



Soldiers with the 2nd Cavalry Regiment conduct a live-fire exercise at Grafenwoehr Training Area, Germany, using the newly fielded Integrated Tactical Network. (U.S. ARMY/SPC. RYAN PARR)

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## Army refocuses for future battlefield

**O**n an increasingly complex and dangerous future battlefield, the Army must be able to see, act and react quickly and more persistently to maintain its edge over its adversaries, Army Secretary Christine Wormuth said.

“The entire joint force is at an inflection point after spending two decades engaging in counterinsurgency and counterterrorism,” Wormuth said. Unlike in the past, where the U.S. was able to focus solely on the Soviet Union threat, “now we have to think not just about Russia but also about the pacing challenge that China presents.”

The challenges facing the Army are “different and more difficult,” Wormuth said Tuesday on the opening day of the Maneuver Warfighter Conference at Fort Benning, Georgia.

Soldiers will be under constant observation on a more transparent battlefield filled with smartphones, unmanned aerial systems and satellites. They will not have the luxury of sanctuaries because of the advent of longer-range fires, cyberattacks and unmanned systems, and they must be able to sustain the fight for long periods of time, Wormuth said.

They also will face disinformation and must be able to conduct complex combined arms operations, she said.

“To succeed on the battlefield and continue to dominate the land domain, I think the Army of 2030 needs to be able to do six things successfully,” she said.

The force must “see farther and more persistently” than its adversaries, converge and strike hard against enemy targets and be able to win the

fires fight, Wormuth said. It also must be able to protect itself, communicate and share data rapidly and sustain the fight, she said.

“On this kind of battlefield, we’ve got to constantly look to create advantages for ourselves that we can direct against enemy weaknesses,” Wormuth said.

The Army has been working hard to prepare for this future fight. “As the character of the future battlefield changes, and as nation-states grow more sophisticated, the Army hasn’t been standing still,” Wormuth said. “On the contrary, we have refocused everything we’re doing, from doctrine to force design to modernization.”

The service is investing in intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance systems, leap-ahead capabilities

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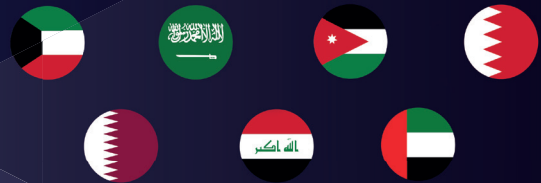
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## Ranger icon, combat veteran retired Lt. Gen. Grange dies

**R**etired Lt. Gen. David E. Grange Jr., a decorated veteran of World War II, Korea and Vietnam and the revered namesake of the Army's Best Ranger Competition, died Sept. 11. He was 97.

A soldier's soldier and an icon in the Ranger community, Grange enlisted in the Army in 1943 and was assigned to the 517th Parachute Infantry Regiment. He fought in World War II in Europe in the Rome-Arno, Southern France, Rhineland, Ardennes and Central Europe campaigns, where he made one combat jump.

After the war, he completed Officer Candidate School and was commissioned in May 1950 as a second lieutenant in the infantry. Assigned to the 187th Airborne Infantry Regiment, he deployed the next month to Korea as a rifle platoon leader. "What a way to start life as a second lieutenant," Grange said in a 2016 Army news release.

He would serve a second tour in Korea as a rifle company commander and complete two more combat jumps, one each in the Battle of Yongju and Operation Tomahawk. For heroic actions in Korea, Grange received a Silver Star.

Following his Korea combat assignments, Grange served as a Ranger instructor and an Army staff officer at the Pentagon before being assigned to 10th Special Forces Group in Germany. In 1963, he became an adviser in Vietnam for the DoD Research and Development Field Unit.



Retired Lt. Gen. David E. Grange Jr., left, speaks with Capt. Michael White during the 2016 Best Ranger Competition at Fort Benning, Georgia. (U.S. ARMY/STAFF SGT. JUSTIN MORELLI)

On his second tour in Vietnam in 1967, Grange commanded the 2nd Battalion (Airborne), 506th Infantry Regiment, 101st Airborne Division. He returned again to Vietnam in 1970 in command of the 101st Airborne Division's 101st Support Command.

Grange went on to direct the Ranger Department at the Army Infantry School. He commanded the 2nd Infantry Division, the Infantry School and Sixth U.S. Army before retiring in 1984 after more than 41 years of service.

In 1982, the David E. Grange Best Ranger Competition was created, a grueling competition that has taken place at Fort Benning, Georgia, every year since with few exceptions, and where Grange was an approachable

figure who took the time to talk with soldiers, family members and reporters.

Grange, who was a member of the Association of the U.S. Army, was an inaugural inductee in the Ranger Hall of Fame in 1992. In 2016, Grange was recognized as the Honorary Sergeant Major of the Army by then-Sgt. Maj. of the Army Daniel Dailey.

