

# **Media Advisory**

## **Third Army Change of Responsibility Sept. 12, 2011**

**WHAT:** Third Army will conduct a Change of Responsibility Ceremony Sept. 16, at 9 a.m. at Shaw Air Force Base, S.C. Command Sgt. Maj. John D. Fourhman will relinquish responsibility to Command Sgt. Maj. Stephan Frennier. The event will be the first of its type for Third Army at Shaw Air Force Base.

**BACKGROUND:** Command Sgt. Maj. Stephan Frennier will assume responsibility of Third Army on Sept. 16. In his previous assignment Command Sgt. Maj. Stephan Frennier served as the senior enlisted advisor to U.S. Forces-Iraq Deputy Commanding General for Advisory & Training. Command Sgt. Maj. John D. Fourhman is the outgoing senior enlisted advisor; he assumed responsibility of Third Army in 2008. Upon completion of the change of responsibility he will retire after 36 years of military service.

Third Army serves as the Army's longest continuously deployed warfighting headquarters, currently operating from five distinct locations to include its Main Command Post in Shaw Air Force Base, S.C., Forward Command Post in Kuwait, ARCENT Support Element-Iraq, ARCENT Coordination Support Element- Afghanistan.

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Third Army's main effort is to sustain the warfighters operating in Central Command's area of operations. Nickel II is a prime example of Third Army's success in sustaining the force. It was the largest logistical operation since War II, requiring the execution of the drawdown from Iraq while conducting the buildup in Afghanistan. Third Army serves as the life line to the front line, successfully reducing troop levels in Iraq from 136,000 to 50,000 while integrating a Door-to-Door program to move priority equipment from Iraq to Afghanistan. Third Army prides itself on the ability to anticipate warfighter needs. Third Army successfully retrograded \$1.2 billion worth of equipment, transferred tens of thousands of pieces of rolling stock, and facilitated the increase of 30,000 U.S. forces into Afghanistan. Third Army also has a robust theater security cooperation program that is fundamental in increasing interoperability and building relationships with partner nations. At any time Third Army has forces deployed in 12 of the 20 nations in the CENTCOM area of responsibility.

**WHEN:** 9 a.m. Sept. 16, 2011

**WHERE:** Patton Hall, 1 Gabreski Drive, Shaw Air Force Base, S.C.

**MEDIA OPPORTUNITY:** The media is invited to attend the ceremony. Interested media should contact Third Army Public Affairs as soon as possible. **Media is not permitted on Shaw Air Force Base without prior coordination, must have vehicle registration, proof of insurance and driver's license.** Contact Major Charlie Barrett at 803-885-8875, [Charlie.barrett@arcent.army.mil](mailto:Charlie.barrett@arcent.army.mil) to coordinate on-post access in advance.

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