

News Call

First Female Soldiers Report to Brigade Combat Teams

In May, the 4th Brigade Combat Team (BCT), 101st Airborne Division, Fort Campbell, Ky., welcomed the first Army women to its ranks. The 35 women who joined the 101st are among more than 200 participating in the Women in Service Review, a DoD initiative that was announced in February and would ultimately rescind the military's exclusion of women in direct ground combat.

The Army will assess the impact of the change over a six-month period and then make recommendations on women's future assignments. In addition to the 101st at Fort Campbell, eight BCTs at the following installations are participating.

- Fort Carson, Colo.
- Fort Drum, N.Y.
- Fort Hood, Texas
- Fort Knox, Ky.
- Schofield Barracks, Hawaii

If approved, the Pentagon initiative, which opens more than 13,000 jobs to women in six military occupation specialties (MOS), would mean that women would be officially assigned—as opposed to being merely “at-

tached”—to BCTs. The six MOSs are:

- 13M—Multiple Launch Rocket System (MLRS) crewmember.
- 13P—MLRS Operations/Fire Direction Specialist.
- 13R—Field Artillery Firefinder Radar Operator Specialist.
- 91A—M1 Abrams Tank System Maintainer.
- 91M—Bradley Fighting Vehicle System Maintainer.
- 91P—Artillery Mechanic.

According to Army Chief of Staff GEN Raymond T. Odierno, the program will also look into opening infantry and armor MOSs to women. “If we determine that we’re going to allow women to go to infantry, and if they’re successful,” he said, “they are probably, at some time, going to have to go through Ranger School.”

Afghanistan Update. At a summit in late May in Chicago, NATO leaders declared that the transition of security to Afghan forces that began in July 2011 is “irreversible,” on track and will be completed by the end of 2014, with Afghan forces taking the lead in combat opera-

tions nationwide by the end of 2013.

President Obama told reporters after the meeting that “we leave Chicago with a clear road map” to bring the “war in Afghanistan to a responsible end.” NATO stressed its commitment to a long-term partnership with Afghanistan in the following years.

The shift of responsibility to Afghan troops, which NATO calls Milestone 2013, is well under way. In May, Afghan president Hamid Karzai announced the third group of provinces to make this transition, which will bring a total of 75 percent of the country's population under Afghan security control.

Commander of NATO's International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) in Afghanistan, Marine Corps Gen. John R. Allen, affirmed that Afghan forces will take the lead but said he expects stiff resistance from the Taliban during this year's fighting season and noted that “combat operations will continue in the country throughout the period of the remainder of the ISAF mission, which will conclude on the 31st of December 2014.” The first priority in Afghanistan remains keeping pressure on the Taliban, while the second is accelerating the training and capabilities of Afghan security forces.

Special Forces Honored. In a late May ceremony at Fort Bragg, N.C., the Governor General and Commander in Chief of Canada awarded the Canadian Commander in Chief Unit Commendation to the 1st Battalion, 3rd Special Forces Group at Fort Bragg, N.C. The award cites the Special Forces group for heroic action in Afghanistan

SSG Nikishe A. Simon, 1st Battalion, 506th Infantry Regiment, 4th Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division, works in her new assignment in a maneuver battalion as part of the Women in Service Review.



U.S. Army/SPC Thomas Christiansen

during the Canadian-led Operation Medusa. It is the first time the Canadian government has given an award for valor to a foreign military service.

According to the citation: "After completing their initial objectives, the Special Forces members willingly engaged a much larger force to secure the Canadian Battle Group's flank and prevented the enemy from staging an effective counteroffensive. Outnumbered and facing a well-prepared enemy, they relentlessly assaulted the objective and eventually captured the position after intense days of fighting."

The events of Operation Medusa

are featured in the book *Lions of Kandahar: The Story of a Fight Against All Odds* by MAJ Rusty Bradley, U.S. Army Special Operations Command, Fort Bragg, N.C.

Warriors in Transition. The Savannah District of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) recently completed construction of a \$25.1-million Warrior in Transition barracks complex that will help wounded and injured soldiers rehabilitate or make the transition back to military duty or civilian life. The Fort Stewart, Ga., barracks is part of a three-stage development to help soldiers in

the Army's Warrior Care and Transition Program.

