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Senior Leaders Aviation 'stand down' concludes



"We cannot allow tragedy to pass unacknowledged. We must do whatever is needed to make certain that our Soldiers are training and operating safely."

— Gen. Robert B. Abrams
Commanding General, FORSCOM
Aviation Safety Stand Down Directive
Dec. 3, 2015, Fort Bragg, N.C.

On Point Impaired driving prevention key to Holiday safety

December is National Impaired Driving Prevention Month. While not an official Army observance, it is an important opportunity for leaders to engage their Soldiers on the hazards of drunk driving before the holiday exodus. At present, alcohol is not a major factor in most private motor vehicle accidents involving Soldiers. Yet the Army does experience a handful of drunk driving crashes every year. "In December 1982, President Ronald Reagan signed a presidential proclamation announcing National Drunk and Drugged Driving Awareness Week," explained Pamela Morton, state victim coordinator for MADD Alabama. "MADD was a key member of his presidential commission on drunk driving, and over time that awareness week has evolved into a month-long observance."



NCO Evaluation Report



The redesigned Army NCO Evaluation Report aligns the evaluation system with current Army doctrine, establishes and reinforces rating official accountability to eliminate evaluation inflation, and differentiates among three levels of NCO career achievement.

Secretary of Defense: All military occupations open to women



Defense Secretary Ashton Carter announces the opening of all military occupations to women during a press briefing at the Pentagon, Dec. 3, 2015. (DoD photo by Senior Master Sgt. Adrian Cadiz)

By Cheryl Pellerin, DoD News

WASHINGTON (Dec. 3, 2015) – Defense Secretary Ash Carter announced that beginning in January, all military occupations and positions will be open to women, without exception.

For the first time in U.S. military history, as long as they qualify and meet specific standards, the secretary said women will be able to contribute to the Defense Department mission with no barriers at all in their way.

"They'll be allowed to drive tanks, fire mortars and lead infantry Soldiers into combat," Carter added. "They'll be able to serve as Army Rangers and Green Berets, Navy SEALs, Marine Corps infantry, Air Force parajumpers, and everything else that was previously open only to men."

Over the past three years, he added, senior civilian and military leaders across the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps and Special Opera-

tions Command have studied the integration of women into these positions.

"Last month I received their recommendations [and] the data, studies and surveys on which they were based regarding whether any of those remaining positions warrant a continued exemption from being opened to women," Carter said, noting that the Army, Navy, Air Force and SOCOM said none of the positions warranted exemptions.

In a memorandum to the secretaries of all military departments and others, Carter directed the military services to open all military occupational specialties to women 30 days from today - a waiting period required by law - and by that date to provide updated implementation plans for integrating women into the positions now open to them.

FORSCOM in the news

The opening ceremony for **Yama Sakura 69** was held at the Japan Ground Self Defense Force Middle Army Headquarters on Camp Itami, Japan recently.



U.S. Army Reserve Command's **second-largest** subordinate unit recently conducted a change-of-command at Joint Forces Training Base, Los Alamitos, Calif.



First Army supported the Army Reserve, National Guard, active Army and the Air Force during a **Warfighter Exercise** recently held at Camp Atterbury, Ind.



Leaders of the 1st Infantry Division visited the University of Kansas recently to **formalize the partnership resolution** between the "Big Red One" and KU.



I Corps is validating **new mobile network configurations** integrated on Stryker platforms to enable mission command on the move.



Public Affairs units in action



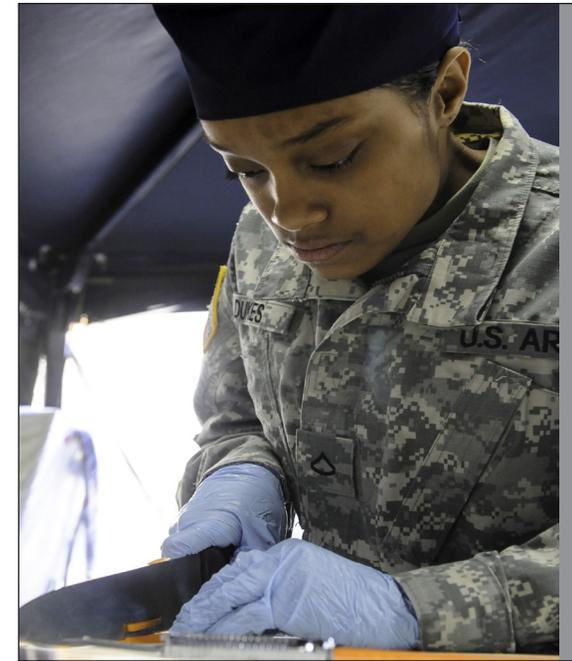
24th Press Camp Headquarters - Capt. Sophia Hildreth, operational law attorney, 1st Armored Division, provides support to 1st Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 1st Armored Division, during Iron Focus 16.1 at the Mission Training Center, Fort Bliss, Texas, Dec. 3, 2015. (U.S. Army photo by Spc. Lauren Wanda)

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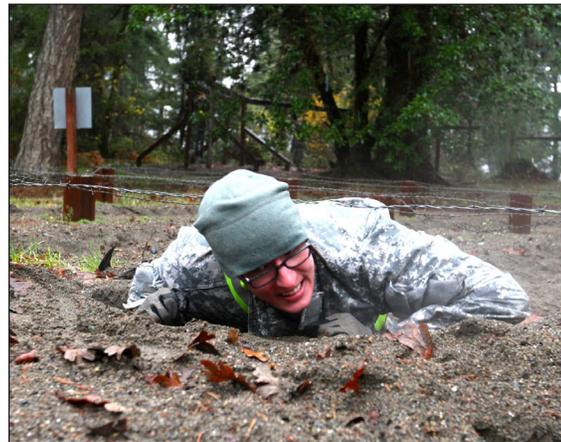
Right Spc. Deayerius Dukes, a food service specialist assigned to Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion, I Corps, prepares a salad topping during the Yama Sakura 69 "Iron Chef" Competition at Camp Itami, Japan, Dec. 5, 2015. (U.S. Army photo by Sgt. Daniel Schroeder)



Left Sgt. Daniel Young, an infantryman assigned to 2nd Assault Helicopter Battalion, 82nd Combat Aviation Brigade, 82nd Airborne Division, fires a M320 40mm lightweight grenade launcher during a field training exercise on Fort Bragg, N.C., Dec. 3, 2015. (U.S. Army photo by Staff Sgt. Christopher Freeman)



Above Spc. Timmy Racke, an infantryman with 3rd Battalion, 69th Armor Regiment, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division, engages targets with a M240B machine gun during battle drills, Dec. 2, 2015, at Pabrade Training Area, Lithuania. (U.S. Army photo by Staff Sgt. Michael Behlin)



Above Soldiers from the Joint Readiness Training Center Operations Group assault an objective during a 'Box Tour', Nov. 21, 2015, at Fort Polk, La. (U.S. Army photo by Capt. Chad Ashe)

Left Sgt. Tyler Koon, command post node team chief, 51st Expeditionary Signal Battalion, 593rd Sustainment Command (Expeditionary), negotiates a low crawl obstacle during the "Rest Assured Challenge IV" competition on Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Wash., Nov. 24, 2015. (U.S. Army photo by Sgt. Quanesha Deloach)



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