

What makes the TANK crew distinct?

The fundamental mission of the tank platoon is to *close with and destroy the enemy*. The platoon's ability to *shoot, move, and communicate* is a *decisive* factor on the modern battlefield... the tank platoon provides capabilities that *do not exist elsewhere in the U.S. Army*, and the proper application of those capabilities ensures that it is a *devastating force* on the modern battlefield. – ATP 3-20.15

A TEAM: Tank crews are a **tightly integrated** team, each member has primary duties; however, **success** depends on them **working together** as a crew. - ATP 3-20.15



Crews must be **aggressive**, and their tactics must reflect the **tempo** and **intensity** of maneuver warfare. - ATP 3-20.15

"All crewmen must exercise **situational awareness** to achieve mission success and survival, in any tactical situation."

"...evaluate the strength and endurance of the armor crewman. The test is based on typical tasks that all armor crewmen must be physically able to perform whether in garrison, in the field, or in combat." TC 17-15-8 (TEST), MG Starry

"They must **work together** to **maintain** and **service** their tank and equipment and **function as one** in combat...crew members perform daily checks and services on their vehicle."

The use of crewmen who are trained as CLS is **absolutely critical**. Ideally, however, each crewman should be a CLS.

Effective CID for a crew requires a **constant combined effort** from each crew member. Crews must learn and **practice restraint** in what and when to engage.

...task only his **most proficient** firing crews and **most accurate tanks** to execute the long-range gunnery mission.

Specific Tests of Strength and Muscular Endurance

Prepare for Combat
Prep to Fire Checks,
Mastery of Crew-served Weapons and Maintenance

Conduct Tactical Combat Care

Vehicle Identification & "Shoot- No Shoot" engagements

Demonstrated proficiency in degraded conditions

Sullivan Cup Events

1. **The Armor Crewman Proficiency Test** will evaluate crews on their ability to accomplish 19K physical tasks in accordance with TC 17-15-8.
2. **The Tank STX Event** will test crews in their ability to conduct maintenance, first aid, GST tasks and 19K specific tasks while conducting mounted land navigation in a tactical scenario.
3. **The Crew Live Fire Exercise** will test crews' abilities to communicate and work as a team in order to identify, engage and destroy the enemy from both an offensive and defensive posture.
4. **The Crew Shoot-off event** is for the Top Four Crews overall. This event will determine who of the top four is the best of the best.

Sullivan Cup POCs

Unit Command Representatives please contact the Sullivan Cup TOC at 706-626-3725.

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1-6 May 2016



Harmony Church Fort Benning, Georgia



2016 Sullivan Cup Champions
2nd Battalion, 69th Armor Regiment
3rd Armored Brigade Combat Team
3rd Infantry Division

GEN (R) Gordon R. Sullivan:



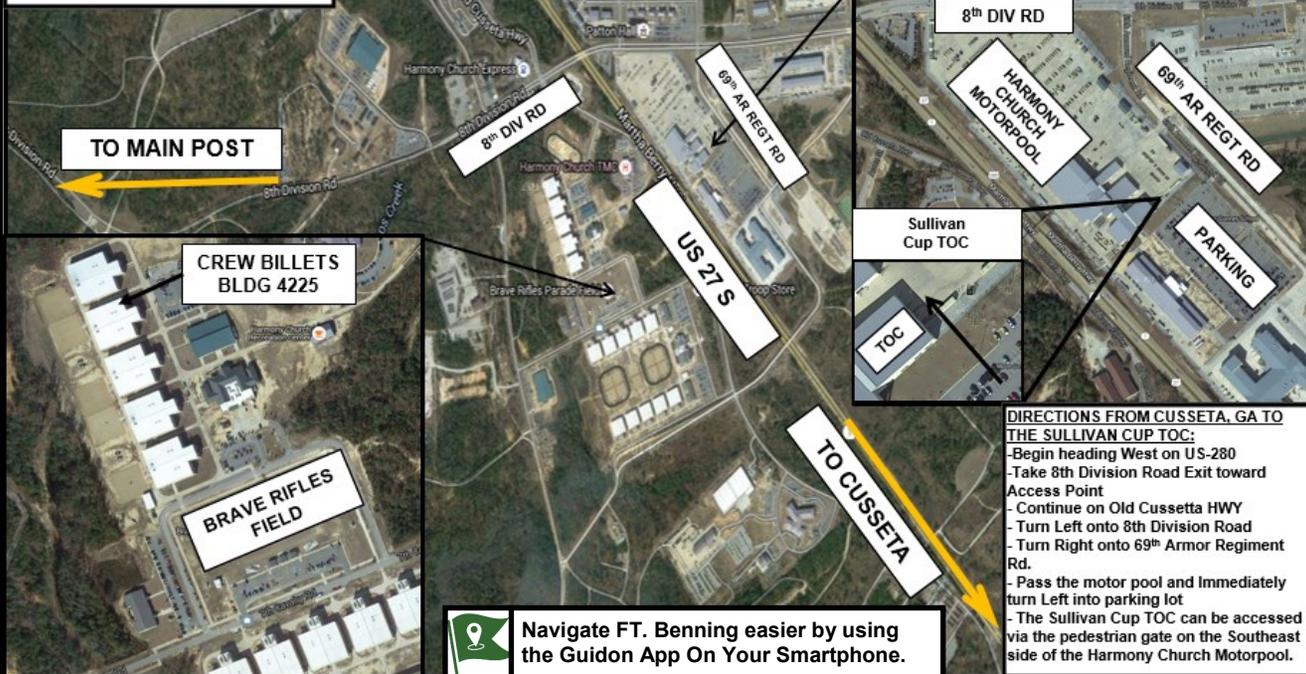
General Sullivan retired from the United States Army on 31 July 1995 after more than 36 years of active service. He culminated his service in uniform as the 32nd Chief of Staff—the senior general officer in the Army—and a member of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. As the Chief of Staff of the Army, he created the vision and led the team that transitioned the Army from its Cold War posture. In August 1993, President Bill Clinton assigned the duties and responsibility of Acting Secretary of the Army to General Sullivan who continued to serve as Chief of Staff.

