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In the field

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Pfc. John Beyerlin, a Sacramento, California native and an M2A3 Bradley Infantry Fighting Vehicle driver assigned to Company C, 1st Battalion, 37th Armored Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 1st Armored Division, participates in an exercise at Doña Ana Range, N.M., Oct. 25. Beyerlin is an Infantry Soldier whose twin brother also is an Infantry Soldier. Beyerlin is considered a mounted Infantry Soldier who operates the Bradley and his brother is a dismounted Infantry Soldier who would perform missions such as room clearing.



David Burge / Special to the Fort Bliss Bugle
Brig. Gen. Jay Gallivan is the new deputy commanding general for the 1st Armored Division and Fort Bliss for operations. He is one of three new deputy commanding generals.

BG Gallivan looks forward to role as 'coach, teacher and mentor'

By David Burge
Special to the Fort Bliss Bugle

Brig. Gen. Jay Gallivan views his role as being a "coach, teacher and mentor" for other commanders at Fort Bliss.

Gallivan, 48, is the new deputy commanding general for the 1st Armored Division and Fort Bliss for operations.

"The bottom line: It is about building readiness – both in the installation and more broadly for the Army," Gallivan said.

Most recently, Gallivan served as the chief of staff for the 1st Cavalry Division at Fort Hood, Texas, and then as a staff officer in Washington, D.C.

But he has deep ties to Fort Bliss and is thrilled to be back at what he calls his "Army home."

He is grateful and excited to be "serving in this wonderful community and this great installation of teammates."

"I never thought I'd be so fortunate to be back," said Gallivan, who was born in the Boston area, but grew up all over as the son of a Soldier.

"I am grateful to be back in the 1st Armored Division, to be an Iron Soldier, to be part of Fort Bliss, with all the spectacular resident units that are here and be back in El Paso," he said.

He served at Fort Bliss from 2008 to 2010 as a battalion commander with 1st Battalion, 77th Armored Regiment with what was then 4th Brigade Combat Team, 1st Armored Division. That brigade has since reflagged to 3rd Armored Brigade Combat Team. That assignment as a battalion commander included a deployment to Iraq.

He returned to Fort Bliss in 2013 for a second tour. Almost immediately after arriving back, he deployed to the Middle East and served as the chief of staff for the 1st AD's forward deployed element in Jordan.

He did that for close to a year and then served as a brigade commander with Fort Bliss' First Army contingent. He commanded the 402nd Field Artillery Brigade and then the 5th Armored Brigade after the two units merged and took the latter's name.

He headed those training brigades – whose primary responsibility is training National Guard and Reserve units before they deploy – from 2014 to 2016.

His resume shows deep experience as a trainer.

Besides serving as a brigade commander with First Army, he has also served as a senior battalion and brigade trainer at the National Training Center at Fort Irwin, California.

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NIE 18.2 at Fort Bliss

Army puts the digital revolution in the hands of Soldiers

By Maj. Rich Marsh

U.S. Army Joint Modernization Command

Since the first iPhone debuted in 2007, people around the world have communicated with one another through voice, text, picture and video using no more than the tap of a finger. Despite the information advantage such intuitive access to information would provide tactical units on the battlefield, network design restrictions have hindered the Army's efforts to provide it. But since 2017, the Army has made rapid progress with a new initiative to bring the on-demand information enjoyed by smartphone users to American Soldiers in the toughest battlefield conditions.

This initiative, called the Integrated Tactical Network, is a feature at Network Integration Evaluation 18.2, which has been ongoing in the Fort Bliss training area for the past three weeks and will continue until the second week in November. NIE 18.2 has brought more than 2,600 paratroopers from 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 82nd Airborne Division to Fort Bliss to assess new technologies designed to give American Soldiers an edge over adversaries in future conflicts. The paratroopers are putting the equipment to the test during training exercises that approximate real combat against a near-peer adversary.

