

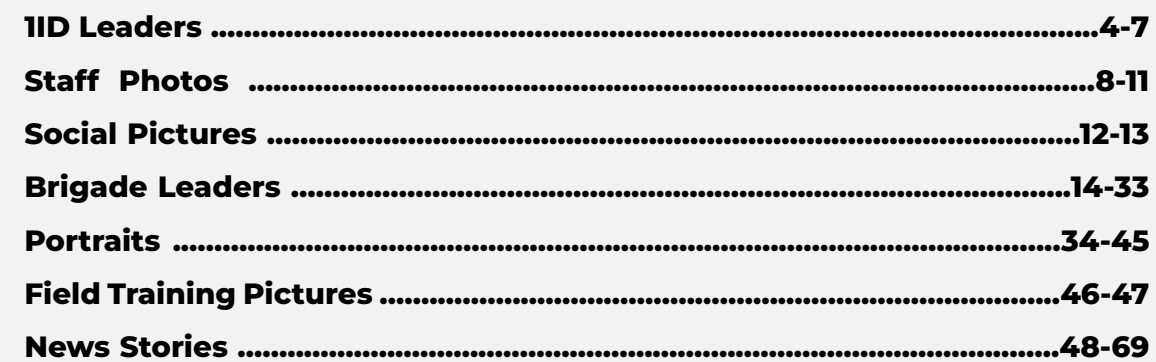
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**A FEW UNIQUE MILITARY PATCHES TRADED BACK AND FORTH BETWEEN SOLDIERS FROM OTHER COUNTRIES WHILE ON DEPLOYMENT TO POLAND**



# 1ST INFANTRY DIVISION LEADERSHIP

Major General John V. Meyer, III graduated from the Virginia Military Institute (VMI) in 1993 and was commissioned into the Armor Branch.

MG Meyer has served in a variety of positions throughout the United States, Europe, and Asia. He has commanded the 2d Battalion, 28th Infantry Regiment and the 2d Cavalry Regiment. He has also served as the Deputy Commanding General (Maneuver), 4th Infantry Division.

MG Meyer's staff assignments include service as the Director of Training, G3, U.S. Army Forces Command; Executive Assistant to the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff; and most recently, as the G3, U.S. Army Europe and Africa.

MG Meyer holds a degree in history from VMI and is a graduate of the U.S. Army's School of Advanced Military Studies and the U.S. Naval War College. His awards include operational campaign medals for Southwest Asia, Iraq, and Afghanistan.



Maj. Gen. John V. Meyer, III  
Commanding General,  
1st Infantry Division and Fort Riley

COL Smith was commissioned as an Armor Officer in 1996 following graduation from Virginia Military Institute. His first assignment was with the 1st Battalion, 72nd Armor, 2nd Infantry Division, Camp Casey, Korea from 1997 to 1998 where he served as a Tank Platoon Leader. He then served in the 1st Armor Training Brigade, Fort Knox, Kentucky as a Basic Training Executive Officer and Battalion S1/4 from 1998 to 2000.

Following graduation from the Armor Officer Advance Course, COL Smith served as the Brigade Planner for 3rd Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division and then Battalion Maintenance Officer, Alpha Company Commander and HHC Commander, 3rd Battalion 8th Cavalry Regiment from 2001-2005. This tour included a deployment to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom 2004-2005.

He served as a BOLC II instructor, Battalion Operations Officer (S3), and Delta Company Commander in 1st Battalion 11th Infantry, Fort Benning Georgia from 2005-2008.

After graduating from the Command and General Staff College at the Naval War College in Newport Rhode Island, COL Smith served as Brigade Planner for 5th Brigade (Stryker) 2nd Infantry Division during its deployment to Afghanistan. On return from deployment COL Smith served as the Squadron Executive Officer of 8th Squadron 1st Cavalry Regiment, 2nd Brigade (Stryker), 2nd Infantry Division. He then served as the Brigade S3 of 201st Battlefield Surveillance Brigade from 2010-2013.

Following completion of Brigade S3 he was stationed at TRADOC HQs, Fort Eustis, VA. There he worked on the commander's initiative group and the General staff for the TRADOC Commander from 2013-2016.

In 2016 COL Smith assumed command of the 1st squadron 89th cavalry regiment, 2nd Brigade, 10th Mountain Division at Fort Drum, NY. In 2018, COL Smith attended the Army War College at Carlisle Barracks, PA. Upon the completion of the Army War College, COL Smith deployed to Istanbul Turkey as NATO Rapid Deployment Corps-Turkey G3.



Col. Brandon "Bull" Smith  
1st Infantry Division  
Chief of Staff

Command Sergeant Major Christopher L. Mullinax enlisted into the Army on June 24, 1998 as an Infantryman. He attended OSUT at Fort Benning, GA. He served as a Rifleman, Automatic Rifleman, Team Leader, Squad Leader, Platoon Sergeant, First Sergeant, and Command Sergeant Major. His duty assignments include 1st, 2d and 3rd Ranger Battalions as well as the 75th Ranger Regiment and the Ranger Special Troops Battalion; 1/503rd, 173rd Airborne Brigade; 2-2 Stryker Brigade Combat Team and most recently the 2nd Security Force Assistance Brigade. He has combat deployments to both Iraq and Afghanistan, and tours across Europe and Africa.

CSM Mullinax is a graduate of all levels of the NCO Education System, U.S. Army Sergeants Major Academy Class 66, Combat Advisor Training Course, Airborne, and Ranger Course. His civilian education includes a Bachelor's Degree in Liberal Arts with an emphasis in History.

His awards include the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Joint Service Commendation Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Joint Service Achievement Medal, Army Achievement Medal, and the Expert and Combat Infantry Badges.



Command Sgt. Maj.  
Christopher L. Mullinax  
Command Sergeant Major,  
1st Infantry Division and Fort Riley

Colonel John B. Mountford hails from DeSoto, Missouri and commissioned as a second lieutenant in the Field Artillery in June 1995 from the United States Military Academy at West Point. Colonel Mountford has commanded at the Detachment, Battery, Battalion and Brigade levels. Most recently he commanded the 210th Field Artillery Brigade at Camp Casey, Republic of Korea.

His past assignments include: 3rd Battalion, 27th Field Artillery Regiment, 18th Field Artillery Brigade; 1st Battalion, 5th Field Artillery in direct support of 1st Brigade, 1st Infantry Division; 1st Battalion, 77th Field Artillery in direct support of the 172nd Brigade Combat Team; 1st Battalion, 7th Field Artillery in direct support of 2nd Brigade, 1st Infantry Division; 210th Field Artillery Brigade attached to 2nd Infantry Division; 1st Infantry Division Headquarters; V Corps Headquarters; United States 8th Army Headquarter; Headquarters Department of the Army G-8; the Office of the Vice Chief of Staff Army; and, the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness.

His overseas assignments include Australia, Germany, and the Republic of Korea with multiple operational deployments in support of Operation IRAQI FREEDOM and Operation INHERENT RESOLVE.

COL Mountford holds a Master's Degree in Organizational Leadership. He is a graduate of the US Army Command and General Staff College, and the United Kingdom's Higher Command and Staff Course. He was the Army War College Fellow at Yale's Jackson Institute for Global Affairs and a 2020-2021 Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) Seminar XXI Fellow.



Col. John B. Mountford  
Deputy Commanding Officer of Maneuver



# 1ST INFANTRY DIVISION FORMER LEADERS

Lt. Gen. Sims II assumed command of Fort Riley and the 1st Infantry Division on 14 August 2020. His previous assignments include; Deputy Director for Regional Operations and Force Management, J-35, Joint Staff, Washington, DC. Director, Operations, Readiness and Mobilization, Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff, G-3/5/7, United States Army, Washington, DC. Deputy Commanding General (Support), 1st Cavalry Division, Fort Hood, TX. Chief of Staff, 4th Infantry Division, Fort Carson, CO. Commander, 2d Cavalry Regiment, GE. Commander, 1st Squadron, 2d Cavalry Regiment, GE. Deputy Regimental Commander, 2d Cavalry Regiment, GE. Branch Chief, Concepts Development, later Executive Officer to the Director, Center for Knowledge and Futures (J-7/J-9), United States Special Operations Command, MacDill Air Force Base, FL. Operations Officer, 1st Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division (Light), Fort Lewis, WA. Executive Officer, 1st Battalion, 5th Infantry Regiment, 1st Stryker Brigade, 25th Infantry Division (Light), Fort Lewis, WA. Commander, C Company, later Assistant Operations Officer, 3d United States Infantry (The Old Guard), Fort Myer, VA. Commander, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 501st Parachute Infantry Regiment, 172d Infantry Brigade (Separate), Fort Richardson, AK. Platoon Leader, C Company, 2d Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment, Fort Lewis, WA. And Platoon Leader, B Company, later Scout Platoon Leader, 3d Battalion, 505th Parachute Infantry Regiment, 82d Airborne Division, Fort Bragg, NC.

LTG Sims' education includes; Infantry Officer Basic and Advanced courses, U.S. Army Command and General Staff College, Senior Service College Fellowship – Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and the Joint Combined Warfighting School. He also holds Bachelors in Political Science from the United States Military Academy, and a Masters in Management from Webster University.

LTG Sims' Awards and Decorations include; the Distinguished Service Medal, Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit (2nd Award), Bronze Star Medal (3rd Award), Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (5th Award), Army Commendation Medal (4th Award), Army Achievement Medal (6th Award), Combat Infantryman Badge, Expert Infantryman Badge, Master Parachutist Badge, Air Assault Badge, Ranger Tab, Pathfinder Badge and the Army Staff Identification Badge.



Lt. Gen. Douglas A. Sims II

Former Commander  
1st Infantry Division and Fort Riley

Currently the Director for Operations,  
of J-3, The Joint Staff

COL Paul Krattiger is an Armor Officer commissioned in 1997 from the United States Military Academy at West Point. His command assignments include Tank and Scout Platoon Leader, 1st Battalion, 8th Cavalry Regiment, Fort Hood, TX and Bosnia and Herzegovina; Ground Cavalry Troop Commander, C Troop, 1st Squadron, 4th U.S. Cavalry, 1st Infantry Division at Schweinfurt, GE and Iraq; and Commander, 1st Battalion, 5th U.S. Cavalry Regiment, 2nd ABCT, 1st Cavalry Division at Fort Hood, TX and the Republic of Korea.

COL Krattiger's company-grade staff assignments include Company Executive Officer, 1st Battalion, 8th Cavalry Regiment, Fort Hood, TX. Squadron Adjutant and Assistant Operations Officer, 1st Squadron, 4th U.S. Cavalry, 1st Infantry Division.

COL Krattiger's field-grade staff assignments include Instructor and later Assistant Professor, Department of Systems Engineering, United States Military Academy. Executive Officer, 1st Squadron, 10th Cavalry Regiment, and BCT Executive Officer, 2nd BCT, 4th Infantry Division at Fort Carson, CO and Kandahar, Afghanistan.

COL Krattiger is a graduate of the Armor Officer Basic and Advanced Courses; the Scout Platoon Leader and Cavalry Leaders Courses; Combined Arms Service and Staff School; the Command and General Staff College; and the Army War College Fellowship at the Hoover Institution at Stanford University. His Bachelor of Science degree is in Economics and he has a Master of Engineering Management from Northwestern University.

COL Krattiger's awards include the Bronze Star Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal, the Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, the Combat Action Badge and Army Parachutist badge.

COL Krattiger is married to the former Alison Diefenderfer of Oklahoma City, OK and they have two daughters Ellery and Harper.



Col. Paul T. Krattiger

Former 1st Infantry Division  
Chief of Staff

Currently the Director  
of CSA Coordination

Brig. Gen. Geoffrey A. Norman is a native of Boulder, Colorado and a graduate of the United States Military Academy at West Point. After the Armor Officer Basic Course, his first assignment was with the 1st Battalion, 12th Cavalry Regiment at Fort Hood where he served in assignments from tank platoon leader to battalion S-4 from 1995 to 1998. BG Norman's next operational assignment was with the 4th Squadron, 7th Cavalry at Camp Garryowen in the Republic of Korea where he served as the Squadron S-1 and the Apache Troop Commander from 1998 to 2000.

After command, BG Norman participated in the Project Warrior Program and served as an Observer/Controller on the Cobra Team at the National Training Center from 2000 to 2002 and as an Armor Officers' Advanced Course Small Group Instructor at Fort Knox from 2002 to 2005. Upon graduation from the Command and General Staff College in 2006, BG Norman served as the executive officer to the III Corps G3 at Fort Hood and later MNC-I CJ3 at Camp Victory, Baghdad, Iraq. During OIF 06-08, BG Norman assumed duties as the executive officer for 2d Battalion, 5th Cavalry, 1st Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division in western Baghdad and Nasir Wa Saalam, Iraq. Following redeployment, BG Norman served as the brigade executive officer for the train-up for OIF 09-10 and subsequent deployment to northern Baghdad and Sadr City in 2009. Upon redeployment from OIF 09-10, BG Norman assumed duties as the Deputy G-3 (Operations) for the 1st Cavalry Division and deployed to Bagram Airfield, Afghanistan as the Deputy CJ3 for Regional Command East for OEF XII.

BG Norman commanded 7th Squadron, 10th U.S. Cavalry, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division at Fort Carson from 2011 to 2013. During this period the squadron deployed to Kuwait as the SECFOR in support of Operation Enduring Freedom-Spartan Shield. After command, he attended the U.S. Army War College and participated in the Advanced Strategic Arts Program. He then served as the G-3 for the U.S. Army Maneuver Center of Excellence at Fort Benning, Georgia.

BG Norman served as the Brigade commander of Task Force Sinai and served as the Chief of Staff of the Multinational Force & Observers in the Sinai, Egypt. Upon redeployment, he served at the Pentagon in Headquarters, Department of the Army, Force Development as the Division Chief for Soldier, Maneuver and Robotics from 2017 to 2019.

BG Norman is a graduate of the Armor Officer Basic and Advanced Courses, and the Cavalry Leader's Course; the United States Army Command and Staff Services School and Command and General Staff College; the Joint Forces Staff College; and the Army War College. He holds Master's of Arts degrees in Management and Leadership and Strategic Studies.

His awards and decorations include Legions of Merit, Bronze Star Medals, Meritorious Service Medals, the Joint Service Commendation Medal, Army Commendation Medals, Army Achievement Medals, Parachutist and Air Assault Badges, the Combat Action Badge, and the Army Staff Identification Badge. He is married to Dr. Stephanie Norman, a neonatal nurse practitioner; and they have two sons, William and Benjamin.



Brig. Gen. Geoffrey Norman

Former Dep. Command Gen.  
for Support

Currently the Director  
of Next Generation Combat Vehicle





1st Infantry Division



Command Team



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Command Staff



G1



G2



G3



G4





G5



G6



G39



G3 AIR



Fires



DIV Engineers



Maintenance



DIV SURG Section



Medics



PAO



Band



DIV CH Section



HHBN Command Staff



SIS Command Staff



HSC Supply



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# 1ST ARMORED BRIGADE COMBAT TEAM 1ST INFANTRY DIVISION LEADERSHIP

Colonel Brian McCarthy was commissioned through OCS in 1998. An Armor officer, he has served in the XVIII Airborne Corps, 2nd, 3rd, 4th Infantry Divisions, and the 1st Cavalry Division among other units. Colonel McCarthy's initial assignment after commissioning was as a Scout Platoon leader in 4th Squadron, 7th Cavalry Regiment. Other company grade assignments include Recon Platoon Leader and Troop Executive Officer in E Troop, 9th Cavalry; Assistant S3 in the 1st Battalion, 67th Armor Regiment and commander of both H Troop, 10th Cavalry and B Troop, 1st Squadron, 10th Cavalry Regiment.

As a field grade officer, Colonel McCarthy served as the Operations Officer for 2nd Battalion, 8th Infantry Regiment and Executive Officer for 1st Battalion, 72nd Armor Regiment. He also served as the 2nd Infantry Division's Maneuver Planner, and as the 2ID's Secretary of the General Staff and Deputy Chief of Staff. Colonel McCarthy commanded the 3rd Battalion, 8th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Cavalry Division, leading the Warhorse battalion as a Regionally Aligned Force in the Republic of Korea, as well in the Middle East in support of Operations Spartan Shield and Inherent Resolve.

Following battalion command, he served at the Joint Multinational Readiness Center in Hohenfels, Germany as a Task Force Senior, leading the Timberwolves Team, and subsequently as the Deputy Commander of Operations Group. Colonel McCarthy is a graduate of the Armor Officer Basic and Infantry Captains' Career Courses and was a Command and General Staff College Art of War Scholar. He is also a graduate of the School of Advanced Military Studies and the Army War College's Carlisle Scholars Program.

Colonel McCarthy has served in Europe, Asia, and the Middle East, including three deployments in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and another for Operation Inherent Resolve.



Col. Brian E. McCarthy

1st Armored Brigade Combat Team Commander

Command Sergeant Major Christopher Shaiko hails from Springfield, VA. He entered the United States Army in February 1998 as a Patriot System C2 Operator and later reclassified to an Armored Reconnaissance Specialist in 2000. CSM Shaiko has served in heavy and light units throughout his career and has held every leadership position including Squad Leader, Section Leader, Platoon Sergeant, First Sergeant and Operations Sergeant Major. He recently served as the 1st Squadron, 16th Cavalry Regiment's Command Sergeant Major.

His assignments include the 108th Air Defense Artillery Brigade, Fort Bliss, TX., 3rd Squadron, 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment, Fort Carson CO., 4th Squadron, 7th Cavalry Regiment, Camp Garry Owen, Korea, 2nd Battalion, 7th Infantry Regiment, Fort Stewart, GA., 1st Squadron, 38th Armor Regiment, 525th BfSB, Fort Bragg, NC. His broadening assignments include positions as a Senior Observer Controller/Trainer in 1st Squadron, 409th Regiment (CAV) (TS), Fort Knox, KY., and as the Senior Military Science Instructor at Iowa State University Army ROTC. CSM Shaiko has two combat deployments in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and a peace keeping mission in Kosovo.

CSM Shaiko's education includes all levels of NCOPDS culminating with United States Army Sergeants Major Academy, Class 68. He holds a Bachelor of Liberal Arts degree from Excelsior College, Albany, NY. and is currently working towards a Master's degree in Defense and Strategic Studies from University Texas at El Paso.

CSM Shaiko's awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal, one oak leaf cluster, Meritorious Service Medal, three oak leaf clusters, Army Commendation Medals, three oak leaf cluster, Army Achievement Medal, silver leaf cluster, Army Good Conduct Medal, 7th Award, National Defense Service Medal, Noncommissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon with Numeral Five, NATO Medal (Kosovo), Iraqi Campaign Medal, Kosovo Campaign Medal, bronze star, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, and the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal. CSM Shaiko is also a recipient of the Order of Saint George Medal (Bronze).



Command Sgt. Maj.  
Christopher L. Shaiko

1st Armored Brigade Combat Team  
Command Sgt. Maj.

In June of 2021, the Devil Brigade deployed over 3000 Soldiers and 2700 pieces of equipment from Fort Riley to Europe in support of the European Defense Initiative's Atlantic Resolve mission. Devil Brigade Soldiers and equipment traveled by air and sea into four major seaports and six airports to establish their initial footprint at 14 Forward Operating Sites in 7 different countries. The deliberate synchronization, coordination, and control enabled the brigade to rapidly complete its movement "from port to fort" in under 10 days.

For the first seven months of the deployment, the Brigade sought to assure America's Allies and partners in the region as well as deter potential aggression. The Brigade did this by building and sustaining readiness with a focus on mastering our warfighting skills as well as combined training with our hosts and both civil and military exchanges and engagements. During this period the Devils participated in two named Combat Training Center rotations at the Joint Multinational Readiness Center in Hohenfels, Germany, two named USEUCOM exercises and 11 additional multinational exercises. Our subordinate battalions fired more than 1.8 million rounds of ammunition, executed 430 flight hours, and qualified our combat platforms twice. The Devil Brigade executed all of this training in conjunction with our NATO allies and European Partners for Peace, providing a visible and credible demonstration of America's commitment daily.

