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Media Opportunity **4ID conducts fourth iteration of Ivy Sting**

FORT CARSON, Colo. – Soldiers with the 4th Infantry Division will evaluate its next evolution of Fires, Targeting, and Airspace Management during Ivy Sting 4 Feb. 2-6 on Fort Carson.

Ivy Sting 4 marks the division's fourth training exercise in which new technology and software replace antiquated warfighting processes, providing commanders with data necessary to make more, better and faster decisions on the battlefield. Referred to as the Army's Next Generation Command and Control program, this architecture will enable tactical formations to be faster, lighter, more lethal and more survivable in large-scale combat operations.

Previous iterations prototyped the first live-fire training powered by new digital fire control software and modern communications equipment, as well as evaluated how dispersed nodes sustained communication, situational awareness and coordination across different environments.

While the Army's end goal is to scale NGC2 to the division-level, Ivy Sting 4 will focus on incorporating maneuver units at the battalion-level. Ivy Sting's culminating event, Project Convergence Capstone 6, is slated to occur this summer.

Media are invited to attend Ivy Sting 4 activities Feb. 4 from 1-3 p.m. and can expect to observe Soldiers utilizing the Army's new Artillery Execution Suite (AXS) when firing an M777 Howitzer. Media should RSVP to the Fort Carson Public Affairs Office no later than 4 p.m. Tuesday by calling 719-526-4143 or by responding directly to this email.



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