At 144,600 square feet, the facility accommodates 240 soldiers in two buildings. Each building contains two apartment-style floor plans: a two-bedroom, two-bathroom apartment with shared kitchen, living room and laundry room; and a smaller, two-bedroom, one-bath apartment with a shared kitchen. Ten percent of the rooms feature countertops, bathrooms and equipment that are easily accessible for a wheelchair-bound person and comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

The barracks complex is next to a

GENERAL OFFICER CHANGES*

**Assignments to general officer slots announced by the General Officer Management Office, Department of the Army. Some officers are listed at the grade to which they are nominated, promotable or eligible to be frocked. The reporting dates for some officers may not yet be determined.*



MG K.R. Dahl
from Dep. CG (Spt.), 10th Mountain Div., Fort Drum, N.Y., to Dep. CG-Spt., USF-A, OEF, Afghanistan.



MG S.M. Dyer, USAR, from Cmdr., 335th Signal Cmd. (Theater), East Point, Ga., to Chief Integration Officer, OCIO/G-6, Washington, D.C.



MG R.M. Dyess Jr. from Dir., RID, ARIC, TRADOC, JB Langley-Eustis, Va., to Dir., FD, ODSC, G-8, USA, Washington, D.C.



MG F.B. Hodges from Chief, Legislative Liaison, OSA, Washington, D.C., to Chief of Land Command, Izmir, Stand Up Team, NATO, Turkey.



MG B.R. Kelly, USAR, from Cmdr. (TPU), MRTC, Fort Sam Houston, Texas, to CG (TPU), AR-MEDCOM, Pinellas Park, Fla.



MG S.R. Lanza from Chief of Public Affairs, OSA, Washington, D.C., to CG, 7th Infantry Division, JB Lewis-McChord, Wash.



MG P.S. Lennon, USAR, from Acting Cmdr. (TPU), 377th TSC, New Orleans, La., to CG (TPU), 377th TSC, New Orleans, La.



MG G.J. Lesniak, USAR, from CG, 88th RSC, Fort McCoy, Wis., to Dep. CG-Spt., USARC, Fort Bragg, N.C.



MG G.A. Medvigy, USAR, from Cmdr. (TPU), 351st Civil Affairs Cmd., Mountain View, Calif., to Dep. CG (Spt.) (IMA), Eighth U.S. Army, Yongsan, Republic of Korea.



MG M.W. Perrin from Dir., J-2, USF-I, OND, Iraq, to Dep. Dir., SID, NSA, Fort Meade, Md.



MG D.W. Puster, USAR, Cmdr. (TPU), 84th Div. (IT), Milwaukee, Wis., to CG (TPU), 84th Div. (IT), Milwaukee.



MG B.S. Sacolick from CG, US-AJFKSWC, Fort Bragg, N.C., to Dir., Force Mgmt. and Development, USSOCOM, MacDill AFB, Fla.



MG S.W. Smith, USAR, from Chief Integration Officer, OCIO/G-6, Washington, D.C., to Dep. Cmdr., 335th Signal Cmd. (Theater Operational Cmd. Post) (Forward), Camp Arifjan, Kuwait.



MG M.P. Tatu, USAR, from Cmdr. (TPU), 5th Bde. (MC), 75th Training Div. (MC), Dublin, Calif., to CG (TPU), 79th SSC, Los Alamos, Calif.



MG L.R. Visot, USAR, from CG, 377th TSC, New Orleans, La., to Dep. CG-Ops., USARC, Fort Bragg, N.C.



MG D.L. York, USAR, Cmdr. (TPU), 86th Training Div. (Ops.), Fort McCoy, Wis., to CG (TPU), US-ARJSTCU, Salt Lake City, Utah.

15,000-square-foot family assistance center, which was completed in 2010 and is staffed with personnel who provide guidance, assistance and information on finances, child care, family advocacy, legal assistance and a variety of other support services to help the soldiers and their families. The center also contains a child activity center and playground, covered courtyard, break room and kitchen.

