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Staff Sgt. Stetson Manuel, a Robotics and Autonomous Systems platoon sergeant with the 316th Cavalry Brigade, carries a Ghost-X unmanned aircraft system after its experimentation flight during Project Convergence-Capstone 4 at Fort Irwin, California. (U.S. ARMY/SGT. CHARLIE DUKE)

# Mingus: Army redefining future fight

**F**acing adversaries that are looking to sense, shoot and disrupt farther, the Army is developing and expanding its capabilities to counter them, Army Vice Chief of Staff Gen. James Mingus said.

“Our adversaries ... have come to the conclusion that they don’t want to get into a close fight with the United States of America,” Mingus said Wednesday during a panel discussion hosted by the Center for Strategic and International Studies. “They’ve developed a series of preclusionary tactics ... so they don’t ever have to experience that close fight component. We’ve got to be able to match the adversary when it comes to long-range precision fires, contested logistics and command and control.”

The Army also is expanding its definition of maneuver as it prepares for the future fight, Mingus said, citing DoD’s Joint Warfighting Concept 3.0. “The classic definition of maneuver ... has expanded, and we’ve got to embrace that,” he said.

In the future, maneuver will move beyond its “classic” “geographical” definition into one that incorporates capabilities in cyberspace, space and air.

In that future fight, unmanned aerial systems present an “acute threat” that the Army is “putting a lot of time, energy and resources into,” Mingus said during the panel, where he spoke alongside his counterparts from the other services on efforts to prepare the force for com-

petition and future warfare.

Counter-UAS “has to be viewed through the lens of the broader integrated air missile defense architecture,” he said. “We’ve got to change that approach [to counter-UAS] and look at it more like we would in a typical defensive posture where you establish engagement areas, then you have layered defense, you have things you can disrupt and break.”

In addition to counter-UAS capabilities, connecting data and utilizing artificial intelligence through the Joint All Domain Command and Control strategy will be “one of the most critical components of how we fight as a combined joint force,” Mingus said.

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## Army honors heroes' families at M10 Booker dedication

Family members of two fallen soldiers were honored April 18 during a christening and dedication ceremony at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland, for the Army's newest combat vehicle.

The M10 Booker is named for Pvt. Robert Booker, an infantryman who was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor for actions during World War II, and Staff Sgt. Stevon Booker, an armor soldier who was killed in Iraq in 2003 and posthumously awarded the Distinguished Service Cross.

During the ceremony, Pvt. Booker's sister, Rosella Booker-Hirsch, and multiple nieces and nephews met for the first time with Staff Sgt. Booker's mother, Freddie Jackson, his sister, Kimberly Talley-Armstead, and several family members and friends. Together, the families christened the first production M10 Booker, named "Another Episode" after Staff. Sgt. Booker's tank during Operation Iraqi Freedom.

### Selfless service

Pvt. Robert Booker, of Callaway, Nebraska, was assigned to the 133rd Infantry Regiment, 34th Infantry Division. His unit was sent to Africa, where he served for almost a year during the Allied North African Campaign.

During the battle on April 9, 1943,



Rosella Booker-Hirsch, left, sister of the late Pvt. Robert Booker, greets Freddie Jackson, the late Staff Sgt. Stevon Booker's mother, during the christening ceremony for the Army's new M10 Booker combat vehicle, which is named for the two fallen soldiers. (U.S. ARMY PHOTO)

near Fondouk, Tunisia, the 22-year-old private braved heavy fire to cross an open field carrying a machine gun and a box of ammunition and began firing at enemy targets, according to his Medal of Honor citation.

Though he was wounded by gunfire, he continued firing his weapon and destroyed an enemy machine gun.

Turning to a second enemy machine gun, he was shot again, this time fatally.

Staff Sgt. Stevon Booker, a native of Apollo, Pennsylvania, was a tank commander with Company A, 1st Battalion, 64th Armored Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division, on April 5, 2003, when his platoon led a task force on a highway toward Baghdad International Airport in Iraq.

When his unit came under heavy small-arms and rocket-propelled grenade fire, the 34-year-old NCO alerted his command and encouraged his crew. He returned fire first with his tank-mounted machine gun, and then his personal weapon when the machine gun malfunctioned.

Still exposed to enemy fire, Staff Sgt. Booker saw an enemy troop carrier trying to bypass his tank and destroyed it before enemy troops could dismount. He continued to engage the enemy until he was mortally wounded, the citation says.

### Modernized capability

The M10 Booker is one of the Army's first major combat vehicles produced since the 1980s.

"The Army is undertaking its most significant transformation in several decades to dominate in large-scale combat operations in a multidomain environment, and the M10 Booker is a crucial part of that transformation," said Douglas Bush, assistant secretary of the Army for acquisition, logistics and technology, in an Army news release.

To date, three production M10 Booker vehicles have been delivered to the Army. During the next several months, the M10 Booker will be involved in an operational test with the 82nd Airborne Division at Fort Liberty, North Carolina, formerly known as Fort Bragg. The first operational company of M10 Booker vehicles is set to be fielded to the division next summer.



A live-fire demonstration of the M10 Booker marks the conclusion of the combat vehicle's dedication ceremony at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland. (U.S. ARMY/CHRISTOPHER KAUFMANN)

## Soldiers take lessons from Ukraine to counter growing drone threat



Soldiers with the 25th Infantry Division practice target acquisition on aerial drones during Stinger qualification April 19 at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii. (U.S. ARMY/SPC. KEVIN REECE)

Lessons on drone warfare are being taken from the battlefields of Ukraine and infused into exercises at the Army’s combat training centers, Army Secretary Christine Wormuth said.

