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Army to reorganize Infantry, Armor units here to align with reduced training load

FORT BENNING, Ga. (April 5, 2013)—The 3rd Battalion, 47th Infantry Regiment, 192nd Infantry Brigade, will case its colors at the unit's relinquishment of command and discontinuance ceremony at 9 a.m. Monday on Sand Hill's Pomeroy Field.

This summer, the remaining battalions of the 192nd Infantry Brigade will reorganize here, and the brigade, along with its headquarters element, will discontinue. These actions are part of the Army's initiative to reshape its forces to meet national security requirements more effectively, while reducing its end-strength from 562,000 at the end of fiscal year 2012 to 490,000 by fiscal year 2020.

This restructuring will save the Army an estimated \$1,628,800 in fiscal year 2014, while affecting 44 military positions and 27 civilian positions – of which four are currently vacant. The affected Soldiers and civilian employees will be reassigned to vacant positions on post. The Maneuver Center of Excellence has also offered affected civilian employees the opportunity to take advantage of Voluntary Early Retirement Authority and Voluntary Separation Incentive Programs. No civilians will lose employment because of the reorganization, and this action will not trigger a reduction in force.

These actions are not a result of sequestration. Instead they are the local reduction of the number of units needed to train fewer Soldiers at Fort Benning due to the overall drawdown of the Army. Since the wartime highpoint in 2010, the number of Soldiers who train here annually has dropped by about 23 percent. As a result, fewer units are needed to support the decreased training load. Reorganization of the remaining 192nd Brigade elements will occur as follows:

In third quarter, fiscal year 2013:

- 3rd Battalion, 47th Infantry Regiment— Discontinued, companies reorganized to 2nd Battalion, 47th Infantry Regiment and 1st Battalion, 46th Infantry Regiment
 - Company A, 3rd Battalion, 47th Infantry Regiment— transferred to 1st Battalion, 46th Infantry Regiment
 - Companies B and C, 3rd Battalion, 47th Infantry Regiment— transferred to 2nd Battalion, 47th Infantry Regiment

In June 2013:

- 1st Battalion, 46th Infantry Regiment, 192nd Infantry Brigade— Reorganized under 194th Armor Brigade
- 2nd Battalion, 47th Infantry Regiment, 192nd Infantry Brigade— Reorganized under 194th Armor Brigade
- 30th Adjutant General Battalion (Reception), 192nd Infantry Brigade— Reorganized under 194th Armor Brigade
- Headquarters, Headquarters Company, 192nd Infantry Brigade— Discontinued
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