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Top row, left to right: Lt. Gen. Hal Moore and Julia Moore, liberty and General of the Army Dwight Eisenhower. Middle row, left to right: Dr. Mary Walker, Lt. Gen. Arthur Gregg and Lt. Col. Charity Adams, and Gen. Richard Cavazos. Bottom row, left to right; Chief Warrant Officer 4 Michael Novosel, Sgt. William Henry Johnson and Tech. Sgt. Van Barfoot. (NAMING COMMISSION PHOTOS)

New names proposed for Army posts

Fort Moore, Fort Liberty, Fort Eisenhower, Fort Walker and Fort Cavazos are among the names being recommended by the commission tasked with renaming nine Army posts named for Confederate leaders.

The names announced Tuesday will be included in the commission's final report to Congress, due Oct. 1.

"The naming commission sought to find names that would be inspirational to the soldiers and civilians who serve on our Army posts, and to the communities who support them," retired

Navy Adm. Michelle Howard, the commission chair, said in a statement. "We realized that we had more heroes than we did bases to name. And we were overwhelmed with the greatness of the American soldier—from those who gave their entire adult lives to the Army, to those who sacrificed themselves in valorous acts."

Here are the commission's recommendations:

- Fort Benning, Georgia, to be renamed Fort Moore in honor of Vietnam War hero Lt. Gen. Hal Moore and his wife, Julia.

- Fort Bragg, North Carolina, to be renamed Fort Liberty.

- Fort Gordon, Georgia, to be renamed Fort Eisenhower after General of the Army Dwight Eisenhower.

- Fort A.P. Hill, Virginia, to be renamed Fort Walker for Dr. Mary Walker, Civil War hero and the only woman to receive the Medal of Honor.

- Fort Hood, Texas, to be renamed Fort Cavazos in honor of Gen. Richard Cavazos, who fought in Korea and Vietnam and was the first Hispanic four-star general in the Army.

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Army report reveals pandemic's impact on soldiers

The COVID-19 pandemic had far-reaching impacts on soldiers, affecting their physical health as well as their behavioral health, finances and food security, according to the Army's seventh annual "Health of the Force" report.

Released in mid-April, the report incorporates data from more than 41 installations around the world and evaluates them on over 20 health, wellness and environmental factors.

This year's report includes a section on COVID-19 and its effect on soldiers' health, according to an Army press release.

The section on COVID-19 provides a "deep dive into surveillance data and methods, the effect of the pandemic on military health care utilization, effects on physical and mental health and local actions focused on Army Public Health Nursing and vaccination efforts," said Dr. Erin Goodell, who edited the report.

The report found the pandemic impacted soldiers' finances and food security. One in seven active-duty families "transitioned from being food secure before the COVID-19 pandem-



Soldiers with the Connecticut Army National Guard load COVID-19 relief supplies into a truck in North Haven, Connecticut. (U.S. ARMY PHOTO)

ic to marginally food insecure during the COVID-19 pandemic," the report found. "These families were more likely to report financial insecurity as well as concerns about job security for their family members."

While half of soldiers reported negative financial impacts due to COVID-19, "those who experienced more severe financial impacts during the pandemic ... were more likely to screen positive for depression or anxiety," the report found.

Soldiers and their families also faced the stressors of military life. In 2020, 15% of soldiers had a diagnosis of one or more behavior health disor-

ders, the report found.

Good leadership appeared to buffer the pandemic's blow to mental health.

"Soldiers who reported that their supervisor engaged in constructive COVID-19 leadership behaviors were less likely to screen positive for anxiety or depression," the report found.

"This information emphasizes the need for all of us in Army leadership to acknowledge the impacts on soldiers' behavioral health, especially for junior enlisted and racial/ethnic minority soldiers," said Col. Alisa Wilma, Army Public Health Center director, in a statement.

The report is available here.

Naming Commission

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- Fort Lee, Virginia, to be renamed Fort Gregg-Adams for Lt. Gen. Arthur Gregg and Lt. Col. Charity Adams. Gregg, who retired in 1981, is considered one of the Army's great logistics leaders of the 20th century.

Adams commanded the 6888th Central Postal Directory Battalion, the first and only all-Black, all-female American battalion to deploy overseas during World War II.

- Fort Pickett, Virginia, to be renamed Fort Barfoot for Army Tech. Sgt. Van Barfoot, who received the Medal of Honor for his actions near Carano, Italy, while serving with the 45th Infantry Division during World War II.