An administrative facility scheduled for completion in November will house the staff that manages daily operations and the activities of the recovering soldiers.

USAR Names New CCW. CW5 Phyllis Wilson, named in May as the new command chief warrant officer (CCW), Army Reserve and U.S. Army Reserve Command, assumes her new duties this month and will serve at the headquarters of the Office of the Chief, Army Reserve, Fort Belvoir, Va. She succeeds CW5 James E. Thompson, CCW of the Army Reserve since September 2010.

As the CCW, she will represent and advise the chief and deputy chief of the Army Reserve and their staff on matters such as managing, resourcing, organizing, administering, mobilizing

and demobilizing warrant officers within the command. She will also coordinate policy and statutory changes to foster the advancement of initiatives for the Warrant Officer Corps.

CW5 Wilson enlisted in the Army in 1981 as a military intelligence voice intercept operator before attending warrant officer school in 1989. After receiving her appointment, she served in various military intelligence positions throughout the Army. She was promoted to CW5 in 2009 and has served as the all-source intelligence analyst technician with Military Intelligence Readiness Command, Fort

Brigadier Generals: **D.F. Anderson**, USAR, from Cmdr. (TPU), 97th Training Bde., Fort Sheridan, Ill., to Cmdr. (TPU), 3rd Bde. (MC), 75th Training Div. (MC), Fort Sheridan; **T.E. Ayres** from CG/Cmdt./JAGLCS, Charlottesville, Va., to CG, USALSA/Chief Judge, ACCA, Fort Belvoir, Va.; **D.C. Baldwin** from Cmdr. (TPU), 332nd Med. Bde., Nashville, Tenn., to Cmdr. (TPU), MRTC, Fort Sam Houston, Texas; **W.P. Barriage**, USAR, from Chief (TPU), 253rd Civil Affairs Cmd., Staten Island, N.Y., to Cmdr. (TPU), 1st Bde. (MC), 75th Training Div. (MC), Houston, Texas; **L.P. Burch**, USAR, from Cmdr. (TPU), 22nd LSO, Grand Prairie, Texas, to Chief Judge (IMA), USALSA, Arlington, Va.; **M.R. Chitwood**, USAR, from G-7 (TPU), USAR Legal Cmd., Gaithersburg, Md., to Dep. CG (TPU), 63rd RSC, Moffett Field, Calif.; **J.M. Cho** from Cmdr., 30th Medical Cmd., Germany, to Asst. SG for Force Mgmt., OSG, USA, Falls Church, Va.; **J.B. Clark** from Cmdr., LPMC, Germany, to Cmdr., ERM/Cmd. Surgeon, USAREUR and Seventh Army, Germany; **R.L. Cloutier Jr.** from Dep. Cmdr. (Maneuver), 3rd Infantry Div. (Mechanized), Fort Stewart, Ga., to XO to the SACEUR, SHAPE, Belgium; **P.C. Combs** from Dep. Cmdr., USACC, Fort Knox, Ky., to Cmdt., USACBRNS, MS CoE, Fort Leonard Wood, Mo.; **N.V. Coots** from Special Asst. to the SG, Falls Church, Va., to SG, USF-A/Medical Advisor, IJC, OEF, Afghanistan; **S.K. Curda**, USAR, from Cmdr. (TPU), 308th Civil Affairs Bde., Homewood, Ill., to Cmdr. (TPU), 351st Civil Affairs Cmd., Mountain View, Calif.; **F.D. Darpino** from CG, USALSA/Chief Judge, ACCA, Fort Belvoir, Va., to CG/Cmdt., JAGLCS, Charlottesville, Va.; **A.M. Deblieck**, USAR, from Acting Cmdr. (TPU), 