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INFORMATION FOR MEMBERS OF CONGRESS

SUBJECT: Army Announces Brigade Combat Team (BCT) Conversions at Fort Bliss, Texas and Fort Carson, Colorado

The United States Army announced today that the 1st Brigade Combat Team of the 1st Armored Division (1/1 AD) stationed at Fort Bliss, Texas will convert from a Stryker Brigade Combat Team (SBCT) to an Armored Brigade Combat Team (ABCT), and 2^d Brigade Combat Team of the 4th Infantry Division (2/4 ID) stationed at Fort Carson, Colorado will convert from an Infantry Brigade Combat Team (IBCT) to an SBCT.

Conversion of 1/1 AD, which begins summer 2019, provides the Nation a sixteenth ABCT – with eleven in the Regular Army and five in the Army National Guard. Once the conversion is complete, 1/1 AD will be organized the same as its sister ABCTs at Fort Bliss and return 1st Armored Division (1 AD) to its historical roots as a three-ABCT armored division.

Conversion of 2/4 ID, which is planned to begin spring 2020, maintains the total number of SBCTs in the Army at nine – with seven in the Regular Army and two in the Army National Guard. Once the conversion is complete, 2/4 ID will be organized the same as its sister SBCT at Fort Carson, 1/4 ID.

The increase of an ABCT and re-establishment of 1 AD as a three-ABCT armored division that results from the conversions, better postures the Army to prepare, train for, and execute major contingency plans in response to future potential adversaries, and to support the National Defense Strategy.

The decision to convert 1/1 AD and 2/4 ID was based on a number of pertinent factors. Considerations included long term readiness posture, presence of ABCT and SBCT enablers, existing ABCT and SBCT infrastructure such as gunnery ranges and sustainment facilities, presence of an IBCT to convert, installations' Military Value Analysis (MVA), and overall costs.

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