



Concept of the Operation

Fort Benning, Home of the MCoE

Mission: The 316th Cavalry BDE conducts the 2026 Sullivan Cup from **27 April to 08 May** on FBGA to identify the best U.S Army Armor Crews while developing platform lethality.

Purpose: The purpose of Sullivan Cup 2026 is to allow combat vehicle crews from the US Army and partner nations to compete, demonstrate excellence, and gather lessons learned to improve lethality across the force.

Limited to 28x teams (14x tank / 14x BFV)

Mission Command: 316 CAV BDE

Key Events

Thunderbolt Challenge -
-Combat focused physical fitness assessment

Call for Fire

Vehicle Identification

Doctrine Exam

Operation Thunderstrike (Red Cloud Range) –

-Combined arms live fire demonstration
-M1A2, M2 BFV, AMPV 120mm mortars, 81mm mortars, drones.
-Spectator event

M17 Qualification

Stress Shoot/Medical Lane

Live Fire Event

-Combat focused
-Day & Night engagements

Maintenance Lane

-Crews demonstrate proficiency in platform maintenance

Thunderdome

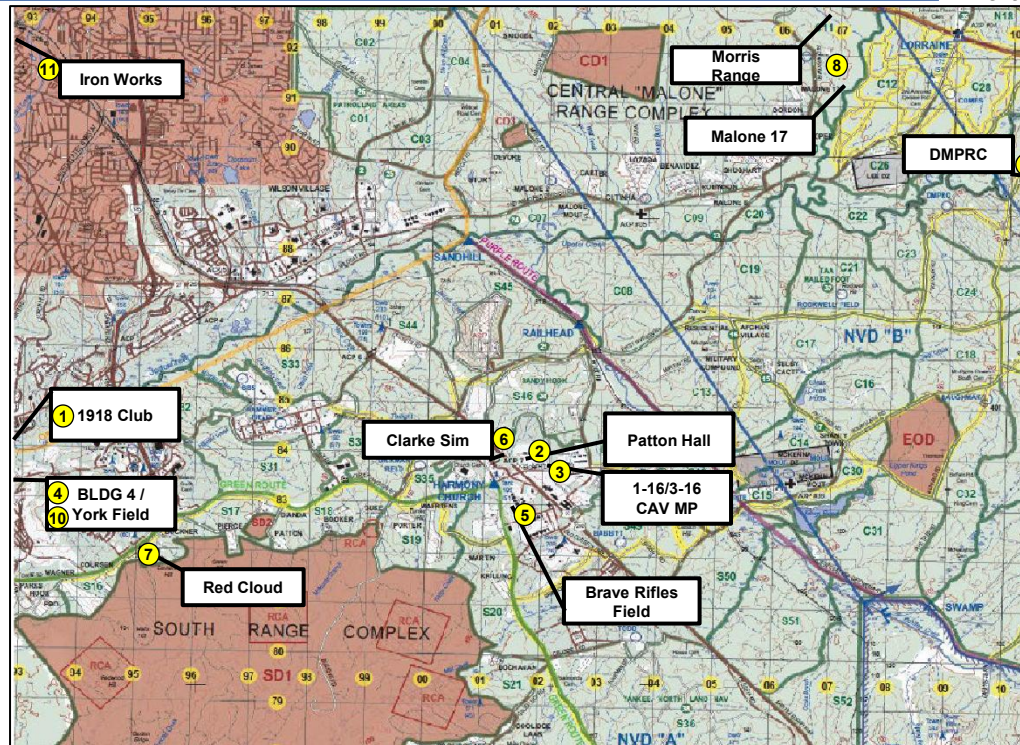
-Single elimination bracket
-Two competitors engage limited targets
-Team to destroy first wins

Final Charge

-Combined physical fitness and skills event

Awards Ceremony

Armor Ball



Potential Competitors	

Execution Timeline													
THU 23 APR D-8	MON 27 APR D-4	TUE 28 APR D-3	WED 29 APR D-2	THU 30 APR D-1	FRI 01 MAY D-Day	SAT 02 MAY D+1	SUN 03 MAY D+2	MON 04 MAY D+3	TUE 05 MAY D+4	WED 06 MAY D+5	THU 07 MAY D+6	FRI 08 MAY D+7	SAT 09 MAY D+8
1 St. George Day Awards [OCCA]	2 Arrival of Crews [1-29 IN] Verify Crew Roster [316 BDE S1]	3 Packing List Layout [1-29 IN] Team Photos MCoE PAO Welcome Brief [316 CAV BDE]	4 Vehicle Draw/FMC/ TI with DOTS/FMX [1-16 CAV] Tank Crew Prep [3-16 CAV] BFV Crew Prep [3-16 CAV] Simulations Available	5 AACs/P&S Prep to fires checks [3-16 CAV] OPORD Maintenance 4 Opening Ceremony [USAARMS]	6 Thunderbolt Challenge [194 th AR] BFV Crew/ Tank Crew CFF [1-16 CAV] 7 Simulations Available Thunderstrike [1-16 CAV]	8 BFV Crew M17 Qual [MATA] Stress Shoot Medical Lane [1-29 IN] Tank Crew M17 Qual Stress Shoot Medical Lane [1-29 IN]	9 Tank Crew LFAST/Zero [3-16 CAV] BFV Crew Zero [3-16 CAV] Simulations Available	10 Group A LFX 6-7x Tank 6-7x BFV +1 Day/Night [3-16 CAV] Group B Maint. Lane 6-7x Tank Crew 6-7x BFV Crew [1-16 CAV]	11 Group B LFX 6-7x Tank 6-7x BFV +1 Day/Night [3-16 CAV] Group A Maint. Lane 6-7x Tank Crew 6-7x BFV Crew [1-16 CAV]	LFX Alibi Tank/BFV [3-16 CAV] Maint. Lane Alibi Tank/BFV [3-16 CAV] Thunderdome [3-16 CAV]	Thunderdome Alibi [3-16 CAV] Vehicle Recovery / Equipment Turn-In Begins	11 Final Charge [194 th AR] Awards Ceremony [USAARMS] Recovery / Equipment Turn-In Armor Ball [194 th AR]	Clearing/ Departure
OSG Ceremony	Crew Arrival / In-Processing	Crew Prep / Ceremony	PT Challenge / Exams	M17 Qual / Med Lane	Zero / LFAST	LFX	LFX Alibi / Thunderdome	Final Charge / Awards Ceremony / Armor Ball					