

82nd Airborne Division



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Fact Sheet



As the nucleus of the Immediate Response Force (IRF), the 82nd Airborne Division provides a strategic hedge for combatant commanders with a responsive, agile and operationally significant force that is flexible in size and composition to accomplish missions anywhere in the world.

For that requirement, one infantry brigade combat team serves as the core of the Army's contribution to the Nation's IRF, for no-notice deployment with a second brigade combat team designated to reinforce.

The Division is leading a multinational effort to develop a robust interoperability program. The program is building trust and fostering closer relationships with our key international crisis response force partners to deliver increased mutual military capability.

The Division serves as the Joint Forcible Entry component of the IRF and is ready to deploy on short notice and lead military operations worldwide. The Division has the capability to put a greater number of boots and equipment on the ground in a crisis area more rapidly than any other element in the U.S. Military.

Every Paratrooper is trained with the mindset to jump, fight, and win tonight.

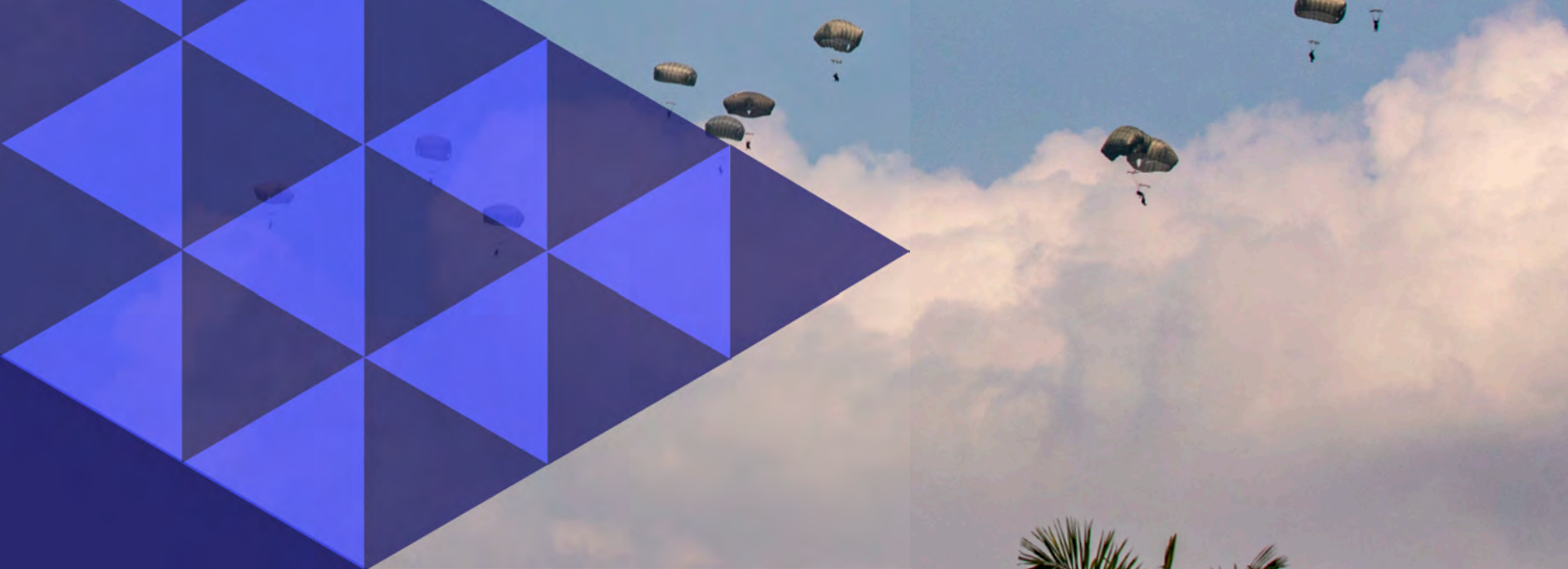
Key Facts

More than 18,000

Paratroopers:

- 15,500 Enlisted
- 500 Warrant Officers
- 2,000 Officers
- Male - 93%
- Female - 7%

One Infantry Brigade is prepared to deploy within 96 hours.



Our History

The 82nd Airborne Division is the only Airborne Infantry Division of the United States Army specializing in joint forcible entry operations. The 82nd Airborne Division was constituted in the National Army on August 5th, 1917, and was organized on August 25th, 1917 at Camp Gordon, Georgia. Since its initial members came from all 48 states, the unit acquired the nickname “All American,” which is the basis for its famed “AA” shoulder patch.