He is the co-author, with Michael V. Harper, of *Hope Is Not a Method* (Random House, 1996), which chronicles the enormous challenges encountered in transforming the post-Cold War Army through the lens of proven leadership principles and a commitment to shared values. He serves on the boards of several major corporations, including Newell Rubbermaid. He is the Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Norwich University; a director of the Institute of Defense Analyses, and the Chairman Emeritus of the Marshall Legacy Institute. Sullivan is also the President and Chief Operating Officer of the Association of the United States Army, headquartered in Arlington, Virginia. He assumed his current position at the Association in February 1998. For his work with AUSA, he was awarded the prestigious Sylvanus Thayer Award by the United States Military Academy in 2003.

During his Army career, Sullivan also served as Vice Chief of Staff; Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations and Plans; Commanding General, 1st Infantry Division (Mechanized), Fort Riley, Kansas (June 1988 -July 1989); Deputy Commandant, U.S. Army Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas (March 1987-June 1988); and Assistant Commandant, U.S. Army Armor School, Fort Knox, Kentucky (November 1983-July 1985). His overseas assignments included four tours in Europe, two in Vietnam and one in Korea.



DIRECTIONS FROM I-185 TO THE SULLIVAN CUP TOC:
 - Begin heading South on I-185
 - Take exit 1A to merge onto US-27 S
 - Take exit toward Access Point/ 8th Division Rd.
 - Turn Left on 8th Division Rd.
 - Turn Right onto 69th Armor Regiment Rd.
 - Pass the motor pool and immediately turn Left into parking lot.
 - The Sullivan Cup TOC is located next to BLDG. 5205. Access the TOC via the pedestrian gate adjacent to BLDG 5205.
 *Visitors may receive information on visiting the Sullivan Cup TOC adjacent to Building 5205.



DIRECTIONS FROM CUSSETA, GA TO THE SULLIVAN CUP TOC:
 - Begin heading West on US-280
 - Take 8th Division Road Exit toward Access Point
 - Continue on Old Cusseta HWY
 - Turn Left onto 8th Division Road
 - Turn Right onto 69th Armor Regiment Rd.
 - Pass the motor pool and immediately turn Left into parking lot
 - The Sullivan Cup TOC can be accessed via the pedestrian gate on the Southeast side of the Harmony Church Motorpool.

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Competitors:

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|  1 AD (2-13 CAV) |  4 ID (1-68 AR) |
|  1 AD (1-37 AR) |  1-11 ACR (11 ACR) |
|  1 CD (1-9 CAV) |  316 CAV (1-16 CAV) |
|  1 CD (6-9 CAV) |  NCARNG (1-252 AR) |
|  1 CD (2-5 CAV) |  TNARNG (2-278 ACR) |
|  1 ID (3-66 AR) |  2D Tank (2D MARDIV) |
|  1 ID (1-63 AR) |  RCACS (Canada) |
|  3 ID (1-64 AR) |  RCACS (Canada) |

Sullivan Cup Social Events

29 APR 16—Crew Introduction and Competition Order

06 MAY 16—Industry Breakfast at the Benning Club

06 MAY 16—Armor Ball and Awards Presentation at Ironworks, Columbus, GA

Spectator Friendly Events

1. **Armor Crewman Proficiency Test**—01 MAY 16 at Brave Rifles Field, Harmony Church from 0600hrs to 1700hrs
2. **Tank Crew STX**—02-03 MAY 16 at Good Hope Training Area from 0600hrs to 1800hrs.
3. **Crew Live Fire**—02-05 MAY 16 at DMPRC from 1100hrs to 1800hrs (Day Fire) and 2000hrs to 0030hrs (Night Fire.)
4. **Crew Shoot-off**—06 MAY 16 at DMPRC from 1000 hrs to 1400 hrs.