



U.S. Army Materiel Command

# Eye On AMC



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## Army materiel enterprise exercises strategic readiness

REDSTONE ARSENAL, Ala. – The recent DEFENDER series of linked exercises tested the Army's strategic readiness and demonstrated the ability of the materiel, installation and sustainment enterprise to rapidly move Soldiers, equipment and supplies from the U.S. to the European and Indo-Pacific theaters at scale. Roughly 29,000 U.S., allied and partner forces from 25 nations conducted simultaneous operations across over 30 training areas in over a dozen nations from the Baltics, to Africa, to the critical Black Sea and Balkan regions for DEFENDER-Europe 21.



## IMCOM commander engages Army community partners

SAN ANTONIO, Texas – Lt. Gen. Douglas Gabram, Installation Management Command, commanding general, welcomed military, business and civic leaders to the annual Installation Innovation Forum hosted by the Association of Defense Communities Nov. 1-3. Joining his counterparts from the Navy, Air Force and Marine Corps to engage a diverse audience of organizational leaders from communities that support military installations, Gabram and many of IMCOM's key leaders were able to dialogue with the group to network.



## Army leaders encourage leveraging new technologies, people

DETROIT ARSENAL, Mich. – Without planning, modernization within an organization can be hard to accomplish. Maj. Gen. Darren Werner, Tank-automotive and Armaments Command commanding general, explained part of the planning was to come up with a vision to help the organization better achieve its goals. This was one of the main topics of discussion at TACOM's Depot and Arsenal Commanders' Forum Oct. 26-28. Col. Jack Kredo, Red River Army Depot commander, explained that they are on track with aligning their modernization efforts.



## New DA PAM guides software assurance efforts

ABERDEEN PROVING GROUND, Md. – The world of cybersecurity is an ever-changing one. The problem that confronts software assurance professionals and practitioners is how to stay ahead of the vulnerabilities that could enable bad actors or enemies to disrupt operations. Some information technology experts in the U.S. Army Communications-Electronics Command's Software Engineering Center, in cooperation with agencies throughout the Army, addressed this problem by creating a new Department of the Army pamphlet, or DA PAM.



## Hawthorne Army Depot Award enables mission readiness

HAWTHORNE, Nev. – In June, Army Contracting Command-Rock Island accomplished a significant competitive contract award for the operation and maintenance of Hawthorne Army Depot, which supports Joint Munitions Command's Single Manager of Conventional Ammunition mission. The HWAD is a government-owned contractor-operated facility and is the largest of eight joint ammunition storage depots in JMC, and JMC's largest single demilitarization facility in both capacity and capability.



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## PEOPLE FIRST – QUALITY OF LIFE UPDATES



### Landmark partnership provides child care relief

DUBLIN, Calif. – Parks Reserve Forces Training Area's sustained community relations efforts has yielded a child care subsidy program for those living and working in Alameda and Contra Costa counties. Military and Department of Defense civilians can now tap into a child care subsidy program, which helps alleviate high cost of child care. Through these two non-profit organizations, families also have access to a wealth of resources: Hively.org for Alameda County residents, and Cocokids.org for Contra Costa County residents.



### Army Service Center assists with human resource inquiries

FORT KNOX, Ky. – The Army Service Center falls under the Adjutant General Directorate of the U.S. Army Human Resources Command here. It is the primary entry point into HRC for military-related human resource inquiries, supporting Soldiers, veterans, family members, civilians and government agencies to process and receive military entitlements or benefits. "The ASC team, consisting of Department of the Army civilians and contractors, responds to more than 600,000 phone calls, emails and in-person inquiries annually," said Col. Chad Layman, ASC chief.



### Kids learn financial responsibility during CYS training events

FORT LEE, Va. – What do origami, copper and aprons have to do with financial education? In the case of recent learning events at the Child and Youth Services School Age Center, they served as connection points during lessons facilitated by staff members from the Army Community Service Financial Readiness Program. Over 60 elementary-age students participated in one of four sessions arranged as part of the SAC's Summer Fun 2021 program. Each lesson included a story and child-friendly discussion about saving money, setting financial goals and more.