February 2022 brought Russia's Invasion of Ukraine and a shift in the Brigade's mission. In addition to an extension to the Brigade's deployment, the Devils formed the vanguard of Operation European Assurance, Deterrence, and Reinforce. While our activities, demonstrating our commitment and warfighting prowess, did not change, the Brigade's footprint and size did as we assumed operational and tactical control of several European based US Army units, and rapidly realigned forces to the Baltics and the Black Sea Region. By the end of the month the Devil Team numbered 6000 Soldiers deployed in ten countries spanning a distance equal to the distance between Maine and Miami.

The Brigade continued to train as we reassured our NATO allies and deterred further Russian aggression. The Abrams Operations Summit was one highlight of this. This was week-long event where Devil leaders shared the tactics, techniques, and procedures that we have found most effective in training and in combat with Polish tankers slated to receive the first of the 250 Abrams tanks that Poland purchased. Additionally, the Devils supported Ukrainian Armed Forces training Ukrainian Soldiers on the employment and maintenance of M109 and M777 Howitzers as well as M113 Armored Personal Carriers.

The Devil Brigade departed Europe in July, redeploying from ports in Lithuania, Poland (2), and Greece and began receiving its equipment at Fort Riley on 13 August 2022. Having accomplished their mission in Europe, the Devils now shift their focus to reintegrating with the families and the Fort Riley/Flint Hills community and their next mission; equipment modernization.







## 2ND ARMORED BRIGADE COMBAT TEAM 1ST INFANTRY DIVISION LEADERSHIP

COL Bryan Harris grew up in North College Hill in southwest Ohio and entered the Army on 30 May 1998 as an Armor Officer. He graduated from the United States Military Academy with a degree in Management.

COL Harris' assignments include Tank Platoon Leader, 2nd Battalion, 37th Armor (Iron Dukes), 1st ABCT, 1st AD at Friedberg, Germany; Company Commander in the 11th ACR (Blackhorse) and Battalion S3/XO Trainer (Scorpion Team) at the National Training Center, Fort Irwin, CA; Brigade S3 and XO in 1st Squadron, 13th Cavalry (Warhorse) at 3rd IBCT, 1st AD at Fort Bliss, TX; MAJ/LTC Career Manager in OPMD, HRC at Fort Knox, KY; Commander, 2nd Battalion, 34th Armor (Dreadnaughts), 1st ABCT, 1st ID at Fort Riley, KS and the Armor Enlisted Branch Chief at HRC. He recently served as the Operations Division Chief, EPMD, HRC.

COL Harris has deployed to Iraq and Afghanistan for combat operations in support of Operation Iraqi/Enduring Freedom and to the Republic of Korea under the rotational brigade concept. He is a graduate of the Naval War College and the Air War College.

COL Harris and his wife Jackie have 6 year old twins, Jason and Isabelle.



Col. Bryan M. Harris  
2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team  
Commander

Darvin grew up in Florida, the youngest of five boys, where his dad was career Navy. Darvin joined the United States Army as a Private First Class in March, 1996, as an Armor Crewman he went to One Station Unit Training (Basic Training for Tankers) at Fort Knox, Kentucky. After graduation in June, he immediately went to South Korea for one year. The following year he returned to Fort Riley, Kansas.

In early 1998, he was promoted to Specialist and was a tank gunner, and four months later he was promoted to Corporal. In late 1998, he was promoted to Sergeant. He has been a tank gunner his entire time in the Army. Darvin deployed to Bosnia in August, 1999. Returning stateside in March, 2000, he was selected to go to recruiting command. He was then assigned as a Recruiter in Lee's Summit, Missouri.

In 2005- 2006, he was deployed to Iraq as a Tank Commander/Platoon Sergeant. Returning to the states, he was assigned to the Military Transition Teams training unit. He was selected to attend the United States Army Sergeants Major Academy, El Paso, Texas, and selected for responsibility as a Command Sergeant Major, Fort Carson, Colorado. Darvin's awards and decorations include: Bronze Star Medal (2 awards); Meritorious Service Award (2 awards); Army Commendation Medal (3 awards); Army Achievement Medal (4 awards); National Defense Service Medal; Iraqi Campaign Medal; Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal; Army Good Conduct Medal (6 awards); Recruiter Badge; and the Combat Action Badge.

His military education includes the Warrior Leaders Course, Advanced Leaders Course, Senior Leaders Course, and the First Sergeants Course. He earned an Associate of Arts Degree from Wentworth Military Academy. Darvin and his wife Chandra have one son. Due to frequent transfers from one base to another, it has been very hard to take an active part in their community.



Command Sgt. Maj.  
Darvin Williams  
2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team  
Command Sgt. Maj.

In November of 2022, the Dagger Brigade deployed over 3000 Soldiers and 2700 pieces of equipment from Fort Riley to Europe in support of the European Defense Initiative's Atlantic Resolve. Dagger Brigade Soldiers and equipment traveled by air and sea into four seaports and six airports to establish their initial footprint at 8 Forward Operating Sites in 4 different countries. The deliberate synchronization, coordination, and control enabled the brigade to rapidly complete its 18 Ready to Fight tasks and its movement "from port to Forward Operating Sites" in under 20 days.

For the first four months of the rotation, the Brigade sought to assure America's Allies and partners in the region as well as deter potential aggression by deploying 72x tanks, 113x M2A3s and 13x M3A3s, 18x M109A7s, radars, and mortar tracks throughout the European Theater. The Brigade effectively postured their equipment and sustained readiness with a focus on mastering their warfighting skills as well as combined training with host nation partners through both civil and military exchanges and engagements. During this short period, Dagger operated in Kosovo, Poland, the Baltic's, Bulgaria and Germany. Operation Trident Ready, at GTA, saw Ukrainian units trained on Bradley Fighting Vehicles, 120mm mortar systems, and a Maintenance Academy, with the first class graduating on 19 February.

Throughout the remainder of Dagger's rotation, they plan to be actively involved in Operation Trident Ready training upwards of six Ukrainian BTGs, Thracian Cooperation (Romania), Justice Eagle (Romania), Orion 23 (France), Anakonda 23 (Poland), and Saber Guardian 23 (NATO).





# COMBAT AVIATION BRIGADE 1ST INFANTRY DIVISION LEADERSHIP

Colonel Jason Arriaga graduated from Texas A&M University in 1998 and received a U.S. Army commission as a Second Lieutenant in Aviation Branch.

COL Arriaga's operational assignments include the 18th Aviation Brigade - Corps (Fort Bragg, North Carolina), 82nd Combat Aviation Brigade (Fort Bragg, North Carolina), 1st Air Cavalry Brigade (Fort Hood, Texas), and 1st Armored Division Combat Aviation Brigade (Fort Bliss, Texas). COL Arriaga served in many traditional and non-traditional Army leadership roles from Platoon Leader in the 1-159th Aviation Regiment to Brigade Executive Officer of the 1st Air Cavalry Brigade. COL Arriaga commanded the 3-501st Assault Helicopter Battalion in Fort Bliss, Texas, from 2015 to 2017 prior to commanding the 1st Combat Aviation Brigade in Fort Riley, KS.

Outside the continental United States, COL Arriaga served as a Detachment Executive Officer and Embassy Liaison in support of Operation Bahamas, Turks, and Caicos (2001-2002). He commanded the Central Command Flight Detachment in Qatar during the onset of Operation Iraqi Freedom (2003). COL Arriaga deployed to Regional Command-South, Afghanistan, as a Company Commander in Task Force 2-82, 82nd Combat Aviation Brigade (2007-2008). COL Arriaga joined Task Force 2-227, 1st Air Cavalry Brigade, in Regional Command-North as the Task Force Executive Officer (2011-2012). He also commanded Task Force 3-501 in Europe, supporting the European Deterrence Initiative (2016-2017).

COL Arriaga's broadening assignments include two years in Aviation Branch, Operations Division, U.S. Army Human Resources Command. While at Fort Knox, he was assigned as the Aviation Branch Executive Officer and Lieutenant Colonel Assignment Officer. COL Arriaga also served on the Army Staff G-3/5/7, Aviation Directorate, as the Army Cargo and Utility Helicopter Fleet Resource Officer. His most recent staff experience concluded in 2021 as the Land and Sea Branch Chief, Force Application Division, Directorate of Requirements and Capabilities, J8 - Joint Staff.

COL Arriaga graduated from the U.S. Army Air Assault and Airborne Schools. He is a graduate of the U.S. Army UH-60 Maintenance Test Pilot Course.

COL Arriaga holds a Bachelor of Business Administration from Texas A&M University, an International Master of Business Administration from the University of South Carolina, and a Master of Science in National Security Strategy from the National War College.

COL Arriaga is married to Sara Arriaga. They have two children, Sylvia and Zavien.



Col. T. Jason Arriaga  
1st Combat Aviation Brigade  
Commander

Command Sergeant Major Albert Serrano enlisted into the US Army on 27 May 1993, attended Basic Combat Training at Fort Jackson, SC and Advanced Individual Training at Fort Eustis, VA. Upon completion of his training, he was awarded the Military Occupational Specialty code of 67T Utility Helicopter Repairer. His additional military education includes Drill Sergeant School, UH-Noncommissioned Officer's Course, the Advanced Noncommissioned Officer's Course, and the United States Army Sergeants Major Academy class 65.

His assignments include Crew chief UH-60L, E Troop, 1/17 Air Cavalry, Ft. Bragg, NC; Nonrated Crewmember Flight Instructor, C Company, 2-82nd Aviation Battalion, Ft. Bragg, NC; Squad Leader, 542nd Air Ambulance, Camp Page, Korea; Platoon Sergeant, NTC Aviation Company, Fort Irwin, CA; Drill Sergeant, B Company, 1/222 Aviation Regiment, Fort Eustis, VA; First Sergeant, 78th Aviation Detachment, Camp Zama, Japan; First Sergeant, A Company, 3-10th General Support Aviation Battalion, Fort Drum, NY; First Sergeant, HHC, 2-158th, Assault Battalion Command Sergeant Major, 2-210th Aviation Regiment, Ft. Eustis, VA, and Battalion Command Sergeant Major, 2-82nd Assault Helicopter Battalion, Ft. Bragg, NC.

His awards and decorations include the Bronze Star, Meritorious Service Medal, Air Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement medal, Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Medal, Korea Defense Service Medal, Armed Forces Service Medal, Humanitarian Service Medal, Non-Commissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Ribbon, NATO Medal, and the Meritorious Unit Citation. He has also been awarded the Combat Action Badge, Master Aviation Badge, Parachutist Badge, Drill Sergeant Identification Badge and the Honorable Order of St. Michael (Bronze) from the Army Aviation Association of America.

CSM Serrano's deployments include Operation Iraqi Freedom, Operation Enduring Freedom and Atlantic Resolve.

CSM Serrano is married to the former Amber Smith of Franklin, Tennessee and they have two daughters, Isabella and Jordis.



Command Sgt. Maj.  
Albert Serrano  
1st Combat Aviation Brigade  
Command Sgt. Maj.

The 1st Combat Aviation Brigade (1CAB), 1st Infantry Division (1ID) participated in Operation ATLANTIC RESOLVE between March 2021 and December 2021 as a Combat Aviation Brigade (-). 1CAB executed Operation ATLANTIC RESOLVE with 1-1 Attack Battalion (AB), 2-1 General Support Aviation Battalion (GSAB), 3-1 Assault Helicopter Battalion (AHB), and 601st Aviation Support Battalion. 1CAB participated in six United States Army Europe-Africa (USAREUR-AF) Tier I-II exercises, six host nation Tier IV exercises, and five trade shows engaging with ten different nations, providing numerous opportunities to integrate with NATO partners and allies. These engagements provided training opportunities and integration across multiple domains, including liaison operations (Human domain), Foreign Troop Waiver process (Procedural domain), and utilization of Link-16 during joint exercises to facilitate the transfer of targeting information between aircraft (Technical domain).

1CAB (-) deployed to Operation ATLANTIC RESOLVE from Fort Riley, KS, and assumed Regionally Aligned Force (RAF) Combat Aviation Brigade responsibilities in April 2021. 1CAB's organic Air Cavalry Squadron did not participate in Operation ATLANTIC RESOLVE and instead deployed to the Korean peninsula from January 2021 to October 2021. Operations across the European AO included numerous multi-national gunneries integrating multiple Mission Design Series aircraft, including fixed-wing, rotary, manned and unmanned aircraft, alongside sister service branches with elements from the US Air Force. The complex training opportunities focused on integration and interoperability across multiple domains.

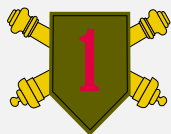
Demonstrations of interoperability included exercises such as Defender 21 with units dispersed across eight European countries simultaneously executing operations including air assault, attack, reconnaissance, and real-world MEDEVAC. Operation SLOVAK SHIELD 21 highlighted the Brigade's ability to consolidate aviation and support companies from multiple Task Forces while successfully integrating with host and partner nations and joint forces across all compos. The enhancement of TTPs among all participants during necessary rehearsals and culminating with a demonstration of capabilities during execution highlights the CAB's overall effectiveness required of large-scale combat operations.

1CAB persistently engaged across the AOR and brought forces from across Europe in the execution of SABER JUNCTION 21 at Grafenwöhr Training Area with a CAB HQs, Task Force Fighting Eagles, and additional TFs participating constructively to execute force-on-force training with multi-national forces. The communications challenges compiled with enemy threats brought real-world issues, improving interoperability and highlighting the benefits of LNOs in the right place to provide sound judgment and enhance integration into the overall scheme of maneuver. 1-1 AB demonstrated technical interoperability using Link-16 during Swift Response 21-Estonia and Spring Storm 21. The exercises included Polish and Italian fixed-wing fighter aircraft and British, United States, and Estonian rotary-wing aircraft.

1CAB successfully employed forces across multiple AORs to demonstrate lethality, cooperation, and enhanced training with Allies and partner nations to build trust and confidence across the world and support the deterrence of enemy aggression.







# INFANTRY DIVISION ARTILLERY LEADERSHIP

Richard (Ike) Ikena grew up in Niceville, Florida. He is married to the former Sarah Henry of Columbia, South Carolina and they have six children: Henry (18), Sam (16), Charles (14), Pete (12), Grace (9), and Matt (9).

Colonel Ikena is a third-generation Soldier, commissioned into the Field Artillery in 1997 through the University of West Florida R.O.T.C. program. Colonel Ikena's operational experiences include serving in Fires positions from platoon leader to Fire Supporter at a CJTF-HQ level, serving in the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Infantry Divisions with four combat tours in Iraq, one combat tour in Afghanistan, two tours in South Korea, and two accompanied tours in Germany.

He is currently serving as the 1st Infantry Division Artillery commander at Fort Riley, Kansas since June 2021. Colonel Ikena's broadening assignments include serving as a Basic Combat Training battery commander; serving as a board recorder/executive officer at the Department of Army Secretariat - U.S. Army Human Resources Command; a member of the Commander's Initiative Group for the U.S. Army Europe Headquarters; and the Joint Staff at the Pentagon in the J7 enterprise, developing joint concepts that are threat informed to provide capability development for the Joint Force.

Colonel Ikena's military education/schooling includes U.S. Army Airborne School, Field Artillery Officer Basic and Advanced Courses, Combined Arms Services and Staff School, Command and General Staff College, N.A.T.O. Crisis Action Planning Course, and a Master's in strategic studies from the U.S. Army War College.



Col. Richard J. Ikena, Jr.

1st Inf. Div. Artillery Commander

CSM Michael L. McLaughlin hails from Savannah, Ga. In August 1996, CSM McLaughlin joined the Army and attended Basic Training and Advanced Individual Training at Ft. Sill, Ok where he was awarded the primary MOS of 13E (Fire Direction Specialist).

CSM McLaughlin's first assignment was Alpha Battery, 1st Battalion 320th Field Artillery Ft. Campbell, Ky. His subsequent assignments include: Charlie Battery 4th Battalion 27th Field Artillery Baumholder, Germany; Alpha Battery 1st Battalion 41st Field Artillery Ft. Stewart, Ga; Bravo Battery 2nd Battalion Field Artillery 306th Regiment Training Support Battalion Ft. Stewart, Ga; Headquarters and Headquarters Battery 214th Fires Brigade Ft. Sill, Ok; Bravo Battery 1st Battalion, 14th Field Artillery Regiment Fort Sill, Ok; Headquarters and Headquarters Battery 1st Battalion, 14th Field Artillery Fort Sill, Ok; Operations Sergeant Major for 2nd Battalion, 18th Field Artillery Fort Sill, Ok. Command Sergeant Major for 2nd Battalion, 4th Field Artillery Regiment, Fort Sill, Ok. He currently serves as the 1ID DIVARTY CSM for Fort Riley, Ks.

CSM McLaughlin has served in the following positions: Advance Party, Driver, Radio Operator, Senior Fire Direction Specialist, Chief Fire Direction Computer, Observer Controller Trainer, Digital Master Gunner, Brigade Senior Fire Control NCO, Brigade Master Resilience Trainer, Platoon Sergeant, First Sergeant, Operations Sergeant, Operations Sergeant Major, and Battalion Command Sergeant Major.

CSM McLaughlin has earned the following awards during his military service: Meritorious Service Medal (4 OLC), Army Commendation Medal (7 OLC), Army Achievement Medal (7 OLC), Army Good Conduct Medal (8th), National Defense Service Medal (CS), Kosovo Campaign Medal (SS), Iraq Campaign Medal (2 CS), Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Military Volunteer Service Ribbon, Professional Development Ribbon (3), Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Ribbon (5), Korean Defense Service Ribbon, Kosovo NATO Medal, Air Assault Badge, St. Barbara Award, and the prestigious Sergeant Audie Murphy Award.

CSM McLaughlin is a graduate of the Primary Leadership Development Course (PLDC), the Basic Non-Commissioned Officer Course (BNCOC), the Advance Non-Commissioned Officer Course (ANCOC), Battle Staff, the Field Artillery Master Gunners Course, the First Sergeant Course, and the U.S. Army Sergeants Major Academy (USASMA) Non-Resident Course Class 44.

CSM McLaughlin is married to LaTonya D. McLaughlin of Austin, TX and they have eight children and nine grandchildren.



Command Sgt. Maj. Michael L. McLaughlin

1st Inf. Div. Artillery  
Command Sgt. Maj.

1st Infantry Division Artillery Headquarters executed a no-notice deployment in February 2022 in support of Operation Assure, Deter, and Reinforce. Within 30 days, 1ID DIVARTY transitioned all combat capabilities forward, at a T4 rating, and assumed the role of leading Integration in AO Victory North for 1st Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division at Grafenwoher, Germany.

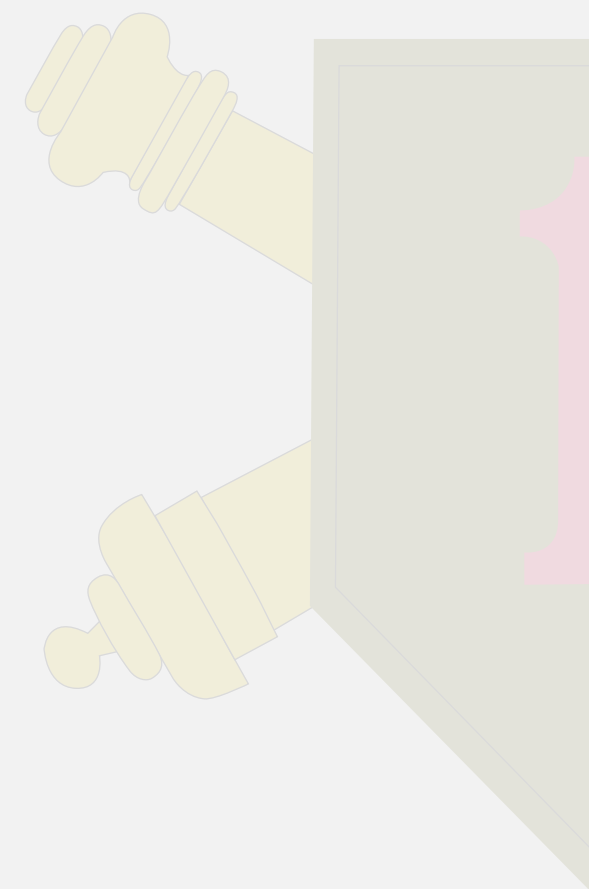
In March 2022, DIVARTY concluded operations in DEU, assumed Command and Control of all U.S. Army Forces in the Baltics, and relocated in Adazi, Latvia. By April 2022, Task Force Drumfire had C2 of 3-66 Armor Battalion, 1-5 Field Artillery Regiment, 2-503 Parachute Infantry Regiment, and a platoon from 5-4 Air Defense Battalion. Task Force Drumfire executed Defender Europe 22 LIVEX, assuming the role of FFAHQ for V Corps with forces in Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania achieving a T2 rating that maintained until December 2022.

