

# Celebrating the Army's 247th birthday with some cake!



Col. Andrew Steadman, commander of the 1st Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division, cuts a slice of cake during a cake-decorating competition in honor of the U.S. Army's 247th birthday June 14 in Robert C.Stack Jr. Dining Facility at Fort Carson. Sgt. Donnell Nelson, an Army food service specialist assigned to 4th Battalion, 9th Infantry Regiment, 1st SBCT, 4th Inf. Div., and Sgt. Nathaniel Coreano, an Army food service specialist assigned to 299th Brigade Engineer Battalion, 1st SBCT, 4th Inf. Div., worked together to bake and decorate the cake to present for the competition.

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U.S. Army Maj. Gen. Tom James, center, Joint Task Force-Space Defense commander, poses with current and former U.S. Army personnel within the unit at Schriever Space Force Base on June 14. The JTF-SD celebrated the U.S. Army's 247th birthday with a traditional cake-cutting ceremony.

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Staff Sgt. Sharquetta Rittman, an Army food service specialist assigned to 2nd Squadron, 1st Cavalry Regiment, 1st Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division, receives an award from Col. Damon Wells, commander of the 4th Inf. Div. Artillery (DIVARTY), and Command Sgt. Maj. Donald Durgin, senior enlisted leader of DIVARTY. Rittman won the competition by having the best decorated cake of each dining facility that competed.



Col. Damon Wells, commander of the 4th Infantry Division Artillery (DIVARTY), and Command Sgt. Maj. Donald Durgin, senior enlisted leader of DIVARTY, award Spc. Jayleen Gonzalez-Arce, an army food service specialist assigned to 1st Battalion, 68th Armored Regiment, 3rd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division, for winning "Best Pie. The annual cake-decorating competition is a fun and engaging way for cooks to be highlighted on the Army's birthday.

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Spc. Daniel Salcines, an Army food service specialist, assigned to 2nd Battalion, 12th Infantry Regiment, 2nd Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division, cuts a slice of cake. Army cooks throughout Fort Carson competed against each other in the spirit of camaraderie and esprit de corps – popular themes of the Army's birthday.