### Wiesbaden holds annual Army Family Action Plan conference

WIESBADEN, Germany – Garrison delegates gathered at the Wiesbaden Entertainment Center to identify, develop and prioritize issues during the 38th annual conference. Thirty-eight issues were submitted this year with six being prioritized by the two working groups. The focus of the Army Family Action Plan process exists at two distinct levels: Installation and the Department of the Army. AFAP is a process that identifies issues of concern to the local community, military and civilian leadership.

### Tower Barracks apartment complex reveals major renovations

GRAFENWOEHR, Germany – The Directorate of Public Works finished kitchen renovations at Tower Barracks Building 275, which is an apartment complex that fits 12 families on U.S. Army Garrison Bavaria. By October, the first occupants moved in and love the new cooking opportunities. This latest renovation is a major update, including the installation of new kitchens and new kitchen floors. This project started in September 2019, and it was completed in July 2021 – with a total cost of \$230,605.





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## Rail operators a rarity in Army's rank-and-file

JOINT BASE LANGLEY-EUSTIS, Va. – They represent less than one percent of the total Army's 1 million Soldier population, but don't equate small with insignificant or unimpressive. The advanced skillsets of the railroad operations crewmember – military occupational specialty 88U – include the ability to drive a 120-ton, 2,100-horsepower locomotive. In a pinch, they could repair a track or make minor fixes to a train engine.

## Fort Hood volunteers make a difference as 'citizen scientists'

FORT HOOD, Texas – Soldiers, civilians and their families gathered for a unique opportunity to contribute to scientific research as citizen scientists during National Make a Difference Day. Chelsea Plimpton, lead pollinator biologist, Fort Hood Adaptive and Integrative Management program, and her team hosted a monarch tagging event to give the public an opportunity to experience the science.

## What it takes to be a BOSS

CAMP HUMPHREYS, Republic of Korea – The U.S. Army Garrison Humphreys Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers program earned the title of best large installation BOSS program for 2021 from Installation Management Command-Pacific in October. The IMCOM-Pacific competition rated performance based on the BOSS program's community service, quality of life, life skills, and virtual and social distancing programming.

## Last RIA "WOW" turns 100 years old

DAVENPORT, Iowa – When Martha Wahe was born, the "War to end all Wars," and the Great Influenza outbreak were still fresh in people's memories. You could buy a Ford Model T in "any color as long as it was black" for \$310, but you couldn't legally buy alcohol. While Wahe didn't join any of the women's service branches, she did, "free a man to fight" by serving her country as a Women Ordnance Worker, or WOW.

## Tobyhanna honors first responders

TOBYHANNA, Pa. – First responders assigned to Tobyhanna Army Depot's Installation Services Directorate, Risk Management Division, earned high praise last week during a ceremony honoring firefighters, emergency medical technicians, paramedics, and members of law enforcement. "First responders are real-life superheroes," said Bill Start, Risk Management Division chief.

## Music transcends cultural differences

CAMP HUMPHREYS, Republic of Korea – The U.S. Army Garrison Humphreys command team attended the sixth ROK-U.S. Peace Music Concert at the Pyeongtaek North Art Center Nov. 5. Pyeongtaek International Exchange Foundation hosted the concert to continue strengthening the Republic of Korea and U.S. alliance by providing a warm environment to enjoy Korean musical culture.

## FOCUS ON THE FORCE



Gen. (R) Dennis Via earns  
Lt. Gen. Arthur J. Gregg  
Sustainment Leadership Award

ASC's new chaplain continues  
mission despite pandemic

USAG Daegu honors World War  
II airmen killed in action

Operations NCOIC recognized

## NEWS AROUND THE ARMY



SMA to young Army leaders:  
There's an app for that

Army plans to recruit more  
civilian talent, diversify through  
scholarship program

Army to extend temporary  
promotion policy for NCO ranks

Simulation provides touchpoints  
for future rotorcraft technology