First Army Command Overview

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First Army Command Video
First Army serves as FORSCOM’s Executing Agent for:

- Mobilization Operations in the Continental United States (CONUS) … plus Puerto Rico & the US Virgin Islands
- Active Component (AC) to Reserve Component (AC) training support in CONUS … plus Puerto Rico & the US Virgin Islands

First Army provides trained and ready forces covering the full range of military operations responsive to the Combatant Commanders. We are the Army’s enabler, supporting the long-term readiness of our Nation’s Reserve Component capabilities between current Deployed Expeditionary Force (DEF) and Contingency Expeditionary Force (CEF) training strategies. (LTG Mick Bednarek, CG First Army)

Reserve Component (RC) includes

Army National Guard    US Army Reserve

First In Deed
First Army advises, assists and trains Reserve Component units during pre-mobilization periods. Conducts mobilization, training support, readiness validation, and deployment of alerted forces. Executes demobilization of Reserve Component forces in accordance with Department of the Army, and FORSCOM directives. Provides trained and ready forces in support of the Army Force Generation model. As directed, provides training to Joint, Combined, Interagency, and Active Army Forces.
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COL William Schafer

Assistant Deputy Chief of Staff, G-3/5/7, GS-15
Mr. Thomas Thompson

Deputy Chief of Staff – G-3/5/7 SGM
SGM Johnny Kea

Chief of Training
GS-15
Mr. Rick Fink

Chief of Operations
COL/O6
COL Monty Powers

Chief of Plans
COL/O6
COL Mark Toplikar

LEGEND
AC
ARNG
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Plans Division Functions

Plans Division
Front Office

Concepts & Integration Branch
- Strategic Communication
- Concept Development
- Mission Planning
- Order Development
- Senior Commander Plan Analysis
- Provide input to Mobilization Plans
- Policy and Plans
- Respond to RFIs
- Synchronize OPG/OPT
- Synchronize Staff Calendar
- 1A Integration
- Event Planning/Execution

ARFORGEN Plans Branch
- Manage Mobilization/De-Mobilization Load
- Analyze MTC Requirements
- Manage Global Force Requirement
- Manage RC/Mob/De-Mob Requirement
- Coordinate/Approve JSTO Requirement
- Coordinate unit list and timelines for JA
- Manage RC mob load
- Designate training location based on joint readiness criteria code
- Analyze Global Force Requirements
- Colossus
- Sands of Time – MTC load capacity
- Scalable MTC Planning
- Un-programmed planning efforts

Force Management Branch
- Manage First Army Force Structure
  - Command Plan
  - Publish C2 directives
  - Re-Stationing
- Manage ECOP
- TDA Requirements Validation
  - Personnel
  - Equipment
- Functions Review and Analysis
- Manpower Analysis

References:
AR 5-10 Stationing
AR-71-11 Total Army Analysis (TAA) Process
AR 71-32 Force Development and Documentation
AR 200-2 Environmental Protection and Enhancement
FM 100-1 Force Integration
AR 525-29 Army Force Generation
AR 10-87 Army Commands, Army Service Component Commands, and Direct Reporting Units
HQDA EXORD 178-11 Mob Cmd Support Relationships and Requirements Based Demobilization Process
HQDA EXORD 054-12 ISO Army Transition
FORSOM REG 500-3-1 FORMDEPS
HQDA and FORSCOM Command Plan Guidance
Permanent Orders
TDAs
Training Division Functions

Training Division Front Office

Training Policy Branch
- Conduct Reviews of Higher HQ and Outside Organization Regulations, Policies, Guidance, and Doctrine as Required
- Develop Training Support Strategies as Directed
- Develop HQ Training Policy and Guidance (to include TLDG)
- Lead Development and Execution of the MTB to FORSCOM CDR
- Represent First Army Leadership at Conferences, Symposiums, Working Groups, etc.
- Provide Training Management Support
- Conduct Staff Assistance Visits
- Provide Management of First Army Counter IED (CIED) Assets
- Manage First Army Training Needs Statement (TNS) process for Counter IED (CIED)
- Participate in First Army OPG, Working Groups, and Off-site Meetings
- Develop Command Briefings and Instructional Materials
- Provide Updated Training Policy Information Products via the First Army Command Portal

Training Exercise Branch
- Conduct Exercise Planning and Coordination
- Provide Oversight of Exercise Budget Process for 75th MCTD Support
- Standardize 1A Mission Command Exercise Planning
- Develop 1A LVCG Training Strategy
- Provide Information for Executive Level Briefings and Requests for Information (RFI)
- Represent 1A at Conferences

