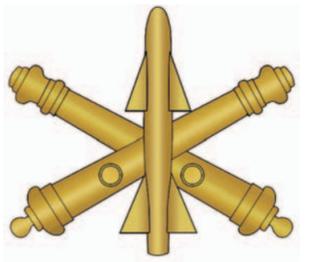


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Photo by Ben Sherman

Incoming Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. Thomas Miller receives the noncommissioned officers' sword from Col. Paul Hossenlopp, Fort Sill Garrison commander, during a change of responsibility ceremony in front of McNair Hall June 12. The sword represents the passing of responsibility from outgoing Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. Terry Hall (right) who is retiring after 30 years. Also participating in the ceremony was honor guard commander, Sgt. Maj. Sylvester Jeffrey.

Crossing repairs, lighting installation

Railroad crossing repairs are under way at the small crossing at Powers Hall, Bldg. 813 on Macomb Road. Repairs will continue through June.

Howitzer Trail from Randolph Road to Berry Street is closed for extension work and railroad crossing repairs, and will remain closed for about nine months.

New street lamps will be installed on the east side of Fort Sill Boulevard beginning today, and work will last about 180 days. Flag men might divert traffic flow to one lane during non-peak hours in the northbound lane of Fort Sill Boulevard.

RR crossing repairs will begin at the busy Fort Sill Boulevard and Macomb Road intersection July 9 and last until about Aug. 4.

Detours will be clearly marked at all construction sites, and orange barrels, safety barriers and flag men will be present where needed. For more information, call Jeff Bussey, Fort Sill Army Corps of Engineers, at 581-4112.

CSM ceremony

The 434th Field Artillery Brigade change of responsibility ceremony is June 19 at 9 a.m. at Quarry Hill Chapel Field. Command Sgt. Maj. Edward Estep takes responsibility from Command Sgt. Maj. Brian Lindsey. The public is invited.

Change of command

The 30th Air Defense Artillery Brigade will conduct a change of command ceremony June 22 between Col. William Stacey (outgoing commander) and Col. Michael Simley (incoming commander). The event will take place at Polo Field at 9 a.m. There will be an awards presentation prior to the ceremony at 8:15 a.m., and a reception in the hall.

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Fields and firepower



Photo by Caitlin Kenney

A Marine Reservist from K Battery, 2nd Battalion, 14th Marine Regiment, walks through Training Area 18 at the end of the day June 7 during annual High Mobility Artillery Rocket System training at Fort Sill. For the complete story and photos see Page 8A.

Two centuries of securing freedom

237TH ARMY BIRTHDAY



On this day, 237 years ago, our nation's leaders established the Continental Army to protect oppressed colonists yearning for freedom — beginning our Army's rich heritage of defending our country and her citizens.

Today, we celebrate the generations of Soldiers who embraced this calling and have served this great nation with honor, loyalty and bravery in peace and war for more than two centuries.

Change has always been an enduring theme of our Army's experience. After our long war for independence, we adapted to meet the needs of an expanding nation — securing frontiers, building roads and canals, and mapping new territories.

In the 20th century, we fought

two world wars to defeat tyranny and spread the cause of freedom — emerging as the stabilizing global force. From Korea to Vietnam to the Persian Gulf, we answered our nation's every call to preserve peace and stability. And, following the attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, our Army made the decisive contribution to the global struggle against violent extremism.

Today, more than a decade later, as we reflect on our accomplishments in Iraq, we continue to serve our nation's interests in Afghanistan and elsewhere, and protect the American people at home. We remain vigilant as we prepare for the challenges of an uncertain future.

Despite all this, some things

have never changed. Our Army has always remained true to our enduring professional values: We value the dignity and respect of all our Soldiers, families and civilians; we honor the sacred trust our nation places with us; and, we remain our nation's loyal servants — defending the principles upon which our Declaration of Independence and Constitution were established. For 237 years, America's Army has always answered the nation's call,

and we always will.

On our Army's birthday, we thank every Soldier, civilian and family member who has ever served in our ranks for your dedication to duty and the selfless service that have made us all Army Strong. Happy Birthday!

Raymond Chandler III,
Sergeant Major of the Army
Raymond Odierno,
General, USA Chief of Staff
John McHugh,
Secretary of the Army



Workers from MS Concrete Construction of Lawton, smooth out a sidewalk June 8 near Hoskins Road at Fort Sill Boulevard here. It was one of three sidewalk projects under way at Fort Sill.

Sidewalks poured

Story, photo
By Cannoneer staff

Three sidewalk construction projects are under way, and when completed will make it easier for pedestrians to transit Fort Sill, said a Directorate of Public Works engineer. The sidewalks are 10-foot wide, Americans with Disabilities Act compliant, and portions of the walk which are already completed may now be used by pedestrians. He & I Construction, Inc., of Lawton began the work in January.

Fort Sill Boulevard

The sidewalk on the west side of Fort Sill Boulevard begins at Mow-

Way Road near the Buffalo Soldiers Acres Neighborhood Three-Mile Track, said Gary Haynie, DPW Construction Branch chief. Once completed in early August, the sidewalk will extend to Sheridan Road. This sidewalk will be easily accessible to Soldiers at the new 428th Field Artillery Brigade advanced individual training barracks and the new Warrior Transition Unit.

Sheridan Road

The sidewalk on the west side of Sheridan Road runs parallel to the roadway. The walkway begins at Mow-Way Road and will extend to Miner Road. It is scheduled to be

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