Task Force Drumfire then transitioned to the first CPX, Knight Swift, with Multinational Division North (MND-N) in June 2022. Also in June, DIVARTY was tasked as the lead element in enabling the development of Land Component Commands in AO Victory North, which stretches from Estonia down to Poland. Throughout the deployment, Task Force Drumfire hosted multiple visitors including SECDEF, SECARMY, CSA, SMA, along with numerous CODELs and STAFFDELS. Task Force Drumfire conducted a deliberate transition of all subordinate units throughout the summer and by August assumed TACON of 1-66 Armor Battalion, Alpha Battery 3-29 FA, and Bravo Battery 2-174 Air Defense from the Ohio National Guard. Task Force Drumfire, along with 3-321 Field Artillery Battalion supported the Latvian National Exercise NAMJES during the month of September focused on human and procedural interoperability.

In October, the DIVARTY staff joined MND-N for exercise Knight Lion, a STAFFEX supporting the training glidepath to Griffin Lightning. Also, in October, 1ID DIVARTY led Mission Command Training Program academics in both Lithuania and Estonia providing an invaluable opportunity to share TTPs and products with our NATO Allies, enabling both staff training for Winter Strike 23 (WS23) and progression for LCC efforts.

The third changeover of units in the Baltics occurred during November where 1-66 Armor Battalion transitioned with 2-7 Cavalry Squadron and assumed TACON of 2-82 FA at Pabrade, LTU.

In December 2022, HHB DIVARTY deployed the FWD CP approximately 1200km south to Boleslawiec, Poland to assume Force Field Artillery Headquarters responsibilities in support of 1ID during V Corps exercise WS23. The Division hosted leaders from Estonia, Lithuania, Finland, Sweden, and Poland during WS23 and achieved a training rating of T1. In December 1-14 Field Artillery Regiment along with 2-502 Infantry Battalion provided combat credible forces to Task Force Drumfire in Estonia. Throughout the 1st Infantry Division Artillery 11-month deployment they were able to achieve human, procedural, and partial technical interoperability with MND-N, the eFP BGs in Latvia, Lithuania, and Estonia; provide combat credible forces in the Baltics; develop lasting relationships among the Baltic countries and Poland and affirm the United States dedication to the NATO Alliance.





# 1ST ARMORED BRIGADE COMBAT TEAM 3RD INFANTRY DIVISION LEADERSHIP

COL Pete Moon commissioned as an infantry officer from the United States Military Academy in 1998. Upon completion of training at Fort Benning, GA, he served in 2d Battalion, 505th Parachute Infantry Regiment, 3d Brigade Combat Team, 82nd Airborne Division as a Rifle Platoon Leader and Company Executive Officer. Following the Infantry Captains Career Course, Moon served in 2d Battalion, 8th Infantry Regiment, 2d Armored Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division, and HHC, 2 BCT, 4th ID in staff and company command positions. He then served as a Captain's Assignment Officer, Infantry Branch, Human Resources Command, followed by field grade assignments in 1st Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division and Defense Coordinating Element, U.S. Army North.

COL Moon commanded 1st Battalion, 18th Infantry Regiment, 2d Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, then served as ACoS, G3, 1st Infantry Division at Fort Riley, KS. Upon completion of US Army War College, he served as a Senior Advisor to the Afghanistan Ministry of Defense at Headquarters, Resolute Support. His operational deployments include multiple nations in the CENTCOM and EUCOM areas of responsibility.

COL Moon holds master's degrees in Strategic Studies from the Army War College, Public Policy and Administration from Northwestern University, and a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering from USMA.

COL Moon's awards and decorations include Bronze Stars, Purple Heart, Meritorius Service Medals, Ranger Tab, Senior Parachutist Badge, Combat Infantryman Badge, and the Expert Infantryman Badge.



COL Peter J. Moon

3rd Inf. Div. 1st ABCT Commander

Command Sergeant Major (CSM) James Kelly was born July 16, 1973 in Ireland. He enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1995 and attended Basic and Advanced Individual Training as a 12B (Combat Engineer) at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri. Throughout his 26-year career, CSM has served in numerous enlisted leadership positions from Team Leader, Squad Leader, Platoon Sergeant, Operations Sergeant, AC/RC Team Chief, Brigade Engineer NCIC, Company First Sergeant, Head Support NCO for NATO's SHAPE Command Centre, SHAPE Belgium, and Battalion Command Sergeant Major.

CSM Kelly's assignments include: Alpha Company 16/54 EN BN, Warner Barracks Germany; Headquarters and Headquarters Company 2nd EN BN, Camp Castle, Republic of Korea; Charlie Company 14th EN BN, Ft. Lewis WA; Charlie Company 5th EN BN, Ft. Leonard Wood MO; 18th Engineer Company (Sapper) 3/2 Stryker Brigade Ft. Lewis WA, Alpha Company 3-364 EN BN 191 IN BDE; Ft Lewis WA, Headquarters and Headquarters Company 5/2 then 2/2 Stryker Brigade Ft. Lewis WA, 562 Engineer Company (Sapper) 1-17 IN BN 2/2 Stryker Brigade Ft. Lewis WA, US Army NATO, SHAPE Belgium, 5th EN BN, Ft. Leonard Wood MO, and 4-306th Brigade Engineer Battalion 188th Infantry Brigade Ft. Stewart GA.

CSM Kelly's military education includes Combat Life Savers Course, Army Retention Course, Combatives Level 1, Warrior Leader Course, Sapper Leader Course, Advanced Leader Course, Senior Leader Course, Urban Mobility Breaching Course, Battle Staff Course, First Sergeants Course, Company Commander and First Sergeants Course, Counter Explosives Hazards Planning Course, Explosive Hazards Unit Trainer Course, Joint Engineer Operations Course, NATO Military Engineering Staff Officers Course, NATO Military Engineering Advanced Operations Planning Course, Strategic Broadening Program at the University of Louisville and the Sergeants Major Course.

CSM Kelly's civilian education includes a Master of Business Administration from Webster University, St. Louis Missouri, and a Bachelor of Science Degree in Liberal Arts from Excelsior College, Albany, New York, and a National Diploma in Construction Management Limerick Institute of Technology, Limerick Ireland.

CSM Kelly's operational deployments include: Operation Joint Endeavor (1996), Operation Iraqi Freedom 03-04 and 06-07, Operation Enduring Freedom 09-10 and 12-13.

CSM Kelly's awards and decorations include: Bronze Star Medal (2OLC), Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (1OLC), Joint Service Commendation Medal (JSCM), Army Commendation Medal with V Device, Army Commendation Medal (6OLC), Army Achievement Medal (4OLC), Good Conduct Medal (7th Award), National Defense Service Medal (2nd Award), Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal (3 Service Stars), Iraq Campaign Medal (2 Service Star), Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Korean Defense Service Medal, Noncommissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon (Numeral 5), Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon (Numeral 8), NATO Medal (2nd Award), Valorous Unit Award, Meritorious Unit Award (2OLC), Army Superior Unit Award(1OLC), Sapper Tab, Combat Action Badge, Drivers Badge (Track & Wheel Clasp). He has also been awarded the Engineer Bronze Order of the DeFleury Award, and CSM Kelly is a member of the Sergeant Audie Murphy Club.



Command Sgt. Maj. James Kelly

3rd Infantry Division 1st ABCT  
Command Sgt. Maj.

The 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team "Raiders," 3d Infantry Division was called upon in February 2022 for a no-notice deployment to the U.S. Army Europe and Africa Command area of operations to deter aggression against NATO member states following the Russian invasion of Ukraine. Through rapid deployment, strategic equipment draw, and a rigorous training regimen, Raider Brigade expeditiously produced a combat credible force that executed a multinational combat training center rotation in less than four months while directly contributing to NATO strategic assurance and deterrence.

The dedicated Soldiers, staff, and leaders of Raider Brigade worked together to accomplish an unprecedented mission to rapidly deploy an ABCT in response to the Ukrainian Security Crisis. The brigade immediately mobilized and deployed in excess of 3,500 personnel and mission essential home station equipment in eight days. Upon arrival, Raider Brigade immediately drew the Army Pre-positioned Stock (APS) at Grafenwoehr Training Area, Germany. The brigade signed for a complete Armored Brigade Combat Team from APS set in 26 days and rapidly increased the operational readiness rate of the fleet.

The Raider Brigade Headquarters arrived in Germany in February and quickly began determining requirements and coordinating for the entire brigade to draw the APS fleet while subordinate battalions were arriving into theatre. As units began drawing APS equipment, the staff-initiated planning efforts to complete "Ready to Fight" tasks and Raider's gunnery progression to include Combined Arms Live Fires Exercises (CALFEX) and Fire Control Exercises (FCX) for each battalion. Simultaneously, Raider Brigade began planning a Command Post Exercise (CPX) progression that would see it rapidly train the brigade staff to conduct operations in a contingency environment.

The brigade qualified Abrams tank and Bradley Fighting Vehicle crews to close with and destroy the enemy with an average score of 831 for tank crews and 877 for Bradley crews. The brigade also executed field artillery gunnery tables from crew to Table XVIII, an externally evaluated battalion qualification, while supporting combined arms live fire exercises. The Brigade completed platoon level gunnery, artillery tables, engineer tables, and continuous sustainment operations in preparation for potential contingency operations and the next mission at the Joint Multi-National Readiness Center (JMRC), Hohenfels, Germany.

The brigade deployed to Hohenfels Training Area (HTA) in May 2022 to participate in Combined Resolve XVII (CbRXVII) as the Joint Multi-National Brigade Headquarters for eight other nations and more than 5,600 partner nation participants. The Brigade's participation in CbRXVII was critical to increasing readiness in Europe, enhancing multinational interoperability, advancing relationships with allies, and demonstrating lethality to potential adversaries. Upon completion of Combined Resolve, the brigade redeployed to GTA without incident and prepared to turn in the APS fleet to 405th AFSB. Raider Brigade once again set the example for the Army as the first ABCT to sign for and turn-in the entire APS fleet.

"I am immensely proud of the Raider Soldiers' hard work and dedication to global security," said Col. Peter Moon, commander of 1ABCT, 3ID. "Our forward presence in Eastern Europe enabled us to assure our Allies and deter our adversaries. The Raider Brigade enhanced warfighting proficiency by training alongside our Allies and partners as we reinforced our ironclad commitment to NATO."

The Raider Brigade played a critical role to deter aggression and assure the nations' partners and allies by rapidly deploying and producing a combat credible force and completing an over twelve-month training cycle in less than one hundred days during a time of uncertainty in the European Theatre. The brigade accomplished several firsts for the Army and its experiences will continue to provide valuable information to refine deployment and equipment fielding systems. Raider Brigade's contribution to national security and Army lessons learned was predicated on its professionalism, readiness, and dedication to fight and win.







# 3RD ARMORED BRIGADE COMBAT TEAM 4TH INFANTRY DIVISION LEADERSHIP

Col. Stephen E. Capehart is a native of Knoxville, Tennessee. He entered the United States Army as a distinguished military graduate from the University of Tennessee in 1999.

Commissioned as an armor officer, Capehart has served in a variety of command and staff positions to include command of the 1st Battalion, 68th Armor Regiment, 3rd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division, and the operations officer for the 4th Infantry Division.

His operational assignments include the continental United States, Germany, Kosovo, Latvia, Estonia, Lithuania, Poland, Kuwait and three combat tours in Iraq.

Capehart holds a master's degree in international relations from Webster's University and is a graduate of the United States Army Command and General Staff College and the United States Army War College.

Prior to joining the "Iron" Brigade, he served as the United States Northern Command Operations Directorate Crisis Division chief.

He is married with three children.



Col. Stephen E. Capehart

3rd Armored Brigade  
Combat Team Commander

Command Sgt. Maj. Kenneth S. Chaney was born in Middletown, Ohio. After graduating high school in May 1995, he entered Infantry One Station Unit Training at Fort Benning, Georgia, and followed on to Airborne School, where he completed training in December 1995.

He has served in a variety of positions throughout his career. His previous units and assignments include 1st Battalion, 505th Parachute Infantry Regiment, Fort Bragg, North Carolina, where he served as a machine gunner and team leader; the Republic of South Korea, where he was selected to serve in the Long Range Surveillance Detachment of the 2nd Infantry Division; 1st Battalion, 502nd Infantry Regiment, Fort Campbell, Kentucky, where he served in the scouts as a team leader and squad leader; Fort Jackson, South Carolina, where he was assigned as a drill sergeant; 1st Battalion, 5th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Cavalry Division, Fort Hood, Texas; U.S. Military Academy at West Point, New York, as a Corps of Cadets tactical noncommissioned officer; and 2nd Battalion, 506th Infantry Regiment, 101st Airborne Division, Fort Campbell, Kentucky. Additionally, he served as the command sergeant major for the 1st Battalion, 187th Airborne Infantry Regiment "Rakkasans," Fort Campbell, Kentucky. His deployments include two tours in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, one tour in support of Operation Enduring Freedom, one tour in support of Operation Resolute Support and one tour in support of Operation Freedom's Sentinel.

Chaney's military schools and education include the Primary Leadership Development Course, Advanced Leader Course, Senior Leader Course, First Sergeants Course, United States Army Sergeants Major Academy, Drill Sergeant School, Basic Airborne Course, Air Assault School and Pathfinder School. His awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal with two oak leaf clusters, Meritorious Service Medal with nine oak leaf clusters, Army Commendation Medal with valor and with three oak leaf clusters, Army Achievement Medal with six oak leaf clusters, Valorous Unit Award, Meritorious Unit Award with two oak leaf clusters, Combat Infantryman's Badge, Expert Infantryman's Badge, Air Assault Badge, Pathfinder Badge, Basic Parachutist Badge and Drill Sergeant's Badge.



Command Sgt. Maj.  
Kenneth S. Chaney

3rd Armored Brigade Combat Team  
Command Sgt. Maj.

The Iron Brigade deployed in support of Operation Atlantic Resolve from April to December 2022. The mission stressed the internal and external fortitude of every Soldier within the formation. As the train up for the deployment required rigorous challenges, all planners and executors of those task proved their mettle with every feat accomplished. Colonel Stephen E. Capehart and Command Sergeants Major Kenneth S. Chaney led 3ABCT, 4ID during Operation Atlantic Resolve.

The Iron Brigade battalions were spread throughout Europe. Originally, as the elements infilled into theater, each initial location eventually changed with an expanding mission. 4th Squadron, 10th Cavalry Regiment "Blackjack" began their mission in Trezbiel, Poland. The Squadron along with engineers from 588th Brigade Engineer Battalion made history during Operation Vigilant Fox 22' in Finland as the first unit conduct a multinational M2A3 Bradley gunnery live fire exercise in the nation.

The 588th Brigade Engineer Battalion "Lonestar" began their mission in Boleswaliec, Poland. The Lonestar battalion, along with the Finnish Soldiers of the Guard Jaeger Regiment, conducted a multinational room clearing training in Santahamina, Finland. The lethality demonstrated in this event showed the success of Allied interoperability. The Iron Brigade Headquarters provided mission command from Zagan, Poland. The 64th Brigade Support Battalion "Mountaineers" led the Abrams Logistics Summit with a week's long series of classes in Drawsko Pomorskie Training Area (DPTA), Poland. The subject was to share the United States Army's maintenance practices with our Polish allies on how to maximize the performance of their equipment.

While OPCON to the 101st Airborne Division, 1st Battalion, 8th Infantry Regiment "Fighting Eagles" executed several training operations with Romanian soldiers. During Operation Justice Eagle 22', 1-8IN conducted a Combined Live Fire exercise in Smardan, Romania. Located in Mihail Kogălniceanu (MK) Romania, majority of 1-8IN's training met the intent to train through the profession of marksmanship, small unit tactics, and weapons maintenance. The headquarters and command element worked from Novo Selo Training Area (NGSTA), Bulgaria.

Mobilizing from DPTA the 1st Battalion, 66th Armored Regiment "Iron Knights" Battalion conquered the terrain challenges of the Baltic region. The Iron Knights with both Germany and Poland forces successfully deployed tanks while executing a wet gap crossing in Defender Europe 2022 in Dęblin, Poland. Their feat of the complex operation of river crossings proved the ability to overcome any obstacle the Iron Knights are presented with.

The "Silver Lions", of 1st Battalion, 68 Armored Regiment engaged in a multitude of operation across Poland. Along with 1-66AR, the Silver Lions participated in Defender Europe 22' and provided their Abrams expertise to the Polish soldiers. The Abrams Tank Academy provide thorough training opportunities to the Polish Army as maintenance, vehicle operating, and gunnery were the focus of academia curriculum. The Silver Lion battalion hosted several Allied leaders and US Officials in their support of the Tank Academy.

Operating in several locations, 3rd Battalion 29 Field Artillery Regiment "Pacesetters," supported a multitude of Iron Brigade elements. Alpha Battery of 3-29 FA was postured in Adazi, Latvia in support of Operation Atlantic Resolve. Charlie Battery, 3-29 FA, located in Pabrade, Lithuania, was in direct support to 1-66AR. The Pacesetters Battalion Headquarters commanded the Batteries from Torun, Poland. The commitment to increase the readiness of NATO and Allied Partners to destroy, neutralize, or suppress the enemy was exhibited in several multinational initiatives.

The Iron Brigade showed commitment to the readiness of the force, equipment, and maximizing opportunities to increase lethality. The Iron Brigade's distinguished execution of assurance to NATO and Allied Partners was commemorative. In the midst of a heightened geopolitical instability, the Iron Brigade demonstrates an unwavering dedication to V CORP, to NATO and Allied partners.



# COMBAT AVIATION BRIGADE 1ST ARMORED DIVISION LEADERSHIP

Colonel John Morris is a graduate of the United States Military Academy at West Point, New York, where he received his commission as an Aviation Officer in 1999.

His key assignments include: Platoon Leader of D and F Companies, 4th Squadron, 7th Cavalry at Camp Stanton, Korea; Platoon Leader of P Troop, 4th Squadron, 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment at Fort Carson, Colorado, and Iraq; Commander of D Company, 1-10 Attack Battalion at Fort Drum, New York, and Iraq; Instructor/Writer at the Aviation Captain Career Course at Fort Rucker, Alabama; Commander of A Company, 1st Battalion, 145th Aviation Regiment at Fort Rucker; Executive Officer, 1-82 (TF Wolfpack) at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, and Afghanistan; Commander of B Company, 122nd ASB at Fort Bragg; Brigade Operations Officer, 82nd Combat Aviation Brigade at Fort Bragg and Afghanistan; G3 Air, Army Aviation OIC, NATO Rapid Deployment Corps (NRDC-ESP) at Betera, Spain; Commander of 1-3 Attack Reconnaissance Battalion (TF Viper) at Katterbach, Germany; Senior Aviation Trainer at the Joint Readiness Training Center at Fort Polk, Louisiana; and Director, Aviation Platforms – Requirements Determination Directorate, Fort Rucker.

COL Morris holds a bachelor's in Environmental Science, a master's in Acquisition and Procurement Management, is a graduate of the Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, and the United States Army War College at Carlisle, Pennsylvania.

COL Morris is a Master Army Aviator and rated in the AH-64D Apache Longbow, the OH-58D Kiowa Warrior and the EC-145. His awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal (3 Oak Leaf Clusters), the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal (5 OLC), the Air Medal, Joint Service Commendation Medal, the Army Commendation Medal (2 OLC), the Army Achievement Medal, the Combat Action Badge, the Parachutist Badge, and the Air Assault Badge.