The paratroopers from 3rd BCT, 82nd ABN assigned to experiment with ITN are from the 1st Battalion, 508th Parachute Infantry Regi-



Spc. Andrew Garcia / 55th Signal Company

"Red Devil" paratroopers assigned to the 1st Battalion, 508th Parachute Infantry Regiment, serving as opposing forces, ready a tethered drone for launch at Fort Bliss Oct. 30. The drone is a feature of the Integrated Tactical Network that extends the range of the system's radios.

ment. Known as the "Red Devils," the battalion has a history with ITN that stretches back to early 2017. Since that time, it has worked with the Army's Program Executive Officer – Soldier (PEO-Soldier), PEO Command,

Control, Communications –Tactical (PEO C3T) and Network Cross-Functional Team (Network CFT) to refine the ITN concept and

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make its capabilities perform the way their fellow Soldiers need them to on the battlefield.

In 2017 the stage was set for the Red Devils to take the lead on ITN when the Army concluded that the current system for connecting Soldiers via a digital network, known as Nett Warrior, was not useful at the company level.

"Nobody was using the Nett Warrior devices," said Maj. Andrew Miller, who has served as the Portfolio Manager for ITN since 2017. The linear network on which the devices operated was vulnerable to failure when a single critical component went down. Furthermore, it was classified secret, which closed it off to all but the most restricted sources of information. This limited its utility for Soldiers.

Unlike the average smartphone user, the Army does not get to make use of an existing network of cell phone towers. It has to carry its own network along with it into the field. Senior Army leaders, who were in the process of reorienting the Army toward large-scale ground combat against near-peer adversaries, recognized that the Army network, which was optimized for the static operations of Iraq and Afghanistan, would not function in an expeditionary operation. In such an environment, the Army would require a network that could resist the ability of near-peer adversaries to jam its radio communications and interfere with its digital satellite connections. It would also need a network that was decentralized so that battalions and companies could talk within their units, even if their connections to their higher headquarters were severed.

Prompted by these problems, officials out of the Special Operations Forces community, which is famous for its rapid and efficient procurement of advanced technologies for its personnel. Miller and his team learned that SOF made use of a secure-but-unclassified network that incorporated multi-path, multi-transport technology and thereby avoided the information restrictions and single points of failure that hindered the Army network. They moved to bring similar technology to the brigade combat teams of the Army through the ITN program.

The ITN team joined forces with the Red Devils in the spring of 2017, when the battalion was selected to receive a company's worth of ITN equipment and take it into the field. The equipment was a collection of commercially available devices such as ruggedized Samsung Galaxy S5 smartphones and Galaxy Tab S3 tablets. ITN equipment connected Soldiers via a network designed with innovations that let any system that entered the network talk seamlessly to any other, regardless if it was bought off the shelf or if it was already in the Army's inventory. The team intended to develop ITN quickly and the small scale of its experiments with 1st Bn., 508th PIR allowed it to garner the information they needed without entering into the Army's official acquisition process. They would refine the system with lessons learned from each exercise and then immediately return the refined system to the Red Devils for use in their next training event. This process of continuous feedback lay at the leading edge of the Army's new modernization effort.

The Red Devils did not disappoint. Soon after receiving the equipment they employed it as part of a brigade-sized airborne operation and provided enough feedback for the ITN team to be able to scale the sys-



Photos by Spc. Genesis Gomez / 55th Signal Company

A "Red Devil" paratrooper assigned to the 1st Battalion, 508th Parachute Infantry Regiment, and serving as an opposing force, uses his End User Device during an assessment at Network Integration Evaluation 18.2 at Fort Bliss Oct. 30.



Ruggedized Samsung Galaxy S5 smartphones provide "Red Devil" paratroopers assigned to the 1st Bn., 508th PIR, easy access to battlefield information at Fort Bliss Oct. 29.

tem up from company-size to battalion-size. Two months later, in September 2017, the Red Devils took the battalion-sized ITN to the Joint Readiness Training Center at Fort Polk, Louisiana, one of the Army's premier venues for validating unit readiness. JRTC provided a flood of feedback that allowed the team to introduce new capabilities into ITN, which in turn enabled it to perform all the functions of a battalion tactical operations center when the Red Devils used it as part of an airborne operation at Fort A.P. Hill in April of this year. In July, the Red Devils exercised ITN once again, this time in Europe where, following an airborne insertion, they were able for the first time to integrate their data with that of units from three separate brigades and present it all continuously on a single digital map.

