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**Third Army hosts senior military leaders from the CENTCOM AOR**  
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**Columbus, Ga.** – Third Army hosted senior military leaders from the Middle East, South and Central Asia this week in Columbus, Ga., for the fifth annual Land Forces Symposium. The event provides a platform for senior leaders in the region and generated substantial dialogue intended to build on current relationships and cope with emerging challenges in the region.

The event was co-hosted by Gen. George W. Casey Jr., U.S. Army chief of staff, and Lt. Gen. William G. Webster, Third Army/U.S. Army Central commander.

The panel discussions included consequence management, regional security challenges and security cooperation programs.

"With so much at stake in the region for the United States and our partners, it makes sense to conduct such dialogue on a regular basis," Webster said.

This year's event was unique because it incorporated the senior noncommissioned officers into the program. They were invited from the region and were hosted by Command Sgt. Maj John D. Fourhman, Third Army Command Sgt. Maj. Their program focused on issues important to enlisted soldiers.

"It was extremely important to show the value of the NCO corps; I chose to focus on training for our NCO component because that is one thing that is common to everyone in this room," Fourhman said. "That is our common ground, regardless what country you are from."

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