Col. John A. Morris

Combat Aviation Brigade, 1st Armored  
Division Team Commander

Command Sgt. Maj. Jermaine Baldwin enlisted in the Army March 2, 2000. He attended Basic Training at Fort Benning, Georgia, followed by Advanced Individual Training at Fort Eustis, Virginia, where he graduated as a 68F, Aircraft Electrician. During his time in service, Command Sgt. Maj. Baldwin has held multiple enlisted leadership positions. As a noncommissioned officer, he has served in positions of Team Leader, Phase Team Leader, Reset Team Leader, Wounded Warrior Squad Leader, Recruiter, Production Control NCOIC, Senior Aviation Operations Sergeant and First Sergeant. His past assignments include K Company, 4-159th Aviation Regiment, HAAF, Georgia; B Co, 603rd Aviation Support Battalion, HAAF; South Company, Houston Recruiting Battalion, Texas; D Troop, 1-17th Cavalry Regiment, Fort Bragg, North Carolina; B Trp, 1-17th Cavalry Regiment, Fort Bragg; D Co, 3-82nd General Support Aviation Battalion, Fort Bragg; HHC 3-82nd General Support Aviation Battalion, Fort Bragg; D Co, 3-10th General Support Aviation Battalion, Fort Drum, New York; and 4-3 Assault Helicopter Battalion, HAAF.

Additionally, Command Sgt. Maj. Baldwin has completed four combat tours between Iraq and Afghanistan consisting of OIFIII, OEFIII, XII, XV, one peacekeeping mission SFOR8 in Bosnia-Herzegovina and two Operation Atlantic Resolve rotations to Germany and Romania.

His awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal; Meritorious Service Medal (2 Oak Leaf Clusters); Army Commendation Medal (5 OLC); Army Achievement Medal (5 OLC); Army Good Conduct Medal (6); National Defense Service Medal; Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal; Iraq Campaign Medal; Global War on Terrorism Service Medal; NCO Professional Development Ribbon (Numeral 5); Army Service Ribbon; Overseas Ribbon (Numeral 3); NATO Medal (1S); Presidential Unit Citation; Meritorious Unit Citation (2 OLC); Army Superior Unit Award; Driver Badge (Wheeled); Master Aviation Badge, Gold Recruiter Badge and Bronze Order of St. Michael.

Command Sgt. Maj. Baldwin's military education includes Basic Leader Course; Advanced Leader Course; Warrior Transition Cadre Course; Recruiter Course; Senior Leader Course; Command Post of the Future operator course. Battle Staff; Master Resilience Training and United States Army Sergeants Major Academy Class 68.

CSM Baldwin holds a Bachelor of Professional Studies in Business and Management and is currently pursuing a Master of Business in Technology Management.



Command Sgt. Maj.  
Jermaine Baldwin

1st Armored Brigade Combat Team  
Command Sgt. Maj.

The Combat Aviation Brigade elements which supported Operation Assure, Deter, and Reinforce, conducted multiple events that directly impacted the readiness and effectiveness of EUCOM through dedicated training alongside our Allies and Partners to present a credible, interoperable force, capable of countering any adversary. Qualified crews throughout the brigade conducted: medical evacuation (MEDEVAC) training missions, over water certification courses, numerous live fire exercises, more than ten multinational exercises with host nation partners, aided in gunnery skills improvement with partner nations, progressed new aviators and developed a first-ever AH-64 (Apache) orientation course designed to build a shared understanding of refuel and maintenance operations, registered more than 10,000 combined flight hours, and supporting dozens of air mission request for congressional member delegations (CODEL) members and senior military leaders. They also conducted numerous community engagements with host nation partners in Poland, Romania, Germany, Greece, and Latvia to forge lasting bonds that made them Stronger Together.

The Combat Aviation Brigade rotation to the U.S. Army European Command (EUCOM) occurred on Aug. 8, 2022, where the brigade cased their colors in preparation to support Operation European Assure, Deter, and Reinforce. Upon arrival to the theater area of operations, the 1AD CAB deployed to six separate locations across Europe (Germany, Poland, Greece, Latvia, Romania, and Turkey) as a multi-functional aviation task force to support Operation Atlantic Resolve. In addition to supporting aviation operations throughout Europe to improve interoperability and strengthen relationships with Allies and partner nations, this aviation task force conducted outstanding training events. It took advantage of unique opportunities to develop junior leaders in challenging, autonomous environments. The Iron Eagle Brigade assumed responsibility over the aviation component of Atlantic Resolve at the 33rd Air Base, Powidz, Poland, on Sep. 12, 2022.

Regiment, 3-1 ABCT, one of the unit's operationally assigned to the 1 ID that participated in the exercise.

Many of these training missions emphasized the importance of knowing NATO's capabilities and how best to work together. By year's end, the 1 ID and its partner units supplied a combat force of approximately 12,000 Soldiers. These elements worked in conjunction with host nations to ensure stability and create strengthened bonds of partnership.

"I can say that being together is good," said Lt. Col. Viktors Kareckis, battalion commander for the Latvian National Guard's 4th Brigade, 44th Infantry Battalion during exercise NAMEJS 22. Kareckis and his unit coordinated force protection alongside U.S. Soldiers during the Latvian-led combined military exercise in which U.S. Soldiers of the 1st Infantry Division Artillery, working in tandem with Soldiers of the 3rd Battalion, 321st Field Artillery Regiment, 18th Field Artillery Brigade and Airmen of the 352nd Special Operations Wing, delivered two M142 High Mobility Artillery Rocket Systems, often referred to as HIMARS, to multiple locations across Latvia as a way to showcase their capability for rapid response.

NAMEJS rolled into Silver Arrow, then Iron Wolf and Bull Run soon thereafter; a year of active participation in the combined effort of NATO defense.

"People in Germany, especially the people that have been old enough to be part of the divided Germany, appreciate the support of NATO and the Americans," said Joakim Steinweden, a German reenactor with the Uławiec. "I hope not because then we did our job, we deterred any further combat from happening here. But, I know if we need to fight, we're ready."

Just a few days before Christmas, McConville and Sgt. Maj. of the Army Michael A. Grinston visited U.S. Army Soldiers of the 1 ID at the forward operating station in Bolesławiec to acknowledge the work of the units who spent the year supporting this NATO mission.

"What you are doing here is making a difference," said McConville. "Our administration, our leadership has said that we will defend every inch of NATO. You are in those inches of NATO."

During the visit, Grinston hosted a forum with noncommissioned officers of the 1 ID. There he recounted his time serving as sergeant major of the Army when many new threads were woven into the story of America and how the U.S. Army played a part in those events.

From when the first cases of Soldiers with COVID-19 emerged in South Korea; to when the National Guard was activated in Washington D.C. to ensure the peaceful transition of power; and then to the withdrawal from Afghanistan, when the U.S. Army helped evacuate 120,000 Afghan nationals; among these Grinston recalled many instances that occurred during his tenure as sergeant major of the U.S. Army.

"When people talk about our Army, you should tell them that story," said Grinston.

In February of 2023, exactly one year after the 1 ID arrived in Europe, the unit will transfer command authority to the 4th Infantry Division, having woven new threads in the ever growing fabric of European and American history.

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# 3RD ARMORED BRIGADE COMBAT TEAM 1ST CAVALRY DIVISION LEADERSHIP

Colonel Gilliam was commissioned as an Armor Officer in 2000 following graduation from the United States Military Academy. His first assignment was with 3rd Squadron, 2nd Armored Cavalry Regiment, Fort Polk, Louisiana from 2000-2003. He served as a Scout Platoon Leader, Anti-Tank Platoon Leader, Support Platoon Leader, and Troop Executive Officer. He deployed to Kuwait in 2002 as the Executive Officer of L Troop to conduct security operations and later participated in combat operations in Iraq during the opening stages of Operation Iraqi Freedom I.

Following graduation from the Armor Officer Advanced Course, Colonel Gilliam joined the First Cavalry Division in Baghdad and served as a Division G3 Operations Officer during Operation Iraqi Freedom II/III from 2004-2005. Shortly after redeployment, Colonel Gilliam joined 4th Squadron, 9th Cavalry, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division and served as the Squadron Logistics Officer. From 2005-2007, Colonel Gilliam commanded C Troop deploying to Baghdad for Operation Iraqi Freedom 06-08. Colonel Gilliam relinquished command in 2007 and served as the Aide-de-Camp to the Division Commander in Baghdad and Fort Hood until 2008.

Following service at Fort Hood, Colonel Gilliam attended graduate school at the Princeton School of Public and International Affairs earning a Masters in Public Policy in 2009. Upon graduation, COL Gilliam then served as an Integrations Officer in the Human Resources Command Strategic Initiatives Group.

COL Gilliam was selected as an Intermediate Level Education Interagency Fellow and worked for the State Department's Coordinator for Reconstruction and Stabilization from 2010-2011. After completing the Fellowship, Colonel Gilliam then served as the Operations Officer for 1st Battalion, 77th Armor, 4th Brigade Combat Team, 1st Armored Division, Fort Bliss, Texas. Colonel Gilliam deployed with the unit to Iraq in the closing days of Operation New Dawn and to Afghanistan from 2012-2013. Upon redeployment, Colonel Gilliam was selected to serve as the Aide-de-Camp to the 18th Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, a position in which he served from 2013-2015.

From 2015-2017, Colonel Gilliam commanded 1st Battalion, 66th Armor, 3rd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division deploying to Atlantic Resolve in 2017. Colonel Gilliam graduated from the National War College in 2019 earning a Masters in National Security Studies. Colonel Gilliam then served on the Joint Staff from 2019-2021 initially as a Nuclear Operations Officer and later as the XO to the J-3. From 2021-2022 Colonel Gilliam was as an Army Senior Fellow with service at the Brookings Institution.

Colonel Gilliam's military training and education include the Airborne Course, the Air Assault Course, the Armor Officer Basic and Advanced Course, the Scout Leader's Course, Intermediate Level Education, and the National War College.

His awards and decorations include the Defense Superior Service Medal, Bronze Star Medal (3 OLC), Purple Heart, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (3 OLC), Joint Service Commendation Medal (1 OLC), Army Commendation Medal (3 OLC), Army Achievement Medal (2 OLC), Airborne and Air Assault Badges, the Combat Action Badge, and the Joint Staff Identification Badge.



Col. John B. Gilliam

3rd Armored Brigade Combat  
Team Commander

Command Sergeant Major Michael D. Hall is a native of Grand Junction, Colorado. He enlisted in the Army in May of 2000 and attended OSUT (One Station Unit Training) at Fort Benning, Georgia to become an Infantryman.

During his career, Hall served as a Command Sergeant Major, Senior Military Instructor (SMI), Brigade Headquarters and Headquarters Company First Sergeant, Battalion Operations Sergeant Major, Airborne and Ranger Training Brigade First Sergeant, Rifle Company First Sergeant, Scout Platoon Sergeant, Rifle Company Platoon Sergeant, Squad Leader/Section Leader, Team Leader, M2 Gunner, and Rifleman.

In addition to four tours in support of Operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom; Hall deployed to Kosovo in support of the Kosovo Force, executed a tour in Korea, deployed in support of Operation Spartan Shield (OSS) in the country of Kuwait, deployed in support of the Regionally Aligned Forces (RAF) in the Republic of Korea, and most recently deployed in support of Operation Assure, Deter, and Reinforce in the country of Poland.

Hall has been assigned to the following units: 3rd Armored Brigade Combat Team, at Fort Hood, Texas; 1-64th Armored Regiment (Combined Arms Battalion), at Fort Stewart, Georgia; East Carolina University (ROTC) in Greenville, North Carolina; 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team and 1-28th Infantry at Fort Riley, Kansas; 4th Airborne and Ranger Training Battalion in Fort Benning, Georgia; 1-505th Parachute Infantry Regiment at Fort Bragg, North Carolina; Operations Group at Fort Polk, Louisiana; 1-503rd Infantry Regiment (Air Assault) at the ROK; and 1-325th Airborne Infantry Regiment at Fort Bragg, North Carolina.

Hall's military and civilian education include: the US Army Ranger School, Jumpmaster School, Pathfinder School, Airborne School, School for Command Preparation (SCP), Senior Leader Course (SLC), Advanced Leader Course (ALC), Primary Leadership Development Course (PLDC), Battle Staff Course and he is graduate of Class 68 of the U.S. Army Sergeants Major Academy. Hall holds a Master of Arts in Management and Leadership.

Hall's awards include: The Bronze Star with Valor for his leadership in the Faryab Province of Afghanistan. The Bronze Star Medal (3rd Award), Meritorious Service Medal (5th Award), Army Accommodation Medal (6th Award), Army Achievement Medal (4th Award), Good Conduct Medal (7th Award), National Defense Service Medal, Kosovo Campaign Medal (Bronze Service Star), Afghanistan Campaign Medal (2 Bronze Service Star), Iraq Campaign Medal (3 Bronze Service Star), Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Korea Defense Service Medal, NCO Professional Development Ribbon (5th Award), Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon (4th Award), NATO Medal (2nd Award), Ranger Tab, Master Parachutist Badge, Pathfinder Badge, Expert Infantryman's Badge, Combat Infantryman's Badge, and the prestigious Orders of Saint Maurice (Centurion) and Saint George (Bronze Medallion).



Command Sgt. Maj.  
Michael D. Hall

3rd Armored Brigade Combat  
Team Command Sgt. Maj.

On 13 May 2022, the Secretary of Defense ordered the deployment of the 3rd Armored Brigade Combat Team, "Greywolf", 1st Cavalry Division to the U.S. Army Europe and Africa Command area of operations to assure NATO allies, deter Russian aggression and to be prepared to support a range of other requirements in the region. Shortly after the announcement, the "Greywolf" Brigade rapidly began the movement of its personnel and equipment to the European theater.

The Brigade loaded its equipment onto vessels at Corpus Christi, Texas where it arrived at the Port of Antwerp, Belgium all while "Greywolf" troopers flew from Fort Hood, Texas into Poznan, Poland, with the first personnel arriving by 8 July 2022. As the troopers of "Greywolf" arrived they quickly had to establish their own support systems as they were not formally replacing another unit at their Forward Operating Site. Upon arrival of equipment and vehicles, "Greywolf" rapidly started its Ready to Fight which allowed the brigade to validate all its weapon systems, vehicle platforms and mission command nodes. Upon the completion of Ready to Fight, "Greywolf" fully assumed their mission on 29 August 2022 and was posed in providing a credible combat force to support NATO partners.

Given the current security environment in Europe, the ability of U.S. units to quickly integrate with NATO partners is critical to the credibility of the NATO Alliance. Using the three interoperability domains, "Greywolf" sought every opportunity to train with NATO allies and partners. Specifically, "Greywolf" conducted two major command post exercises, one battalion-level Emergency Deployment Readiness Exercise and live-fire exercise, one troop/battery live-fire and STX event, and several individual/small unit events. The two major command post exercises included Operation Cerberus with the 3rd (UK) Division in Sennelager, Germany and Operation Cooperative Resolve with Turkish partners in Vicenza, Italy. "Greywolf" provided command and control during 2nd Cavalry Regiment's battery-level live-fires exercises with Finnish partners during Operation Finnish Storm and later conducted troop-level maneuver and STX training with two Finnish Brigades during Operation Finnish Hammer. Finally, "Greywolf" conducted Operation Bull Run with NATO Battlegroup-Poland, a battalion-level Emergency Deployment Readiness Exercise followed by STX and company-team live-fires.

These exercises allowed "Greywolf" to make significant progress on training and integrating with NATO allies and partners as well as take away crucial lessons learned. Knowledge gained in technical and procedural interoperability well as enhanced

interoperability specific to the human domain set the stage for future training and operations between U.S. units and NATO allies and partners.

During "Greywolf's" time in Poland, Lithuania, and Latvia, troopers had the opportunity to engage in unique cultural experiences to shape their perspective and worldview and reinforce the purpose of their mission. Individual battalions planned and facilitated mission-enhancing, morale building trips throughout Europe. More than 2700 troopers had the opportunity to participate in these events, significantly impacting unit morale. Additionally, troopers maximized the opportunity to participate in community service projects in local elementary schools, foster care facilities, and trade/technical schools enhancing local perception of the U.S. Army and the mission in theater as well as their connection with NATO partners.

The "Greywolf" brigade maintained a high operational tempo maximizing all available training opportunities during its seven months in theater. Throughout the deployment, "Greywolf" occupied eight Forward Operating Sites and conducted operations in the United Kingdom, Italy, Germany, Greece, Poland, Finland, Latvia, and Lithuania. The leaders

and troopers gained invaluable experience at training and at integrating with their NATO partners. The lessons learned by the brigade during their seven months in theater will have lasting effects in making "Greywolf" better, more lethal, and a more ready organization.







# 1ST AIR CAVALRY BRIGADE 1ST CAVALRY DIVISION LEADERSHIP

Colonel Timothy (Tim) R. Jaeger hails from South Holland, Illinois. Colonel Jaeger began his Army career a Combat Medic in 1992. In 1998, he earned a bachelor's degree in Physical Education from Illinois State University and received his Commission as a Second Lieutenant in the Aviation Branch.

COL Jaeger's first assignment was with the 1st Battalion, 227th Aviation Regiment, the Divisional Attack Aviation Battalion of the 1st Cavalry Division, Fort Hood, Texas. He served as a Company Scout and Attack Apache Longbow Platoon Leader and Support Platoon Leader. Upon completion of the Aviation Captain's Career Course, COL Jaeger served as an Assistant Operations Officer in 11th Aviation Regiment, Illesheim, Germany. In 2003, he deployed to OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM in Balad, Iraq. Shortly after redeployment he became the Squadron Logistics Officer for 6th Squadron, 6th Cavalry, Illesheim, Germany. COL Jaeger assumed command of Alpha Company, 6th Squadron, 6th Cavalry and later commanded HHT, 6th Squadron, 6th Cavalry. After relinquishing command, COL Jaeger was assigned to the Joint Readiness Training Center (JRTC), Fort Polk, Louisiana as a Company Observer Controller/Trainer Mentor. During his tour at JRTC, COL Jaeger earned his Master of Science from American Military University. After departing Fort Polk, COL Jaeger was assigned as a Team Leader for a Military Transition Team. He deployed his team to Northern Iraq and later to Southern Iraq, where he was stationed at an Iraqi Police Station in Nasiriyah. After completing ILE at FLKS, COL Jaeger was signed to the 1st Battalion, 3rd Aviation Regiment, 3rd Infantry Division, Hunter Army Airfield, Georgia where he served as the Executive Officer. He later served as the 3rd Combat Aviation Brigade Executive Officer and deployed to Kandahar Airfield in support of OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM.

After departing the 3rd Infantry Division, he was assigned to the Office of the Chief of Staff, Army where he served as a Protocol Officer and later the Assistant Executive Officer/Aide to the Director of the Army Staff. He was later assigned to the Office of the Chief, Legislative Liaison with responsibilities for the Operations portfolio in OCLLs Programs Division. In November 2016, COL Jaeger assumed command of the 4th Attack Reconnaissance Battalion (4-4 ARB), 4th Combat Aviation Brigade, 4th Infantry Division, and relinquished command in May 2019. During his tenure in command, he deployed his battalion to OPERATION INHERENT RESOLVE. Following Battalion Command, COL Jaeger served as the Senior Aviation Trainer for the Eagle Team, Operations Group, National Training Center from May 2019 - June 2020. In 2021, COL Jaeger earned a Master of Strategic Studies from the US Army War College. COL Jaeger was then assigned to JSOTF-SOM as the Director of the Military Assistant Group - Somalia where he deployed to Mogadishu, Somalia.

Colonel Jaeger is a graduate of the Aviation Officer Basic Course, Aviation Captain's Career Course, Combined Arms and Services Staff School, Joint Firepower Course, the Command and General Staff College, and the US Army War College. Colonel Jaeger is married to the former Meissa Woodard of Ringgold, Louisiana and they have five children: Aubrey, Shelby, Zachary, Anthony and Gunner.