Mission Statement: On order, the 82nd Airborne Division rapidly deploys within 18 hours of notification, conducts forcible entry parachute assaults and secures key objectives for follow-on military operations in support of U.S. National interests.



Headquarters and
Headquarters
Battalion



1st Brigade
Combat Team



2nd Brigade
Combat Team



3rd Brigade
Combat Team



82nd Division
Artillery



82nd Combat
Aviation Brigade



82nd Sustainment
Brigade

Maj. Gen. Christopher LaNeve



MG Christopher LaNeve currently serves as the Commanding General of the 82d Airborne Division, Fort Bragg, North Carolina.

MG LaNeve graduated and was commissioned from the University of Arizona. After completion of the Infantry Officer's Basic Course, MG LaNeve was assigned to Fort Ord, where he served in 4th Battalion, 21st Infantry, 7th Infantry Division (L). Following the Infantry Officer's Advanced Course, he was assigned to the Western Illinois University ROTC program. He was then assigned to the 101st Airborne Division (AASLT), where he commanded a company in 3d Battalion, 327th Infantry as well as the Sabalauski Air Assault School.

MG LaNeve then transferred to Washington, D.C. in 1999 where he was assigned as the Executive Officer to the Assistant Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations and Plans. He then became the Deputy Director of Executive Communications and Control

Division Operations in the Office of the Chief of Staff of the Army.

Following CGSC, MG LaNeve was assigned to 1st BCT, 10th Mountain Division. He served as the Brigade S4 and Operations Officer for 1st Battalion, 87th Infantry, and subsequently as the Brigade Operations Officer. In 2006, he was assigned to the Defense Intelligence Agency, Joint Staff, Washington, D.C., where he served in the Defense Warning Office.

MG LaNeve commanded 2d Battalion, 325th Airborne Infantry Regiment, 2d BCT, 82d Airborne Division. Following command, he assumed duties as the J3, Combined Joint Task Force 82 in Regional Command East, Afghanistan. Upon redeployment, he served as the G3, 82d Airborne Division. MG LaNeve went on to command the "Bulldog BCT," 3rd IBCT, 1st Armored Division at Fort Bliss, and Operations Group (COG), Joint Readiness Training Center at Fort Polk. After his time at Fort Polk, he served as the Executive Officer to the Commander, Resolute Support, Afghanistan and then as the Deputy Commanding General for Operations, 82d Airborne Division, Fort Bragg, North Carolina. Afterwards, he served as the Commanding General for the 7th Army Training Command, Grafenwoehr, Germany, and then two years at the Pentagon as the HQDA Director of Operations, Readiness, and Mobilization in the Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff, G-3/5/7. Most recently, he served as the Deputy Chief of Staff, G-3/5/7 for U.S. Army Forces Command, Fort Bragg, North Carolina.

MG LaNeve holds an undergraduate degree from the University of Arizona, a Master's of Science in Administration from Central Michigan University, and a Master's of Military Art and Science in Strategic Studies from the Command and General Staff College Advanced Operational Art Studies Fellowship. His military education includes the Infantry Officer Basic and Advanced Courses, the Combined Arms Services Staff School, the Command and General Staff College, the Joint Forces Staff College, and Senior Service College Fellows Course.

His awards and decorations include the Combat Infantryman Badge, Expert Infantryman Badge, Air Assault Badge, Ranger Tab, Pathfinder Badge, Master Parachutist Badge and Army Staff Identification Badge. He has also earned the Mexican Parachutist Badge and the Royal Australian Parachutist Badge.

Command Sgt. Maj. Randolph Delapena



Command Sergeant Major Randolph Delapena is a native of Miami, Florida. He graduated from Miami Coral Park Senior High in June 1996. He enlisted in the United States Army in 1996 and attended One Station Unit Training at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri to become a Combat Engineer.

CSM Delapena has held numerous positions, which include: Combat Engineer; Team Leader; Driver to The Commanding General V Corps, Squad Leader, Drill Sergeant, Drill Sergeant of the Year, Platoon Sergeant, First Sergeant, ROTC Senior Military Instructor, the BN CSM for the 127th Airborne Engineer Battalion, 1st BCT, 82nd Airborne Division, the BCT CSM for the 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 82nd Airborne Division, Division CSM for the U.S Army Corps of Engineers Transatlantic Division, and the CSM for the Maneuver Support Center of Excellence, Fort Leonard Wood, MO.

