



AIR DEFENSE ARTILLERY NEWS FROM AROUND THE GLOBE – September 2013

[IAMD IBCS INTEGRATES PATRIOT MISSILES AND SENTINEL RADAR](#)

(Shepherd News/23 September 2013)

By Shepherd News Team

The Integrated Air and Missile Defense (IAMD) Battle Command System (IBCS) will be capable of launching and controlling Patriot Advanced Capability-2 and -3 (PAC-2 and PAC-3) missile interceptors and the Sentinel radar from an IBCS operations center following integration work by a government-industry team (US Army and Northrop Grumman). IBCS optimizes battle management command and control by implementing an open, network-centric, system-of-systems solution. The system uses an enterprise, plug-and-fight approach to ensure that current and future sensors and weapon systems can be incorporated.

An Army IAMD demonstration scheduled for later this year will be a snapshot of IBCS capabilities in the development process and will show integrated Sentinel and Patriot battle command operations.

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[SOLDIERS CONDUCT GRENADE TRAINING](#)

(Dvids/18 September 2013)

By 1st Lt. Mitchel Reed Battalion, 2nd Battalion, 44th Air Defense Artillery Regiment

Fort Campbell, Ky. – The soldiers of C Battery, 2nd Battalion, 44th Air Defense Artillery (C/2-44 ADA) Regiment, conducted a live grenade qualification range on 3 Sept. 2013. This was the first time in nearly four years that the unit had the opportunity to participate. The Charlie Battery "Hellfighters" conducted extensive preparation for two week prior to the range. The unit provided range refresher training to all participating soldiers. The training went over different throwing techniques and identified which personnel would require additional training before going to the range.

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[JAPAN COULD ACQUIRE THAAD ANTIMISSILE SYSTEM](#)

(Global Security Newswire/17 September 2013)

Japan has moved to finance an assessment on potentially augmenting its missile-interceptor capabilities with a Terminal High-Altitude Area Defense System, according to a Tuesday press report quoted by the Kuwait News Agency.

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[NOW IS NOT THE TIME TO CUT MISSILE DEFENSE](#)

(The Baltimore Sun/16 September 2013) By Claude Berube

The current administration is cutting the missile defense budget, even though satellite imagery suggests North Korea has expanded its uranium enrichment capabilities and has promised to fire more long-range rockets. Labs in Pyongyang are hard at work developing nuclear-armed missiles capable of striking the U.S. mainland. With the North Korean threat apparently mounting, it's essential for the United States to continue investing in missile defense.

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IN TURKEY, U.S. SOLDIERS GUARD AGAINST SYRIAN MISSILE THREAT

(CNN/13 September 2013)

By Ivan Wayson and Gul Tuysuz, CNN

Gaziantep, Turkey (CNN) – On a hillside overlooking one of Turkey's largest cities, approximately 300 air defenders assigned to the 3rd Battalion, 2nd Air Defense Artillery (3-2 ADA) Regiment based out of Fort Sill, Okla., have stood guard, scanning the skies for missiles fired from nearby Syria. It is a U.S. military "boots on the ground" deployment close to the Syrian border that has been largely overlooked during the furious debate in Washington over whether to attack the Syrian regime.

(To see the news clip and read the entire article, click on the hyperlinked title above.)

3-2 ADA AIR DEFENDERS PROVE VERSATILITY IN TRAINING AND PREPARATION

(Dvids/13 September 2013) Courtesy Article from 10th AAMDC

Gaziantep, Turkey – The soldiers of Bravo Battery, 3rd Battalion, 2nd Air Defense Artillery (B/3-2 ADA), deployed to Turkey in support of NATO Operation Active Fence, don't need to be reminded about the importance of protecting friendly forces. As air defenders, they have spent their entire careers preparing for the moment they may have to defend the skies from ballistic missile attacks and protect the 1.5 million citizens of the metropolitan area of Gaziantep, Turkey.