"For 97 years, this man gave every ounce of his life back to his family, his community, and his country," reads a post on the Best Ranger Competition Facebook page. "Through his dedicated service to others, he in turn designed a legacy for us to receive as individuals, as soldiers, and as an entire community. He is THE Standard."

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ties such as the Next-Generation Squad Weapon and the Integrated Visual Augmentation System, faster and more survivable armored vehicles, programs such as Mobile Protected Firepower and long-range precision fires, more robust electronic warfare, counter-UAS and network capabilities and much more to pre-

pare for the future, Wormuth said.

Also critical to the Army's transformation is the upcoming publication of the Army's new multidomain operations doctrine and improved leader development and professional military education, Wormuth said.

"Well-led, highly trained, disciplined formations are core to what makes our Army the greatest army in the world," she said.

At the end of the day, the Army must continue to train for the future.

"It's really about how we maneuver our forces to defeat an opponent by seizing the initiative, going on the offense using deception, dislocation and disruption," Wormuth said. "I think if our Army can do the six things that I've outlined ... we can be confident that we will prevail on the battlefield."

## AUSA announces winners of annual JROTC scholarship awards



Students from the Zama Middle High School JROTC drill team stand in formation during a drill and color guard competition at Camp Zama, Japan. (U.S. ARMY/WINIFRED BROWN)

**C**heyunne Ahn, a student at Southern High School in Santa Rita, Guam, is the winner of the 2022 Lt. Gen. Theodore G. Stroup Jr. Achievement Award, the Association of the U.S. Army announced.

Named for Stroup, a former AUSA vice president of Education who is now an AUSA senior fellow, the program recognizes JROTC cadets for their achievements. It also aims to “engage the next generation of Soldiers and DoD stakeholders at a young age, to promote their growth into mature members of the defense community and to build an awareness of the Association of the U.S. Army,” according to the association.

Ahn won this year’s award with her essay, “Analysis of ‘Lessons in Followership: Good Leaders Aren’t Always Out Front’”

In her essay, Ahn analyzes a commentary that was published in *ARMY* magazine titled, “Lessons in Followership: Good Leaders Aren’t Always Out Front.” The commentary, published in the June 2021 edition of AUSA’s flagship publication, discusses how military leaders can become more well-rounded if they learn how to be better followers and know how to best lead and manage followers.

“Throughout the article, the authors introduce a fundamental principle that being a better follower allows people to become better leaders and managers. As a young JROTC cadet and a future soldier, I feel this principle with all my heart,” Ahn wrote as she described her journey through JROTC beginning in her freshman year.

For her first-place essay, Ahn will receive a \$2,500 prize and a two-year AUSA membership.

Maria Tortorelli, a student at the Stuttgart High School in Germany, came in second place with her essay, “Lead from the Front, Not the Rear.” She will receive a \$1,500 prize and a two-year AUSA membership.

This year’s third-place student is Chloe Barnes from Lakeridge High School in Lake Oswego, Oregon. For her essay, “The Importance of the Follower, Manager and Leader in the U.S. Army,” Barnes will receive a \$1,000 prize and a two-year AUSA membership.

This is the third year AUSA has held the essay contest, and it is open to JROTC students who are juniors or seniors.

For more information on the program, click [here](#).

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## Spotlight on AUSA Association Partner: USCA

The U.S. Cavalry Association in El Reno, Oklahoma, aims to preserve the history and traditions of the U.S. cavalry service through publications, events and the preservation of artifacts, photographs and written materials associated with the cavalry in the group's museum and research library.

Housed in the building that once was the residence of Fort Reno officers and their families, the museum contains cavalry artifacts from the Revolutionary War to modern times.

The association's library consolidates information on Army cavalry to assist academic, military, genealogy, student and general researchers.

In addition to regional competitions, the association's preeminent event is the annual National Cavalry Competition.

"Every U.S. Olympic and National Team horse and rider up through



1948 came from the U.S. Army's mounted services," according to the U.S. Cavalry Association website.

The only prerequisites for participation are the ability to ride and the willingness to learn the traditional

skills of the cavalry trooper, according to the association. Civilians and military personnel from the U.S. and overseas are allowed to participate.

The three-day competition includes military and combat horsemanship, military field jumping, mounted saber, mounted pistol and cross-country mobility.

The association also publishes the *Cavalry Journal*, a quarterly magazine that contains historical information on the cavalry.

For more information about the U.S. Cavalry Association, click here.

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In the event world, planning for large meetings begins right after the last event is over, often up to a year in advance. The Association of the U.S. Army's Annual Meeting and Exposition, scheduled for Oct. 10–12 in Washington, D.C., is no different.

AUSA's NCO & Soldier Programs directorate gets started with planning for the Army Ten-Miler, which

### NCO & Soldier Programs

typically is held the day before the Annual Meeting.