Training Operations Branch
- Manage CEF & DEF Training Models and Templates
- Provide Training Oversight to Mobilized Units
- Facilitates DA EXORD Directed Planning and Synchronization Events

Training Support Branch
- ATRRS Schools for 1A HQ
- ATRRS Troop Schools
- Validate TNG Equip Request
- DA EXORD 150-8, ASC PDTE SOP
- AR2B Directive
- Tracking PDTE Equipment
- Training Ammo MGMT AR 5-13 DA PAM 350-38
- GRP/FLS Contract Validation
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Operations Division Functions

Operations Division
Front Office

Current Operations Branch

Watch Center
- Manage and Maintain 24 Hour Operations
- Receive, Analyze, and Disseminate Higher Headquarters Orders
- Prepare, Staff, and Quality Check First Army Orders Prior to Release
- Force Protection and Anti-Terrorism
- Prepare and Support Recurring Staff and Command Briefings

Central Taskings
- Manage First Army Theater Operations Forward Presence
- Manage Central Taskings
- Manage Worldwide Individual Augmentation System Taskings

Lessons Learned
- First Army Lessons Learned Program
- Knowledge Management Program

Mobilization Branch

- Review and Validate MOB/DEMOB Plans
- Assist MOB/DEMOB Planners at All Levels
- Review and Approve Installation MOB/DEMOB Plans
- Ensure Exercise Plans are Consistent with Mobilization Policy
- Advise First Army Staff on MOB/DEMOB Issues
- Provide and Develop Guidance of MOB/DEMOB Regulations and Policies
- Assess Effect of Mission Changes on MOB/DEMOB Plans
- Maintain, Analyze, and Brief Historical Data
- Coordinate Actions with Other Staff Sections and Units
- Project MOB/DEMOB Flow
- Process, Produce, Amend, Revoke, and Coordinate Changes to Unit and Individual Order Requests
- Review and/or Publish DEMOB Orders and FRAGOs
- Coordinate DEMOB Process

Readiness Branch

Readiness Reporting
- Manage Defense Readiness Reporting System-Army Program
- Manage First Army Unit Identification Codes
- Oversight of Weekly FORSCOM Staff Call Brief
- Oversight of Monthly Readiness Update SVTC
- Liaison for FORSCOM Monthly HQDA Hosted Readiness SVTC

Strategic Movements
- Deploy/Redeploy Validation/Allocation PAX and EQUIP
- Coordinate Non-ULN Theater Movement
- Coordinate Special Airlift Movement
- Communicate Movement Plans and Status
- Assist with Strategic Movement
- Analyze and Coordinate Strategic Deployment Issues with FORSCOM, CENTCOM, TRANSCOM, Service Components, and Theater Commands
- Receive, Analyze, Produce and Disseminate Tailored Strategic Movement Products

Readiness Management
- Review and Maintain Unit Readiness Validation
- Receive, Consolidate, Compose, and Disseminate Situational Reports
- Manage Mobilization and RC Training Support Synchronization
- Receive, Analyze, and Disseminate Data For Mobilization/Readiness/Movements Brief
- Maintain Common Operating Picture
- Focal Point for MOB/DEMOB/Reserve Component Training Operations and Resolution of Issues
- Track Readiness of RC Units In AFORGEN Cycle
First Army Division West and East have OPCON of two US Army Reserve Support Commands and 61 additional USAR Battalions for Training Support per USARC FRAGO 084, 171435JUN2010

* First Army Division HQ and ARSC have shared ADCON responsibilities for USAR TSBn/LSBn
Symbolism
The red and white of the background are the colors used in flags for Armies. The letter "A" represents "Army" and is also the first letter of the alphabet suggesting "First Army."

Symbolism
The basic design was suggested by the authorized shoulder sleeve insignia of the First Army. The Interlaced fleur-de-lis represent wartime service in France and alludes to the initial organization of the Headquarters Company as the Headquarters Troop, First Army at La Ferte-sous-Jouarre, France 10 August 1918. The three stars at the top of the letter "A" are for Lorraine 1918, St. Mihiel and Meuse-Argonne campaigns in which the First Army participated in World War I. The five stars on the center cross bar are for the Normandy, Northern France, Rhineland, Ardennes-Alsace and Central Europe campaigns in which the First Army participated in World War II, the red arrowhead referring to the assault landing on the Normandy beaches. The motto "First In Deed" is based on the numerical designation, purpose and achievements of the First United States Army.
• Activated in France in 1918 under the command of Gen. John J. Pershing

• Deactivated in 1919

• Reactivated at Fort Jay, NY, in 1933 with a new mission of training and readiness

• Resumed a combat role on the eve of WWII and on D-Day, June 6, 1944, with Gen. Omar N. Bradley commanding, First Army troops landed on Omaha and Utah beaches in Normandy.