However, during a recent training exercise, the focus was not on protecting the skies, but on defending against a potential ground attack. The purpose of the drill was to validate the unit's ability to protect their perimeter, and in the end, the Blackjack warriors proved they were ready for anything.

(To read the entire article, click on the hyperlinked title above.)

S. KOREA EYING PAC-III, THAAD FOR MISSILE DEFENSE: Industry Official

(Global Post-Yonhap News Agency/11 September 2013)

By Lee Chi-dong and Kim Eun-jung

Washington/Seoul –The South Korean military is apparently seeking to upgrade its missile defense capability to Patriot Advanced Capability (PAC)-III, with the purchase of Terminal High Altitude Area Defense (THAAD) systems in mind as a possible next step, a U.S. defense industry official said Wednesday.

(To read the entire article, click on the hyperlinked title above.)

See also: *Northrop Grumman, U.S. Army Incorporate Patriot and Sentinel Capabilities into Integrated Air and Missile Defense Battle Command System (Northrop Gumman/23 September 2013) by Northrop Gumman Corporation at <http://investor.northropgrumman.com/phoenix.zhtml?c=112386&p=irol-newsArticle&ID=1857003&highlight=>*

THAAD AND AEGIS BMD SUCCESSFULLY ENGAGE MULTIPLE TARGETS DURING THE INTEGRATED BALLISTIC MISSILE DEFENSE SYSTEM TEST

(PRNewswire/11 September 2013)

By Lockheed Martin Corporation

Reagan Test Site, Kwajalein Atoll – Lockheed Martin's Terminal High-Altitude Area Defense (THAAD) Weapon System and the Aegis Ballistic Missile Defense System (BMDS) successfully conducted a complex missile defense flight test resulting in the intercept of two medium-range ballistic missile targets in an operationally realistic environment. The test stressed the ability of the Aegis BMD and THAAD weapon systems to defeat a raid of two near-simultaneous medium-range ballistic missile targets. Preliminary data indicate all test objectives were achieved. (To read the complete article, click on the hyperlinked title above.)

See also: [Missile Defense Test Succeeds Against Medium-Range Targets](#) (DoD Release/10 Sept. 2013) by American Forces Press Service and [U.S. Zaps Two Medium-Range Missiles in Test of Lockheed System](#) (Reuters/10 Sept.2013) by Andrea Shalal-Esa



[SILL SOLDIERS TO PROVIDE AIR, MISSILE DEFENSE IN GULF](#)

(Lawton Constitution/5 September 2013)

By Mitch Meador (Subscription required.)

Fort Sill, Okla. – Fort Sill held a deployment ceremony Wednesday for approximately 50 soldiers from the 31st Air Defense Artillery (ADA) Brigade Headquarters who will deploy soon to southwest Asia.

Col. Michael Morrissey, brigade commander, said they will deploy to provide an air and missile defense mission command across five countries in the Arabian Gulf.

(To read the complete article, click on the hyperlinked title above.)



[ADA TROOPS SET TO DEPLOY](#)

(KSWO.COM/4 September 2012)

Transcript of televised newscast by staff members.

Fort Sill, Okla. – Less than 24 hours after a crowd welcomed several Fort Sill soldiers home from a tour of duty in the Middle East, another crowd gathered on post to say goodbye.

The deployment ceremony was for the members of the 31st Air Defense Artillery Brigade. They will be deploying to Southwest Asia at the end of the month.

Troops are deployed out of Fort Sill frequently. Many times, what these troops give is overlooked. 7News spoke to personnel Wednesday who say whether it's their first deployment or if they've gone overseas several times, they stay committed to the cause of their country.

Wednesday was all about honor and pride, as ceremonies were held to celebrate the ADA troops preparing to deploy.

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[1ST BATTALION, 44TH AIR DEFENSE ARTILLERY REGIMENT CASES COLORS FOR DEPLOYMENT](#)

(Fort Hood Herald/4 September 2013)

Article and photos by Sgt. Maria L. Kappell, 69th ADA Brigade Public Affairs

Fort Hood, Texas – Soldiers, family members and friends of the 1st Battalion, 44th Air Defense Artillery (1-44 ADA) Regiment, 69th ADA Brigade, gathered at Sadowski Field on 28 August 2013, to watch the battalion case its colors in preparation for its imminent, year-long deployment to Southwest Asia.