We work closely with the association's marketing and meetings teams to confirm sponsors and participant numbers, ensuring that the race goes off without a hitch.

Next, we begin scheduling monthly meetings with the office of the sergeant major of the Army to ensure the meeting schedule is packed with content that benefits soldiers, awardees and attendees.

Sgt. Maj. of the Army Michael Grinston will speak at many events during this year's Annual Meeting, including a professional development forum for NCOs and soldiers on Oct. 11 and a briefing on Oct. 12 where he will lay out his initiatives for the coming year.

We must also coordinate with our vendors for all the awards that will be presented during the conference.

Events where NCOs and soldiers



Sgt. Maj. of the Army Michael Grinston discusses initiatives for soldiers during the 2021 AUSA Annual Meeting and Exposition in Washington, D.C. (AUSA PHOTO)

will be recognized include the Sergeant Major of the Army Forum and Awards Breakfast and the NCO and Soldier of the Year Recognition Luncheon, both on Oct. 10, and the Dwight David Eisenhower Luncheon on Oct. 11.

The AUSA Annual Meeting is the largest land power exposition and professional development forum in North America and the only opportunity for many attendees to interact with some of the most powerful leaders in our military and government.

It is also a major opportunity to ac-

complish a key part of AUSA's mission to connect the Army, its industry partners, like-minded associations and other supporters at the national, regional and chapter levels.

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The conference is also one of three key communication platforms employed by the Army to educate and inform government, academic, civic, and veteran advocates and leaders on the service's priorities and issues impacting today's force.

For more information on the Annual Meeting, [click here](#).

We hope to see you all there.

**Tiarra Perriman** is program manager for AUSA NCO and Soldier Programs.



NCOs and soldiers listen as awards are presented during the Sergeant Major of the Army Forum at the 2021 AUSA Annual Meeting and Exposition. (AUSA PHOTO)

## AUSA members join re-enactment of WWI, WWII battles

**M**embers of the Association of the U.S. Army's Gen. Creighton W. Abrams chapter in Wiesbaden, Germany, recently participated in an event commemorating the liberation of Belgium in World War I and the World War II Battle of the Mons Pocket.

The historical re-enactment Aug. 27–28 near Mons, Belgium, was a way to preserve history while bringing together veterans, history enthusiasts and the local community, said

**Gen.  
Creighton W.  
Abrams**

Joakim Steinweden, vice president of historical events for the AUSA chapter and a German re-enactor with the U.S. Military Vehicle Club.

“During the Cold War, my generation was sleeping safely because of the duty of American soldiers,” Steinweden said, according to an Army news article. “People in Germany, especially the people that have been old enough to be part of the divided Germany, appreciate the support of NATO and the Americans.”

The first major battle of World War I, the Battle of Mons, took place in the region on Aug. 23, 1914, when British forces tried to hold their lines along the Mons–Condé Canal against advancing German forces, according to the Army.

While the British inflicted disproportionate casualties on the numerically superior Germans, they eventually were forced to retreat because of the Germans’ greater strength and the sudden retreat of the French Fifth Army.

On Sept. 2, 1944, almost exactly 30 years later, U.S. soldiers of the 3rd Armored Division helped the Belgians in driving enemy forces from the area in what is now known as the Battle of the Mons Pocket, according to the Army. During the battle, Allied forces succeeded in capturing nearly 25,000 enemy soldiers, allowing Belgian and Allied troops to regroup before moving east toward Berlin.



Various World War II vehicles participate in the ‘Tanks in Mons’ event commemorating the liberation of Belgium and the Battle of the Mons Pocket. (U.S. ARMY SGT. AGUSTIN MONTANEZ)

The re-enactment, known as “Tanks in Mons,” was supported by soldiers with the 1st Battalion, 68th Armor Regiment, 3rd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division.

“To see how technology has progressed between then and now is incredible,” said Staff Sgt. Christopher Babinec, a section leader with the battalion, according to the Army news article. “It’s interesting to see how important our role during that time was and how it continues to affect people.”

Babinec and other soldiers provided visitors with tours of a Bradley Fighting Vehicle that was on display at the event. Other displays included Sherman tanks and U.S. Army jeeps.

“The Germans never forgot about the Berlin Airlift,” Steinweden said, referring to the massive airdrop mission beginning in 1948 to send food, fuel and supplies to West Berlin after the Soviet Union blockaded the city. “It is still today the strongest symbol for the German–American friendship. We did not forget.”



Spc. Charles Leitner, center, of the 1st Infantry Division, takes a picture with a World War II re-enactor during the ‘Tanks in Mons’ festivities. (U.S. ARMY SGT. AGUSTIN MONTANEZ)

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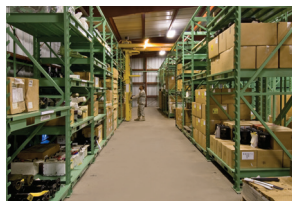


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