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Shinseki bids farewell to Army after 37 years of active service

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ARNEWS

In saying goodbye to the Army, Chief of Staff Gen. Eric K. Shinseki offered one bit of advice — “Beware the 12-division strategy for a 10-division Army.”

Shinseki retired from more than 37 years of active service at a ceremony on Fort Myer, Va., June 11.

“As I have said so often in the past, my name is Ric Shinseki, and I am a soldier,” Shinseki said. “I began my service 37 years ago in the jungles of Vietnam and I end my career with the nation at war in Afghanistan and Iraq. Soldiering is an honorable profession and I have been proud to be a soldier...”

Acting Secretary of the Army Les Brownlee, host for the retirement ceremony, said he had served with and around Shinseki for four decades — from Vietnam, through the Cold War and in the halls of the Pentagon.

“In all those environments, he has epitomized the quiet professional,” Brownlee said. “And, being the genuinely humble and modest man he is, Ric Shinseki will never take the personal credit for the enormous impact that he has had on the Army.”

Part of that impact was accurately predicting the nation would be at war in the not-too-distant future when he first became that Army’s top uniformed leader and then ensuring soldiers were properly trained and equipped for victory before that war came, Brownlee said. He credited Shinseki’s priority of manning warfighting forces at 100 percent for part of the successes the Army has met in Afghanistan and Iraq.

The secretary touched on Shinseki’s vision of Transformation to give the Army a more deployable, lighter, mobile and lethal force in the near term and the future when the meaning of Transformation was relatively unknown within the Department of Defense.

“Simply stated, the chief looked to the future and conceived a vision for what our Army must



photo by Spc. Bill Putnam

Retiring Army Chief of Staff Gen. Eric K. Shinseki (center) inspects troops at his retirement ceremony at Fort Myer, Va., June 11.

be able to do to protect our nation in the 21st century,” Brownlee said. “He translated that vision into an ambitious, yet doable plan of action revolving around people, readiness and Transformation. He went out and got the resources and implemented his plan with tremendous intellect, courage and sheer force of will — irrevocably changing our Army for the better.”

Most of Shinseki’s remarks centered on the accomplishment of soldiers — “They’ve never let me down” — and thanking a host of people who have helped tell the public about what great soldiers the Army has.

His biggest thanks went to his wife Patty who moved the children and household 31 times during his career. Brownlee presented Shinseki with the Army Distinguished Service Medal. The Departments of Defense, Air Force, Coast Guard and Navy presented their Distinguished Service Medals at earlier ceremonies.

Command Thoughts . . .

Summer is upon us and with it comes the yearly chaos of assignment rotations those of us associated with the military have come to expect.

For the members of INSCOM and the Army intelligence community, this year may seem more tumultuous than usual.

Within the coming months we will hold change of commands at five of our major subordinate commands. In addition, we say goodbye to our boss, Lt. Gen. Robert Noonan, as he leaves his position as the Army G-2 for civilian life. In the not to distant future, our own Deputy Commanding General, Brig. Gen. George Fay, will be promoted to major general and depart INSCOM for a new position in the Army G-2. We have already extended congratulations to COL (P) David Lacquement, INSCOM's former G-3, for his selection for promotion to brigadier general and reassignment as the J-2 at U.S. Southern Command. And this is just the "tip of the iceberg" as they say.

Many INSCOM stalwarts have, or will shortly be departing for new assignments and new challenges. Names like Trautman, Walsh, Scott, Schmidli, Mabeus, Woods, Cencki, Leonard, Beasley, and Brady come to mind. They represent just a fraction of the many talented individuals throughout INSCOM who will depart this summer.

However, throughout this incredible turnover, which we have come to anticipate, you have maintained your dedication and focus to the task at hand. INSCOM's grassroots ability to deal with transformation has been clearly demonstrated by the way each of you has absorbed the impact of these transitions while continuing to produce superb intelligence and intelligence support for our Army.



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I know that you realize the rate of change has not slowed, nor will it ever stop, yet you continue to remain on-point and committed to your duty.

INSCOM remains engaged in missions spanning the entire spectrum, from wars to win freedom from corrupt regimes to ensuring the operational security of our soldiers around the world.

At all times, but particularly during this time of upheaval, I am justifiably proud of you, your efforts, your abilities and your accomplishments. Keep up the great work!

Maj. Gen. Keith B. Alexander

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513th MI Brigade troops return from Kuwait to open arms

By Spc. Leslie K. Pearson
513th MI Brigade

Nearly 100 soldiers from the 513th Military Intelligence Brigade were welcomed back to Fort Gordon in a homecoming celebration here the evening of May 21. Anticipation filled the air as friends, family and fellow soldiers gathered at Gym 5 anxiously waiting to be reunited with troops from the 201st and 297th MI battalions who have been deployed to Kuwait and Iraq for the past eight months.