Despite the deployment getting pushed seven months ahead of schedule, the troops are trained and ready to go, said Lt. Col. Maurice Barnett, battalion commander.

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[FAMILIES TAKE PART IN UNIT OBSTACLE COURSE](#)

(Fort Hood Herald/4 September 2013)

Article and photos by Sgt. Maria L. Kappell, 69th ADA Brigade Public Affairs

Fort Hood, Texas – Smiling faces were seen all across the 69th Air Defense Artillery (ADA) Brigade's Soldier Field as the 4th Battalion, 5th Air Defense Artillery (4-5 ADA) Regiment hosted a junior and family obstacle course on 23 August 2013. This was a team building

event, consisting of a series of obstacle courses that were meant to simulate soldier skills, but on an easier level so the children of the unit would be able to participate, allowed the kids to get a taste of the training their parents go through with a fun twist, said Lt. Col. Bill Dowling, battalion commander.

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ISRAEL SAYS IS CONDUCTED MISSILE TESTS IN MEDITERRANEAN

(wltx.com/3 September 2013)

Article by Kim Hjelmgaard, USA Today and photo by Jack Guez, AFP/Getty.

Tensions over Syria ratcheted up a notch on Tuesday after Russia's Defense Ministry said it detected traces of ballistic "objects" - now claimed by Israel - launched from an area in the central Mediterranean and moving in an easterly direction.

After some initial confusion over who was responsible, the Israeli military said it was behind the launch, saying it was carrying out a joint missile test with the United States, reports from the BBC and Reuters said.

However, it was not immediately clear to what extent the U.S. was involved in the missile test. Earlier, CBS News tweeted that a U.S. official confirmed that American ships or planes were not involved in the missile launches.

Separately, Pentagon spokesman Navy Commander William Speaks told the Associated Press: "I have nothing to confirm those reports whatsoever."

(To read the complete article, click on the hyperlinked title above.)

See Also: *US-Israeli Missile Test in Med Rattles Moscow (Military.com/3 September 2013) By Richard Sisk at <http://www.military.com/daily-news/2013/09/03/us-israeli-missile-test-in-med-rattles-moscow.html?comp=700001075741&rank=1>*

U.S. ARMY PACIFIC COMMANDER GEN. VICENT BROOKS VISITS THAAD UNIT DEPLOYED AT GUAM'S AAFB LAST MONTH

(Pacific News Center - Guam/3 September 2013)

By Kevin Kerrigan

Guam – U.S. Army Pacific Commander Gen. Vincent Brooks was on Guam last month where he met with Soldiers manning the THAAD unit that was deployed to Guam this past April (2013). The Terminal High Altitude Area Defense (THAAD) was deployed to Guam from Fort Bliss, Texas, in the wake of threats earlier this year from North Korea. According to captions on photos posted on DVIDS last Friday, Gen Brooks spoke with Soldiers of A-4 THAAD about numerous personnel and operational issues during his visit to Andersen AFB, Guam, on Sunday, 18 August 2013.

(To see more photos and captions, click on the hyperlinked title above and/or go to the Dvids website at <http://www.dvidshub.net/image/1007904/gen-brooks-visits-bangladesh#.UiVccj-ldas>.)

TCOM REVOLUTIONIZES SURVEILLANCE AEROSTAT WITH NEXT-GENERATION ULTRA-DURABLE HULL MATERIAL

(HS Today.US /3 September 2013)

By Homeland Security Today Staff

Tethered Communications Of Maryland (TCOM) LP successfully deployed revolutionary new ultra-durable hull material that enables operations of surveillance aerostats in extreme weather conditions for long durations, meeting the requirements of US Army's Joint Land Attack Cruise Missile Defense Elevated Netted Sensor System (JLENS) program.

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