

“FIRES Forward” June 2016, Edition 88

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1. Redleg Update: May-June 2016; Farewell from the Desk of the 51st Chief of the Field Artillery; Part II: Air Clearance of Fires; Is Serving as a NCOA Small Group Leader or Senior Small Group Leader Something YOU Should Consider Doing? <https://www.us.army.mil/suite/doc/46585120>

2. Air Defense to See Changes in Near Future. Brig. Gen. Christopher L. Spillman devoted his two years as Commandant of the Air defense Artillery (ADA) School and Chief of the ADA branch to defining how the Air Defense Artillery branch will transform in the years ahead. Find out about those changes and when you can expect to see them. <https://www.us.army.mil/suite/doc/46585103>

3. The alphabetical results of the FY17 AC, CSM and SGM Nominative Selection Board will be posted to the HRC website for Commanders, Soldiers, and HR users to download on 1 JUL 16. The list will be available through the following link (CAC logon required): <https://www.hrc.army.mil/content/Nominative%20CSM-SGM%20Board%20Information> after the authorized release time, 0730 (EDT) hours on 1 JUL 16.
<https://www.hrc.army.mil/Milper/16-165>

4. Sergeant Major of Army (SMA) Announces His Own Book Club. Beginning in July, he plans to discuss the first of three recommended titles with Soldiers during his regularly-scheduled visits to Army installations. These aren't your usual titles, check out the first three suggestions. <https://www.us.army.mil/suite/doc/46585124>

5. FY16 FA34 Critical Task and Site Selection Board (CTSSB). The FA34 Strategic Intelligence Officer CTSSB will convene from 23-25 Aug 16 in Charlottesville, VA. Request units send Commissioned Officers who are actively working in and hold FA34 to actively participate in the CTSSB. <https://www.milsuite.mil/book/docs/DOC-285834>

6. Do You Know About the Joint Effects Targeting System (JETS)? If not, find out what it does and when you can expect to see one by clicking here. <https://www.us.army.mil/suite/doc/46585117>

7. Smart Earplugs Dampen Explosive Noise, and Enhances Whispers - The Tactical Communication and Protective System (TCAPS). Thousands have been deployed to the field so far. Find out how the TCAPS work here.
<https://www.us.army.mil/suite/doc/46585128>

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8. Field Artillery (FA) Lessons Learned (LL) Primer News:

Field Artillery (FA) Lessons Learned (LL) Webpage: <https://www.us.army.mil/suite/page/626077>

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9. Air Defense Artillery (ADA) Lessons Learned (LL) Webpage: <https://www.us.army.mil/suite/page/334804>

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10. Another Assignment Location for Artillerymen? Fort Detrick, MD added the Firing of a Cannon to Reveille and Retreat starting on the Army's 241st Birthday. Do you know how long Reveille and Retreat take? You can find the answers here.

<https://www.us.army.mil/suite/doc/46585104>

11. Blended Retirement System (BRS) goes into effect, Jan. 1, 2018. The new retirement system is composed of three components and starting Jan. 1, 2018, all recruits will be automatically enrolled into the BRS. Find out how the new system is going to affect you and what choices you may have to make. <https://www.us.army.mil/suite/doc/46585105>

12. Test Your Knowledge about the Tomb of the Unknowns as We prepare to Celebrate our Nations Independence. In this article on “Building the Tomb and Honoring the Fallen”, there are several facts that you may not be aware of.

<https://www.us.army.mil/suite/doc/46585110>

13. U.S. Army's Shield against Missiles, Rockets, Mortars and Aircraft successfully Tested at White Sands Missile Range N.M. <https://www.us.army.mil/suite/doc/46599949>

14. Squid-Inspired Camouflage and Hypervelocity Railguns - What was science fiction just a few years ago is now among the most innovative new technologies. <https://www.us.army.mil/suite/doc/46599952>

15. The Preventive Maintenance Monthly Magazine PS - Turned 65 in June and has gone digital! Current issue 763 is online and available at <http://go.usa.gov/chd8w> Take two minutes to check out the APP demonstration video narrated by SFC HALF-MAST at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YRPWHWhu1Lc&feature=youtu.be>

16. What Should the Sergeant Major of the Army Fix Next? Here's a list of items that Soldiers have said they would like to see fixed. Is your suggestion on the list? <https://www.us.army.mil/suite/doc/46659338>

17. Will Your Heartbeat Become Your New Common Access Card (CAC)? “We are embarking on a two-year plan to eliminate [common access cards] from our information systems.” <https://www.us.army.mil/suite/doc/46659339>

18. Secretary of the Army has Three Priorities that He just put out in June. Do You Know what they are? Here's the signed memo. <https://www.us.army.mil/suite/doc/46672904>