CSM Delapena's stateside assignments include Ft. Stewart, GA, Ft. Bragg, NC, Ft. Sill, OK, University of Florida ROTC, Gainesville, FL, Ft. Bliss, TX, and Ft. Leonard Wood, MO. His overseas assignments include Bamberg and Heidelberg, Germany. He has deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, Operation Enduring Freedom, and Operation Inherent Resolve.

CSM Delapena's military education includes the: 7th Army Primary Leadership Development Course (Honor Graduate and Leadership Award), the Combat Engineer Basic Non-Commissioned Officers course (Honor Graduate and Leadership Award), the Combat Engineer Advanced Non-Commissioned Officers course (Honor Graduate and Leadership Award), the United States Army Sergeants Major Academy Class 64 (Commandant List), the Nominative Leaders Course, Joint Staff Keystone Course, the United States Army Drill Sergeant School (Leadership Award and Commandants List), Basic Airborne Course, Fort Bragg Small Arms Master Gunner Course, Jumpmaster School, Route Clearance Planners Course, Airborne Rough Terrain Jumper Certification, Master Resilience Trainer Course. He holds a bachelor's in history degree from Excelsior College graduating Cum Laude.

CSM Delapena's awards and decorations include: the Legion of Merit (3rd Award); the Bronze Star Medal (3rd Award); the Meritorious Service Medal (4th Award); Army Commendation Medal (6th Award); Army Achievement Medal (9th Award); Good Conduct Medal (8th Award); National Defense Service Medal with Bronze Star Device; Iraqi Campaign Medal (1 Star); Afghanistan Campaign Medal (1 Star); Inherent Resolve Campaign Medal (1 Star); Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal; Global War on Terrorism Service Medal; NCO Professional Development Ribbon (5th Award); Overseas Service Ribbon (3rd Award); Army Service Ribbon; ISAF NATO Medal; Meritorious Unit Commendation (3rd Award); Combat Action Badge; Drill Sergeant Identification Badge; Master Parachutist Badge; Drivers Badge (Wheel and Track), Ivory Coast, German, Australian, and Canadian Jump wings, and the German Schützenschnur (Silver). He is a member of the Sergeant Audie Murphy Club. He has also been awarded the Legionnaire Order of Saint Maurice (Infantry), the Silver DeFleury Medal (Engineer), the Honorable Order of Saint Barbara (Field Artillery), the Legionnaire order of the Dragon (CBRN), Distinguished Member of the 325th Airborne Infantry Regiment; Honorary Member of the 504th Parachute Infantry Regiment, the Military Police Friend of the Regiment awardee; he was selected as the Fort Sill Drill Sergeant of the Year for 2005, and awarded the FORSCOM Sturgis Award (Top Engineer NCO) recipient for 2007.

1st Brigade Combat Team



Units

- 1-504th PIR
- 2-504th PIR
- 2-501st PIR
- 3-73rd CAV
- 127th BEB
- HHC, 1BCT

Mission

The 504th Parachute Infantry Regiment's mission is to deploy worldwide within 18 hours of notification, execute a parachute assault, conduct combat operations, and win. Specifically, the Regiment is able to conduct a forcible entry to seize a defended airfield, build up combat power as quickly as possible and conduct follow-on military operations.

Links

Army Website

<https://home.army.mil/bragg/index.php/units-tenants/xviii-airborne-co/82nd-airborne-division/1st-brigade-comba>

Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/1bct82/>

Twitter

https://twitter.com/Strike_Hold

Instagram

<https://www.instagram.com/1bct82nd/>

DVIDS

<https://www.dvidshub.net/unit/1BCT-82ABN>

2nd Brigade Combat Team



Mission

The 2nd Brigade Combat Team's mission is to deploy worldwide within 18 hours of notification, execute a parachute assault, conduct combat operations, and win. Specifically, the Regiment is able to conduct a forcible entry to seize a defended airfield, build up combat power as quickly as possible and conduct follow-on military operations.

