



## 3,000 soldiers to deploy



Thousands of soldiers are preparing to deploy to bolster America's Eastern European allies amid growing tensions with Russia. **See story on Page 3.** (U.S. ARMY/CAPT. ROBYN HAAKE)

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## Perkins chairs new Center of Leadership

**R**etired Gen. David Perkins, a former commander of Army Training and Doctrine Command, is the first distinguished chair of the Association of the U.S. Army's new Center of Leadership, the association announced.

In this position, which became effective Tuesday, Perkins will lead AUSA's efforts to enhance its strategic communication across the Total Army and among AUSA's 120 chapters and promote initiatives in keeping with AUSA's charter as an educational and professional association.

He will also coach and advise the new Center of Leadership on assessment, research and publications re-

lated to leader development, character development and stewardship of the Army profession.

"I am honored to become a part of AUSA's Center of Leadership," Perkins said. "Leadership is always the crucial element of success in any



Retired Gen. David Perkins. (AUSA PHOTO)

organization. Working with such a well-led organization like AUSA, helping the best leader development organization in the world, the U.S. Army, is as good as it gets for anybody interested in leadership and making people and organizations better."

Established in October, AUSA's Center of Leadership was created to help educate, inspire and connect leaders of character and guide their efforts to lead effective, cohesive and honorable teams across the Army by delivering relevant and inspirational leader development programs.

Its director is retired Col. Scott Halstead.

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## Troops deploy to Europe amid rising tensions with Russia

About 3,000 soldiers are deploying to bolster America's Eastern European allies as Russia continues to mass troops on its border with Ukraine, the Pentagon announced Wednesday.

About 1,000 soldiers from a Stryker squadron already in Germany "will reposition to Romania in the coming days," Pentagon spokesman John Kirby said. These soldiers belong to the 2nd Cavalry Regiment, which is stationed in Vilseck, Germany, according to the Pentagon.

The soldiers will bolster the 900 U.S. troops already in Romania, Kirby said.

Additionally, about 2,000 soldiers from the 82nd Airborne Division and the XVIII Airborne Corps, both from Fort Bragg, North Carolina, will deploy to Poland and Germany.

About 1,700 are from an infantry brigade combat team and key enablers from the 82nd Airborne Division, and they are expected to go to Poland. The XVIII Airborne Corps will send a joint task force-capable headquarters of about 300 people to Germany, Kirby said.

These deployments come amid stalled talks with Russia over its military buildup at its border with



Spc. Eliver Hernandez of the 2nd Cavalry Regiment conducts a functions check on an M17 pistol during training in Vilseck, Germany. (U.S. ARMY/GERTRUD ZACH)

Ukraine, the Associated Press reported. Russia has amassed more than 100,000 troops on its border, and tensions have soared over concerns of an invasion, with smaller NATO countries worrying they could be next, according to the AP.

These deployments are an "unmistakable" signal of America's commitment to NATO, Kirby said. He also emphasized that the deployments are "not permanent moves."

Additionally, "these forces are not

going to fight in Ukraine. They are there to ensure the robust defense of our NATO allies," he said.

In addition to these new deployments, more than 8,500 U.S. troops remain on heightened alert, Kirby said. Those troops were put on alert Jan. 24 as the Pentagon prepared for possible contingencies, and most of them are expected to support the NATO Response Force if it is activated by the alliance.

The NATO Response Force is a multinational force made up of land, air, maritime and special operations forces that the alliance can deploy quickly, and the U.S. contributes to it along with other NATO nations.

It has not been activated, Kirby said Wednesday.

Pentagon leaders have continued to call for diplomacy.

"There is no reason this situation has to devolve into conflict," Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin said Jan. 28.

He added that conflict is not inevitable. "There's still time and space for diplomacy," he said.

Joint Chiefs Chairman Gen. Mark Milley echoed Austin's remarks.

"Ukraine has the right to be independent. We strongly encourage Russia to stand down," he said.

### Perkins

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"We are thrilled to have retired Gen. Dave Perkins serve as the first chair of the AUSA Center of Leadership," said retired Gen. Bob Brown, AUSA president and CEO. "Dave is one of the premier leadership experts in the world, and he consistently demonstrated his leadership prowess in the most challenging situations possible."

A native of Keene, New Hampshire, Perkins retired from the Army in 2018 after 38 years of service. He is a 1980 graduate of the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, New York, and has advanced degrees in

mechanical engineering, national security and strategic studies and military studies.

At Training and Doctrine Command, Perkins led the development of the Army's Multi-Domain Operations concept, which has become the driver for readiness and modernization for the future battlefield, not only for the U.S. military, but for allies and partners around the world.

Perkins also commanded the Army Combined Arms Center, where he synchronized leader development, managed the Army's training support and training development enterprises, and developed and integrated the doctrine that guides the Army

around the world.

