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Louisiana, Mississippi, and western Tennessee locals celebrate Army’s 250th anniversary across the U.S. Army Recruiting Battalion-Baton Rouge area

“Since 1775, American Soldiers have represented the very best of our nation as they embody courage, sacrifice and strength who have sworn to defend the Constitution and core American values.”
-Secretary of the Army, Honorable Dan P. Driscoll

BATON ROUGE, La. — Reflective of the Secretary of the Army’s thoughts, local citizens across the U.S. Army Recruiting Battalion-Baton Rouge footprint celebrated 250-years of the U.S. Army’s commitment to its Nation, during the branch’s actual inception, the week of June 14. This battalion is responsible for Army recruiting throughout Louisiana, Mississippi, and western Tennessee and locals celebrated with cake-cutting ceremonies, Future Soldier swear-ins and recognition from state and local municipalities. “Our goal was threefold: maximize public participation; spread the message of the Army’s past, present, and future importance in defending this great nation; and lastly, inform the public about its life-changing benefits and opportunities that come with service,” Lt. Col. Nicholas M. James, Battalion Commander, U.S. Army Recruiting Battalion Baton Rouge. Organized into 45 recruiting stations, the battalion leads eight (8) recruiting companies located in notable American cities: New Orleans, Memphis, Baton Rouge, Jackson, Shreveport, Hattiesburg, Tupelo and Lafayette—where Mayors and Gov-



Tennessee City Council declared June 14 United States Army Day in the City of Bartlett, Tennessee. 1st Lt. Steven Londono, Memphis Army Recruiting Company Executive Officer and 1st Sgt. to Memphis Army Recruiting Company, Jason Horton receives the proclamation honoring the Army’s 250th birthday.

ernors were invited to recognize the day’s momentous occasion which acknowledged 250-years of service. Local officials and communities responded to the invite hand-somely. “Each of our eight companies coordinated their own Army Birthday celebrations attended

and supported by various state and local officials,” James said. “Many state and local officials honored our men and women with proclamations that will forever commemorate this momentous occasion.” The battalion contacted each city in its area-of-responsibility, resulting in over 20 cities declaring

June 14 as ‘Army Day’. New Orleans Company A few weeks of planning with the City of New Orleans mayoral staff unfurled an Army birthday celebration with Mayor Latoya Cantrell and staff presenting a proclamation to the New Orleans Company. Two active-duty Sol-diers, 1st Lt. Michael Nickles

and Sgt. 1st Class Donavin Carey journeyed to New Orleans’ City Hall where a small presentation ceremony was held. “The presentation went well, and the mayor’s staff was welcoming to our presence,” Nickels said. “We had good conversation about the Army and its recruiting mis-sion.”

NRA names Kyle Lamb as Brand Ambassador for America’s Rifle Challenge

FAIRFAX, VA, June 30, 2025 - The National Rifle Association of America (NRA) proudly announces Sergeant Major (Ret.) Kyle Lamb as a Brand Ambassador for the NRA America’s Rifle Challenge (ARC), an innovative training and competition program built around the safe and effective use of the AR-15 platform. A legend in the tactical and firearms training world, Kyle Lamb brings more than two decades of elite military experience and an unmatched legacy of leadership to ARC. Lamb served for more than 21 years in the United States Army, including 15 years in the elite 1st SFOD-D (Delta Force). Kyle and Melynda Lamb are the Founders of Viking Tactics

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Profile: Medal of Honor recipient Air Force Capt. Steven Logan Bennett gave up life for wingman during Vietnam

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WASHINGTON, D.C., June 30, 2025 When friendly troops fighting in Vietnam needed airpower to survive, Air Force Capt. Steven Logan Bennett didn't hesitate to come to their rescue. When his aircraft was seriously damaged during that attempt, Bennett made another quick decision — to give up his life so his wingman could survive. That extraordinary act of heroism led to Bennett posthumously receiving the Medal of Honor. Bennett was born April 22, 1946, in Palestine, Texas, to Elwin and Edith Bennett. He had five siblings. After a few years in Texas, the



family moved to Lafayette, Louisiana, where Bennett grew up playing football. After high school, he attended the University of Southwestern Louisiana, now known as the University of

Louisiana at Lafayette, and participated in the school's Air Force ROTC program. After graduating with a bachelor's degree in science in the spring of 1968, Bennett joined

the Air Force and, once he'd completed pilot training, received his commission. Shortly after, he married his girlfriend, Linda Leveque. They went on to have a daughter, Angela. By 1970, Bennett had completed B-52 Stratofortress bomber training and a course to become a forward air controller. In April 1972, he deployed to Vietnam and was assigned to the 20th Tactical Air Support Squadron. Bennett was in the country for less than three months when he gave his life to save another. On June 29, 1972, Bennett flew his OV-10 Bronco light attack and observation aircraft as part of a mission to direct close-air support strikes by Navy fighters along a heavily defended area

near Quang Tri City in South Vietnam. Sitting in the rear seat of the aircraft was Marine Corps Capt. Michael B. Brown, an air-borne artillery observer, who was also directing gunfire from two American destroyers stationed in the Gulf of Tonkin. After approximately three hours, the pair was ready to return to Da Nang Air Base, Vietnam, when Bennett received a call for help. A small South Vietnamese unit of about 50 men was close to being overrun by a much larger enemy force. They needed air support to escape. Unfortunately, no friendly fire-power was left in the area. Bennett was informed there was no tactical air support, and any supporting gunfire from the ships off the coast would endanger the South Vietnamese unit. The only way the unit would get help from

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