Posters, banners, streamers and balloons in red, white and blue decorated the gym, while stacks of pizzas sat on a table waiting to be devoured by the troops, who were hungry from their long trip. The post band added to the excitement by playing patriotic tunes that encouraged the people in packed bleachers to clap, cheer and wave American flags for the soldiers as they got off the bus and marched in to the gym.

Carrying a dozen yellow roses and a poster that read "Welcome Home Mary," Althea Pontoon from Gainesville, Fl. was among the first family members to arrive at the gym to wait for her daughter Pfc. Mary Strange, a cook with the 201st MI Battalion.

"I'm so excited that I'll finally get to see her. I mean, I've read her e-mails and letters, I've heard her voice on the phone; I know she's safe and I know she's on her way home tonight but I just want to see her, to touch her, and then I'll feel better," said Pontoon holding her arms out as if reaching for her daughter.



photo by Spc. Leslie K. Pearson

Chief Warrant Officer 2 Charles Burks, of Company A, 201st Military Intelligence Battalion, reunites with his wife, Trish, after returning from the Middle East May 21. Burks was one of 97 soldiers who returned home after supporting Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Units started shipping out last October. Although many details of the troop's activities cannot be released for operational and security reasons, their involvement in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom was crucial to the overall mission of the Vigilant Knights, to conduct multi-discipline intelligence and security operations and provide support to

the U.S. Army Central Command.

"Basically, our mission was to collect information, analyze it and produce an intelligence product," said Lt. Travis Herron, executive officer, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 513th MI Brigade, who recently returned from a six-month deployment.

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Throughout the last couple of weeks, soldiers from the brigade have been trickling in slowly but surely. At first it was three or four then a large group of 105 soldiers from the 297th MI Battalion returned May 14. As part of Wednesday's ceremony, the 201st MI Battalion guidon was also returned signifying that the battalion had successfully completed its mission.

After such a long separation from friends and family, the soldiers were eager to be released for the night. There was hardly a dry eye in the room as everyone held on to the edge of their seats waiting for the soldiers to be released. Upon the command to be dismissed, the bleachers emptied as people raced to embrace their soldier. Pontoon and her family made their way through the crowd and found her daughter. Grabbing each other

they cried and laughed at the same time.

"I'm so happy to be back," said Strange wiping her cheeks. "She's just in time to see the birth of her niece who's due July 8," explained her sister Niki Smith. To her mother's surprise, Strange plans to take leave as soon as possible and spend some much deserved time in Florida with her family.

Who Let the 'Dawgs' Out?

By Spc. Leslie K. Pearson
513th MI Brigade

After nearly two years, the 201st Military Intelligence Battalion reactivated its 'Top Dawgs' in a ceremony April 30, conducted by Maj. Timothy Wulff welcoming back Delta Company. In the summer of 2001, when many intelligence soldiers were going to strategic units, Delta Company had depleted to only 28 soldiers. The company was soon inactivated and combined with Headquarter and Headquarters Company making it Headquarters and Operations Company. The tragedy of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks spurred many new enlistments as well as the activation of reservists. Subsequently, this influx created a need to reactivate Delta Company, which is now home to over 130 soldiers, said Sgt. Kirby Plessas, training noncommissioned officer for Delta Company.

As the 201st MI Battalion's Sanctuary Intelligence Opera-

tions Company, Delta Company's missions include, signals intelligence collection, mission management, split-based technical support, analysis and reporting in support of commanders of U. S. Army Central Command, U. S. Army Southern Command and other deploying forces.

Also during the reactivation ceremony, Capt. Eric D. VandeWeg, incoming company commander, received the company guidon from the battalion commander and then passed it on to Delta Company's new first sergeant, 1st Sgt. Beverly A. Kelly.

Deemed the 'Top Dawgs', Delta Company has three operating platoons; the 201st MI Battalion, the 201st MI Battalion Trojan Classic, and the 201st MI Battalion TRR-38, said Kirby. In the past, VandeWeg had been the chief; therefore he knows the battalion, the systems, and

the soldiers he is commanding now.

"To the soldiers of Delta Company, you should be proud of your contributions in operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom. Your contributions have been recognized and used to brief the highest governing officials in our great country, including the president," said Wulff at the close of the ceremony. "To VandeWeg, you're going to do an outstanding job with Delta Company; you're no stranger to the battalion. God speed Eric – you'll do good things. Remember, never ever give up."