• After WW II, First Army headquarters was located on Governor’s Island, N.Y and designated as one of six continental U.S. Armies responsible for supervising and training Army National Guard units

• Mobilized and deployed thousands of Soldiers during the Korean War and Vietnam.

• In 1966, First and Second Armies merged and First Army headquarters moved to Fort Meade, Md.
• In 1973, First Army transitioned from an Active Army oriented organization to one dedicated to improving the readiness of RC

• Trained, mobilized and deployed more than 41,000 RC Soldiers for the Gulf War in 1990

• Relocated to Fort Gillem, GA in 1995. Mission expanded to include Defense Support to Civil Authorities

• Since 9/11, First Army has trained over 800,000 Soldiers, Sailors & Airmen

• In 2005, First Army was designated JTF-Katrina – led DoD’s response to Hurricane Katrina

• In 2006, Reserve Component training mission expanded to include all CONUS and two U.S. territories.

• Relocated to Rock Island Arsenal, IL in 2011.
Active Component (AC) support for Reserve Component (RC) training is mandated in law:

- FY 93 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA)
- Public Law 102-484, amended

As FORSCOM’s Executing Agent … First Army executes the mandated training support requirement by:

- Advising
- Assisting
- Training

Reserve Component (RC) units throughout the ARFORGEN process
We Mobilize, Train, Validate, Deploy and Demobilize Reserve Component (RC) Units and Soldiers:

- When RC units/Soldiers are mobilized for Active Federal Service under Title 10 USC
- Upon Mobilization .... RC units and Soldiers are Attached to First Army

Examples

- Brigade Combat Teams (BCT), Expeditionary Sustainment Commands (ESC)
- Aviation Battalions/Companies, Signal Brigades
- Provisional Reconstruction Teams (PRT, NATO Training Mission – Afghanistan (NTM-A))
- Engineer Route Clearance Companies/Platoons
- Security Force Advisory and Assistance Teams (SFAAT)
Organized and Postured for Efficient and Effective Training Support
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Priorities of Training Support & Capabilities

DEF units are….. Priority # 1
Includes DCRF and C2CRE forces in support of Homeland Security/Homeland Defense

FORSCOM CEF Priorities

1. Brigade Combat Teams (BCT)
   a. Regionally Aligned Forces
   b. Aligned w/COCOM OPLAN
2. USAR Level 1 and 2 Units Aligned w/COCOM OPLAN
3. ARNG Combat Aviation Brigades (CAB)
4. ARNG Fires Brigades
5. RC Functional/Multi Functional Brigades (USAR & ARNG)
6. Division Headquarters

First Army Capabilities

- Unit Training Management Assistance
- Trainer/Mentors … Trained & Certified
- Assessments … if specifically requested
- Exercise Design Assistance .. especially for the Blending of LVC/G Enablers
- Gunnery …… Vehicle Crew Evaluators (VCEs)
# CEF Training Events

## Combat Support Training Exercise (CSTX)
- A Collective Training Event for Level 1 units approx. 180 days prior to entering the Available Force Pool
- Company-level units: Warrior Battle Drills, METL based training
- BN and above Staffs - MCT may include Seminars, CPX, STAFFEX
- Culminates with FTX

## Warrior Exercise (WAREX)
- Company level exercise for units in a Multi Functional, Multi-Echelon environment incorporating LVG/G
- CO level METL based training
- BN and above Staffs - MCT may include Seminars, STAFFEX, CPX
- Culminates in a CTC equitable FTX

## Exportable Combat Training Capability (XCTC)
- METL based mission focused training that replicates the units AOR ... Allows CDR to assess the units overall readiness prior to entering the Available Force Pool
- Objective: Assist CDRs in certifying mission essential tasks down to squad level
- Platoon / Company STX Lanes
- Company / Battalion FTX
- Gunnery Qual. / LFX

