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Fort Polk to receive new Infantry brigade combat team

FORT POLK, LA – The Department of the Army announced today that Fort Polk will soon be the site for one of the new modular Brigade Combat Teams Units of Action (BCT/UA).

“From a Fort Polk perspective, this is a great decision,” said Colonel Kent Schweikert, Deputy Commander, Joint Readiness Training Center and Fort Polk. “As home of the Army's premier training facility for light infantry forces, Fort Polk is exceptionally well suited to support one of the Army's new Infantry Brigade Combat Team Units of Action (BCT/UA). The infantry BCT/UA is a highly deployable unit and is an important part of the current efforts to transform the Army.”

As part of the decision to position the new BCT/UA, the 2nd Armored Cavalry Regiment will move to Fort Lewis, Washington and convert to a Stryker Brigade Combat team.

“The 2ACR has performed admirably in peace and war and will be missed from the post, but it will remain a relevant and lethal force wherever it is stationed,” continued Schweikert. “The Army and Fort Polk remains committed to taking care of its soldiers during this transition. This decision supports Army efforts to transform now to meet current and future challenges in the War on Terror.”

The new Infantry Brigade Combat Team is a highly deployable unit will enhance the Army's ability to project power from CONUS bases while simultaneously preparing forces for full spectrum operations. This is an important part of the current efforts to transform the Army to be relevant and ready to win the War on Terror.

The new BCT/UA, which will be stationed at Fort Polk in fiscal year 2005, will be designated as the 4th Brigade, 10th Mountain and will result in a net increase of approximately 300 additional Soldiers stationed here at Fort Polk.

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Media Advisory

The Fort Polk command will hold press conference today at 3:30 p.m. at the Media Operations Center, Bldg. 401 Radio Road. Media representatives needing to set up equipment must arrive by 3:00 p.m. For more information, contact Major Ron Elliott at (337) 208-3436.