

DRAGON PULSE



What do you think of the new 'Army Strong' campaign as opposed to 'Army of One'?



"It's a good slogan, it's true."

— Beverly Smith, Contractor, Chimes D.C.



"I think the Army of One said more, but with the Army Strong campaign, the effort is to raise the morale and portray the best outlook of today's Army."

— Spc. Randy Castner, 122nd Helicopter Support Battalion



"I think it's better than the one before."

— Lucy Wallace, Contractor, Chimes D.C.



When we joined, it was "Uncle Sam needs you! Slogans don't make a difference, people do."

— Ralph Stiles, Vietnam Veteran



"I think it's an improvement over Army of One. It speaks to what the Army is all about and what the Army needs from individuals."

— Ch. (Maj.) Brad West, Family Life Chaplain

VOTE

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On Nov. 7, our nation will participate in the general election.

Soldiers throughout our history have given their lives so we would have the opportunity to enjoy many freedoms like voting.

It's a privilege we should not take lightly.

All XVIII Airborne Corps commanders will ensure that our Soldiers, government employees and fami-

ly members are provided the opportunity to vote on Election Day.

America is extremely proud of your commitment and selfless service to our great country and Army.

Now let us participate in one of the most important opportunities we have as a citizen, the right to vote.



Voting should be high priority for troops

by Sandy Aubrey

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This is an election year and Fort Bragg Voting Assistance Program urges Soldiers, eligible family members and civilian employees to vote. Webster Dictionary defines "election" as the act or power of choosing. And it's time to choose again.

Some of the elections coming up Nov. 7 are U.S. Congress, district attorney, U.S. Senate, N.C. State House, clerk of court, county commissioners, supreme court chief justice, court of appeals judge, superior court judge and district court judge.

"Voting for our Soldiers and family members should be a high priority. With the war in Iraq and our Soldiers deployed all over the world fighting for peace, their vote is very important. People should educate themselves thoroughly on what each candidate offers and vote," said Pat Long, Fort Bragg voting assistant officer.

The intent of the Fort Bragg Voting Assistance program is to ensure all Soldiers, civilians, and family members are afforded all of the information and materials necessary to vote.

Persons who need more information or assistance should contact their unit's voting assistance officer, or Long at 396-1499. can call FVAP directly at 1-800-438-8683.

Additionally, the Department of Defense Voting Information Center provides callers direct access to their U.S. senators and representative, governor, secretary of state, chief election official, and service or Department of State Voting Action Officers.

The VIC provides information on up-coming elections and general information on voting. Ombudsmen can be contacted for assistance through the VIC at commercial toll free: (800) 438-8683 or DSN (for members of the military) 425-1343.

The foundation of the United States of America is based on its people voting for representatives who share objectives and goals and many times in history one vote has made the difference — one vote can cause a candidate to lose the popular vote and thus lose the election said Long.

Having choices is empowering and we either take the opportunity to make our own choices or somebody will make them for us.

Why Army Strong?

by Lt. Col. Wayne Shanks

Army News Service

WASHINGTON — I have to admit when I first heard 'Army Strong' I thought, "That's it?" But as I've thought about it, Army Strong is much more than two words. It represents the best of the Army; the best of America; the best of each and every Soldier.

I think Army Strong works better if you imply "I am, You are or We are" Army Strong, but what does it mean to be Army Strong?

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Army Strong is more

than sheer military might (tanks, helicopters, artillery, missiles, etc...); it's the Soldiers who drive, fly or shoot all that hardware.

Army Strong is more than completing tough training; it's parachuting

out of an airplane at 800 feet when you're scared to death of heights.

Army Strong is more than being smart; it's having the knowledge and tenacity to develop a way to solve seemingly impossible problems.

Army Strong is more than combat operations that destroy an enemy; it's the Soldiers and leaders who plan and execute it — it's boots on the ground.

Army Strong is more than the pungent smell of burnt gunpowder after a firefight; it's the Soldiers whose well aimed fire protected their buddies.

Army Strong is more than intelligence systems, Unmanned Aerial Vehicles and Global Positioning Systems; it's the Soldiers who bring that information to the leaders who can use it to stop an insurgent attack.

Army Strong is more than beans, bullets and repair parts; it's the Soldiers who ship, manage, prepare, repair and move all the things that keep the Army rolling along.

Army Strong is more than just doing what's right; it's the Army values embodied by Soldiers who carry out their duties everyday.

Army Strong is more than a "Welcome Home" sign taped to a fence; it's the "Daddy, daddy, daddy!" yelled across a tarmac late at night and a long embrace at the end of a deployment.

Army Strong is more than an individual Soldier's strength; it's the teamwork of a well-trained squad executing actions on contact.

In short, Army Strong is far more than two words; it's the underlying moral fiber, the deep-seated emotions and the total determination every Soldier carries.

No one can stop this team — it's Army Strong.



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U.S. Military Academy Cadet Third Class Jason Schreuder spent 12 hours carving his contribution to the new "Army Strong" campaign.

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