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## **Former SMA Preston visits 2nd Cavalry Regiment**

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**ROSE BARRACKS, Germany** – A great way to kick-off the biggest multinational training event in more than 20 years just might be to get a visit from one of the Army’s most prestigious former senior leaders.

Just hours before starting the long-awaited Decisive Action Training Event rotation, the 2nd Cavalry Regiment was visited by Sgt. Maj. of the Army (Ret.) Kenneth O. Preston Oct. 12 at the Vilseck Army Airfield, Germany.

The regiment is conducting this training with multinational forces from 19 countries at the Grafenwoehr and Hohenfels Training Areas as well as the Maneuver Rights Areas in the host nation local communities.

“It’s all part of our professional development to be able to work together in a joint environment,” Preston said. “There is a lot of different threats out there and we are planning for what’s next.”

The D.A.T.E. promotes interoperability between the U.S. and multinational forces while fostering and sustaining relationships between U.S. personnel and its 19 European participating nations.

The importance behind the training being conducted with our national allied forces is that it allows U.S. Troops to maintain proficiency in future combat scenarios.

“You can’t put a value on experience and these experiences will make the mission a success on tomorrow’s battlefield,” Preston said. “For all the Soldiers that are here with 2CR and Soldiers here in the USAREUR footprint, I’m very proud of what you do here every day.”

Preston sits on the Chief of Staff of the Army’s Retiree Council and his week-long visit to Germany includes being the keynote speaker at the Army in Europe Retiree Appreciation Day in Heidelberg.