103rd SC(E), Des Moines, Iowa, to Cmdr. (TPU), 103rd SC(E), Des Moines; **S.W. Duff**, ARNG, from Dep. CG, USASFC(A), Fort Bragg, N.C., to CoS, KFOR, Pristina, Kosovo; **C.R. Gentry**, USAR, from Cmdr. (TPU), 643rd RSG, Whitehall, Ohio, to Asst. CoS, G-5 (IMA), Eighth U.S. Army, Yongsan, Republic of Korea; **N.B. Green**, USAR, from CoS (TPU), 79th SSC, Los Alamitos, Calif., to Cmdr. (TPU), 4th SC(E), San Antonio, Texas; **C.K. Haas** from Cmdr., CFSOCC-A, OEF, Afghanistan, to CG, USASFC(A), Fort Bragg, N.C.; **F.A. Henry** from Dep. CG, NETCOM, Fort Huachuca, Ariz., to CoS, DISA, Fort Meade, Md.; **L.G. Irwin**, USAR, from Acting Cmdr. (TPU), 926th EB, Montgomery, Ala., to Cmdr. (TPU), 926th EB, Montgomery; **T.S. James Jr.** from Cmdt., U.S. Army Armor School, MCoE, Fort Benning, Ga., to Dep. CG, 1st Cavalry Div., Fort Hood, Texas; **P.S. Jolly**, USAR, from Cmdr. (TPU), 364th Sustainment Bde., Marysville, Wash., to Cmdr. (TPU), ARSC, Birmingham, Ala.; **K. Jones**, USAR, from Cmdr., 505th Signal Cmd., Las Vegas, Nev., to Dep. Cmdr., 335th Signal Cmd. (Theater), East Point, Ga.; **R.A. Karmazin**, USAR, from Sr. Ops. Officer (TPU), ARCU, DoS, Washington, D.C., to Cmdr. (TPU), 5th Bde. (MC), 75th Training Div. (MC), Dublin, Calif.; **T.D. Kok**, USAR, from Asst. CoS, G-4 (AGR), USACAPOC(A), Fort Bragg, N.C., to Cmdr. (TPU), 11th Aviation Cmd., Fort Knox, Ky.; **T.W. Kula** from CG, USACE, Southwestern Div., Dallas, Texas, to Dir., JED, USF-A, OEF; **W.S. Lee**, USAR, from Cmdr. (TPU), 330th Med. Bde., Fort Sheridan, Ill., to Dep. Cmdr. for Professional Services (TPU), 807 MC (DS), Salt Lake City, Utah; **M.D. Lundy** from Dep. Cmdr. (Spt.), 1st Armored Div., Fort Bliss, Texas, to Dep. Cmdr., CAC-T, TRADOC, Fort Leavenworth, Kan.; **T.P. McGuire** from Dep. CLL, OSA, Washington, D.C., to Dep. CG, 82nd Airborne Div., Fort Bragg, N.C.; **K.L. McNeely**, ARNG, from Dir., Strategic Plans and Policy (J-5), NGB, Washington, D.C., to Dir. EPTF, EUCOM, Germany; **S.P. Mulholland** from Dep. Dir. of Ops., J-3, USSOCOM, MacDill AFB, Fla., to Cmdr., SOCSOUTH, SOUTHCOM, Homestead Air Reserve Base, Fla.; **W.E. Piatt** from Cmdt., USAIS, MCoE, Fort Benning, Ga., to Dep. CG, 10th Mountain Div. (L), Fort Drum, N.Y.; **M.R. Quantock** from Chief, CJ-2, IJC, OEF, Afghanistan, to Dep. Dir. for Trans-Regional Policy, J-5, Jt. Staff, Washington, D.C.; **E.M. Reeder Jr.**, from CG, USASFC(A), Fort Bragg, N.C., to CG, USAJFKSWC, Fort Bragg; **T.S. Smith**, USAR, from Chief (AGR), GOMO/Dir., SLMO, OCAR, Fort Belvoir, Va., to Dep. Chief, AR, OCAR, Washington, D.C.; **M.S. Tuomey**, USAR, from Cmdr. (TPU), ARE, DLA, Fort Belvoir, Va., to Dep. Cmdr. for Mobilization (IMA), SDDC, Scott AFB, Ill.; **G.J. Volesky** from Dep. CG (Maneuver), 1st Cavalry Div., Fort Hood, Texas, to Chief of Public Affairs, OSA, Washington, D.C.; **N.Y. West** from CG, ERM/Cmd. Surgeon, USAREUR and Seventh Army, Germany, to Asst. SG for Force Sustainment, OSG/USA, Falls Church, Va.