His other commands include the 4th Infantry Division at Fort Carson, Colorado, and the Joint Multinational Training Command in Germany, and he was deputy commanding general for strategic effects for Multi-National Force-Iraq during Operation Iraqi Freedom.

He received the Silver Star for his leadership in combat on April 7, 2003, when, as commander of the 3rd Infantry Division's 2nd Brigade Combat Team, he led his forces "at breakneck speed across the Iraq desert from Kuwait in the 'Thunder Run' to liberate Baghdad," according to his award citation.

## Soldiers earn spots on Team USA for 2022 Olympic Games in Beijing

**W**hile all Olympic athletes balance their sport with their other obligations, soldier-athletes and soldier-coaches balance their sport with service.

Five soldier-athletes and four coaches will be among several others with Army ties to compete in the 2022 Winter Olympics in Beijing, according to an Army World Class Athlete Program press release.

The Games begin Friday.

The World Class Athlete Program allows the best soldier-athletes from the active Army, Army National Guard and Army Reserve the opportunity to train, compete and work toward the goal of competing at the Olympic and Paralympic Games.

Spc. Jasper Good, who will compete in the Nordic combined, an event that features ski jumping and cross-country skiing, said support from the World Class Athlete Program has allowed him to reach new heights.

"I am incredibly honored and excited to be named to the 2022 U.S. Olympic Team," Good said. "Representing Team USA at the Games means even more to me as a member of the U.S. Army World Class Athlete Program. The support and camaraderie I have gained has helped me reach new levels."

Sgt. Justin Olsen, an assistant bobsled push coach who was a member of the gold medal four-man bobsled team in the 2010 Winter Olympics, said during an Army Facebook Live event that striking a balance between soldier and athlete is manageable.

"One hundred percent of our time is [dedicated to] training, and that is our job," said Olsen, who also competed in the 2018 Games and retired from competing after a neck injury. "But at the same time, we are soldiers, and we have to perfect our craft and stay up to speed on that."

Several athletes from the World Class Athlete Program have already



Spc. Jasper Good, who will compete in the Nordic combined ski event at the Winter Olympics in Beijing, takes a practice jump at Utah Olympic Park on Jan. 27. (U.S. ARMY/ILEEN KENNEDY)

made their Olympic mark. Spc. Ben Loomis competed in the 2018 Winter Olympics and was the top U.S. competitor in Nordic combined skiing.

Spc. Hakeem Abdul-Saboor, a bobsled brakeman, also competed in the 2018 Winter Olympics

Other members of the roster have shown resilience in the face of extraordinary challenges, like Sgt. Emily Sweeney, who competes in luge.

Despite breaking her neck and back in a crash during her Olympic debut at the 2018 Games, Sweeney recovered and is back for more in Beijing.

The World Class Athlete Program's roster also features newcomers like bobsledder Spc. Frank Del Duca.

"It means a lot," he said about making the team. "It's such an honor, and I'm very grateful to be a part of the Army and this fantastic program."

Loomis hopes to inspire future generations.

"I am humbled and very proud to be representing the United States of America as both a soldier and an athlete," he said. "Representing this country and the U.S. Army in Beijing is a true honor and something I hope will inspire future generations."

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# On-time defense funding remains a top priority for AUSA

By Mark Haaland

Congress returns this month with a lot of unfinished business from last year, including work on the 12 appropriations bills to fund the federal government for fiscal year 2022, which began Oct. 1.

Lawmakers also have new work to consider. The fiscal 2023 budget request from the administration is being prepared, and the Senate is looking at a Supreme Court confirmation now that Justice Stephen Breyer has announced his retirement.

All of this should be accomplished before lawmakers leave to campaign for the upcoming elections.

With all the work that Congress has before it, the Association of the U.S. Army believes the most immediate challenge is to address the appropriations bills that need to be passed.

The continuing resolution currently funding the government expires Feb. 18. Experts believe Congress may need another temporary funding solution to complete the required work.

Issues that remain to be resolved include the top line for defense funding and whether the defense budget will be increased by the \$25 billion authorized in the 2022 National Defense Authorization Act or a different amount.



Soldiers test local residents for COVID-19 at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, in January. It is critical that Congress moves forward with the appropriations process because of national security and economic challenges, including the ongoing pandemic. (U.S. ARMY/AUDREY CHAPPELL)

It is very important that the appropriations process moves forward because the nation faces numerous national security and economic challenges, including increased tensions with Russia and the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Defense Department, along with the Departments of State, Treasury, Health and Human Services and other federal agencies, need new appropriations so they can better respond to these and other events.

We encourage AUSA members to contact your lawmakers to express

your views. Here are links to reach your representatives and senators in Congress.

Regarding the White House's fiscal 2023 budget request, we have learned that there is a delay in the budget development process.