Now at NIE 18.2, the Red Devils are testing ITN against its most difficult challenges: electronic and cyber warfare. Fort Bliss, by virtue of its vast size and years of investment by the Army, is unique in its ability to subject communications systems like ITN to live electronic attack. For the past week, the Red Devils have employed ITN while under attack from powerful radio jammers and other devices on Fort Bliss. In doing so they have developed new techniques for using the system and have provided important insight for the ITN team.

Following NIE 18.2, the pace will not slow down for the ITN team. They will

integrate lessons learned from NIE 18.2 in preparation for the next iteration of ITN experiments. The Vice Chief of Staff of the Army, Gen. James McConville, directed it to conduct an experiment with an entire Infantry brigade combat team in the summer of next year, followed by experiments with armored and Stryker brigades in 2020. Along the way, the Army will continue to refine the system to account for new problems that emerge as it scales up to a higher echelon. In this way, the Army will make sure ITN truly brings digital, expeditionary, and resilient communications to Soldiers at the tip of the spear before it fields the system en masse.

ITN embodies the new direction Secretary of the Army Mark Esper has charted for the Army's modernization effort. Speaking to a gathering of the Association of the United States Army earlier this year, he laid out principles that will guide modernization: "prototype to learn and refine; buy and adapt; demonstrate to prove; fail early, fail cheap; incremental development; and speed as an imperative."

Miller emphasized how these principles are guiding the ITN team as they work to put the digital revolution in the hands of Soldiers. "We are developing a framework where ITN is constantly iterating or evolving; we are looking for ways to go faster and inject capabilities as they prove themselves," he said.

Fort Bliss has new animal control contract

By Adrian Trejo
Directorate of Public Works

The Fort Bliss Directorate of Public Works would like to inform you about our new municipal service for Fort Bliss. The animal control contract was awarded to Tigua Animal Control Sept. 30, and the contractor began taking calls Nov. 1 to perform service to the installation. The contract is only for domestic animals such as dogs and cats that are found on Fort Bliss, but does not cover the housing residential areas.

To use this service please call Tigua Animal Control at 525-6513 (24 hours a day and seven days a week). If contractor was not able to answer, leave a detailed message that includes the exact location where the animal was last seen and the contractor will respond according to the required response times during normal hours or after hours.

The contractor will operate from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday to Sunday and arrive within one hour after notification. For after working hours, 6 p.m. to 10 a.m. Monday to Sunday, the contractor will arrive within two hours after notification.

If the contractor is unable to contact the owner by phone, the contractor will transport the animal to the City of El Paso Animal Services Shelter, 5001 Fred Wilson Ave., during the shelter operating hours of 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday to Sunday. For animals with no microchip, the contractor will transport the animal to the city shelter on the same day or keep the animal overnight if the city shelter was already closed.

For any questions regarding this service contract, call Miguel Kanakoqui at 568-6476.

For all other calls involving non-domesticated animals or dead animals found on Fort Bliss, please call PRIDE at 642-5477 or Fort Bliss Directorate of Emergency Services dispatch at 911 or 744-2115 regarding all dangerous animals found on Fort Bliss.

Other important numbers include: the animal control contracting officer's representative at 568-6476; PRIDE at 642-5477; Balfour Beatty Communities at 564-0459; and the City of El Paso Animal Shelter at 212-PAWS (7297).

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His main goal is to "enable the success of all the command teams across this installation – our division commander, brigade, battalion and company commanders," he said.