In testimony before the Senate Armed Services Committee, Wormuth, who testified alongside Army Chief of Staff Gen. Randy George, said the Army is “aggressively collecting lessons learned from what we’re seeing in Ukraine across the board.”

Unmanned aircraft systems have proliferated on both sides of Russia’s war on Ukraine, delivering deadly munitions and revealing fighting positions, columns of tanks and other activities with remote cameras.

Wormuth said during the April 18 hearing that on a recent visit to the Grafenwoehr Training Area in Germany, she observed U.S. soldiers training with Ukrainian soldiers and felt that “our soldiers might have been learning more from them than they were learning from us” in

terms of what modern warfare looks and feels like.

At the National Training Center at Fort Irwin, California, and the Joint Readiness Training Center at Fort Johnson, Louisiana, formerly known as Fort Polk, opposing forces are creating aerial dilemmas for brigades training against them in scenarios taken directly from lessons learned in Ukraine.

“They are attacking our brigades that are in the box with drones and with drone swarms,” Wormuth said, using the term that describes the training areas of the installations. “So, we are already testing our brigades against the kinds of things that we’re seeing in Ukraine, and it is causing them to adjust their tactics, techniques and procedures.”

The aerial threats have prompted units to use more camouflage, reduce their physical footprints and electromagnetic signatures and move their command posts more frequently, she said.

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## Military history conference features many AUSA authors

The Association of the U.S. Army's Book Program was in great company at the annual meeting of the Society for Military History, which took place April 18–21 in Arlington, Virginia.

Established in 1933 as the American Military History Foundation, the society is devoted to stimulating and advancing the study of military history. Its membership includes many of the world's most prominent individuals interested in military history, according to the organization's website.

Over 800 of those individuals—scholars, soldiers and citizens—gathered for the society's 90th annual meeting. The event

featured 136 panels discussing a broad range of military history, over two dozen exhibitors and a variety of awards to recognize scholarship and service.

The U.S. Army was well represented at the conference, with panelists and moderators from the Army War College, the Command and General Staff College, the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, New York, the Army Center of Military History, Army University Press and Army Futures Command.

In addition to scores of panels highlighting the latest research, the meeting included several roundtable discussions on professional topics for historians such as book publicity and marketing, open-access publishing, professional military education and public outreach through museums.

### Mingus

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"We need to move toward data mesh, then data convergence, then data replication and then data reconciliation," he said. "Artificial intelligence tools ... will help us stay above that fray and move much, much faster than our adversaries."

As Army capabilities grow, the



Features in the exhibit hall at the Society for Military History's annual meeting included a selection of publications from the Army Center of Military History. (U.S. ARMY PHOTO)

Several AUSA publishing partners were on hand to present their books in the exhibit hall, including Casemate Publishers, Naval Institute Press, Osprey Publishing, Potomac Books and University Press of Kentucky.

Those publishers displayed titles from AUSA authors, many of whom attended the conference. Several were represented in panels as well as the exhibit hall, including:

- Hal Friedman, *War in the American Pacific and East Asia, 1941-1972*.
- Kevin Hymel, *Patton's Photographs: War As He Saw It*.
- Jon Mikolashek, *Blood, Guts, and Grease: George S. Patton in World War I*.
- Eric Setzekorn, *Arming East Asia: Deterring China in the Early Cold War*.

- Betsy Rohaly Smoot, *Parker Hitt: The Father of American Military Cryptology*.

The conference also provided the opportunity to meet with several AUSA authors who have exciting works in progress for the Book Program. Keep an eye out in the months ahead for Steve Zaloga's reference on U.S. battle tanks; Stephen Bourque's biography of Tubby Barton, best known for commanding the 4th Infantry Division in World War II; and Arthur Coumbe's history of the junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps.

To order their titles and many others on Army heritage and military theory, visit [www.ausa.org/books](http://www.ausa.org/books).

**Joseph Craig** is AUSA's Book Program director.

battlefield itself "is going to expand," so "how we see, where we see, how far we see and how far we can kill is moving at ranges that we have not been able to do previously," Mingus said.

Though the future fight presents uncertainties for Western nations and the global security environment, a competent, lethal land force is still

the nation's best defense, he said.

"From a land force perspective, if you still have ... squads and platoons and battalions and brigades and divisions that can close with and destroy anybody in the world, in the most extreme lethal ways that we can determine, that is still your greatest deterrent force [against] adversaries," Mingus said.



## Eagle Chapters

**The following chapters attained Eagle status for March by showing positive membership growth. The number of consecutive months of growth since July 1 is shown in parentheses.**

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Massachusetts Bay (9)	Redstone Huntsville (8)	Greater Augusta-Fort Eisenhower (6)
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North Texas-Audie Murphy (9)	Tri-State (8)	MG John S. Lekson (6)
PFC William Kenzo Nakamura (9)	Utah (8)	Southern Virginia (6)
Picatinny Arsenal-Middle Forge (9)	Alamo (7)	Stuttgart (6)
San Diego (9)	Capital District of New York (7)	West Point Area (6)
Suncoast (9)	Central Ohio (7)	Big Bend (5)
Texas Capital Area (9)	Central Virginia (7)	Coastal South Carolina (5)
Thunderbird (9)	COL Edward Cross (7)	Fort Knox (5)
Virginia Colonial (9)	Columbia River (7)	GEN Joseph W. Stilwell (5)
Arkansas (8)	CSM James M. McDonald-Keystone (7)	GEN William C. Westmoreland (5)
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Chattahoochee Valley-Fort Moore (8)	Des Moines Freedom (7)	MSG Leroy Arthur Petry (5)
Delaware (8)	First Militia (7)	Northern New York-Fort Drum (5)
Dix (8)	Fort Huachuca-Sierra Vista (7)	Tucson-Goyette (5)
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