■ **ACCA**—U.S. Army Court of Criminal Appeals; **AFB**—Air Force Base; **AGR**—Active Guard and Reserve; **AR**—Army Reserve; **ARCIC**—Army Capabilities Integration Center; **ARCU**—Army Reserve Counterterrorism Unit; **ARE**—Army Reserve Element; **AR-MEDCOM**—Army Reserve Medical Cmd.; **ARNG**—Army National Guard; **ARSC**—Army Reserve Sustainment Cmd.; **CAC-T**—Combined Arms Center-Training; **CFSOCC-A**—Combined Forces Special Operations Component Cmd.-Afghanistan; **CLL**—Chief, Legislation Liaison; **CoS**—Chief of Staff; **DISA**—Defense Information Systems Agency; **DLA**—Defense Logistics Agency; **DoS**—Dept. of State; **DS**—Deployment Spt.; **EB**—Engineer Bde.; **EPTF**—European Partnership Task Force; **ERM/C**—Europe Regional Medical Cmd.; **EUCOM**—U.S. European Cmd.; **FD**—Force Development; **GOMO**—General Officer Mgmt. Office; **IJC**—International Security Assistance Force Jt. Cmd.; **IMA**—Individual Mobilization Augmentee; **IT**—Institutional Training; **JAGLCS**—U.S. Army Judge Advocate General's Legal Center and School.; **JB**—Joint Base; **JED**—Joint Engineering Directorate; **KFOR**—Kosovo Force; **LPMC**—Landstuhl Regional Medical Center; **LSO**—Legal Spt. Organization; **MC**—Mission Cmd.; **MC (DS)**—Medical Cmd. (Deployment Spt.); **MRTC**—Medical Readiness and Training Cmd.; **MCoE**—U.S. Army Maneuver Center of Excellence; **MS CoE**—Maneuver Support Center of Excellence; **NETCOM**—U.S. Army Network Enterprise Technology Command; **NGB**—National Guard Bureau; **NSA**—National Security Agency; **OCAR**—Office of the Chief, Army Reserve; **OCIO**—Office of the Chief Information Officer; **ODCS**—Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff; **OEF**—Operation Enduring Freedom; **OND**—Operation New Dawn; **OSA**—Office of the Secretary of the Army; **OSG**—Office of the Surgeon General; **RID**—Requirements Integration Directorate; **RSC**—Regional Support Cmd.; **RSG**—Regional Spt. Group; **SACEUR**—Supreme Allied Commander, Europe; **SC(E)**—Sustainment Cmd. (Expeditionary); **SDDC**—Surface Deployment and Distribution Cmd.; **SG**—Surgeon General; **SHAPE**—Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe; **SID**—Signals Intelligence Directorate; **SLMO**—Sr. Leader Mgmt. Office; **SOCSOUTH**—Special Operations Cmd. South; **SSC**—Sustainment Spt. Cmd.; **SOUTHCOM**—U.S. Southern Cmd; **TPU**—Troop Program Unit; **TSC**—Theater Support Cmd.; **TRADOC**—U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Cmd.; **USA**—U.S. Army; **USACAPOC(A)**—U.S. Army Civil Affairs & Psychological Operations (Airborne); **USACBRNS**—U.S. Army Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear School; **USACC**—U.S. Army Cadet Cmd.; **USACE**—U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; **USAIS**—U.S. Army Infantry School; **USAJFKSWC**—U.S. Army John F. Kennedy Special Warfare Center; **USALSA**—U.S. Army Legal Services Agency; **USAR**—U.S. Army Reserve; **USARC**—U.S. Army Reserve Cmd.; **USAREUR**—U.S. Army Europe; **USARJSTSC**—U.S. Army Reserve Jt. and Special Troops Spt. Cmd.; **USASFC(A)**—U.S. Army Special Forces Cmd. (Abn.); **USF-A**—U.S. Forces-Afghanistan; **USF-I**—U.S. Forces-Iraq; **USSOCOM**—U.S. Special Operations Cmd.; **XO**—Executive Officer.