Fort Bliss is a remarkable installation with a complicated mission, he said. Besides being the home of the 1st AD, it also has a slew of other organizations – like First Army, Joint Task Force North and the 32nd Army Air and Missile Defense Command.

"In a very agile way, we share all the resources," Gallivan said. "This is all about building readiness for the nation. It's the teamwork, the fact that everyone is all about enabling the success of each other."

Gallivan is also happy to be part of a team of three new deputy commanding generals. The others are Brig. Gen. Scott Naumann (support) and British Brig. Gen. Leigh R. Tingey (maneuver).

"All three of us have a great set of experiences to help the commanders on this installation to meet their objectives," Gallivan said.

UNIT NEWS

Training is the oil that keeps the engine of our Army running



Faithful Patriot

1st AD Sust. Bde. heads to the border ■ 8A

Unit Briefs

National Cemetery to honor vets, families: To celebrate Veterans and Military Families Month, Fort Bliss National Cemetery will hold the following community events honoring veterans and their families throughout November: Set up an avenue of flags at Fort Bliss National Cemetery at 6:30 a.m. Friday and at 8 a.m. there will be a wreath laying ceremony in honor of Veterans Day. At 6:30 a.m. Tuesday, help remove the flags. Outreach teams from the cemetery will also visit the Vet Center in El Paso Wednesday, as well as Nov. 16 and 19-21. 564-0201

Legal office closures: The Fort Bliss Legal Assistance and Claims Offices, located on the first floor of Bldg. 113 on Pershing Road, will close 1-4:20 p.m. Nov. 16 for a unit function. It will also be closed Friday and Monday, and Nov. 22-23 for holiday observances.

Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony: At 5 p.m. Dec. 7 at Center Chapel One, join the Office of the Installation Chaplain and unit ministry teams from across our post for pictures with Santa, refreshments, cookies, a 1st AD band performance, music from Bliss Elementary School and more.



Photos by David Burge / Special to the Fort Bliss Bugle



Lt. Col. Ingo Scharschmidt is the new commander of the German Air Force Air Defense Center at Fort Bliss.

(Left) German officers lay fiber optic cable during an exercise out in the Fort Bliss training area.

German Air Defense Center trains at Fort Bliss

By David Burge
Special to the Fort Bliss Bugle

A Patriot launcher, radar unit and other equipment rumbled through the desert.

A handful of German soldiers quickly dismount.

They set up their Patriot equipment and start scanning the sky for threats in the Fort Bliss training area.

It is all part of a training exercise done at the German Air Force Air Defense Center.

“With our training, we are laying the foundation for the units in Germany – to prepare them for their missions they have to do,” said Lt. Col. Ingo Scharschmidt, the commander of the GAFADC.

The German Air Force at Fort Bliss has been downsizing in recent years, but continues to conduct an important training mission – at least for a few more years.

The Germans, who have had a presence at Fort Bliss since 1956, plan to keep their Air Defense Center here until at least 2022. But eventually they will move it to Germany.

First Lt. Deniz Wintermeyer is one of eight German officers who are going through the Germans’ officers course at Fort Bliss.

“In Germany, everything is more dense; more people live there,” Wintermeyer said. “The training would be a little bit more difficult.”

He started out with four months of training at Fort Sill, Oklahoma. He and the others took part in a portion of the U.S. Army’s Basic Leadership Course for officers and also learned about the basics of the Patriot system.

They have since moved on to Fort Bliss, where they will do 4½ months of additional training and advanced coursework. That includes plenty of time out on the vast Fort Bliss training area, setting up and operating the Patriot.

Wintermeyer said Fort Bliss has several big advantages that make it a great place to train.

The wide-open training area allows you virtually all aspects of the Patriot, including turning on its radar system, he said.

“When you radiate, you have to have a big area,” he said. “You have this big desert, no hazards, no people disturbing your training.”

Master Sgt. Juergen Ladich has been stationed at Fort Bliss many times during his career and is currently a trainer at the GAFADC.

He said that the wide-open training area provides a world of possibilities.