- Fort Polk, Louisiana, to be re-

named Fort Johnson in commemoration of Sgt. William Henry Johnson, a member of the famed "Harlem Hellfighters" who earned the Medal of Honor for his actions in France's Argonne Forest during World War I.

- Fort Rucker, Alabama, to be renamed Fort Novosel in honor of Chief Warrant Officer 4 Michael Novosel, an Army aviator who earned the Medal of Honor for his actions in Vietnam.

For more information on the recommendations, click here.

The recommendations are the result of a monthslong effort that yielded 34,000 submissions through community engagements and a public comment period on the commission's website. In those submissions were 3,670 unique names.

The eight-member commission,

which includes two retired Army general officers and a former drill sergeant, reviewed the list, aided by extensive research by a team of historians, to narrow the options to fewer than 100 names.

The commission was mandated by the 2021 National Defense Authorization Act, and the law contains a detailed three-year process for renaming or removing Confederate names from U.S. military installations.

Army forts named for Confederate generals have received the most attention, but the law also applies to ships, buildings, streets, parks, monuments or any other display.

After providing a final report to Congress by Oct. 1, the defense secretary must implement the plan by Jan. 1, 2024.

Reserve component leaders stress modernization, readiness needs

Faced with two nuclear-capable competitors in China and Russia, Army National Guard and Army Reserve forces must modernize to ensure readiness, the components' leaders told lawmakers.

"These needs are evolving," said Gen. Daniel Hokanson, chief of the National Guard Bureau, during the Tuesday hearing before the House Appropriations defense subcommittee. "We cannot predict when or where the next conflict will be, or what our competitors are bringing to bear. So, we must ensure our personnel are ready and our equipment and training and processes are modernized."

Despite emerging threats, Hokanson said the National Guard's State Partnership Program, which pairs states with partner countries around the world for military-to-military engagements and other activities, offers an "unmatched strategic advantage."

The partnership between the California National Guard and Ukraine, in place since 1993, shows just how vital the Guard's training can be for partners and allies.

"After Russia came into Crimea in 2014, we actually stood up [something] very similar to our National Training Center in the Lviv area [in Ukraine]," he said. "Since 2016, National Guard trainers have been training the Ukrainian army there."

The war in Ukraine "has shown the value of the investment that our nation has made," Hokanson added.

Funding has allowed the National Guard to respond to a number of domestic and international crises, Hokanson said.

"When you look at all that we've been asked by our government to do over the last two years, particularly related to COVID, civil disturbances and deployments, there's not a single mission that we missed," Hokanson said. "A lot of that goes back to the funding that we receive."



Gen. Daniel Hokanson, chief of the National Guard Bureau, speaks with soldiers during a visit to Mayfield, Kentucky, in December. (U.S. ARMY/SPC. BRETT HORNBACK)

In addition to more conventional threats, the Army Reserve is doubling down on cyber threats by enhancing its cyber capabilities, said Lt. Gen. Jody Daniels, the Army Reserve chief.

"The Army Reserve is doing incredibly well in terms of building up our cyber protection teams," Daniels said. "We represent about 25% of the total Army Force, in terms of cyber protection and cyber capabilities. We have 10 teams, of which six are already at full operational capability. The other four are going to be fielded ahead of schedule."

To ensure that the National Guard can continue to modernize, continued financial support remains essential, Hokanson said.

"Today's National Guard would not be possible without your investments over the past 20 years," he said to lawmakers. "For us to maintain the capability and capacity we provide our nation, National Guard force structure and equipment must be included in future modernization efforts."

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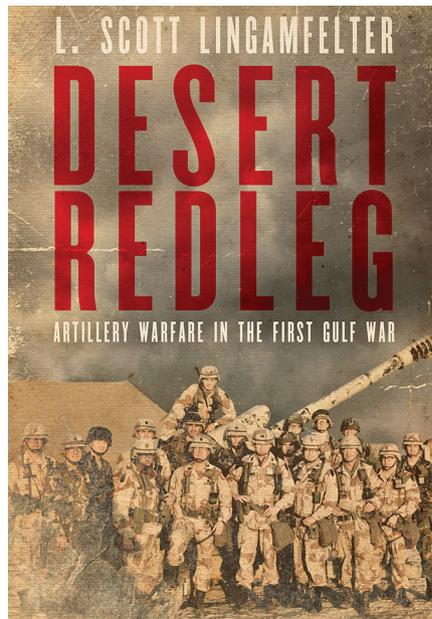
Author describes artillery operations during Gulf War

This week, the University Press of Kentucky released a paperback edition of *Desert Redleg: Artillery Warfare in the First Gulf War* by L. Scott Lingamfelter.

