Soldiers assigned to the 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 1st Armored Division, recently conducted urban warfare training during Iron Focus 17 in Orogrande, N.M.

Two U.S. Army Reserve units were recently recognized for outstanding achievement during an Army Communities of Excellence Award Ceremony in Arlington, Va.

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Sponsored by the National Safety Council, National Safety Month is observed annually by the U.S. Army in June. This observance is focused on reducing leading causes of injury and death for service members while on duty, off duty, while driving the nation’s roads and highways, and while in the comfort of their homes and communities. The spring and summer months are typically the most dangerous times of year for Soldiers off duty, especially regarding accidents involving private motor vehicles, motorcycles and personal watercraft. Preventable accidents that result in injuries and fatalities reduce the Army’s strength and impact combat readiness.

By Lisa Ray, FORSCOM Public Affairs

FORT BRAGG, N.C. (June 7, 2017) -- The commander of the Army's newest formation, the 1st Security Force Assistance Brigade, spoke with nearly 100 Soldiers here today about the conventional Army's first permanent unit whose core mission is to advise and assist foreign security forces.

Colonel Scott Jackson is the first commander of the brigade that will be staffed with more than 500 seasoned officers and noncommissioned officers who volunteered to be a part of the unit.

The Secretary of the Army approved the growth of SFABs in 2016 to provide a specially designed force for security force assistance, to preserve brigade combat team readiness, and to provide a cadre to support rapid regeneration of brigade combat teams if required.

Col. Jackson said to provide the best advice and assistance to foreign security forces, the Army is looking for Soldiers who are already proven leaders in the conventional Army, have successful operational experience and have demonstrated competence in their career fields.

Once selected for the brigade, Soldiers will report to Fort Benning, Ga. in October to begin a year-long training regimen that will include formal schooling of security force assistance-specific tasks such as building, training, advising, assisting, and assessing security forces.

Additionally, SFABs will receive collective training with a new training strategy developed specifically for security force assistance including cultural, language and foreign weapons training.

Col. Scott Jackson, commander, 1st Security Force Assistance Brigade talks with Soldiers at Fort Bragg, N.C., June 7, 2017, about the conventional Army’s first permanent unit whose core mission is to advise and assist foreign security forces. (U.S. Army photo by Lisa Ray)
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Right Soldiers from the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), assigned to the Multinational Battle Group-East Forward Command Post, clear a building during a training exercise in Gracanica, Kosovo, May 10, 2017. (U.S. Army photo by Spc. Adeline Witherspoon)

Above 1st Lt. Max Voth (left), platoon leader, and Sgt. Chad McCaskill, an unmanned aircraft systems repairer, D Company, 588th Brigade Engineer Battalion, 3rd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division, assemble an arresting gear harness for RQ-7B Shadow unmanned aerial vehicles at Grafenwoehr Training Area, Germany, May 16, 2017. (U.S. Army photo by Capt. Scott Walters)

Above UH-60 Black Hawk helicopter crewmembers, assigned to Task Force Tigershark, 16th Combat Aviation Brigade, 7th Infantry Division, prepare for a mission at Operating Base Fenty, Jalalabad, Afghanistan, May 17, 2017. (U.S. Army photo by Capt. Brian Harris)

Left Soldiers from the 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, install an OE-254 GRC biconical antenna during the brigade’s Best Fire Support Team competition on Camp Casey, South Korea, May 15, 2017. (U.S. Army photo by Capt. Jonathan Camire)

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