With the Delta Company soldiers standing proudly before the brigade dignitaries and distinguished guests, Wulff reminded everyone that being a soldier is a most honorable duty.

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Cyber Counterintelligence Activity Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

By Tina Miles
902nd MI Group

The 310th Military Intelligence Battalion, a subordinate unit of the 902nd Military Intelligence Group, celebrated the grand opening of the Cyber Counterintelligence Activity (CCA) on June 3.

Among the distinguished guests attending the ribbon cutting ceremony were Col. Bradford C. Neal of the Department of Defense Computer Forensics Laboratory; Anthony F. Portare, Deputy Director of the 1st Information Operations Command (Land); as well as senior civilian and military members of the US Army G2, National Security Agency, Defense Intelligence Agency, and the Defense Cyber Crime Center. Others in attendance were representatives of the Defense Computer Investigations Training Program. The ceremony was hosted by Colonel Michael D. Bisacre, 902nd MI Group Commander.

To symbolize the opening of the facility, staff members cut a red ribbon that stretched across



photo by Tina Miles

From left to right: Capt. Charles Willis, Col. Michael Bisacre, Lt. Col. Yvette Nonte and Capt. Joseph Plesh cut the ribbon to officially celebrate the opening of the new CCA.

the entrance of the CCA. Opening remarks were then made by Bisacre, commenting how the CCA was an example of "evolution today" with its recent name change describing the true support the activity supplies to the Department of Defense. A historical briefing was given to visitors, who then viewed displays, and demon-

strations. The various demonstrations pertained to equipment and software used in computer forensics and analysis. Upon completion of the area tour, Lt. Col. Yvette Nonte, commander, 310th MI Battalion, ended the event with a thank-you to visitors and a cake-cutting to com-

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"You should be proud of being soldiers, every one of us who wears the uniform should be proud," he said. "There's no profession where by wearing the uniform, you have acknowledged that you are willing to sacrifice your comforts, your health, and possibly your life to

defend the security and freedom of others. You have just helped to make history, your efforts contributed directly to the regime change in Iraq, you should be very proud. You made history, and made the world a safer place for our kids and our grandkids. Be proud of what

you do, your country is, your neighbors are, your families are. Delta Company it's nice to see you in front of us with your new guidon, continue to work hard, never sacrificing your integrity or morals, always strive to do what is right. God bless you Delta Company, welcome back."

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memorate the occasion.

Until May 1, the CCA was known as the Information Warfare Branch of the 310th MI Battalion located at Fort George G. Meade.

The CCA is comprised of a combination of U.S. Army Counterintelligence (CI) Special Agents, both military and civilian, and technical support personnel who offer a wide range of technical expertise. They conduct computer forensic media analysis in support of CI investigations.

The CCA also conducts investigations of network intrusion into Army Information Systems; they support CI surveys by providing technical advice and assistance to the command concerning computer security posture. The CCA can also conduct mobile training at customer sites regarding network intrusion and seizing computer evidence for forensic analysis.



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Teresa Chapman and Spc. Diane Mitchell, the most senior and junior members of the CCA, cut a cake to commemorate the event.

A CCA Special Agent is on call 24-hours a day. Questions regarding computer investigations are welcomed by the CCA. For further information, contact

the CCA Operations Officer at (301) 677-4913 or the CCA Duty Agent at (301) 580-6494.

The "Deuce" Hosts County Executive Visit

By Tina Miles
902nd Military Group

The 902nd Military Intelligence Group hosted a visit from Anne Arundel County Executive Janet Owens and Melody McEntee, aide to Congressman Dutch Ruppersberger, last week. The ladies received a briefing about the 902nd MI Group and its connection with the local community.

The 902nd MI Group commander, Col Michael Bisacre,

shared instances of volunteer participation with the county's community activities; such as Partners in Education with Meade Heights Elementary School, the annual Navy "Ridgeway Elementary" Special Olympics event and Habitat for Humanity, as well as little league coaching and support to various Scout Troops.

Bisacre emphasized how being a "part of the community means giving back to the community through support." He

stressed the fact that the linkage of the 902nd MI Group with Fort Meade is going to benefit the county immensely stating, "We can educate Congress regarding the global war on terrorism by taking advantage of our resources given and working together." The integral support provided during the recent "sniper incident" was one example used as a demonstration of working together and using

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Col. Michael Bisacre, 902nd MI Group commander, briefs County Executive Janet Owens on the history of the "Deuce."

Army intelligence services.

Bisacre stated in his briefing, "The 'Deuce' has been here in Anne Arundel County since 1974, and it looks like we are here to stay."



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Janet Owens talks with audience members during a break in the visit.