Artillery has traditionally been dubbed the “king of battle.” The paperback release of Lingamfelter’s work—part of the Association of the U.S. Army’s Book Program—is particularly timely given the current focus on massed fires for both sides of the Russia-Ukraine war.

Desert Redleg also centers on artillery in large-scale combat operations, highlighting the often overlooked role of the king of battle in the 1991 conflict in the Gulf.

Most people recall Desert Storm primarily as an air war, given the weeks of television imagery showing precision bombs finding their targets at all times of day. Some remember the big left hook of the ground campaign, with armored forces sweeping the opposing flank and fighting some



of the biggest tank battles in American history to cut off the Iraqis in Kuwait.

Lingamfelter began his 28-year military career as a field artilleryman and retired at the rank of colonel. During the Gulf War, he served

as operations officer for division artillery in the 1st Infantry Division.

His book details the preparation and execution of the eight-day artillery barrage—the largest U.S. bombardment since World War II—that opened the ground phase of the campaign.

After the fight, Lingamfelter oversaw the return of the division to the United States and was the last soldier from the Big Red One to leave the theater. Drawing on original battle maps, official reports and personal journals, Lingamfelter combines memoir with military history to provide a unique overview of the war.

Lingamfelter was a guest on AUSA’s “Army Matters” podcast upon the publication of the hardcover edition of *Desert Redleg*. Our discussion can be found here.

To order a copy of *Desert Redleg*, please visit www.ausa.org/books.

Joseph Craig is AUSA’s Book Program Director.



Pfc. Edward Bessette hands a 105 mm round up to Spc. Scott Arnold as soldiers of the 24th Infantry Division prepare for deployment to Saudi Arabia for Operation Desert Shield. (U.S. ARMY PHOTO)



Soldiers with the 1st Battalion, 325th Airborne Infantry Regiment, prepare to fire an M102 towed howitzer during a heavy artillery barrage demonstration for Saudi Arabian troops during Operation Desert Shield. (U.S. ARMY PHOTO)

Chapter supports community celebration for soldiers

Retired Maj. Gen. Troy Kok, president of the Association of the U.S. Army's Fort Knox chapter, helped recognize service members, retirees, first responders and their families during the recent Hooray for Heroes celebration in Radcliff, Kentucky.

The annual event, which began in 2006 and is organized by the city, honors service members with lunch, entertainment and booths set up by community organizations, businesses and veterans' organizations, according to *The News-Enterprise*.

For the past two years, it has been on hiatus due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

During a recognition ceremony at the May 19 event, Kok presented tokens of appreciation engraved with the message, "All gave some. Some gave all," to each soldier in attendance.

Hooray for Heroes is one way for the community to connect with troops, Kok said, according to *The News-Enterprise*.

Fort Knox Garrison Commander Col. Lance O'Bryan kicked off the



Col. Lance O'Bryan, right, garrison commander of Fort Knox, Kentucky, talks to a veteran during the Hooray for Heroes celebration. (U.S. ARMY/JOHN CAMPBELL)

event and discussed his experiences while deployed to the Middle East.

With hundreds in attendance, it was "overall a good day," said Radcliff Mayor J.J. Duvall.

Peter Clark, a veteran who served during the Vietnam era and in Operation Desert Storm, said he loves events like Hooray for Heroes.

"I think we should do more of them,

so the younger generation can look at them and realize what is going on and maybe get more of an appreciation of what the older generation went through ... to know why they have the freedoms they have," Clark said, as reported by *The News-Enterprise*.

It was an honor to serve, and "if I was 30 years younger, I'd be doing it again," Clark said.

Eagle Chapters

The following chapters attained Eagle status for April by showing positive membership growth. The number of consecutive months of growth since July 1, 2021, is shown in parentheses.

Fort Rucker-Wiregrass (9)

Arizona Territorial (8)

New Orleans (6)

Mid-Palatinate (6)

Central Ohio (6)

The Villages (5)

Texas Capital Area (5)

North Texas (5)

Milwaukee (5)

Greater Augusta-Fort Gordon (5)

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