“Fort Bliss is unbelievable,” he said. “It opens up all the possibilities and you can use (the Patriot) system to its best.”

At the GAFADC, anywhere from 350 to 400 German officers and noncommissioned officers come to Fort Bliss each year and train on the Patriot air defense system. The Germans also offer their soldiers a series of advanced courses in integrated missile defense.

The Germans have about 90 soldiers and 20 civilian employees at Fort Bliss, manning the center.

At one time, the Germans had their North American command center at Fort Bliss, but deactivated that in 2013.



German officers practice setting up and using the Patriot air defense system in a Fort Bliss training area Oct. 16.



WBAMC prayer breakfast boosts 'holistic' readiness

By Marcy Sanchez
WBAMC Public Affairs

The Army's number one priority is readiness, with readiness being based on four pillars of manning, training, equipping and leader development.

While some aspects of readiness are more easily measurable, such as equipment, intangible components include medical, emotional and spiritual readiness to prepare and posture Soldiers to fight and win the nation's wars.

In keeping with the Army's priorities, William Beaumont Army Medical Center's Department of Ministry and Pastoral Care hosted a prayer breakfast at the WBAMC Dining Facility Oct. 24.

The breakfast welcomed all WBAMC staff members, patients and visitors in discussing the importance of pastoral care in the Army and more explicitly, in the medical community.

"We want Soldiers to be holistically well. We take care of medical readiness and we take care of the spiritual (component) as well," said Capt. Cynthia Turner, chaplain clinician, Department of Ministry and Pastoral Care, WBAMC. "(The prayer breakfast) is to keep the staff spiritually fit to keep them



Chaplain (Col.) Peter M. Brzezinski, chaplain, Regional Health Command-Central, speaks during the WBAMC's Department of Ministry and Pastoral Care prayer breakfast at the WBAMC Dining Facility Oct. 24.

"A lot of times we get caught up in the world ... We let anxiety get to us, and we may forget there is a plan and everything is going to be OK. We all need a way to reset."

>> Col. Erik Rude

in the fight. If you are balanced and in a good spot (spiritually), you render good care."

The annual event welcomed Chaplain (Col.) Peter M. Brzezinski, Regional Health Command-Central chaplain, as guest speaker.

"Folks ask me, 'what's your favorite place in the Army?'" said Brzezinski, who has served more than 30 years in uniform. "I tell them I don't have one because it's about the people that you get to serve with, shoulder to shoulder, people that bless you and people that you bless."

Approximately 50 staff members joined Brzezinski and members of WBAMC's Department of Ministry and Pastoral Care, while feasting on breakfast items from WBAMC's St. Martin Dining Facility. Brzezinski was preceded by representatives from the El Paso VA Healthcare System, which works closely with WBAMC medical operations, and 1st Armored Division Soldiers from Fort Bliss.

"We're affected with what's going on around us so bringing awareness to our leadership (is also the focus of the prayer breakfast)," said Turner. "It's more to help (chaplains) stand up, and let (leaders) know we're here. (Chaplains) are not here to convert but to encourage along the way."

In correlation with Pastor Appreciation Month, which is celebrated in October, Brzezinski's message related to chaplain appreciation and raising awareness of their roles in clinical settings.

"The best honor a chaplain can receive is to be recognized as a great chaplain, just as Soldiers are honored to be considered good Soldiers," said Brzezinski. "Not only do (Army Medicine clinical chaplains) have to do the soldiering part, we also have to do the clinical care part for others."



Photos by Marcy Sanchez / WBAMC Public Affairs

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From right: Col. Erik Rude, commander, WBAMC, Chaplain (Col.) Peter M. Brzezinski, chaplain, Regional Health Command-Central, Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Robert Stevenson, Capt. Cynthia Turner, chaplain clinician, Department of Ministry and Pastoral Care, WBAMC, and Command Sgt. Maj. Janell Ray, command sergeant major, WBAMC, pose for a photo at the WBAMC prayer breakfast at the hospital Oct. 24.