Army SGT Cliff Aughe, a flight medic with Company C, 1st Battalion, 171st Aviation Regiment, New Mexico Army National Guard, attends to an Afghan soldier during an evacuation mission in March.



U.S. Army / SGT Daniel Schroeder

Belvoir, Va., since September 2010.

CW5 Wilson holds a master's degree in management from Webster University. A native of Barberton, Ohio, she is married, with three sons serving in the active military.

Flight Medic Training. Medics from the Army National Guard are among the first to take part in a new program designed to revamp the training of flight medics throughout the Army.

Currently, a qualified combat medic in a flight medic slot can be a flight medic, but the requirements are changing. Flight medics, according to MSG Kym Ricketts, chief medical noncommissioned officer with the Army National Guard, need additional training because "they do a higher standard of care and in a different environment than a line medic on the ground."

The program, taught at Fort Sam Houston, Texas, includes paramedic and critical care training and certifications. Soldiers training for flight medic duty pass through three phases: First, the flight medic phase can be waived in place of on-the-job training.

The second, and longest, phase is the

nationally registered paramedic course, and the last focuses on critical care transport.

Much of the impetus for the program was the result of a study done on a California Army National Guard medical evacuation unit that deployed to Afghanistan with national certification as paramedics that helped inspire the training program and proposed changes to flight medic requirements. The study determined there was a 66 percent higher survivability rate with

full-fledged paramedics serving as flight medics than with combat medics performing the role.

The pilot program ends later this year and will then be reviewed.

National Monument. President Obama recently designated nearly 15,000 acres of Fort Ord, Calif., as the country's 17th national monument.

The monument designation bans mining and geothermal development in the rural, undeveloped eastern half of the base but will not preclude business development on the western part of the property. The designation does provide additional protection to about 7,200 acres cleared of ordnance and chemicals and managed by the federal Bureau of Land Management (BLM). Cleanup of another 7,400 acres currently managed by the Secretary of the Army is under way and will continue through 2019. That parcel will then be transferred to the BLM.

Cars will be permitted only on designated roads within the monument, but off-road vehicles will be barred from the area. The 86 miles of biking, hiking and horseback riding trails along the Central Coast will remain open.

Warrior Games Update. The Army excelled in several sports at the 2012 War-

Army Casualties in Afghanistan

The following U.S. Army soldiers were reported killed supporting Operation Enduring Freedom from May 1 to May 31, 2012. All names have been released through the Department of Defense; families have been notified.

2LT Tobias C. Alexander, 30
 CPT John R. Brainard, 26
 MSG Gregory L. Childs, 38
 CPT Bruce K. Clark, 43
 SPC Junot M.L. Cochilus, 34
 SGT Nicholas M. Dickhut, 23
 SPC Arronn D. Fields, 27
 SSG Thomas K. Fogarty, 30
 PFC Dustin D. Gross, 19
 SSG Zachary H. Hargrove, 32
 SPC Alex Hernandez III, 21
 SPC Vilmar Galarza Hernandez, 21
 SGT Michael J. Knapp, 28
 SGT Jabraun S. Knox, 23

SPC Chase S. Marta, 24
 PFC Richard L. McNulty III, 22
 PFC Cale C. Miller, 23
 2LT Travis A. Morgado, 25
 SSG Israel P. Nuanes, 38
 CPL Nicholas H. Olivas, 20
 CPT Jesse A. Ozbat, 28
 CW5 John C. Pratt, 51
 2LT David E. Rylander, 23
 SGT Jacob M. Schwallie, 22
 SPC Tofiga J. Tautolo, 23
 1LT Alejo R. Thompson, 30
 SGT Brian L. Walker, 25
 SPC Samuel T. Watts, 20

rior Games in Colorado Springs, Colo., in May, when Army veterans and soldiers amassed 62 medals: 18 gold, 19 silver and 25 bronze.