Links

Army Website

<https://home.army.mil/bragg/index.php/units-tenants/xviii-airborne-co/82nd-airborne-division/2nd-brigade-combat-team>

Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/FalconBrigade/>

Twitter

https://twitter.com/2BCT_FALCONS

Instagram

<https://www.instagram.com/2bct82nd/>

DVIDS

<https://www.dvidshub.net/unit/2BCT-82ABN>

Units

- 1-325th AIR
- 2-325th AIR
- 2-508th PIR
- 1-73rd CAV
- 37th BEB
- HHC, 2BCT

3rd Brigade Combat Team



Units

- 1-505th PIR
- 2-505th PIR
- 1-508th PIR
- 5-73rd CAV
- 307th BEB
- HHC, 3BCT

Mission

The 3rd Brigade Combat Team's mission is to deploy worldwide within 18 hours of notification, execute a parachute assault, conduct combat operations, and win. Specifically, the Regiment is able to conduct a forcible entry to seize a defended airfield, build up combat power as quickly as possible and conduct follow-on military operations.

Links

Army Website

<https://home.army.mil/bragg/index.php/units-tenants/xviii-airborne-co/82nd-airborne-division/3rd-brigade-combat-team>

Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/panther.brigade/>

Twitter

<https://www.instagram.com/3bct82nd/>

Instagram

<https://twitter.com/PantherBrigade>

DVIDS

<https://www.dvidshub.net/unit/3BCT-82ABN>

82nd Division Artillery



Units

- 1-319th AFAR
- 2-319th AFAR
- 3-319th AFAR
- HHB

Mission

On order, 82nd Airborne Division Artillery serves as the Division Force Field Artillery Headquarters and deploys to any area of operations to plan, synchronize, and execute combined, joint, and multinational fires in order to provide accurate, lethal destructive fires, deep strike and counter fire capabilities in support of 82nd Airborne Division unified land operations; provides mission command of attached Field Artillery Battalions.

Links

Army Website

<https://home.army.mil/bragg/index.php/units-tenants/xviii-airborne-co/82nd-airborne-division/82nd-airborne-division-artillery>

82nd Combat Aviation Brigade



Units

- 1-17th CAV
- 1-82nd AV
- 2-82nd AV
- 3-82nd AV
- 122nd ASB
- HHC, CAB

Mission

On order, the 82nd Combat Aviation Brigade rapidly deploys in support of the Global Response Force to conduct decisive aviation operations worldwide to enable the ground force commander with air assault, air movement, attack, reconnaissance, and MEDEVAC capability.

Links

Army Website

<https://home.army.mil/bragg/index.php/units-tenants/xviii-airborne-co/82nd-airborne-division/82nd-combat-aviation-brigade>

Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/82ndCAB/>

Twitter

<https://twitter.com/82ndcab>

Instagram

<https://www.instagram.com/82ndcab/>

DVIDS

<https://www.dvidshub.net/unit/82CAB>

82nd Sustainment Brigade



Units

- 189th DSSB
- 264th DSSB
- 307th BSB
- 407th BSB
- 82nd BSB
- 82nd DSTB
- 82nd Finance BN

Mission

The 82nd Airborne Division Sustainment Brigade provides sustainment mission command of and support in the areas of maintenance, aerial delivery, ammunition, supply, water production, cargo transportation, human resources, mortuary affairs, and financial management at Fort Bragg, NC while posturing forces and sustainment capabilities to meet forcible entry demands and future contingencies as the globally aligned sustainment brigade.

Links

Army Website

<https://home.army.mil/bragg/index.php/units-tenants/xviii-airborne-co/82nd-airborne-division/82nd-sustainment-brigade>

Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/82ndAirborneDivisionSustainmentBrigade/>

Twitter

<https://twitter.com/adsb82nd>

Instagram

<https://www.instagram.com/82ndadsb/>

DVIDS

<https://www.dvidshub.net/unit/82SB>

Links to Key Imagery

Photo



<https://www.dvidshub.net/news/441669/gainey-company-uncases-colors-paves-way-innovation>

Maj. Gen. Christopher LaNeve, commanding general of the 82nd Airborne Division, speaks during the uncasing ceremony of Gainey Company on Fort Bragg, N.C., March 29, 2023. The uncasing ceremony marked the unit as the first specialty company to harness innovation, test, prove and propagate technology across the Division. (U.S. Army photo by Spc. Lilliana Magoon)



<https://www.dvidshub.net/image/7557432/best-best-divarty-22>

Paratroopers assigned to 3rd Battalion, 19th Airborne Field Artillery Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 82nd Airborne Division participate in a live fire event with a M777 Howitzer during the Division Artillery's Best of the Best competition on Fort Bragg, N.C., Dec. 7, 2022. Soldiers competing are categorized based on their Military Occupational Specialty and weapon to showcase their talents through precision, speed, and lethality. The team's competition category was the "Best M777 Howitzer". (U.S. Army Photo by Sgt. Emely Opio-Wright)