According to Turner, chaplains in the Army focus on three tenets: honoring the dead, caring for the wounded and nurturing the living. Specialized training provides Army Medicine chaplains the tools necessary for their jobs.

"What (Army Medicine chaplains) do is sit bedside during people's darkest times,"

said Turner. "We do something unique that behavioral health can't provide and vice versa."

"A lot of times we get caught up in the world," said Col. Erik Rude, commander, WBAMC. "We let anxiety get to us, and we may forget there is a plan and everything is going to be OK. We all need a way to reset."

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7413th TMC provides care, prevents harm of Fort Bliss Soldiers

By Sgt. Christopher A. Hernandez
Mobilization and Deployment, DPTMS Fort Bliss

McGREGOR RANGE, N.M. – Within the assortment of buildings that have uniform structural design here, a painted red cross prominently signifies the aid station. Manned by Army Reserve Soldiers of the 7413th Troop Medical Clinic, El Paso, the aid station manages and facilitates medical care and prevention for Soldiers training and rotating through Fort Bliss.

According to Maj. John Bricker, a medical-surgical nurse for the 7413th TMC and officer in charge of the McGregor Range Aid Station, the unit has been working steadily since their activation in the beginning of March here.

“We’ve seen over 2,600 Soldiers since March, for various things such as colds, flus and 224 musculoskeletal injuries,” said Bricker. “For McGregor alone, we’ve also seen 252 cases in the respiratory category, such as asthma and cold-related issues.”

The 7413th TMC, consisting of El Paso Soldiers and out-of-state augmentees, were spread out to multiple sites in Fort Bliss in support of the Mobilization and Deployment Brigade, Directorate of Planning, Training, Mobilization and Security and its mission.

“There are 37 of us right now, but we don’t all work here at the McGregor Range Aid Station,” said Sgt. 1st Class Elizabeth Ortiz, a licensed vocational nurse for the 7413th TMC and detachment noncommissioned officer in charge for the McGregor Range Aid Station. “Besides here, we have Soldiers working with Fort Bliss dental, in preventative medicine, providing assistance in the Soldier Resiliency and Readiness Center, and working in the Soldier Family Health

Clinic.”

In addition to its rudimentary services and provisions, the McGregor Range Aid Station harbors additional capabilities to augment its functions.

“We’re considered a Role +1 clinic because of the addition of our X-ray machine and lab capabilities,” said Staff Sgt. Luis Flores, a radiology specialist for the 7413th TMC. “I take a lot of radiological exam requests here, and they pertain mainly to upper and lower extremities, as well as chest X-rays.”

Seven months into their own mobilization, Soldiers of the 7413th TMC adapted to their multifaceted operation by regularly cross-training with each other.

“We do a lot of ‘left seat, right seat’ training with each other,” said Flores. “That is, everyone here has an idea what to do even though it’s not their military occupational specialty, and they’re able to jump in to assist. It really streamlines our health and patient care.”

“Everyone knows their roles, and everyone steps up when they need to,” Flores said.

The 7413th TMC not only provides medical care, but also prevents diseases and other illnesses with their preventive medicine group. Maj. Jeff Finley, an environmental science and engineering officer for the 7413th TMC, said he and his Soldiers operate in tandem with their active-duty counterparts to maintain scrutiny of the Fort Bliss training ranges.

“At least once a week, we go and collect water samples through several places at Fort Bliss, and at the water and distribution points at Doña Ana, McGregor and Orogrande,” Finley said. “We also put out weekly mosquito traps in suspected problem areas, such as golf courses and areas with

stagnant areas, and conduct monthly inspections of dining facilities and mobile kitchen trailers to ensure they’re following proper sanitation procedures.”

Finley emphasized the importance of periodic inspections, citing an incident that occurred earlier this year.

“During a routine inspection at the McGregor Dining Facility, we found that the ice was contaminated with E. coli bacteria,” Finley said. “First, we told the staff to immediately stop serving ice so we can figure out the problem. We then decontaminated the ice machine and the drink service areas, and then it was no longer a problem anymore after that.”