Col Tim R. Jaeger

1st Air Cavalry Brigade Commander

Command Sergeant Major Tyrone Murphy Jr. was born on April 28, 1974 and is a native of Maysville, NC. He graduated from Jones Senior High school on June 12, 1992.

Command Sergeant Major Murphy entered the Army on 25 April 1997 and attended Basic Combat Training at Fort Jackson, South Carolina. Upon completion of his Basic Training he attended Advanced training at Fort Lee, Virginia and was awarded the MOS of 92F, Petroleum Supply Specialist. On September 11, 2001, Specialist Murphy was awarded the MOS of 15U, Medium Helicopter Repairer.

Command Sergeant Major Murphy has held every leadership position from team leader to Command Sergeant Major. His duty assignments include 1-3 Attack Helicopter Battalion, Hunter Army Airfield (HAAF) GA, B CO 2-159 Aviation Regiment, HAAF, GA., B Co 2-52 Aviation Regiment, Camp Humphries Korea, D CO 2-3 General Support Aviation Battalion (GSAB), HAAF GA., A CO 1-222 Aviation Regiment at Fort Eustis, VA, HHC 2-227th (GSAB), 1st Air Cavalry Brigade (1ACB) Ft Hood, TX, E Co 2-82 Assault Helicopter Battalion, Fort Bragg, NC, Bravo Company 122 Aviation Support Battalion (ASB), Fort Bragg, NC, 2CAB Brigade Operations Sergeant Major, Camp Humphries Korea and his most recent assignment as the 603D Aviation Support Battalion CSM.

Command Sergeant Major Murphy's military training includes: Advanced Individual Training as a Petroleum Supply Specialist, and Medium Helicopter Repairer. Basic Leaders Course (BLC), Advanced Leaders Course (ALC), Senior Leaders Course (SLC), Master Resilience Trainer, Air Assault School, AIT Platoon Sergeant School, the United States Army Sergeants Major Academy and the Battalion and Brigade Command Sergeant Major Pre-Command Course.

Command Sergeant Major Murphy's awards and decorations include but are not limited to The Meritorious Service Medal (fifth award), The Army Commendation Medal (seventh award), Iraqi Campaign Medal (4 campaign stars), Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Master Aviation Crewmember Badge, induction into The Honorable Order of Saint Michael (Bronze Award), Air Assault Badge and the Wheeled Drivers Badge.

Command Sergeant Major Murphy is married to the lovely Ancilia Murphy and they have a blended family of five children and four grandchildren.



Command Sgt. Maj.  
Tyrone Murphy Jr.

1st Air Cavalry Brigade Command  
Sgt. Maj.

The 1st Air Cavalry Brigade deployed in support of Atlantic Resolve from November 2021 to September 2022. During the mission the brigade participated in multiple large-scale, joint and multinational training exercises, increasing interoperability, trust and friendships with NATO Allies and partners.

The command team consisted of Col. Reggie Harper and Command Sergeant Major Tyrone Murphy, Jr. during Atlantic Resolve. Col. Timothy Jaeger replaced Harper in July 2022 during the deployment.

During the rotation, the Air Cav flew over 12,500 hours in 11 different countries. Air Cav executed 17 urgent real-world MEDEVAC missions and provided multi-functional aviation support during four Tier 1 and three Tier 2 NATO exercises, partnering with other US Army forces, as well as Allies and partners throughout Europe.

During the deployment Air Cav elevated the RAF CAB's ability to support and train with ground units throughout the 11 countries they operating in, not only building relationships with our military Allies and partners, but the communities where they were located.

"First Air Cav Troopers, you represent an innovative and trusted fighting force that is a testament to the extraordinary efforts of its officers, non-commissioned officers, and Soldiers, and is keeping with the rich history of both the First Cavalry and First Infantry Divisions," Jaeger said. "Your collective contributions, past and future, are invaluable to the support of the EUCOM theater, in order to promote continued peace and stability while assuring our allies and partners and deterring our enemies."

Nine months after arriving in Europe for Atlantic Resolve, the 1st Air Cavalry Brigade transferred authority to the 1st Armored Division Combat Aviation Brigade from Fort Bliss, Texas.

The transfer of authority ceremony took place on September 12 at Powidz, Poland, where the headquarters of 1AD CAB assumed the mission. This was the first time the rotational aviation headquarters operated out of Poland instead of Germany, in a move with strategic implications for NATO's eastern flank.

The 1st Air Cavalry Brigade returned to Fort Hood, Texas where they uncased their colors on September 14 at Cooper Field.

Since April 2014, U.S. Army Europe and Africa has led the Department of Defense's Atlantic Resolve land efforts. The Air CAV has supported three Atlantic Resolve rotations since the beginning of the mission. Atlantic Resolve provides rotational deployments of combat-credible forces to Europe to show our commitment to NATO while building readiness, increasing interoperability and enhancing the bonds between ally and partner militaries.





# 101ST SUSTAINMENT BRIGADE 101ST AIRBORNE DIVISION LEADERSHIP

COL Amy Downing was commissioned as a Quartermaster Officer through the United States Military Academy in 2002. From 2003 to 2008, she was assigned to the 15th BSB, 2BCT, 1st Cavalry Division in which she served as a platoon leader, executive officer, staff officer and distribution company commander deploying twice for a total of 30 months in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom in Baghdad, Iraq.

Following command, she participated in the Training with Industry Program with Exxon-Mobil in Fairfax, Virginia and at its Torrance Refinery in California. She later served as the Brigade S4 and Support Battalion Executive Officer in the 173rd Brigade Combat Team in Vicenza, Italy deploying to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

From 2016 to 2018, COL Downing commanded the 307th Brigade Support Battalion, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 82nd Airborne Division and deployed to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. COL Downing has served on the Department of the Army Staff multiple times with the Deputy Chief of Staff, G-1, Personnel, and the Deputy Chief of Staff, G-4, Logistics. She most recently served on the Joint Staff, J-4, in the Strategy, Concepts and Capabilities Directorate. She holds a Bachelor of Science in Engineering Psychology from the United States Military Academy, a Master of Science in Logistics Management from Florida Institute of Technology, a Master of Arts in Public Policy from Georgetown University and a Master of Science in National Resource Strategy from the Eisenhower School for National Security and Resource Strategy.

COL Amy Downing's military education includes the Quartermaster Officer Basic Course, the Logistics Captain's Career Course, Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, and the Eisenhower School at Fort McNair.

COL Downing's awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal (2OLC), Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (2OLC), Army Commendation Medal (1OLC), Army Achievement Medal (1OLC), Meritorious Unit Commendation, Air Assault Badge, Senior Parachutist Badge, the Army Staff Identification Badge, and the Joint Chiefs of Staff Identification Badge.

COL Amy Downing is married to James Downing, and they have two children, Michael (8) and Jacqueline (6).



Col. Amy Downing

101st Sustainment Brigade  
Commander

CSM Arthur W. Hynes II is a native of St. Louis, Missouri. He enlisted the Army on January 31, 1996. He completed Basic Training at Fort Jackson, South Carolina and Advanced Individual Training at Fort Lee, Virginia, where he was awarded the MOS 92A (Automated Logistical Specialist).

CSM Hynes' assignments includes: 3/69 Armor Battalion, 3D Infantry Division, Fort Stewart, Georgia; 240TH Quartermaster Company, 71st Corps Support Battalion, Bamberg Germany; 147TH Maintenance Company, Kitzingen and Giebelstadt Germany; Maintenance Troop, Regimental Support Squadron, 11TH Armored Cavalry Regiment Fort Irwin, California; Logistics Training Department, 266 Quartermaster Battalion, Fort Lee Virginia; 108TH Air Defense Artillery BDE, Fort Bragg, North Carolina; Echo Company, 1-7 Air Defense Battalion, Fort Bragg, North Carolina; Group Support Battalion, 3D Special Forces Group; HHC Brigade Support Battalion; 3RD Brigade Combat Team, 82ND Airborne Division, Fort Bragg, North Carolina; HHC 3RD Brigade Combat Team, 82ND Airborne Division; Fort Bragg, North Carolina; Delta Troop 5-73; 3RD Brigade Combat Team, 82ND Airborne Division, Fort Bragg, North Carolina; Hotel Company, 407 BSB/ 2-325 Airborne Infantry Regiment, 2ND Brigade Combat Team, Fort Bragg, North Carolina, 725 BSB, 4th IBCT(A), 25th ID and 6 BN 1 Security Force Assistance Brigade.

CSM Hynes has served in numerous duty positions, which include Materials Storage and Handling Clerk, Equipment Receiving and Parts Specialist, Materials Storage and Handling Sergeant, Operations Sergeant; Material Management NCOIC (Warehouse NCOIC), Instructor/Writer, Property Book NCOIC, Shop Office NCOIC, Material Management Supervisor, Material Control Supervisor, Senior Logistics Support Operations Sergeant, Senior Supply Sergeant, Squad Leader, Platoon Sergeant, and First Sergeant and Battalion Command Sergeant Major.

His military education includes the Primary Leadership Development Course, Advanced Leaders Course, Senior Leaders Course, Combatives Level 1, Basic Airborne Course, United States Army Advanced Airborne School Jumpmaster Course, Combat Advisor Training Course, and the United States Army Sergeants Major Academy.

CSM Hynes has an MBA in Project Management and a Post Graduate Certificate in Management and Leadership from Liberty University.

CSM Hynes' awards and decorations include: the Meritorious Service Medal (2nd Oak Leaf Cluster), Army Commendation Medal (8TH Oak Leaf Clusters), Army Achievement Medal (8TH Oak Leaf Clusters), Good Conduct Medal (6th Award), National Defense (Bronze Star Device), Kosovo Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, NCO Professional Development Ribbon (Numeral 5), Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon (Numeral 2), North Atlantic Treaty Organization Medal, Senior Parachutist Badge, Driver's Badge.

CSM Hynes is a member of the Prestigious Sergeant Audie Murphy Club, Order of St. Barbara (Patron Saint of Artillerymen), Order of the Spur, and has participated Prop Blasted in the 82ND ABN DIV. CSM Hynes has two Children (Arthur, Angel).



Command Sgt. Maj.  
Arthur W. Hynes II

101st Sustainment Brigade  
Command Sgt. Major

In October of 2022, U.S. Soldiers assigned to 101st Division Sustainment Brigade, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) conducted an uncasing of colors ceremony at Grafenwoehr Training Area, Germany. This ceremony signified the start of the brigade's deployment in Europe for Operation Assure, Deter, and Reinforce.

The 'Lifeliners' Brigade arrived from Fort Campbell, Kentucky, and deployed in support of V Corps, America's forward-deployed corps in Europe, as the first division-level sustainment brigade headquarters to provide mission command of sustainment activities within the V Corps area of operation. During their time in theater they directly reported to the 1st Infantry Division from Fort Riley, Kansas.

The command team consisted of Col. Amy Downing and Command Sergeant Major Arthur Hynes II.

During the uncasing ceremony in Germany, Col. Amy Downing stated, "It is said that the very soul of a unit is symbolized in the colors under which it fights. These colors and streamers before you record the glories of those of the past and stand guardian over those who serve in the present, inspiring all of us as we march into the future."

The unit received orders to Europe less than 90 days before they deployed. The brigade's mission included providing command and control of sustainment operations throughout the V Corps area of operation, optimizing the sustainment of infrastructure and synchronizing the sustainment enterprise, and to increase interoperability with NATO Allies and partners in order to build and maintain combat power.

The Brigade effectively postured their equipment to sustain readiness for V Corps elements with a focus on mastering their warfighting skills as well as combined training with host nation partners through both civil and military exchanges and engagements.

During the past few years, the 'Lifeliners' Brigade has proved both their readiness and combat credibility by deploying to Afghanistan, Kuwait, and countries throughout Europe.

"Throughout all these efforts, one thing has remained constant... and that is the professionalism of our Soldiers and their commitment to the mission," said Downing.

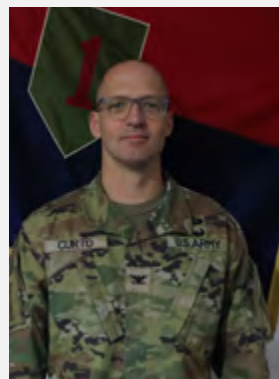
Charlie Company, 553rd Division Sustainment Support Battalion, 1st Cavalry Division Sustainment Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division and the 418th Transportation Company, 61st Quartermaster Battalion, 13th Expeditionary Sustainment Command are joining the 'Lifeliners' in support of the mission as well.

"This is one team-one fight," Downing said. "Together, we will continue the rich traditions of preserving and adding to our history and lineage."

The 101st Division Sustainment Brigade was among other units assigned to the 1st Infantry Division, proudly working alongside NATO Allies and regional security partners to provide combat-credible forces to V Corps, America's forward-deployed corps in Europe.







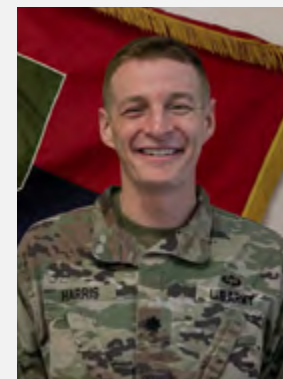
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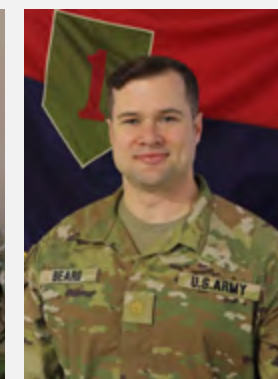
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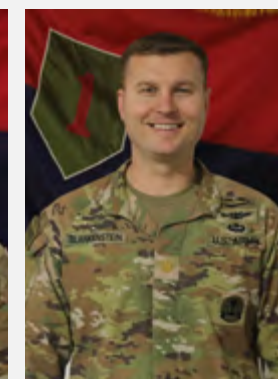
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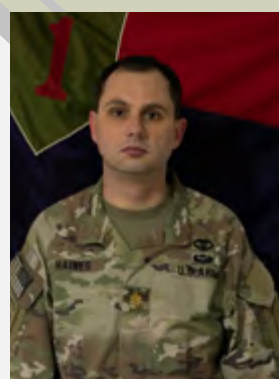
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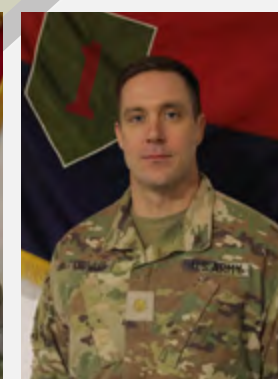
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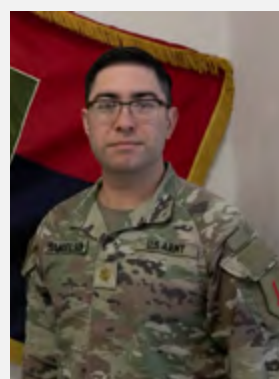
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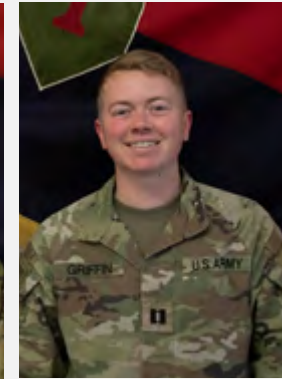
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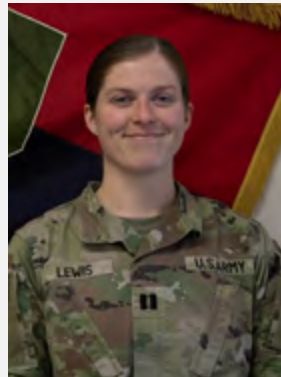
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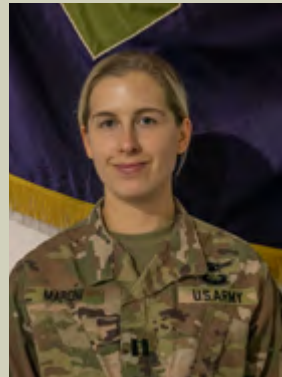
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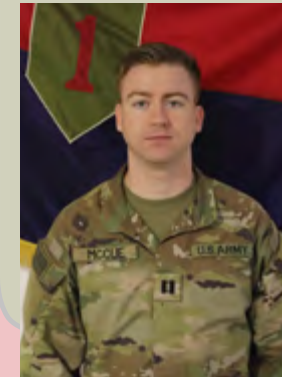
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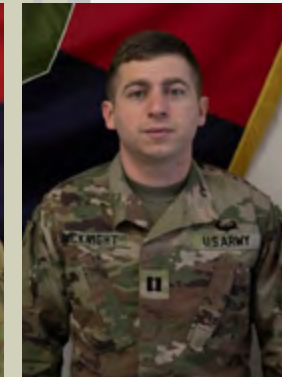
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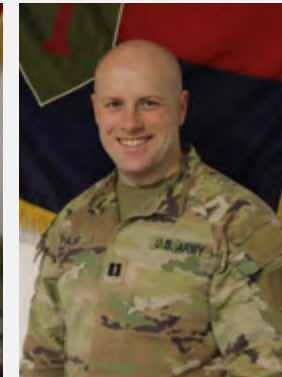
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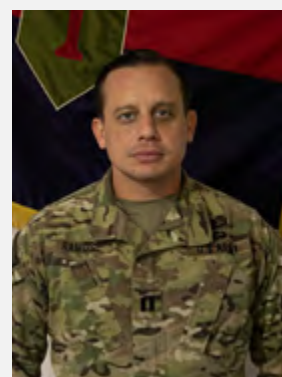
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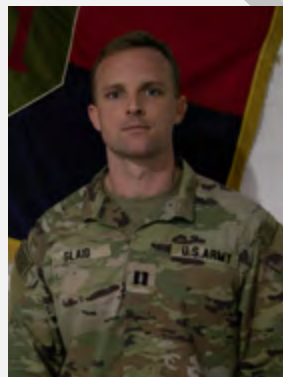
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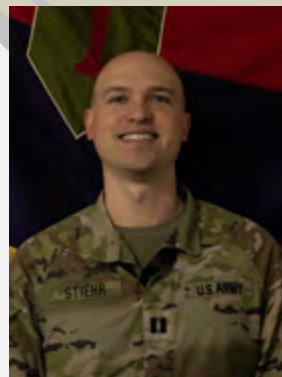
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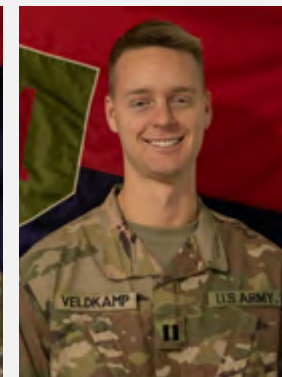
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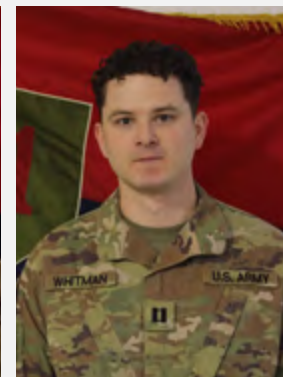
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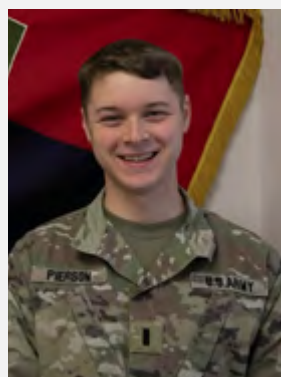
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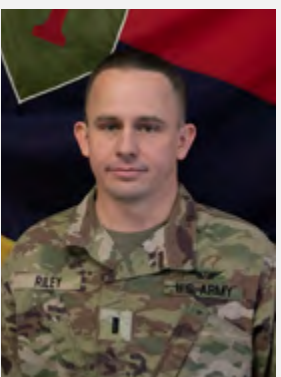
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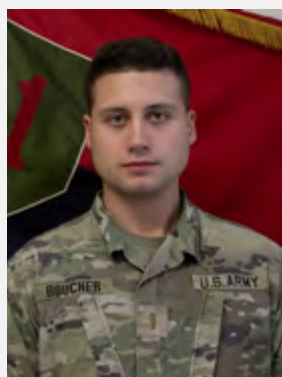
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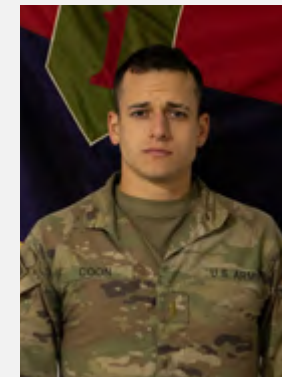
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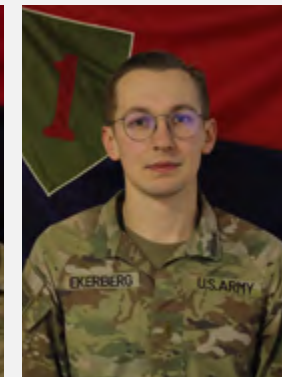
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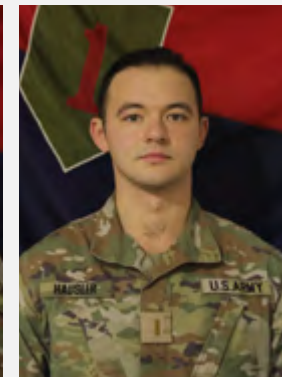
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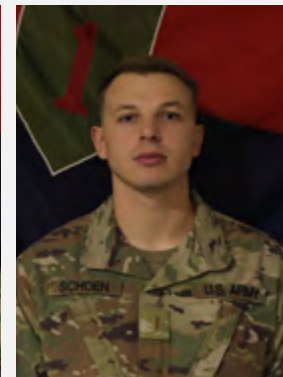
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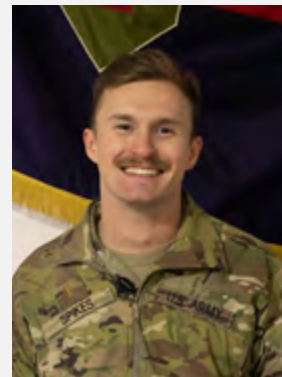
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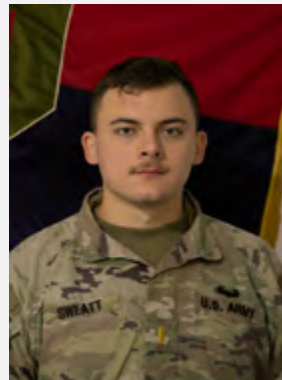


