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## Senior Leaders CG addresses AUSA audience



"For the last 12 years, America's Army has trained, mobilized, deployed, and, as a Total Force, **successfully achieved** every assigned mission in support of the Nation's objectives."

— Gen. Daniel B. Allyn  
FORSCOM Commanding General  
Oct. 21, Washington

## On Point Now is the time to think of Autumn safety

The cooler days and longer nights of autumn are finally here, and with them come **hazards unique to this time of year**. As the temperature drops and Soldiers, Army civilians and Family members take to roads and the great outdoors for some well-deserved down time, they'll be exposed to risk more often than they might think. It's critically important to prepare now for what may lie ahead. Extended holiday leaves and rapidly changing weather conditions will open the door to risk, and getting information to Soldiers now will help them mitigate the hazards of the season.



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## Future, potential of regionally aligned forces key topic at AUSA



Gen. Daniel B. Allyn (center left), commander, U.S. Army Forces Command, heads an Oct. 22, 2013, Regionally Aligned Forces forum during the Association of the U.S. Army's 2013 Annual Meeting and Exposition at the Walter E. Washington Convention Center in Washington, DC. (U.S. Army photo by David Vergun)

### By David Vergun, Army News Service

As forces draw down from Afghanistan, more are available for regional alignment, said the Army's top forces generation leader.

But unfortunately, total forces are also drawing down, limiting that manpower, added Gen. Daniel B. Allyn, commander, U.S. Army Forces Command, known as FORSCOM.

Allyn and seven other panel members spoke at a forum on regionally aligned forces, or RAF, at the 2013 Association of the United States Army Annual Meeting and Exposition.

The Army "intends that all forces not committed to assigned missions" -- like those in Korea, Afghanistan and in the Global Response Force -- "will be in a regionally aligned force construct, available to the geographical combatant commander," he said.

Besides the issue of availability of forces for RAFs, the other is sequestration and budgetary challenges facing all the services, he said, noting that training is also taking a heavy hit.

For a RAF unit to be at a full readiness level, it goes through a thorough training cycle at a combat training center, which includes decisive action engagements and wide-area security, as well as follow-on, region-specific training.

But the dollars are not there, he said, to rotate units through that cycle, except for those assigned to ongoing operations.

RAF is important during this time of fiscal austerity and the drawdown, said panel member Lt. Gen. James L. Huggins Jr., Army deputy chief of staff, G-3/5/7. "We'll need to rely more and more on our partners' capabilities and they on ours, as their armies are drawing down as well."

## FORSCOM in the news

Command Sgt. Maj. Sam K. Young was welcomed by First Army in a **change of responsibility** ceremony held recently at Rock Island Arsenal's Heritage Hall.



After 10 challenging days, 34 Soldiers and airmen received the **air assault badge** at XVIII Airborne Corps' first Air Assault School graduation, Oct. 4, 2013.



The **Army's newest unit** was officially welcomed to the 3rd Infantry Division, Oct. 17, 2013, as the brigade colors for the 42nd Fires Brigade were uncased.



The 7th Infantry Division honored its **new command sergeant major** during a change of responsibility ceremony in front of the division headquarters.



A combat aviation brigade cannot provide fire support without an aviation support battalion. The 46th ASB is the aviation support battalion **activated for** the 16th CAB.



## Public Affairs units in action



**5th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment** - Sgt. Andrew Sugg, explosive ordnance disposal specialist, 9th Chemical Company, passes a sensor over suspected chemical agents as part of a combined training exercise at Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Wash., Oct. 10, 2013. (U.S. Army photo by Staff Sgt. David Chapman)



# TOP SHOTS

Here are the best photos from FORSCOM Public Affairs professionals world-wide. For more photos and information, click these photos or visit [army.mil/forscom](http://army.mil/forscom)

**Top Spc.** Timothy Corry, an infantryman with 4th Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division, assembles a M240 B machine gun, Oct. 10, 2013, during a competition on Forward Operating Base Fenty, Afghanistan. (U.S. Army photo by Staff Sgt. Jerry Saslav)

**Bottom Spc.** Rich Musser (middle), 1st Battalion, 37th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 2d Infantry Division, fires a M777A2 Howitzer at Yakima Training Center, Wash., Oct. 9, 2013. (U.S. Army photo by Staff Sgt. Chris McCullough)



**Above** Pfc. Kolton Roofe, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division, connects a cargo sling to a CH-47 Chinook helicopter during a night sling load operation on Bagram Air Field, Afghanistan, Oct. 11, 2013. (U.S. Army photo by Sgt. Quentin Johnson)



**Top Sgt.** Zane A. Savage, an infantryman with 4th Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division, observes his sector while providing security at Combat Outpost Band-e Sarde, Afghanistan, Oct. 9, 2013. (U.S. Army photo by Sgt. Justin A. Moeller)

**Bottom Sgt.** Juan Medina, a medic with 6th Squadron, 8th Cavalry Regiment, 4th Infantry Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division, greets local Afghan children during a foot patrol near Forward Operating Base Shank, Logar Province, Afghanistan, Oct. 10, 2013. (U.S. Army photo by Sgt. Margaret Taylor)



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