According to Lt. Col. Francisco Crespin, a family medicine physician for the 7413th TMC and the medical director of the McGregor Range Aid Station, the unit’s bevy of functions tie into their main objective – to enhance readiness and reduce detriment of Soldiers in deploying units.

“We try to keep Soldiers healthy and ensure that their minor issues don’t escalate into major ones that would keep them from being deployed,” said Crespin. “Also, it’s so Soldiers don’t have to drive an hour and a half to main post and back, which can cause them to lose significant training for their deployments. Just having this easy access for them gets them back quicker to their jobs.”

The 7413th TMC remains steadfast in their mission until their successors, the 7412th TMC, arrive in March 2019 to take their place.

“I really want to give credit to my team out here, as this is the best unit that I ever had the opportunity to serve with,” said Flores. “They’re a great group, and I give them kudos for that.”



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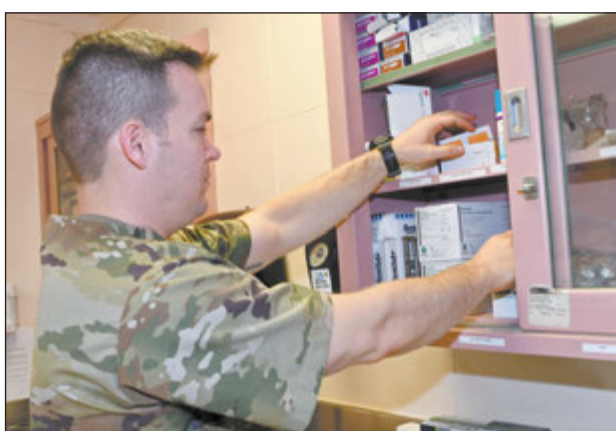
(Far left) Spc. Adam Garner, a preventive medicine specialist for the 7413th Troop Medical Clinic, El Paso, collects a water sample from a restroom facility at the Orogrande Base Camp, N.M., Oct. 24.

(Left) Garner uses a color-coded strip to measure the chlorine content in a water sample he collected while at the Orogrande Base Camp, N.M., Oct. 24.



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Spc. Adam Garner, a preventive medicine specialist for the 7413th Troop Medical Clinic, El Paso, prepares a water sample for bacteriological analysis to determine if the water harbors contagions at Fort Bliss Oct. 24.

(Far left) Staff Sgt. Luis Flores, a radiology specialist for the 7413th Troop Medical Clinic, El Paso, and noncommissioned officer in charge of the McGregor Range Aid Station, demonstrates with another Soldier how to operate the X-ray machine at McGregor Range, N.M., Oct. 23.

(Left) Sgt. Joseph Lingeman, a practical nursing specialist for the 7413th Troop Medical Clinic, El Paso, shows where some of the medical supplies are kept in the McGregor Range Aid Station, McGregor Range, N.M., Oct. 23.

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>> FAITHFUL PATRIOT



Soldiers assigned to the 1st Armored Division Sustainment Brigade prepared at Fort Bliss Friday to support Operation Faithful Patriot. The Soldiers will provide logistics support to the Department of Homeland Security and U.S. Customs and Border Patrol along the Southwest border.

1: Soldiers from the 153rd Field Feeding Company, Special Troops Battalion, 1st AD Sust. Bde., prepare to depart Fort Bliss to the Southwest border in support of Operation Faithful Patriot Friday.

2: Soldiers from the 47th Heavy Composite Truck Company, 142nd Combat Sustainment Support Battalion, 1st AD Sust. Bde., and 377th Transportation Company, 142nd CSSB, load equipment and resources.

3: Soldiers prepare to depart Fort Bliss to the Southwest border in support of Operation Faithful Patriot Friday.

4: Soldiers prepare to depart Fort Bliss to the Southwest border in support of Operation Faithful Patriot Friday.

5: Soldiers load equipment and resources as they prepare to depart Friday.

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