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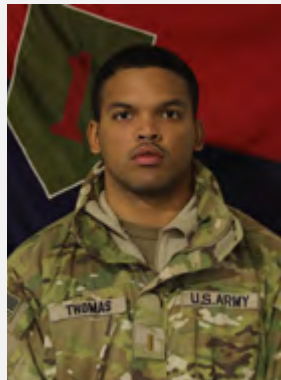


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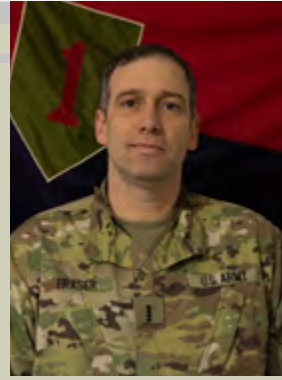
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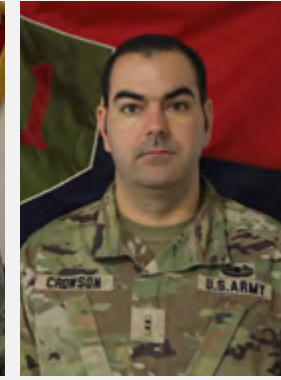
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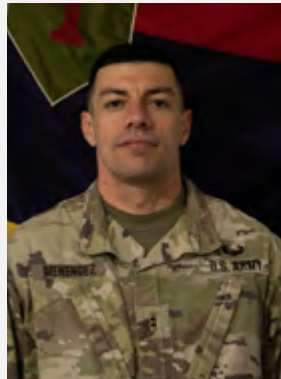
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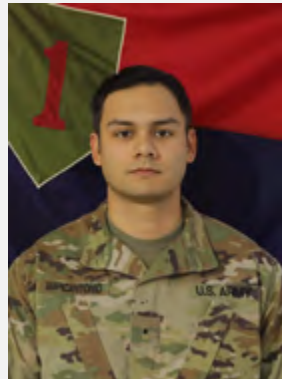
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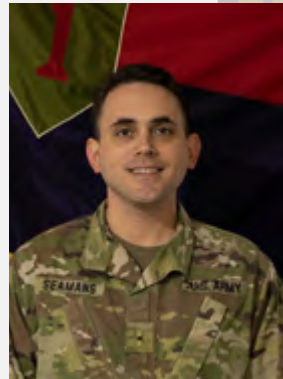
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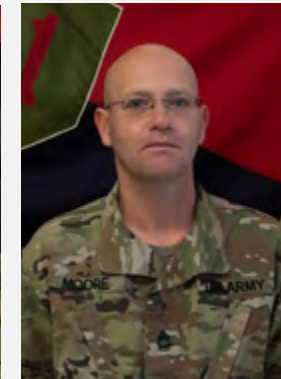
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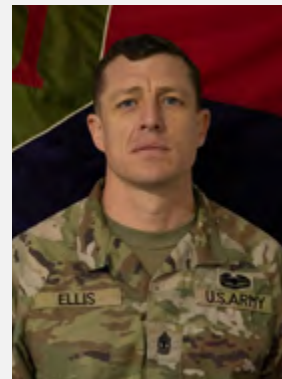
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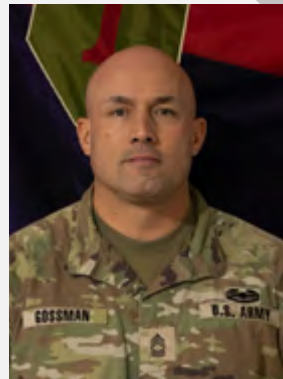
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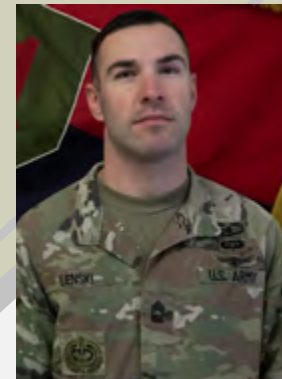
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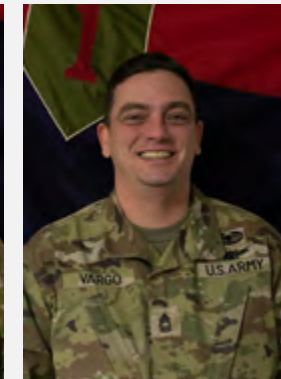
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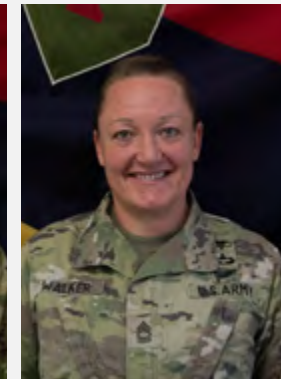
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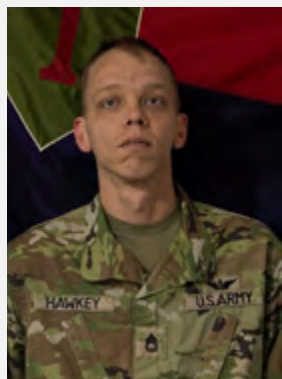
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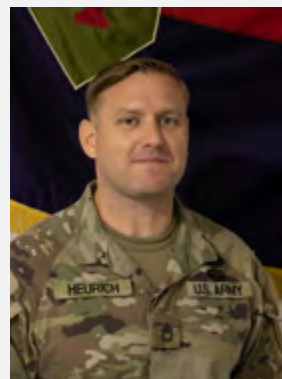
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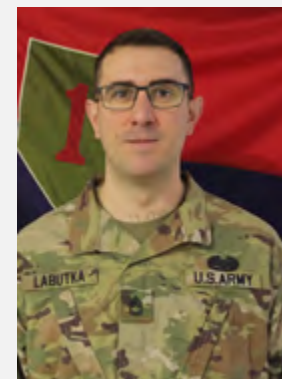
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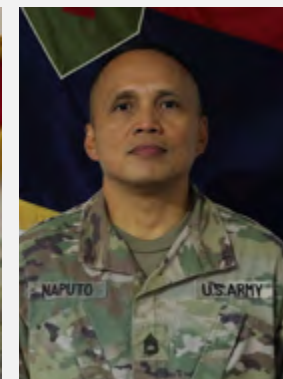
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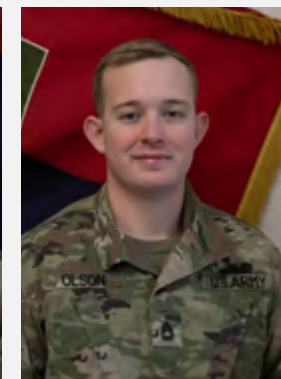
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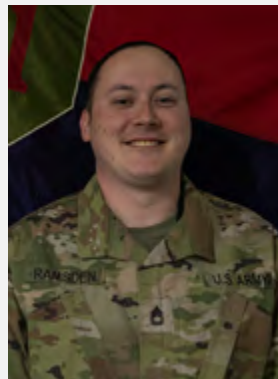


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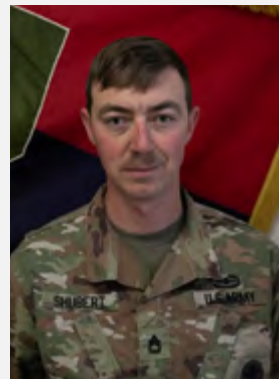




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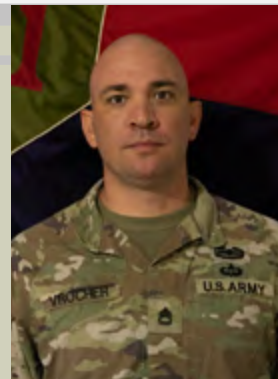
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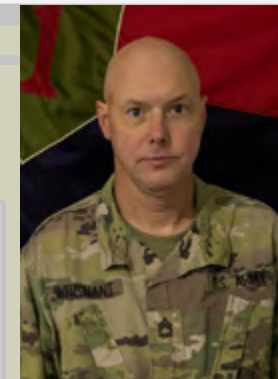
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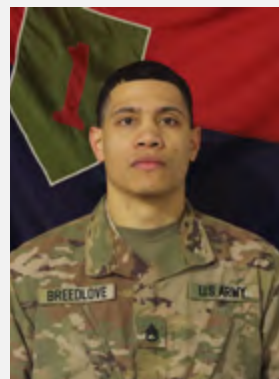
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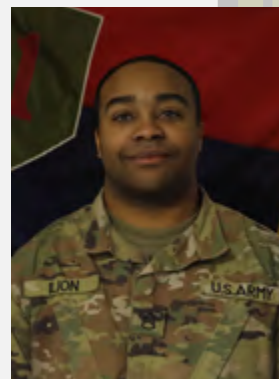
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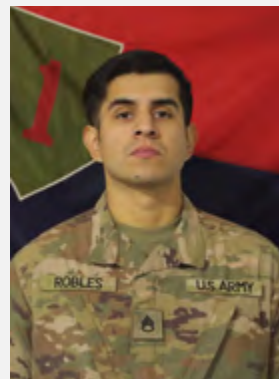
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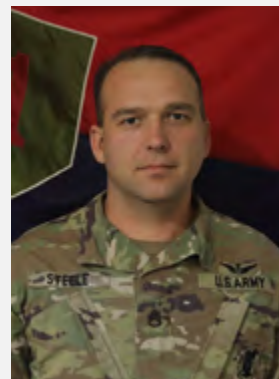
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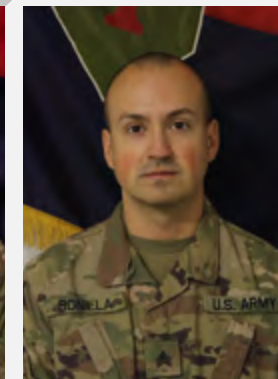
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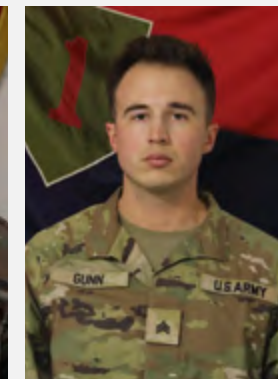
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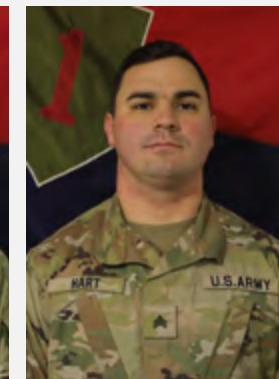
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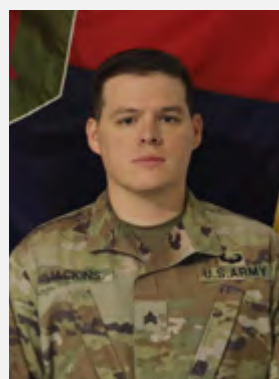
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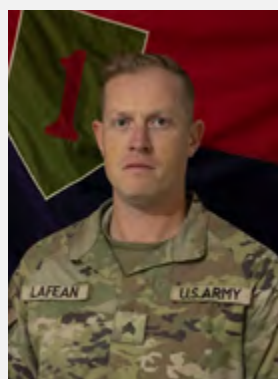
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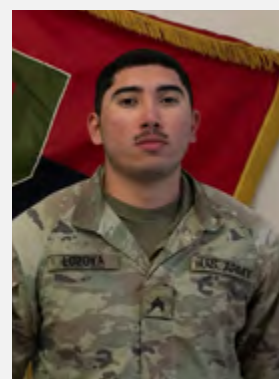
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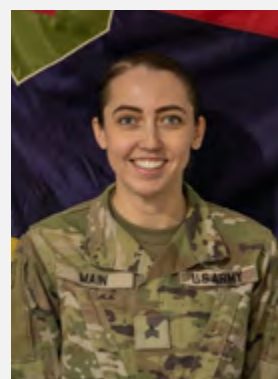
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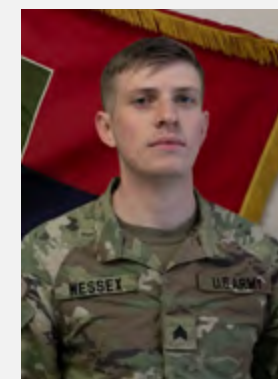
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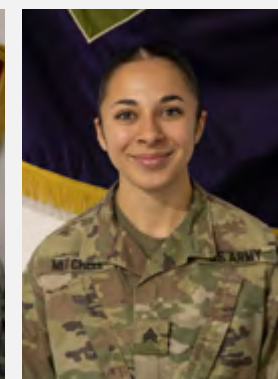
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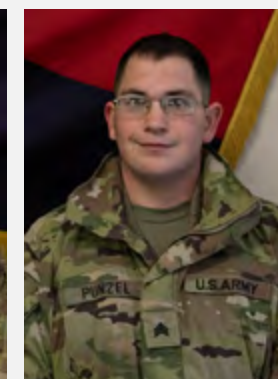
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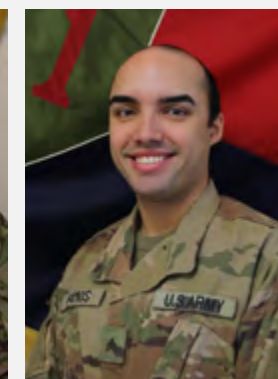
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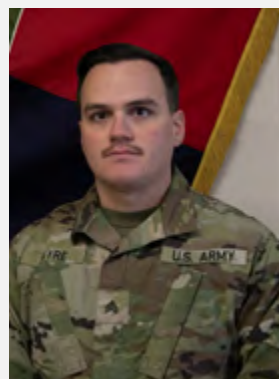


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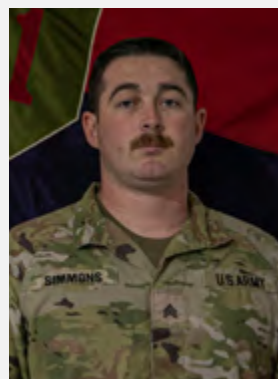


