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**ARMY ANNOUNCES RECONFIGURATION OF FOURTH STRYKER BRIGADE**

**FORT POLK, LA –The Army announced today that it is adjusting the design of the fourth Stryker Brigade Combat Team (SBCT) from a Cavalry to an Infantry configuration.**

**The 2d Armored Cavalry Regiment (ACR), stationed here at Fort Polk, La., will begin the transformation to an Infantry-based Stryker Brigade upon its return from Operation Iraqi Freedom. The unit is expected to attain an initial operational capability (IOC) as an infantry-designed SBCT by late 2006.**

**The conversion of the 2d ACR to an infantry-centric SBCT supports the Army's transition to modularity, standardizes the design for all six planned SBCTs, and increases the number of Army infantry formations available to combatant commanders worldwide to set the tempo of battle and act decisively against enemy forces.**

**“Stryker Brigade transformation is an integral part of the Army's transformation roadmap and is critical to keeping the Army strategically responsive and dominant at every point in the spectrum of military operations.” said Brigadier General Michael D. Barbero, Commander, Joint Readiness Training Center and Fort Polk. “Our role in the Stryker transformation process is a testament to Fort Polk's continued relevance in the Army's transformation process.”**

**Barbero continued by saying, “The focal point for our transformation will not be solely on the type of equipment we transform with but also on taking care of the Soldiers and families currently assigned to this unit. They have made tremendous sacrifices over the past year and their future is a priority for us.”**

**The design adjustment will not change the home stationing of the 2d ACR. The unit will stay here at Fort Polk; however, there will be a personnel growth of over 500 Soldiers.**