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19. June marks the 100th Anniversary of One of the Most Important Months in the History of the National Guard. See the full story by clicking here. <https://www.us.army.mil/suite/doc/46672920>

20. NCO Promotions to be tied to Writing Skills. Beginning FY18, it will be a requirement to have your writing assessment done. <https://www.us.army.mil/suite/doc/46680316>

21. Laser vs Drones: Both the Army and Marines are testing vehicle-mounted “counter-UAS” (Unmanned Aerial System) lasers. At the recent Maneuver Fires Integration Exercise (MFIEX). Dyess told the Directed Energy Summit, a roughly 2-3 kilowatt laser mounted on an eight-wheel drive Stryker armored vehicle shot down 35 such drones. <https://www.us.army.mil/suite/doc/46684976>

22. Did you Miss TRADOC’s Town Hall for NCO’s? You can see it here. <https://www.us.army.mil/suite/doc/46702125>
The next TRADOC Town Hall will be held 6 Nov 2016.

23. You Asked for It and Your Opinion Counted, Sleeves Can Now Be Rolled Up. See the survey results and find out some of the stipulations (like the Delta Roll) here. <https://www.us.army.mil/suite/doc/46710187>

24. FIRES UNITS IN THE NEWS:

2-6 ADA Holds Inactivation Ceremony
<https://www.us.army.mil/suite/doc/46585121>

“Kings of Battle” Unleash Spartan Fury
<https://www.us.army.mil/suite/doc/46585118>

DIVARTY, 1AD Joins Air Assets in Building Awareness/Understanding
<https://www.us.army.mil/suite/doc/46585112>

65th Field Artillery Brigade holds Change of Command Ceremony
<https://www.us.army.mil/suite/doc/46599954>

5-7th ADA Gets Introduced to the Polish Engagement Control Center
<https://www.us.army.mil/suite/doc/46599956>

3-321st FA Regiment (HIMARS) Deploying to Operation Inherent Resolve
<https://www.us.army.mil/suite/doc/46629052>

2-204th ADA Regt, Vital to Multi-echelon Integrated Brigade Exercise (MiBT)
<https://www.us.army.mil/suite/doc/46629056>

18th FA BDE Commander Recalls Deployment Achievements
<https://www.us.army.mil/suite/doc/46629064>

2-114th FA (Steel Rain) Providing Fires for 155 ABCT (video - click on the picture)
<https://www.dvidshub.net/video/470357/king-battle-social-media>

3-265th ADA Deploys for NCR Mission & One of the Only Five Units to perform this Mission
<https://www.us.army.mil/suite/doc/46672911>

1-69th ADA Regt Returns from Middle East
<https://www.us.army.mil/suite/doc/46684972>

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B/1-147 FA Receives the Superior Unit Award – Find Out How They did it by Clicking Here
<https://www.us.army.mil/suite/doc/46702127>

Making it Rain, 5-3rd FAR
<https://www.us.army.mil/suite/doc/46710186>

25. FIRES SOLDIERS IN THE NEWS:

Graduates (listed) of Patriot Master Gunner (PMG) Course
<https://www.us.army.mil/suite/doc/46585130>

U.S. Army Europe Welcomes New Deputy Commanding General ARNG
<https://www.us.army.mil/suite/doc/46599968>

1-258th FA First Female 13B – “I Like the Rush”
<https://www.us.army.mil/suite/doc/46599979>

155th ABCT (Dixie Thunder) Welcomes New Commander (video - click on the picture)
<https://www.dvidshub.net/video/470406/155th-abct-change-command-2016-news-package>

32nd AAMDC Welcomes New Commander as Outgoing Commander Retires
<https://www.us.army.mil/suite/doc/46667435>

476 Graduate USASMA, Class 66 Awardees Named
<https://www.us.army.mil/suite/doc/46684974>

26. FIRES CENTER OF EXCELLENCE WEBSITES:

FIRES Targeting Center Homepage - <https://www.us.army.mil/suite/page/381318>

FIRES Training and Doctrine Portal - <https://www.us.army.mil/suite/page/586282>

FKN FIRES Forum - https://www.milsuite.mil/book/community/spaces/apf/fires_net

Marine Detachment (MARDET) Fort Sill - <http://sill-www.army.mil/USMC/>

FCoE Facebook - <http://www.facebook.com/FiresCenterofExcellence>

FIRES Bulletin – (Magazine) - <http://sill-www.army.mil/firesbulletin/app>

FIRES Forward Archive - <https://www.us.army.mil/suite/folder/45234579>

FA School RedLeg Update Archive - <https://www.us.army.mil/suite/files/34549741>

ADA FIRES Knowledge Network Homepage - <https://www.us.army.mil/suite/page/586267>

FA FIRES Knowledge Network Homepage - <https://www.us.army.mil/suite/page/586258>