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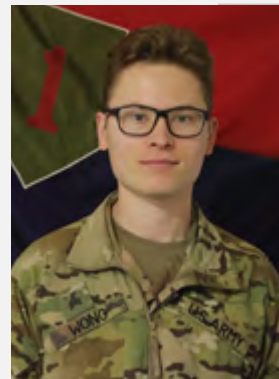
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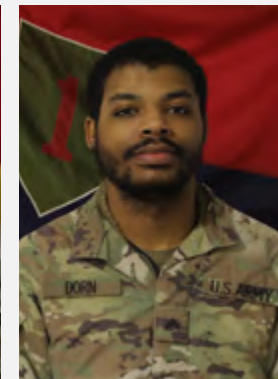
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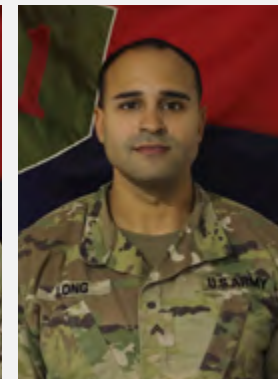
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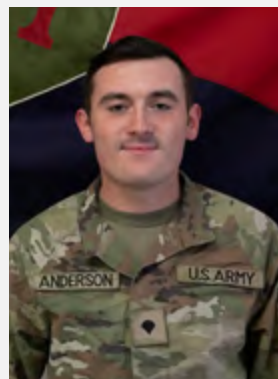
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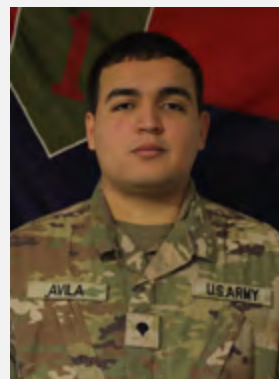
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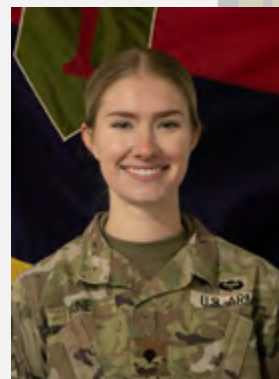
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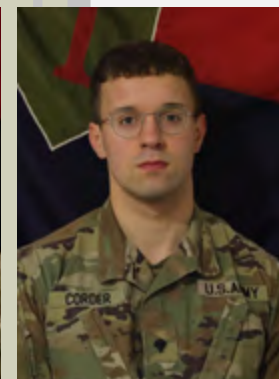
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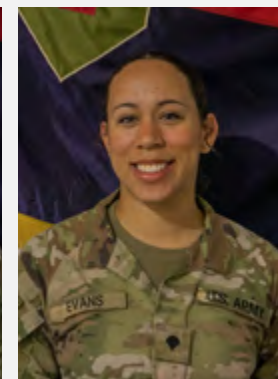
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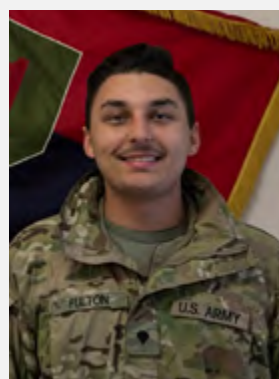
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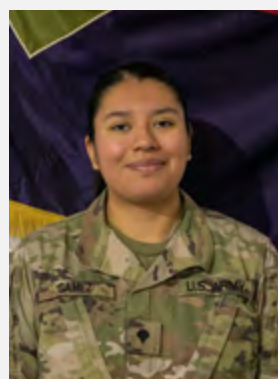
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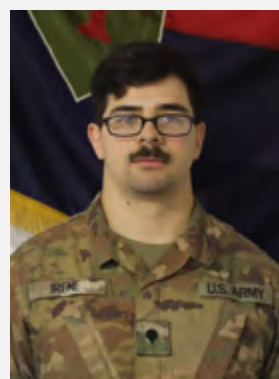
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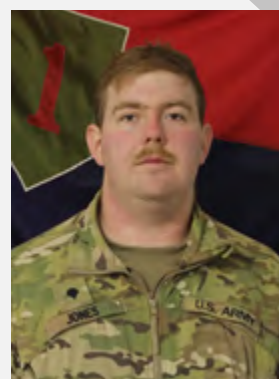
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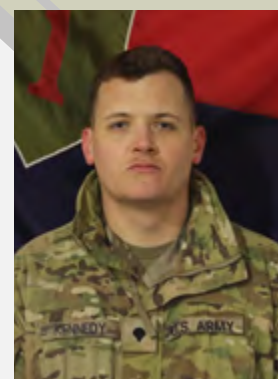
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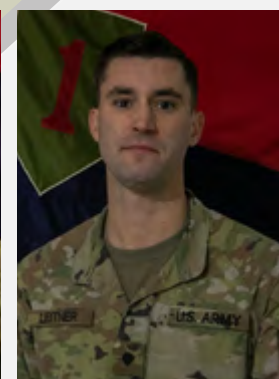
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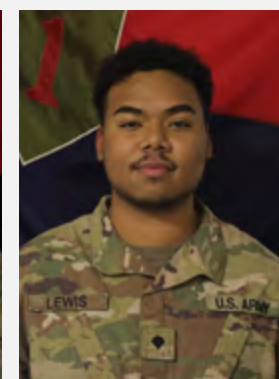
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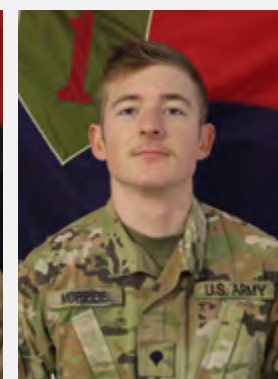
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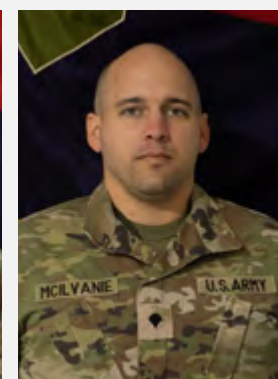
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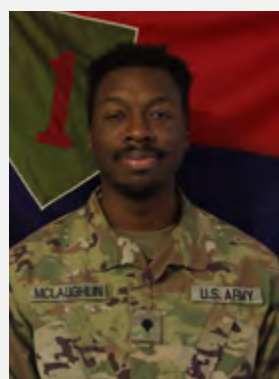
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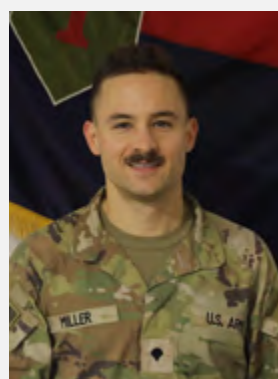
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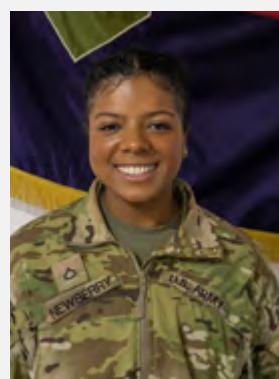
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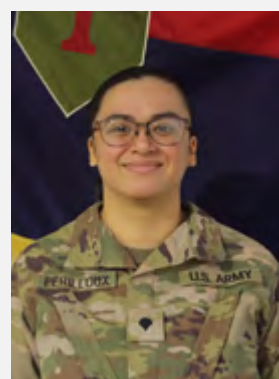
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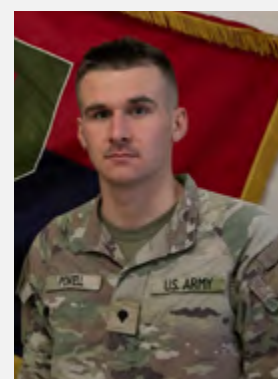
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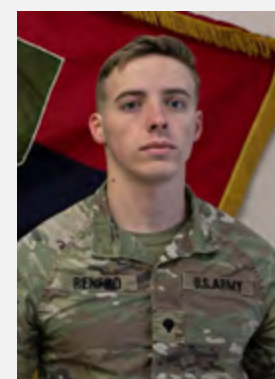
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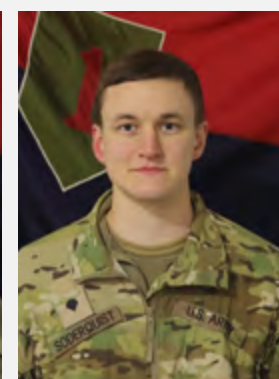
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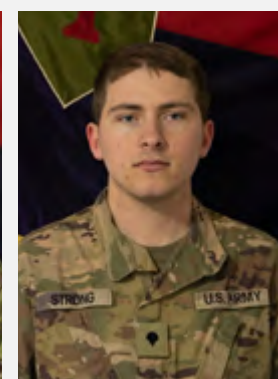
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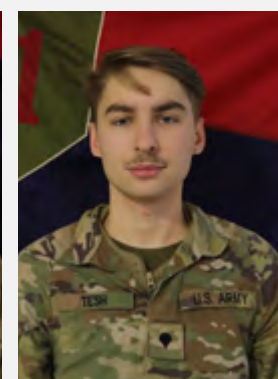
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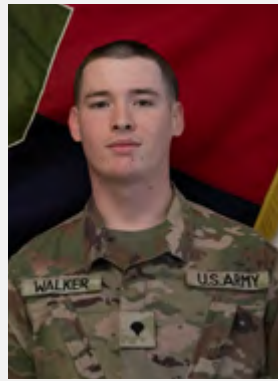




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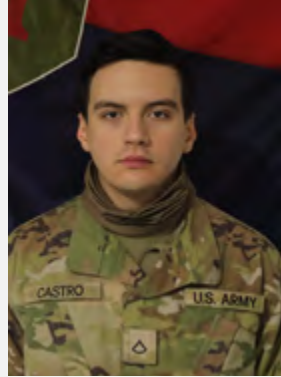
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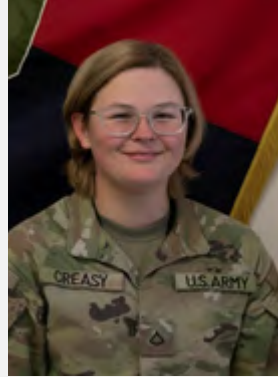
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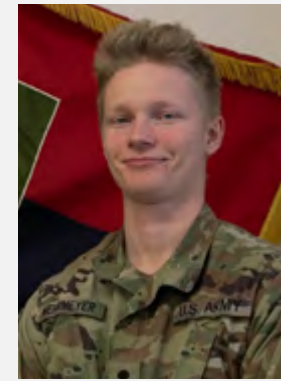
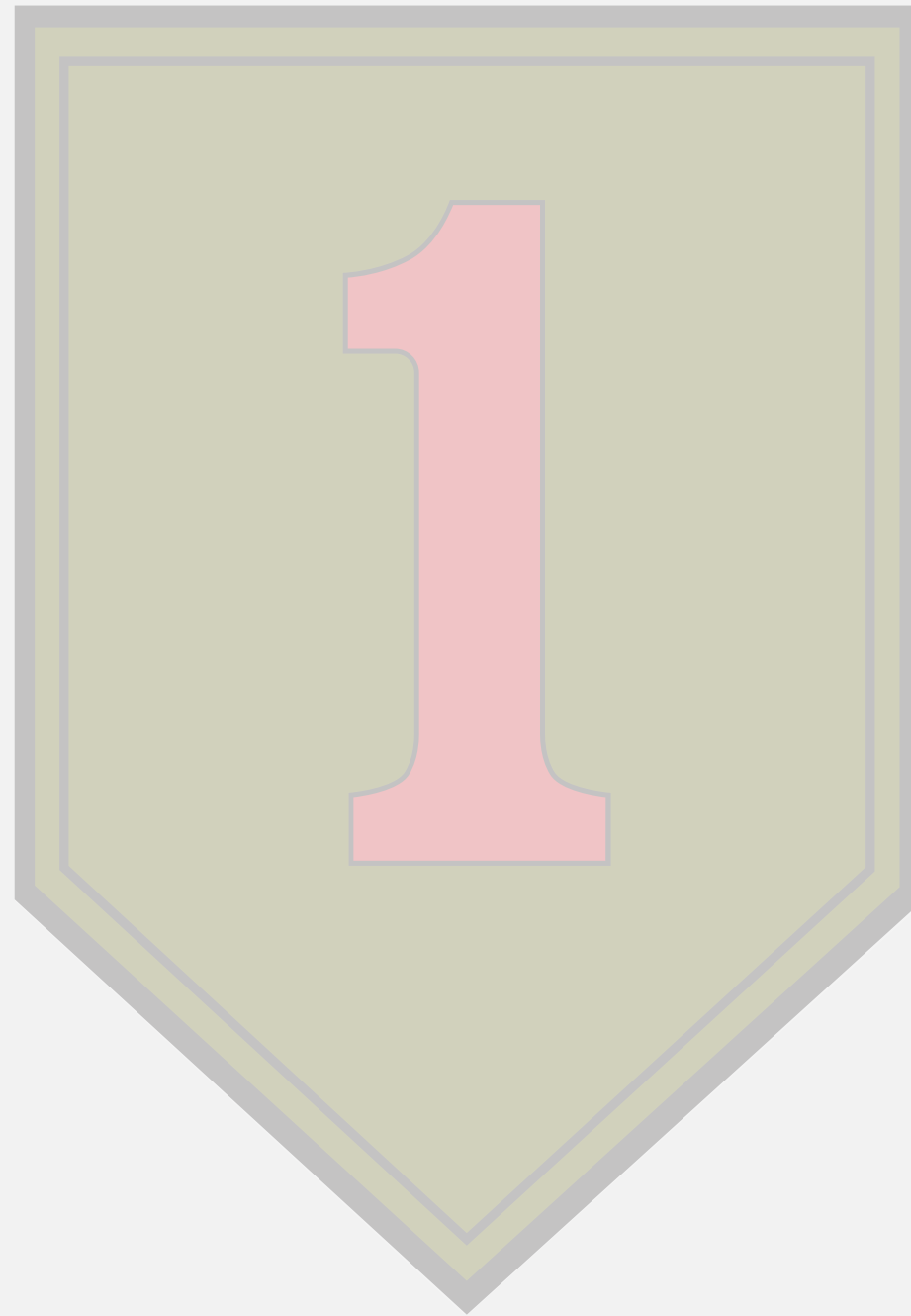
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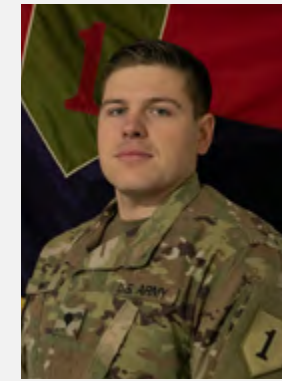
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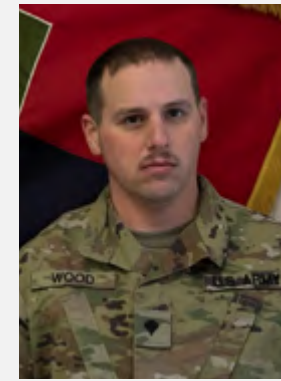
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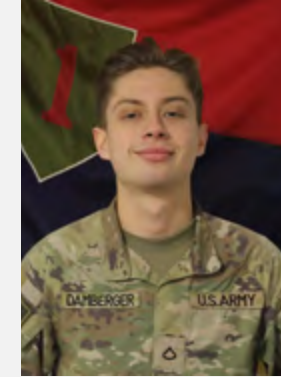
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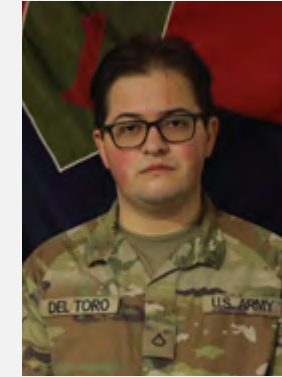
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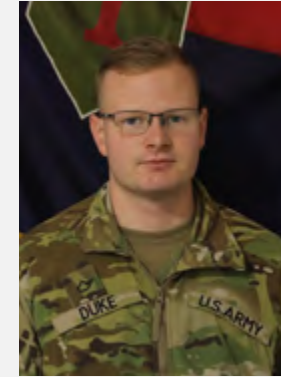
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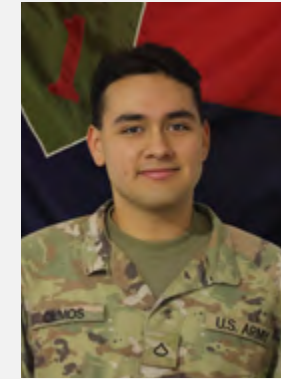
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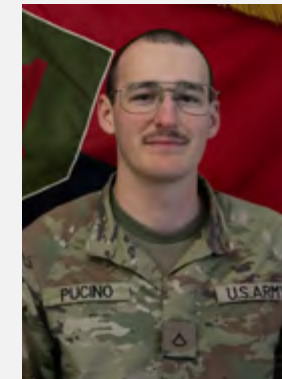
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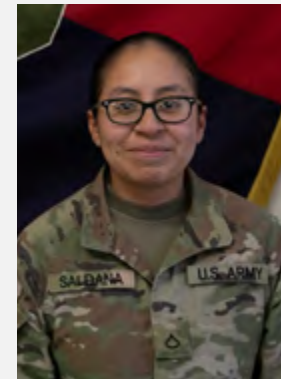
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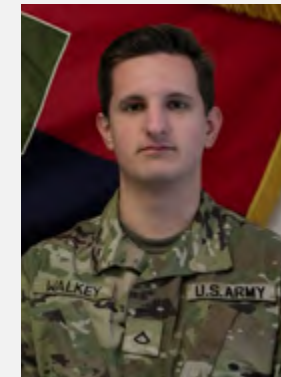
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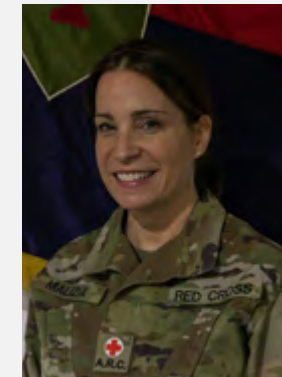
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# BRITISH AND U.S. TRAIN TOGETHER IN POLAND

Story by Sgt. Tara Fajardo Arteaga, photos by Spc. Hedil Hernández



From left, Trooper Jordan Croft and Cpl. Stuart Higham, tankers assigned to the Royal Dragoon Guards, Black Horse Troop, of the British army, listen to a training learn more about the U.S. M1A2 Abrams tanks and Bradley Fighting Vehicles. The lead element during this training was the 2nd Battalion, 34th Armored Regiment, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, at Drawsko Pomorskie, Poland, Feb. 08, 2022. (U.S. Army photo by Spc. Hedil Hernández)

# SECRETARY AUSTIN ARRIVES IN POLAND

Photo story by Sgt. Agustín Montañez



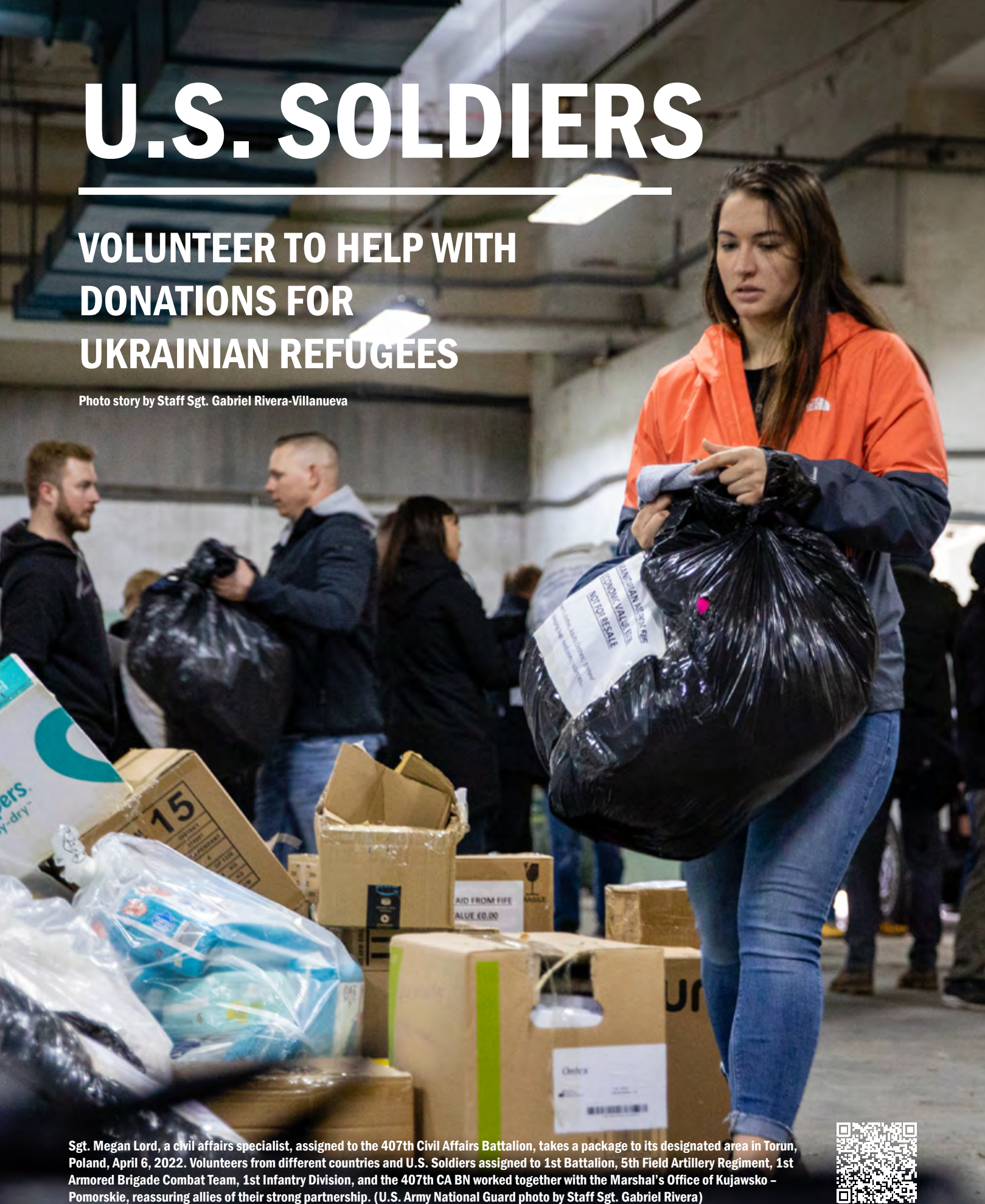
U.S. Secretary of Defense, Lloyd J. Austin III greets the troops during a visit to Powidz Air Base, Poland, Feb. 18, 2022. During his remarks, Austin focused on enhancing bilateral cooperation and deepening the Polish-American partnership. (U.S. Army National Guard photo by Sgt. Agustín Montañez)



