in one of the most impactful changes to the force mix. An operational Army Reserve is best able to meet projected demands by functioning in an established, cyclic manner.

DoD, Army farewell McHugh, 21st Secretary of the Army



Army Secretary John M. McHugh and Col. Johnny K. Davis, "troop the line" during a farewell tribute to McHugh on Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall, Va., Oct. 23, 2015. (U.S. Army photo by C. Todd Lopez)

By C. Todd Lopez, Army News Service

WASHINGTON (Army News Service, Oct. 23, 2015) – Defense Secretary Ash Carter delivered remarks during a farewell tribute to John M. McHugh, outgoing Army secretary.

McHugh assumed the mantle of 21st secretary of the Army in September 2009, and is on his departure, the second-longest serving Army secretary.

"As secretary, John offered the Army a steady hand, providing constancy through four secretaries of defense and four Army chiefs," Carter said. "Among many other challenges, John managed the drawdown of our ground forces from two all-in fights, where they performed magnificently. He did so in a way that honored the service and sacrifice they had made, and preserved the strength and readiness of the force."

Army Chief of Staff Gen. Mark A. Milley has only served alongside McHugh for about two months, although the two met much earlier in both of their careers, Milley said.

"From private to general, you have never failed us," Milley told McHugh. "You fought hard

for America's Army ... you have led us through a number of very significant transitions over time. You guided us through an Army in transformation, downsizing us by over 100,000 troops, most importantly, with compassion and genuine care."

Directing comments initially to Carter, McHugh thanked the secretary for their longtime friendship, and for being there in the Pentagon in various capacities for the duration of his own tenure as secretary of the Army.

McHugh said when he was sworn in as Army secretary in 2009, the Army was confronting a dangerous world and was engaged in two theaters of war at the same time. He said that at the time, the Army, for the most part, knew who its enemy was. "Beyond those two very dangerous conflicts, few new challenges, at least in the near-term, were thought to be on the horizon."

He, Carter and Milley finished the afternoon and McHugh's tenure as secretary, by observing a pass and review by members of the 3d U.S. Infantry Regiment (The Old Guard); the United States Army Band, "Pershing's Own;" and the U.S. Army Old Guard Fife and Drum Corps.

FORSCOM in the news

A medic with the 101st Airborne Division, was recently honored as the **United Services Organization Soldier of the Year** in Washington, DC.



After more than a decade, the 10th Mountain Division Artillery colors were **returned to active service** during a recent activation ceremony at Fort Drum, N.Y.



To the distant thunder of howitzer fire, the **1st Infantry Division Artillery**, inactivated 10 years ago in Germany, was recently reactivated at Fort Riley, Kan.



A 1st Cavalry Division senior NCO **develops mobile applications** to assist Soldiers and their Families at their duty station and surrounding communities.



First Army Division West welcomed a **new command sergeant major** recently in a change of responsibility ceremony at Cameron Field on Fort Hood, Texas.



Public Affairs units in action



10th Press Camp Headquarters - Soldiers of the 4th Battalion, 3rd Aviation Regiment, 3rd Combat Aviation Brigade, provided aerial support to members of the Belgian Armed Forces during Exercise Baltic Piranha at Gaiziunai Training Area in Rukla, Lithuania, Oct. 22, 2015. (U.S. Army photo by Staff Sgt. Michael Behlin)

TOP SHOTS

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Left Soldiers with 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division, tackle the water crossing event during the European Best Squad Competition held at the 7th Army Joint Multinational Training Area, Grafenwoehr, Germany, Oct. 21, 2015. (U.S. Army photo by Markus Rauchenberger)



Right Soldiers assigned to 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, conduct sling load training with a CH-47 Chinook helicopter from 1st Combat Aviation Brigade, on Fort Riley, Kan., Oct. 15, 2015. (U.S. Army photo by Spc. Derrik Tribbey)



Above Lt. Gen. Michael S. Tucker, First Army commanding general, is briefed about 120mm tank rounds during an Oct. 21, 2015, tour of the Iowa Army Ammunition Plant in Middletown, Iowa. (U.S. Army photo by Darryl Howlett)



Above Spc. Spencer Secord (right), an intelligence analyst with 2nd Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 2nd Infantry Division, helps camouflage Sgt. Alfredo Munoz, a cryptologic linguist, also with the brigade, during a Cyber Training Exercise on Joint Base Lewis McChord, Wash., Oct. 20, 2015. (U.S. Army photo by Capt. Meredith Mathis)

Left Soldiers from A Company, 710th Brigade Support Battalion, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division, conducted a convoy from their battalion motor pool to Fort Polk, La.'s Geronimo Training Area where they held Master Resiliency Training, Oct. 22, 2015. (U.S. Army Photo by Sgt. David Edge)



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