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Perna reminds workforce to stay disciplined

WASHINGTON – In his weekly video address to the workforce, Army Materiel Command Commander Gen. Gus Perna reminds the workforce to stay disciplined in efforts to prevent the spread of COVID-19, reminding everyone that this fight is not over. “Don’t let up now. What is in your best interest is your ability to take care of yourself,” said Perna. He also highlighted the measured approach the AMC enterprise will take to return employees back to their workspaces, saying it will take a total team effort.



Industrial base leaders discuss progress, COVID-19 impacts

DETROIT ARSENAL, Mich. – Despite challenges presented by the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, across the board progress, as noted by the Tank-automotive and Armaments Command’s Integrated Logistics Support Center director, Marion Whicker, has been steadily trending toward targeted base-line readiness numbers of 90%. “We had a low in supply availability in January of 2019,” Whicker recalled. “We were recovering from a lot of different things. In the last 16 months, supply availability has gone up 26%.”



Garrison leaders are the center of gravity in COVID-19 fight

JOINT BASE SAN ANTONIO, FORT SAM HOUSTON, Texas – Gen. Gus Perna, commanding general of Army Materiel Command, addressed Installation Management Command leaders around the world during a video teleconference. Empowering garrison commanders to protect installations while effectively responding to the pandemic and maintaining readiness has been AMC and IMCOM’s primary focus the last two months. “Garrison commanders are the center of gravity in this fight,” said Lt. Gen. Douglas M. Gabram, IMCOM’s commanding general.



SDDC delivers strategic readiness during DEFENDER-Europe 20

ROCK ISLAND ARSENAL, Ill. – The Military Surface Deployment and Distribution Command Surface Warriors – alongside their commercial and military partners – demonstrated their ability to project strategic readiness through their support of the DEFENDER-Europe 20 exercise. Although the exercise was scaled back due to COVID-19 travel restrictions, SDDC personnel successfully moved more than 3,000 pieces of equipment through multiple seaports from the United States to Europe.



Tool aids military employees with job transfer opportunities

REDSTONE ARSENAL, Ala. – An installation employment transfer program is being expanded by the Army Materiel Command to provide Nonappropriated Funds employees better opportunities as they move with their Soldier or civilian through a career that demands mobility. The NAF Child and Youth Services Employee Assignment Tool, developed by the Army G-1 Civilian Personnel NAF, is now the NAF Civilian Employment Assignment Tool – open to most employees working in NAF programs.



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High tech breathes new life into aging helicopter fleet

REDSTONE ARSENAL, Ala. – The Army is turning to “digital-twin” technology to resolve challenges and boost efficiencies for its enduring fleet of Black Hawk helicopters. Through a partnership between the military and Wichita State University, researchers at the National Institute of Aviation Research will create a virtual model of a UH-60L Black Hawk helicopter.

In the fight: Child development centers vital to the force

WASHINGTON – Around the world, close to one-third of the child development centers remained open at height of the pandemic. In total, 179 CDCs supporting children 5-years and below, are dispersed across 68 Army installations. Currently, the Army has more than 71 CDCs open and providing child care services for essential personnel. About 1,900 children are involved in CDC programs at this time.

Benning, Lee partnership provides Soldier readiness support

JOINT BASE SAN ANTONIO-FORT SAM HOUSTON, Texas – Acquisition personnel from the Mission and Installation Contracting Command at Fort Benning, Georgia, and Fort Lee, Virginia, are leveraging the Logistics Civil Augmentation Program to provide camps for Soldiers to stay while waiting to leave for their next duty station. The camps were designed to house up to 500 Soldiers and provide a full range of life support and recreational activities.

Depot mission pivots to assist healthcare company

CHAMBERSBURG, Pa. – Letterkenny Army Depot’s upholstery shop recently switched gears from its military mission to produce personal protective equipment for a local health system. WellSpan Health officials reached out when they learned Letterkenny’s upholstery shop was making masks for the depot workforce. It didn’t take long for the depot to adapt procedures for the new project that will create 70,000 isolation gowns for the healthcare organization.

Riggers break out ‘secret weapon’ to conclude mission

ROCK ISLAND ARSENAL, Ill. – Soldiers from the 4th Quartermaster Theater Aerial Delivery Company turned a routine mission into something special. The parachute riggers spent 10 weeks at Sagami General Depot in Japan, conducting an annual Care Of Supplies In Storage mission, assisting the Army Field Support Battalion-Northeast Asia’s Japan Support Team with the inspection, repair and repacking of more than 14,000 aerial delivery system items.

No meat, produce shortages forecasted in commissaries

ABERDEEN PROVING GROUND, Md. – Reports of COVID-19 outbreaks in U.S. poultry and meatpacking plants may have concerned some commissary shoppers about the availability of fresh meat and poultry. Veterinary health experts with the Department of Defense and Army Public Health Center say although there may be localized supply issues outside of the continental U.S., there are no forecasted shortages of meat, poultry or produce.

Focus on the Force



ACC names Fort Riley Soldier best warrior

SDDC improves CPI program

AMCOM G-4 takes steps to ensure employees’ well-being

Garrison people strategy focuses on Army’s number one priority



Army general to co-lead Operation Warp Speed for COVID-19 vaccine

Corps of Engineers helps Montana prep for COVID-19 future

‘I made it’: Trainees recover from COVID-19, graduate