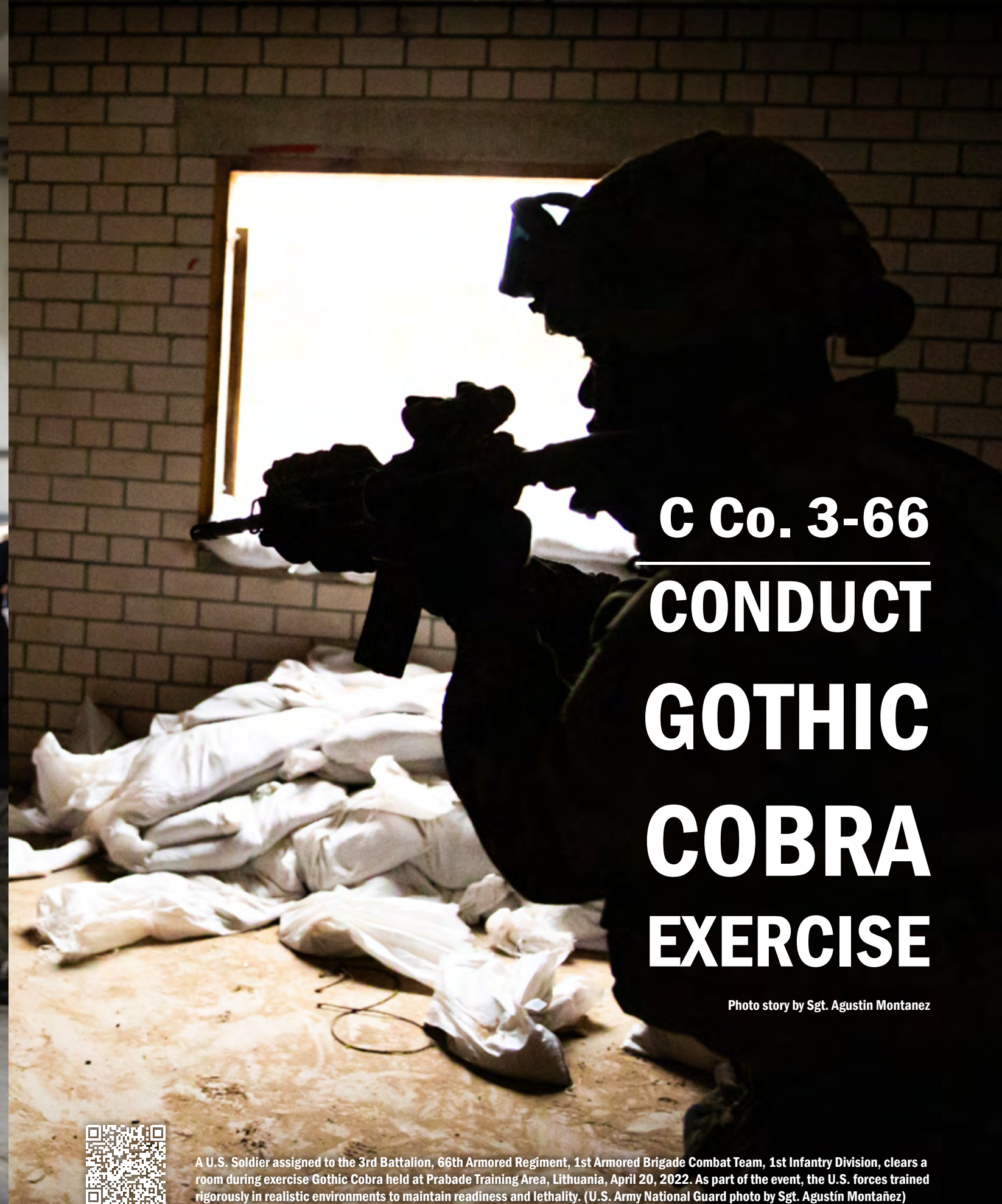
# U.S. SOLDIERS

## VOLUNTEER TO HELP WITH DONATIONS FOR UKRAINIAN REFUGEES

Photo story by Staff Sgt. Gabriel Rivera-Villanueva



Sgt. Megan Lord, a civil affairs specialist, assigned to the 407th Civil Affairs Battalion, takes a package to its designated area in Torun, Poland, April 6, 2022. Volunteers from different countries and U.S. Soldiers assigned to 1st Battalion, 5th Field Artillery Regiment, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, and the 407th CA BN worked together with the Marshal's Office of Kujawsko - Pomorskie, reassuring allies of their strong partnership. (U.S. Army National Guard photo by Staff Sgt. Gabriel Rivera)



## C Co. 3-66 CONDUCT GOTHIC COBRA EXERCISE

Photo story by Sgt. Agustín Montañez



A U.S. Soldier assigned to the 3rd Battalion, 66th Armored Regiment, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, clears a room during exercise Gothic Cobra held at Prabade Training Area, Lithuania, April 20, 2022. As part of the event, the U.S. forces trained rigorously in realistic environments to maintain readiness and lethality. (U.S. Army National Guard photo by Sgt. Agustín Montañez)





# POLISH, U.S. MILITARIES WORK TOGETHER FOR SUCCESSFUL GUNNERY

Story and photos by Sgt. Tara Fajardo Arteaga

U.S. Army Chief Warrant Officer 3 José García, aviation maintenance officer, assigned to 7th Squadron, 17th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Air Cavalry Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division, performs a preflight inspection on an AH-64E Apache Guardian attack helicopter before completing table IV and table V qualification during Apache gunnery at Mirosławiec, Poland, April 13, 2022. (U.S. Army National Guard photo by Sgt. Tara Fajardo Arteaga)



# U.S. SOLDIERS, POLISH ALLIES PARTICIPATE IN ABRAMS OPERATIONS SUMMIT

Story by Spc. Hassani Ribera Soto

A Polish soldier gets inside an M1A2 Abrams tank during a class on sustainment taught by senior non-commissioned officers assigned to 2nd Battalion, 34th Armored Regiment, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, as a part of the Abrams Operations Summit at Drawsko Pomorskie, Poland, April 26, 2022 (U.S. Army National Guard photo by Sgt. Tara Fajardo Arteaga)





# NATO ALLIES

## SUCCESSFULLY BRIDGE THE GAP

Photo story by Sgt. Agustin Montanez



U.S. Soldiers assigned to the 5th Engineer Battalion, 36th Engineer Brigade, coordinate boat movement during a wet-gap crossing operation part of Defender Europe 22 held at Dęblin, Poland, May 13, 2022. Defender Europe 2022 is a series of U.S. Army Europe and Africa multinational training exercises in Eastern Europe. (U.S. Army National Guard photo by Sgt. Agustín Montañez)



# MULTINATIONAL LIVE-FIRE EXERCISE

Between German, Polish,  
and U.S. Forces

Story and photos by Sgt. Tara Fajardo Arteaga



A dynamite explosion near M1A2 Abrams tanks assigned to 1st Battalion, 68th Armor Regiment, 3rd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division simulates enemy fire on the battlefield during a multinational live-fire exercise during Defender Europe at Mielno Range, Poland, May 17, 2022. Defender Europe 22 is a series of U.S. Army Europe and Africa multinational training exercises in Eastern Europe. The exercise demonstrates U.S. Army Europe and Africa's ability to conduct large-scale ground combat operations across multiple theaters supporting NATO. (U.S. Army National Guard photo by Sgt. Tara Fajardo Arteaga)





# REMEMBERING BIG RED ONE HEROES OF D-DAY.

Story and photos by Sgt. Agustin Montanez



# U.S. AND FINNISH SOLDIERS KICK OFF SUMMER EXERCISE

Story and photos by Spc. Hassani Ribera Soto



U.S. Army combat engineers assigned to the 588th Brigade Engineer Battalion, 3rd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division, blow a window open during training at Santahamina, Finland, June 28, 2022. The 3/4 ABCT, and Finish and British army units trained in Finland to further strengthen the relations and interoperability between the nations. (U.S. Army National Guard photo by Spc. Hassani Ribera)





# SECARMY VISITS LITHUANIA

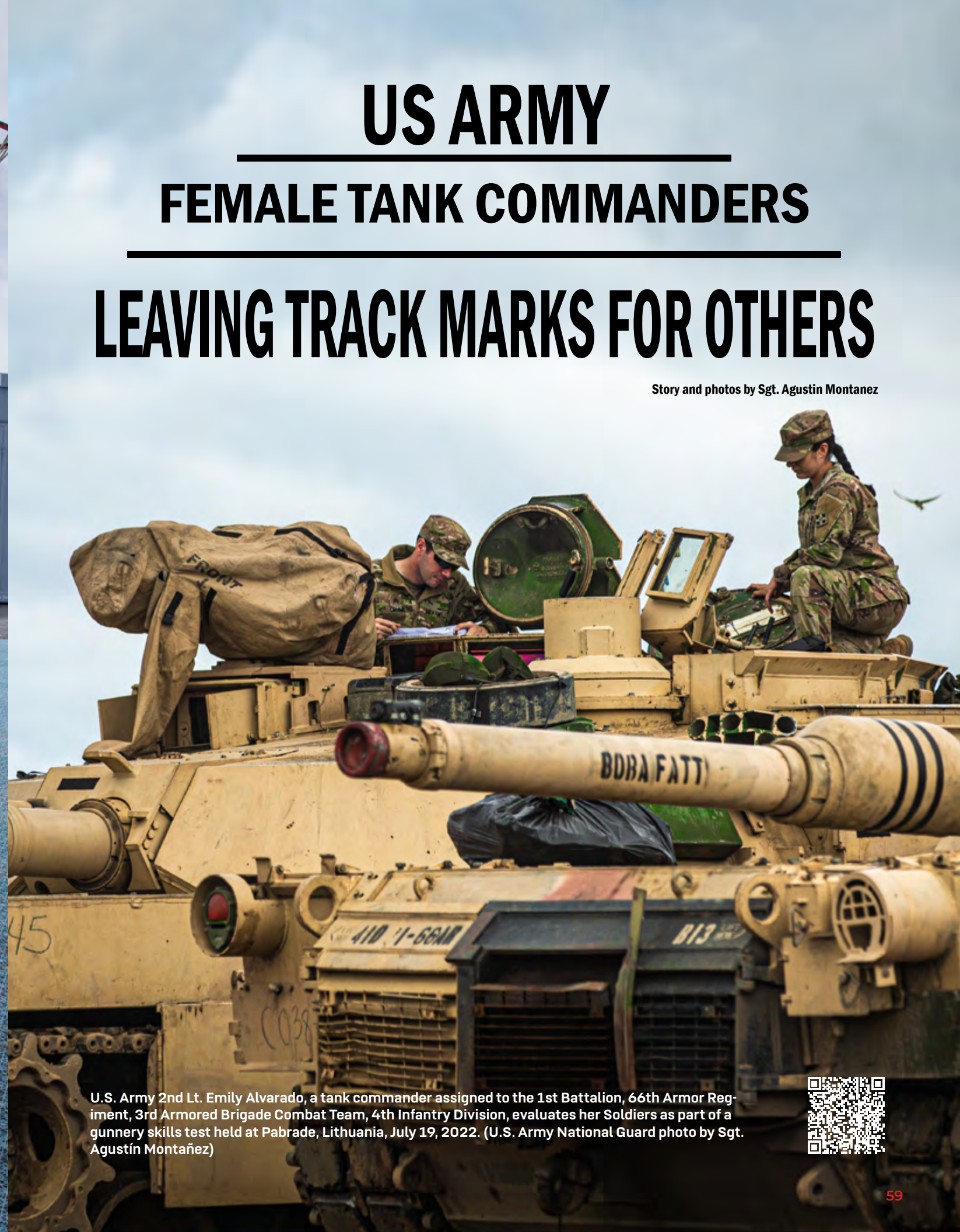
Photo story by Sgt. Agustin Montanez



U.S. Army Command Sgt. Maj. Jason Mortensen, right, 1st Battalion, 66th Armor Regiment, 3rd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division, gives a tour to Christine Wormuth, U.S. Secretary of the Army, during her visit to Camp Herkus, Lithuania, June 30, 2022. The 3/4 ABCT, and Finish and British army units trained in Finland to further strengthen the relations and interoperability between the nations. (U.S. Army National Guard photo by Sgt. Agustín Montañez)

# US ARMY FEMALE TANK COMMANDERS LEAVING TRACK MARKS FOR OTHERS

Story and photos by Sgt. Agustin Montanez



U.S. Army 2nd Lt. Emily Alvarado, a tank commander assigned to the 1st Battalion, 66th Armor Regiment, 3rd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division, evaluates her Soldiers as part of a gunnery skills test held at Pabrade, Lithuania, July 19, 2022. (U.S. Army National Guard photo by Sgt. Agustín Montañez)





# ARMY AVIATION CONDUCTS CULTURAL-EXCHANGE FLIGHT IN FINLAND

Photo story by Sgt. Agustin Montanez



U.S. Army Staff Sgt. Joshua Skorski, a CH-47 Chinook flight engineer assigned to Bravo Company, 1st Squadron, 214th General Support Aviation Battalion, 12th Combat Aviation Brigade, boards the aircraft before departing on a cultural-exchange flight held at Tampere, Finland, Aug. 4, 2022. For the next few weeks, U.S. Soldiers and Finnish troops will be conducting multiple training exercises to strengthen relations and help build interoperability between the two nations. (U.S. Army National Guard photo by Sgt. Agustín Montañez)



# ABRAMS TANK TRAINING ACADEMY OPENS IN POLAND



U.S. Army Lt. Gen. John Kolasheski, commanding general of V Corps, gives a speech during the opening ceremony of the Abrams Tank Training Academy at Biedrusko, Poland, Aug. 10, 2022. The Abrams Tank Training Academy was established to teach Polish tank crewmen on operations, tactics and maintenance of the M1 Abrams tanks, bringing the U.S. and Poland closer as allies. (U.S. Army National Guard photo by Spc. Hassani Ribera)





# U.S. SOLDIERS PARTICIPATE IN FINNISH SUMMER EXERCISE

Photo story by Sgt. Agustin Montanez

U.S. Army Spc. Joseph Smith, right, and U.S. Army Spc. Royland Reid, both indirect-fire infantrymen assigned to Viper Company, 1st Battalion, 26th Infantry Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), adjust their M224 60 mm mortar system as part of a fire mission in support of the company's maneuver during a multinational live-fire exercise held at Rovaniemi Training Area, Finland, Aug. 11, 2022. The LFX was part of the Finnish Summer Exercise, where U.S. and Finnish troops had the opportunity to train together to amplify and strengthen the partnership and interoperability between the two nations. (U.S. Army National Guard photo by Sgt. Agustín Montañez)



## BIG RED ONE BAND PARTICIPATES IN INAUGURAL LITHUANIAN MILITARY TATTOO

Story and photos by Sgt. Tara Fajardo Arteaga

Myron, a Ukrainian boy, displaced to Lithuania, plays a drum belonging to the 1st Infantry Division Band along with U.S. Army Staff Sgt. Alex Womack, a percussionist with the 1st Infantry Division Band, as they wait for the start of the parade leading up to the inaugural military tattoo at Vilnius, Lithuania, Aug. 27, 2022. The Big Red One Band is among other units assigned to the 1st Infantry Division, proudly performing alongside NATO allies during a historical, inaugural military tattoo hosted by Lithuanian Armed Forces. (U.S. Army National Guard Photo by Sgt. Tara Fajardo Arteaga)





# THE WEIGHT OF THE WORLD

Story by Spc. Charles Leitner

OŚWIECIM, Poland – It is difficult to grasp the terrible scale of the method used by the Nazi regime to eliminate 1.1 million people between May 1940 and January 1945 on the grounds at Auschwitz-Birkenau concentration camp.

How can someone comprehend such a number? How do you measure this amount of human suffering? How do you measure such calculated evil crafted by human hands?

Today, the site, which was designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1979, rests in memorial to those who were detained and killed there. It measures the tragedy that was the Holocaust in bundles of hair now preserved in a large glass case approximately 30 feet long, 6 feet wide and 12 feet high. It measures the fate of these millions in a pile of glasses, all mashed together in a wiry mass of bent frames and cracked lenses.

U.S. Soldiers with Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion of the 1st Infantry Division traveled to the museum and memorial at Auschwitz-Birkenau throughout the month of September, 2022, to better understand the history of the site, the need to remember the atrocities committed there and the result of inaction.



# BIG RED ONE REMAINS COMMITTED TO EUROPE

Photo story by Spc. Ellison Schuman

Soldiers of the 1st Infantry Division arrive in Poznan, Poland, Oct. 13, 2022. The 1st Infantry Division is proudly working alongside NATO allies and regional security partners to provide combat-credible forces to V Corps, America's forward deployed corps in Europe. (U.S. Army photo by Spc. Ellison Schuman)





# 1-66 AR TANKS ROLL THROUGH IRON WOLF 22

Story and photos by Sgt. Lianne Hirano



U.S. Soldiers assigned to Ares Company, 1st Battalion, 66th Armor Regiment, 3rd Armored Brigade, 4th Infantry Division (3-4 ABCT) camouflage and conceal an M1A2 Abrams Fighting Vehicle in the wood line during Exercise Iron Wolf 22 at Pabradė Training Area, Lithuania, Oct. 27, 2022. The 3-4 ABCT is among other units assigned to the 1st Infantry Division, proudly working alongside NATO allies and regional security partners to provide combat-credible forces to V Corps, America's forward deployed corps in Europe.

# HAMMER THROUGH THE FALL

## U.S. and Finnish Forces Conduct Combined Exercise

Story and photos by Spc. Charles Leitner

NIINISALO, Finland – U.S. Soldiers assigned to 6th Squadron, 9th Cavalry Regiment, 3rd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division (3-1 ABCT), operationally assigned to the 1st Infantry Division, participated in exercise Hammer 22, near Niinisalo, Finland, which occurred between Oct. 31 and Nov. 13, 2022. Hammer 22 is a two-week training operational exercise conducted alongside soldiers of Finland's Army Headquarters, Armored Brigade, Pori Brigade, Karelia Brigade, Uti Jaeger Regiment and Logistics Department of the Defense Forces.





# STRONGER TOGETHER

## BIG RED ONE CONDUCTS JOINT COMMAND EXERCISE

Photo story by Spc. Charles Leitner



U.S. Army Maj. Gen. John V. Meyer III, commander of the 1st Infantry Division (1 ID), speaks with armed forces officers from Estonia, Finland, Lithuania, Poland and Sweden during Winter Strike 22, a command post exercise held in Bolestawiec, Poland, Dec. 12, 2022. The 1 ID is working alongside NATO allies and regional security partners to provide combat-credible forces to V Corps, America's forward deployed corps in Europe.



# RETURN HOME

We Fought as One - Big Red One Returns Home After Year-Long Deployment

FORT RILEY, Kan. – The 1st Infantry Division held a joint homecoming and colors uncasing ceremony for the division headquarters and the 1st Inf. Division Artillery on Feb. 11, 2023.

The uncasing of a unit's colors is a historical Army tradition that symbolizes a unit's movement from one theater of operation to another. For the 1st Inf. Div., the ceremony signified an official return to Fort Riley from Europe.

During the deployment, the 1st Inf. Div. led operations across Europe to provide ready, combat-credible forces, enable rapid-response capability and further demonstrate our ability to deter foreign aggression and defend our NATO Allies.

"It is great to have the division reunited at Fort Riley after serving 21 months in support of operations in Europe," said Maj. Gen. John V. Meyer III, the 1st Inf. Div. and Fort Riley commanding general. "Thank you to the family and friends of the Big Red One; we appreciate your support and sacrifices. We are excited to be here."

The Big Red One initially assumed the mission in July 2021 as the mission command element in Europe. Following the unprovoked invasion of Ukraine by Russia, the 1st Inf. Div. deployed in February 2022. As the Division returned home, it turned its mission responsibility over to the 4th Infantry Division, based out of Fort Carson, Colorado. A Transfer of Authority ceremony was conducted on Feb. 7, marking the end of the 1st Inf. Div.'s 21-month mission in Europe.

The division headquarters mission has concluded, but the Big Red One's ties to our European Allies persists. As the headquarters returned home, the division's 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team continues its deployment in Eastern Europe to show the division's commitment to our NATO Allies and partners.

"During the last year, we've been responsible for two divisions, and I've spent more time with Soldiers with other divisions than my own, which I am very proud of," said Command Sgt. Maj. Christopher L. Mullinax, the 1st Inf. Div. and Fort Riley command sergeant major. "Now, I couldn't be more excited and proud to be with those who wear the Big Red One patch again."

As the 1st Inf. Div. returns from Europe, it begins The Big Red One Year of the Noncommissioned Officer, a campaign that recognizes the hard work, dedication, and legacy of the NCO Corps.





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