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“Thank you for your professionalism during the past several months. Today, we must ensure continuity within the Department of the Army, and remain ready to defend our Nation as we transition new civilian leaders.”
– Hon. Robert M. Speer
Acting Secretary of the Army

On Point
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Poland welcomes 4th Infantry Division Soldiers

BOLESŁAWIEC, Poland – The citizens of Poland formally welcomed American Soldiers assigned to 588th Brigade Engineer Battalion, 3rd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division and Cpl. Peter Knyzsek, assigned to 23rd Field Artillery Regiment, Polish Army salute during a celebration ceremony welcoming American Soldiers to Bolesławiec, Poland. Feb. 5, 2017. (U.S. Army photo by Staff Sgt. Elizabeth Tarr)

By Staff Sgt. Elizabeth Tarr, 24th Press Camp Headquarters

BOLESŁAWIEC, Poland – The citizens of Poland formally welcomed American Soldiers assigned to 588th Brigade Engineer Battalion, 3rd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division during a ceremony in the town square here Feb. 5, 2017.

The Soldiers arrived in Poland in January to begin back-to-back rotations of armored brigades in Europe as part of Operation Atlantic Resolve.

Col. Christopher Norrie, commander of 3rd ABCT began by thanking the locals for their hospitality and kindness upon the unit’s arrival.

“This is yet another example of the very warm welcome that our team has received here and throughout Poland,” he said. “On behalf of our entire team, particularly the Soldiers of the 588th Brigade Engineer Battalion, we give our most sincere thanks for your generosity and friendship.”

The ceremony was a celebration, which included song and dance performances by American Soldiers, Polish children performing traditional dances, a physical fitness competition, and displays of U.S. and Polish vehicles and equipment. The highlight of the day was the American-made chili, which garnered a long line and accolades from the Polish citizens.

“This soup is really good,” one Polish citizen told a Soldier as he placed the cover over the last of the empty containers.

Lt. Col. George Mitroka, commander of 588th AEB, said the Soldiers of the unit had been working on this event for the past two weeks. “I really appreciate the hard work the Soldiers and the community put forth with helping us to achieve such a successful event.”

First Aid training in Poland

24th Press Camp Headquarters - Pfc. William Wallen, 3rd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division medic, shows Polish students how to conduct cardiopulmonary resuscitation during a joint basic first aid training course, Jan. 27, 2017, in Zagan, Poland. (U.S. Army photo by Staff Sgt. Elizabeth Tarr)

FORSOM in the news

Common Remotely Operated Weapon Stations were recently fielded to U.S. Army Reserve units at Fort Chaffee, Ark.

The 1st Battalion, 43rd Air Defense Artillery Regiment, 69th Air Defense Artillery Brigade, recently underwent a standardization evaluation in Southwest Asia.

3rd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division Soldiers, Polish medics and firefighters recently provided joint basic first aid training to Polish students.

Troopers of 1st Squadron, 6th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Combat Aviation Brigade, 1st Infantry Division, recently cased the unit colors for a deployment to Korea.
TOP SHOTS

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Right Staff Sgt. Elizabeth Kleimola, dental specialist, 257th Dental Company, 44th Medical Brigade, working as an instructor with the XVIII Airborne Corps DeGlopper Air Assault School, prepares a UH-60 Black Hawk Helicopter for rappel training at Fort Bragg, N.C., Jan. 25, 2017. (U.S. Army photo by Pfc. Hubert D. Delany III)

Left Soldiers assigned to B Company, 3rd Battalion, 16th Infantry Regiment, 2nd Infantry Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division, treat a simulated casualty during a live fire exercise, Jan. 27, 2017. (U.S. Army photo by Spc. Elizabeth White)

Above Soldiers of the 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 82nd Airborne Division move a "casualty" to a helicopter-landing zone during a simulated casualty evacuation at Camp Swift, Makhmour, Iraq, Jan. 22, 2017. (U.S. Army photo by Spc. Ian Ryan)


Above Sgt. First Class Fernando Terrazas, 85th Support Command, First Army Division West, assembles a M2 .50 caliber machine gun during the Warrior Task and Battle Drill portion of the First Army Division West Best Warrior Competition at Fort Bliss, Texas, Jan. 20, 2017. (U.S. Army photo by Sgt. Matthew S. Griffith)

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