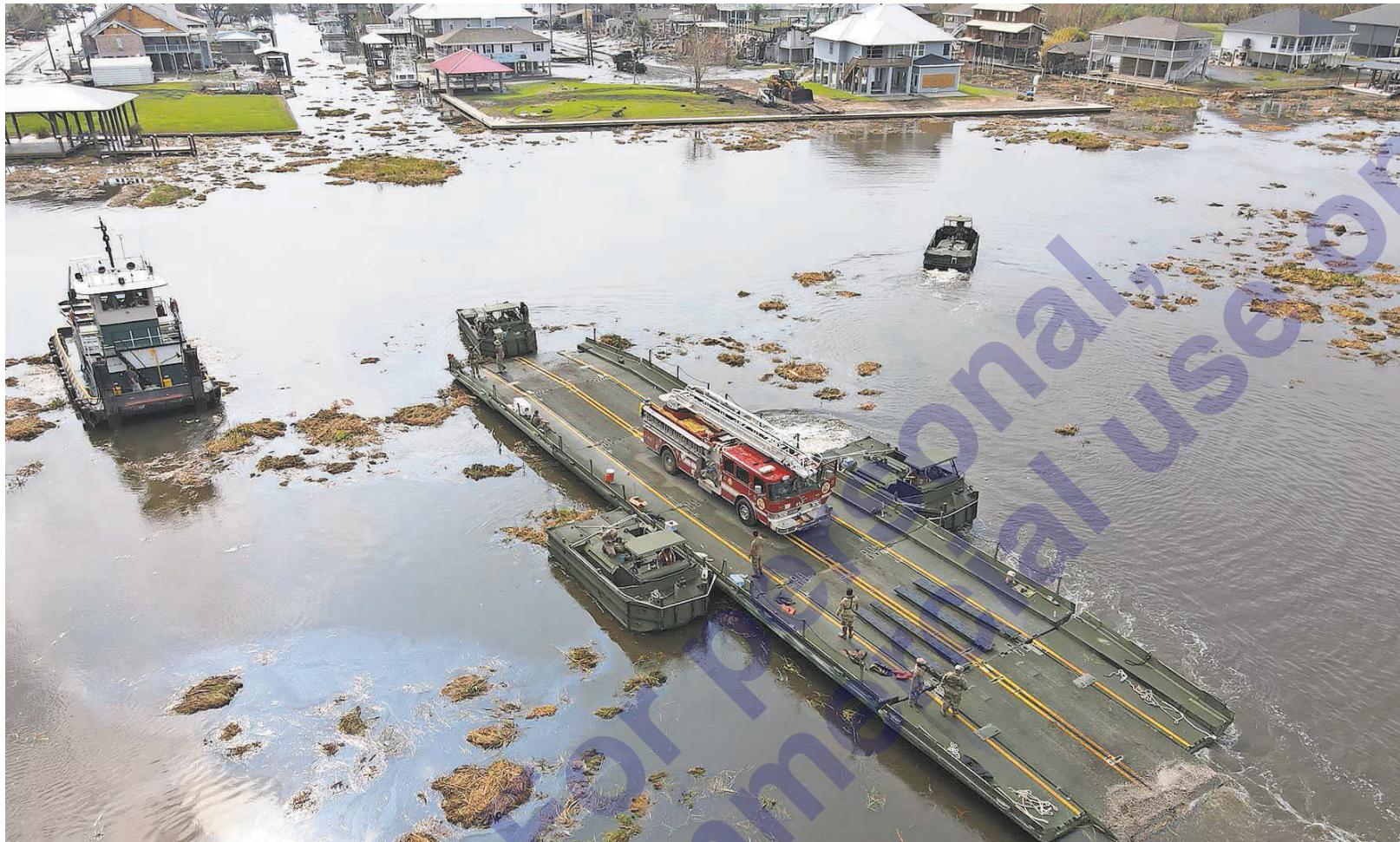


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Army in Review

**STORM CLEANUP**

The Army National Guard played a pivotal role in cleaning up the mess created by Hurricane Ida, which made landfall at Port Fourchon, La., on Aug. 29, packing 150 mph winds. The Louisiana National Guard was aided by approximately 3,500 guardsmen representing 16 states and Puerto Rico — plus 400 active-duty Army service members — in the massive response, which included debris removal, levee repair and distribution of more than 6.2 million Meals Ready to Eat and 7.8 million liters of water to residents dealing with storm damage across the state.

1ST LT. STEVEN MCCOPPIN/U.S. ARMY

COVID-19 RESPONSE

The U.S. Army has helped administer more than **1 million COVID-19 vaccines** to service members and their families, as well as eligible civilians and contractors, at 80 Army-run medical facilities around the world. "I'm incredibly proud and thankful for the effort our medical teams have invested to reach this milestone of 1 million vaccinations administered," Christopher Lowman, senior official performing the duties of the Undersecretary of the Army, said upon reaching the threshold in May. "This is helping us improve our readiness and take care of our communities."



MARKUS RAUCHENBERGER/U.S. ARMY

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**OPERATION ALLIES WELCOME**

Army National Guard service members representing nearly every U.S. state and territory helped active-duty U.S. Air Force members **provide transportation, food, medical screening, temporary housing** — and a general welcome — to more than 50,000 Afghan citizens who fled to the U.S. in August to escape impending Taliban rule in Afghanistan.

MASTER SGT. JOHN HUGEL/U.S. ARMY

GROUND-BREAKING

In October, the U.S. Army unveiled its **long-range hypersonic weapon**, the nation's first prototype hypersonic ground equipment. Representing one of the U.S. Army's top priorities in modernizing the force of the future, hypersonic weapons travel five times the speed of sound and are extremely accurate — offering a ground-range option keenly equipped to deter adversaries.



STAFF SGT. KYLE LARSEN/U.S. ARMY

HISTORY IN THE MAKING

In May, **Christine Wormuth** became the **first female secretary of the Army**. In this key role at the Department of Defense, she serves as the Army's top civilian official. Wormuth was previously the director of international security and defense policy at RAND Corporation, a nonprofit research organization.

**ADDRESSING SEXUAL ASSAULT**

In September, Wormuth pledged to address rampant allegations of **sexual harassment and assault** by and against U.S. Army soldiers. Following the release of a long-term report on the risk of sexual assault among its ranks in June, the Army revealed plans to overhaul and improve its ongoing Sexual Harassment/Assault Response and Prevention training for service members. Wormuth says she intends to create a dedicated U.S. Army office charged with taking action against such crimes. The Army has also launched a new task force — currently in pilot stages on several bases — in hopes of making it easier for service members to report sexual harassment or assault outside of their chain of command.

— Robin Roenker

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