## Warfighter Exercise (WFX- ARNG Division)
- Provide a mission focused environment to training Division, and BDE HQ Mission Command.
- Objective: Assist CDRs and Staff in assessing and improving readiness prior to entering the Available Force Pool.
- Mission Command Training / METL Focused
- Constructive Exercise
- 27 approved CONUS Regional Collective Training Centers
- 7 USAR and ARNG Mission Training Complex Locations
- FY12 Major CEF Training Events – First Army Supported (12)
- FY13 Major CEF Training Events – First Army Supported (17)

CEF EXERCISES
CTCs, WFXs, UEs
XCTCs, WAREX,
CSTCs, BWFXs
CPXs
• Core Competency: Collective Training and Exercises to train Soldiers, Staffs and Mission Command Functions

• Army Force Generation Contingency Strategy:
  – Sustain Emphasis on Readiness of the Reserve Component prior to Mobilization
  – Provide Training Support to Functional and Multi-Functional Units
  – Increased partnerships maximize resources and sustain/ maintain long term combat effectiveness

• Homeland Security Training
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Newcomer Orientation Tour

USAG RIA Installation Overview
USAG–RIA INSTALLATION OVERVIEW

ROCK ISLAND ARSENAL HISTORY

1816 -- Fort Armstrong Established

1862 -- RIA Established

1863 to 1865 -- Union Prisoner of War Camp

1866 to 1894 -- Stone Buildings Constructed

Spanish/American War -- Small Arms

WWI – Machine Guns & Tanks

WWII, Korean War & Vietnam -- Artillery

Cold War -- REARM Modernization

Gulf War -- M198 Howitzer/Tools/Shop Sets

OIF/OEF - M119 105MM Howitzer/

Armor Kits/Mobile Maintenance Kits/

Small Arms Parts & Gauges

7 July 2012 – 150th Year Celebration

BRAC 2005 Growth = First Army/Norris Industries/NOC/CSRG-E
USAG–RIA INSTALLATION OVERVIEW

INSTALLATION ATTRIBUTES

• 950 acre island on the Mississippi River

• 336 buildable acres
• 24 miles of roads
• 6.79 M SF of floor space
• 141K SF of “move in ready” administrative & shop space
• 310K SF of expansion office & warehouse space

World class infrastructure

1.3 miles of railroad spur
USAG–RIA INSTALLATION OVERVIEW

SPECIAL ASPECTS

- National Historic Landmark
- Army’s second oldest museum
- Active National Cemetery
- One of three Arsenal Support Program Initiative (ASPI) sites
- Center for Industrial & Technical Excellence
- Arsenal Island Golf Course
- Swing Span Bridge
- Hydroelectric plant generates 1/3 of our electrical power
- Self-contained water production plant
USAG–RIA INSTALLATION OVERVIEW

WORKFORCE DEMOGRAPHICS

- **Average age**: 43 years
- **Average years of Service**: 13
- **Veterans**: 26%
- **Civilians**: 5508
  - Contractor: 1187
  - Military: 1128
- **Population**: 7823
- **Education Levels**:
  - High School+: 98%
  - Bachelor’s+: 47%
Support Family members of deployed Military throughout the region

CFC Campaign contributes over $418K to the Quad Cities

Largest employer in the region

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Community Based Warrior Transition Unit (CBWTU-IL) IL - IA - WI - MN - MI - IN

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US ARMY SUSTAINMENT COMMAND (ASC)
Provide direct logistics support to combat units worldwide while managing the Army’s globally pre-positioned stocks and war reserve supplies.

MG Patricia E. McQuistion

US ARMY JOINT MUNITIONS COMMAND (JMC)
- Manage all conventional ammunition for the Department of Defense

BG(P) Gustave F. Perna
US ARMY ROCK ISLAND ARSENAL JOINT MANUFACTURING & TECHNOLOGY CENTER (JMTC) - DoD’s only vertically integrated metal manufacturing facility and the Army’s only foundry  
Col. James O. Fly, Jr.

US ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS ROCK ISLAND DISTRICT (USACE-RI) - Provide quality, responsive engineering services to the Nation and Upper Mississippi Valley

CIVILIAN HUMAN RESOURCES AGENCY NORTH CENTRAL REGION (CHRA) - Global responsibilities for servicing over 35,000 Army and DoD civilians
Building 68

Army Sustainment Command

US ARMY JOINT MUNITIONS COMMAND (JMC)

US ARMY ROCK ISLAND ARSENAL JOINT MANUFACTURING & TECHNOLOGY CENTER (JMTC)

US ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS ROCK ISLAND DISTRICT

GOVT Bridge