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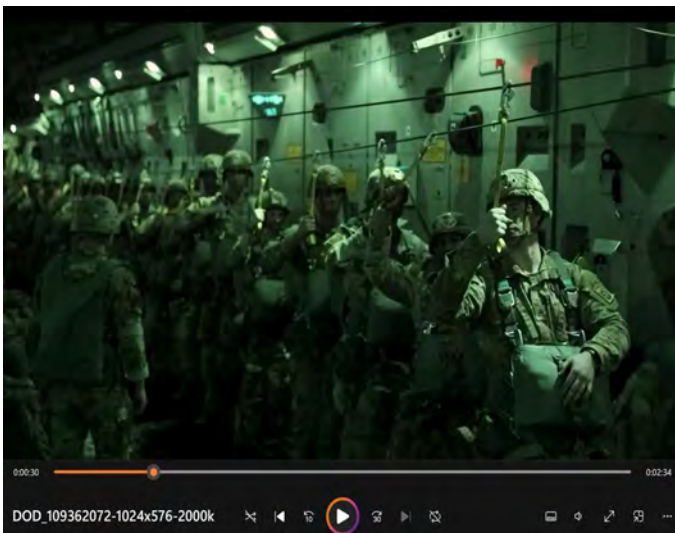
Paratroopers assigned to the 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 82nd Airborne Division, engage the opposition force (OPFOR) during exercise Panther Giant on Fort Bragg, North Carolina, March 8th, 2023. Exercise Panther Giant is a validation exercise for elements of the 3rd Brigade Combat Team to demonstrate readiness and lethality before attending the Joint Readiness Training Center (JRTC). (U.S. Army photo by Sgt. Emely Opio-Wright)

Video

<https://www.dvidshub.net/video/865114/82nd-airborne-division-jrtc>



The 1st Brigade Combat Team, 82nd Airborne Division completed their Joint Readiness Training Center, Operations Group (JRTC) rotation 23-02 this week. During this rotation, Paratroopers served alongside allies from the Royal Netherlands Army and Japan Self-Defense Forces conducting a joint forcible entry further strengthening our interoperability. (U.S. Army video by Spc. Vincent Levelv)

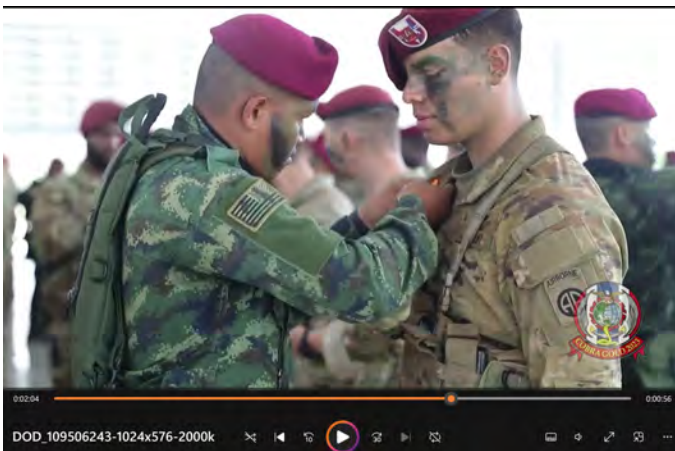


<https://www.dvidshub.net/video/867279/2nd-brigade-mass-tactical-jump-b-roll-package>

Paratroopers of the 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 82nd Airborne Division prepare to conduct a mass tactical jump onto Salerno Drop Zone on Fort Bragg, North Carolina, Dec. 7, 2022. The purpose of the training event is to maintain and improve proficiency in airborne operations and mission-essential tasks.

<https://www.dvidshub.net/video/876192/cobra-gold-2023-airborne-operation>

Paratroopers from across the 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 82nd Airborne Division recently participated in Exercise Cobra Gold 2023 in the Kingdom of Thailand. During the exercise, the Falcon Brigade integrated and trained with the Royal Thai Army to execute a Joint Forcible Entry near Thanarat Drop Zone on March 3, 2023. Cobra Gold, now in its 42nd iteration, is an annual Thai-U.S. co-sponsored training event that builds on the long-standing friendship between the two allied nations and brings together a joint multinational force to promote regional peace and security in support of a free and open Indo-Pacific.



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