Although the request should be released by the first week of February, we are now expecting it in March or later. As AUSA staff await the release of the Army's fiscal 2023 budget request, we are in the process of finalizing our Focus Areas (or legislative priorities) for this year.

We will adjust the Focus Areas, if needed, to reflect the new budget request, and we plan to begin meeting with congressional staff to elicit support for the Total Army in March, April and May.

Our goal, as it is every year, is to seek support from the Senate and House armed services and appropriations committees for the Army's budget request and encourage these committees to complete their work in time for the new fiscal year.



AUSA will adjust its Focus Areas, or legislative priorities, for the year as needed to reflect the administration's fiscal 2023 budget request. (ARCHITECT OF THE CAPITOL PHOTO)

**Mark Haaland** is AUSA's Government Affairs Director.

## Members receive discounts for virtual training series

By Susan Rubel

The Association of the U.S. Army has partnered with Hero Series to provide access to renowned coaches and mentors at a substantial discount for AUSA members.

Hero Series is known for its online professional development and training, and it has agreed to welcome AUSA members to any of its 2022 series at a 40% discount.

One example of the available series is “Purpose-Driven Leadership” by Sanyin Siang.

Recognized as the “World’s Most Influential Coach & Mentor” by Thinkers50, the premier global ranking of management thinkers, Siang has worked with audiences from the White House to Fortune 500 companies to U.S. Olympians.

She has also worked with senior military figures, including retired Gen. Bob Brown, AUSA’s president and CEO; retired Gen. Martin Dempsey, the 18th chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff; and retired Adm. William Moran, the 39th vice chief of naval operations.

“Sanyin’s coaching and mentorship have been absolutely invaluable, allowing me to ‘see myself’ when it comes to personal strengths and weaknesses,” Brown said. “Her counsel enabled me to craft a strategy to exploit my strengths and improve my shortcomings in my daily pursuit of more effective leadership.”

The series begins Feb. 21 and is available online and on-demand. It runs for four weeks, with eight one-hour sessions, and is live and interactive with collaborative learning.

Brown described Siang as a “coaching treasure.”

“What’s more, her personal style and motivation have inspired me to emulate her example as I aspire to teach and mentor subordinate leaders,” he said. “I, as an individual, and



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## Chapter celebrates outstanding NCOs, Guard birthday

Three NCOs were recognized by the Association of the U.S. Army's Redstone-Huntsville chapter during its annual Sergeant John Ordway Awards Breakfast at the Jackson Center in Huntsville, Alabama.

This year's honorees are 1st Sgt. Marcus Hyde, who received the President's Award for significant career contributions; Sgt. 1st Class Trenton Huntsinger, the Ordway awardee in the active-duty category; and 1st Sgt. David Upton, the National Guard Ordway recipient.

This is the first time the chapter has had its Ordway Awards event in conjunction with its National Guard Birthday Breakfast. Sgt. Maj. Michael Blackwood of the Alabama National Guard's 142nd Military Police Brigade was the guest speaker.

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In addition to the awards, the oldest and youngest National Guard soldiers in attendance participated in a cake-cutting ceremony. The Guard's birthday is Dec. 13.

Hyde has served on active duty and in the National Guard for more than 30 years and is currently the first sergeant for Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 115th Expeditionary Signal Battalion.

He has "continually demonstrated the Army values as he coached, trained, and mentored his soldiers as a true servant leader," according to his award citation.

While on active duty, Hyde served in Korea and Germany. In the Alabama Army National Guard, he was mobilized in support of multiple natural disasters and was selected to serve as the 3rd Army commanding general's communications NCO-in-charge.

In a Facebook post by the chapter, retired Command Sgt. Maj. Chad Cuomo, the chapter's vice president for Soldier Programs; retired Sgt. Maj. Dave Poehlein, vice president for NCO Programs; and retired Command Sgt. Maj. John Perry, vice pres-



The oldest and youngest National Guard soldiers at AUSA's Redstone-Huntsville chapter event cut a cake celebrating the Guard's birthday. (AUSA PHOTO)

ident for National Guard and Army Reserve Programs, were thanked "for their dedication in coordinating these great events."

The annual awards were started 17 years ago by retired Sgt. 1st Class Dave Carney, who was the chapter vice president for National Guard Programs. Each year, the breakfast is co-sponsored by the AUSA chapter and the Redstone Arsenal Sergeants Major Association.

The awards are named for Ordway, who was the ranking NCO for the Lewis and Clark Expedition that crossed the U.S. The expedition started in 1804 and lasted two years.

During the expedition, Ordway was responsible for day-to-day operations—essentially the same role and responsibilities of a unit first sergeant. He also is known for the journal that he kept detailing the group's explorations.



Soldiers, AUSA members and more gather at the annual Sergeant John Ordway Awards Breakfast to honor the service of outstanding NCOs. (AUSA PHOTO)



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