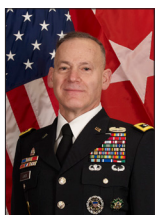




## Senior Leaders 'Yama Sakura 71' begins

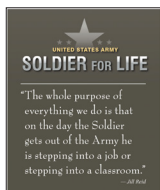


"This operation is an opportunity for us not only to work together to defeat the enemy, but also to continue building our relationship as armies and allies."

– Lt. Gen. Stephen R. Lanza  
Commanding General, I Corps  
Dec. 5, 2016, Camp Kengun, Japan

## On Point Soldier for Life - Transition Assistance Program

The Soldier for Life - Transition Assistance Program (SFL-TAP) provides transition services to Soldiers, Department of the Army Civilians, and Family members who transition from active duty. SFL-TAP is a commander's program that encourages the idea of going early and often to receive transition services. In November of 2016, the Army started a transition pilot program that tailors career readiness standards to an individual Soldier's transition needs. The two-year pilot program will gather input on best practices for the Army's SFL-TAP, which is a mandatory program for all service members leaving active duty that covers resume writing, military skills translation, financial planning, and other topics.



## Retirement Services

The Army Retirement Services Office develops Army policy and oversees Army programs that prepare Soldiers and their Families for retirement and assists survivors of Soldiers who die on active duty, retired Soldiers, surviving spouses, and their Families until death.

## Training kicks in, Soldiers help prevent possible assault



10th Mountain Division Soldiers (L-R) Staff Sgt. Anthony Ciccariello Jr., Spc. Evan Lipp and Sgt. James Smith, intervened and likely prevented a sexual assault incident in Watertown, N.Y., Oct. 28, 2016. (U.S. Army photo by Sgt. 1st Class Nathan Hutchison)

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FORT DRUM, N.Y. – Three Soldiers went to a bar in Watertown. Before the night was over, the police were called.

"We fight as we've been trained," said Maj. Douglas P. Herrmann. "So out there on their off time, they did exactly how they've been trained."

The training Herrmann was referring to is not the typical Soldier skills that might come to mind, but one he oversees as the 10th Mountain Division Sexual Harassment/Assault Response and Prevention program manager.

These Soldiers saw a female at a local bar had been drugged. Their training kicked in and the result was a suspect in custody by the police and a victim on the way to the hospital.

"It really just felt like we were playing out one of the vignettes we go through in our quarterly

training," said Spc. Evan Lipp, one of the 10th Mountain Division Soldiers who intervened. "We decided it wasn't a good situation and we needed to separate them and call the authorities."

SHARP training, like all Army training, has evolved over the years. The vignettes Lipp referred to were part of that evolution. Rather than just talking about what sexual assault or harassment look like, SHARP trainers put Soldiers in arranged scenarios where they must make decisions.

So just like a Soldier would conditionally react correctly on the battlefield because of continuous hours of simulated war training, these Soldiers used their honed skills to stop a bad situation from getting worse.

"Rather than being confrontational, they took the right steps," Herrmann said. "They notified the management of the establishment and the local authorities."

## FORSCOM in the news

"Yama Sakura 71" commenced with an opening ceremony at the Japan Ground Self Defense Force Western Army Headquarters on Camp Kengun, Japan.



Leaders from the 20th CBRNE Command recently met with members of the Republic of Korea Army at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md.



The 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division, will convert from an Infantry Brigade Combat Team to an Armored Brigade Combat Team in 2017.



The 82nd Airborne Division Sustainment Brigade, 82nd Airborne Division, welcomed the brigade's newest unit during a recent ceremony on Fort Bragg, N.C.



Soldiers from across the 10th Mountain Division recently competed in a variety of events in the Paralegal Warrior Challenge on Fort Drum, N.Y.



## Public Affairs in action



Pvt. Lafayette Johnson, indirect fire infantryman, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 66th Armor Regiment, 3rd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division, inspects a rail car before an M1A2 Abrams tank is loaded at Fort Carson, Colo., Nov. 15, 2016. (U.S. Army photo by Staff Sgt. Ange Desinor)



# TOP SHOTS

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**Above** Staff Sgt. Joshua Fernandez, 10th Mountain Division Sustainment Brigade, 10th Mountain Division, removes snow from a Humvee in the 10th Headquarters and Special Troops Battalion motor pool during the first snowfall of the year at Fort Drum, N.Y., Nov. 21, 2016. (U.S. Army photo by Spc. Liane Schmersahl)

**Right** Pvt. Abrianna Archuleta, a field artillery automated tactical data system specialist, 3rd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division, guides a vehicle onto a rail car at Fort Carson, Colo., November 28, 2016. (U.S. Army photo by Staff Sgt. Ange Desinor)

**Below** Soldiers with the 504th Military Intelligence Brigade, prepare to load a simulated casualty aboard a UH-60 Blackhawk helicopter during Tactical Combat Casualty Care training at Fort Hood, Texas, Nov. 17, 2016. (U.S. Army photo by Sgt. Dominique M. Clarke)



**Above** The 3rd Infantry Division color guard participates in the "Twilight Tattoo" during "Marne Week" at Fort Stewart, Ga., Nov. 15, 2016. (U.S. Army photo by Lt. Col. Brian J. Fickel)

**Left** An instructor from the DeGlooper Air Assault School, XVIII Airborne Corps, rappels from a UH-60 Black Hawk helicopter assigned to 2nd Assault Helicopter Battalion, 82nd Combat Aviation Brigade, 82nd Airborne Division, at Fort Bragg, N.C., Nov. 17, 2016. (U.S. Army photo by Sgt. Steven Galimore)



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