Army athletes won six gold, five silver and seven bronze medals during the track and field events. Among them were SSG Michael Kacer, U.S. Army retired, who served in the military more than 10 years until injured by a rocket in Afghanistan. He took home a silver and three bronze medals. SGT Monica

Southall, wounded in 2009 in Afghanistan, won the gold medal for her 37-foot throw in the women's shot put. Army women swept the upright cycling competition, adding three medals to the total count, and the men's recumbent bike team took a gold and a bronze. CPT William Longwell finished first in the 10K hand cycle event with a time of 20 minutes, 54 seconds. Wounded warriors collected another three medals in the shooting competition. The Army topped the Marines in two team events, winning the sitting volleyball competition and taking the gold in wheelchair basketball.

The Warrior Games were created in 2010 as an introduction to Paralympic sports for injured servicemembers and veterans, and many soldiers say they relish the return to competition.

conducted the network field exercise across an area the size of Delaware.

Measuring the performance and operational value of advanced tactical communications equipment, soldiers of the 2nd Brigade strove to maintain network connectivity as units maneuvered through heat and dust across a mountain desert with a complex mix of elements, including the army, insurgents and civilians of the fictional country of Attica. To simulate the brigade's operating within a larger organizational formation, the 101st Airborne Division served as the headquarters element, issuing orders and monitoring operations over the Warfighter Information Network Tactical (WIN-T) network from Fort Campbell, Ky.

NIE 12.2 is the final chance to check and evaluate Capability Set 13, the first integrated group of networked technologies that will be fielded to brigade combat teams beginning this fall. Anchored by the WIN-T Increment 2, Capability Set 13 is a major upgrade in tactical communications that will extend satellite communications to the company level and allow mission command on the move. ★

COMMAND SERGEANTS MAJOR CHANGES*



CSM J. Caraballo from 3rd BCT, 10th Mtn. Div., Fort Drum, N.Y., to MCoE and Fort Benning, Ga.



CSM K.J. Groninger from 579th Engineer Det. (FEST-M), Vicksburg, Miss., to USACE Cmd., Washington, D.C.



CSM B.L. Knight from 1st Stryker BCT, 25th Infantry Div., Fort Wainwright, Alaska, to USARAK, Fairbanks, Alaska.



CSM B.E. Maieritsch from IMCOM-Europe, Germany, to U.S. National Spt. Element Cmd.-Afghanistan.



CSM R.D. Ward from 130th Engineer Bde. to USACE, Transatlantic Div., Winchester, Va.

AA—Air Assault; **BCT**—Brigade Combat Team; **FEST-M**—Forward Engineer Spt. Team-Main; **IMCOM**—Installation Management Cmd.; **JB**—Joint Base; **MCoE**—Maneuver Center of Excellence; **MDW**—U.S. Army Military District of Washington; **NTC**—National Training Center; **USACE**—U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; **USAFCOM**—U.S. Army Finance Management Cmd.; **USAIS**—U.S. Army Infantry School; **USARAK**—U.S. Army Alaska; **WTC**—Warrior Transition Cmd.

*Command sergeants major positions assigned to general officer commands.

Reducing Sexual Violence. At the I.A.M. Strong Sexual Harassment/Assault Prevention Summit held in May, the Army acknowledged that sexual harassment and sexual assault continue to be problems and urged soldiers to take action against them.

"We need to eliminate the prevalent bystander mentality," said Army Chief of Staff GEN Raymond T. Odierno. He also said that soldiers who do not assist those who they think might be at risk of assault or who fail to confront soldiers who might engage in harassment or assault are part of the problem. He said he will ask each commander to conduct a command climate survey within the first three months of taking command, again at six months, and then every year.

SMA Raymond F. Chandler III also spoke to the more than 500 commanders and sergeants major who attended the summit. The focus, he said, must be on "changing the culture within our Army" and understanding that this type of behavior is not acceptable.

NIE Tests. Network Integration Evaluation (NIE) 12.2, the third in a series of semiannual tests of equipment under real-world conditions, took place in May and June at White Sands Missile Range, N.M. More than 4,000 soldiers of 2nd Brigade, 1st Armored Division,