



U.S. Army Materiel Command

# Eye On AMC



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## ACC hosts second senior leader forum

REDSTONE ARSENAL, Ala. – The U.S. Army Contracting Command hosted a senior leaders' forum to engage its subordinates' leaders from across all echelons around the world in support of the current and future Army and joint forces operations related to the Army's focus areas. Lisha Adams, Army Materiel Command's executive deputy to the commanding general, who provided opening remarks on ACC and the abilities of the Acquisitions Center of Excellence as well as elaborating on the enterprise efforts supporting organic industrial base modernization.



## Deployed JMC ammunition experts provide vital support

KAISERSLAUTERN, Germany – About a dozen Quality Assurance Specialist (Ammunition Surveillance) personnel from Joint Munitions Command recently deployed to Europe from various Army depots and ammunition plants across the U.S. Positioned at multiple locations in Germany as well as forward locations like Poland, these QASAS personnel are responsible for providing expert technical ammunition and explosives assistance and support to units stationed in or deployed to Europe.



## AMC G-8 recognized for excellence with 8 Army awards

REDSTONE ARSENAL, Ala. – The Assistant Secretary of the Army for Financial Management and Comptroller recently recognized budget and resource management teams across Army Materiel Command and its subordinates with eight awards. Both divisions and individuals were awarded for their work in areas like budgeting, cost savings and financial management. The G-8, made up of the Army's budget and resource experts, is the Army's lead for matching available resources to the defense strategy and the Army plan.



## ACC team fights COVID-19 with therapeutics contracts

REDSTONE ARSENAL, Ala. – An Army Contracting Command team, known as Branch B of the Joint COVID Response Division, engaged in the fight against the COVID-19 pandemic by procuring needed monoclonal antibodies to serve as a therapeutic treatment. As cases surged in the United States and more COVID-19 variants were identified, this team ensured mAbs were available for Americans and the medical community. Identified as an ACC priority, the JCRD became a focal point in the fight against COVID-19.



## VX delivered: Rockets transported for destruction

BLUE GRASS ARMY DEPOT, Ky. – Crews at the Blue Grass Chemical Activity have loaded the last of stockpiled rockets containing the nerve agent VX for transport to the Blue Grass Chemical Agent-Destruction Pilot Plant. This moves the U.S. closer to meeting international treaty obligations to destroy stockpiled chemical weapons. "BGCA has been an integral part of the chemical demilitarization enterprise through successful delivery support of four of five chemical weapon campaigns," Lt. Col. Edward Williams, commander of BGCA.



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## PEOPLE FIRST – QUALITY OF LIFE UPDATES



### Wiesbaden housing program saves money, improves wait times

WIESBADEN, Germany – Customer service is a top priority at U.S. Army Garrison Wiesbaden's Housing office. To help incoming service members be better informed about attractive housing options in advance, a new program was introduced. The "Plane to Pillow" program was born to help preserve the Army's resiliency capabilities, especially against the background of the rampant COVID-19 pandemic back in 2020. The program has also saved the garrison \$1.4 million in 2020 and \$1.8 million in 2021, a welcome side effect.



### Army civilian fitness program thriving at Presidio of Monterey

PRESIDIO OF MONTEREY, Calif. – The Army's Civilian Fitness and Health Promotion Program is going strong at the Presidio of Monterey. The program started in 2021 and aims to improve employee well-being and productivity by allowing full-time civilians to take up to three hours of administrative leave a week to work out. The program is flexible with workout times and exercise types, and many say that has been the key to their success with the program. The result has been more exercise and increased productivity.



### Community partnership treats Fort Hood troops

FORT HOOD, Texas – First Army – Division West partnered with the city of Gatesville to host the North Fort Hood Military Heroes Appreciation Concert and BBQ at North Fort Hood. "We wanted to show appreciation to the troops," said Col. Ed Escobedo, deputy commander of the 120th Infantry Brigade, about the event. "We can't thank them enough for all their sacrifices, for all their challenges-personally and professionally. This is just a way of showing our appreciation."

### Eight thrift shop volunteers combine for over 170 years of giving

JOINT BASE LEWIS-MCCHORD, Wash. – With a combined contribution of more than 170 years, the Fort Lewis Thrift Shop volunteers offer an array of talent and wisdom. Most of the volunteers are military affiliated, having either served in some capacity or are the spouse of a retired service member. The Fort Lewis Thrift Shop donates funds to military spouse, high school and community scholarships. They also donate to backpacks for kids, food drives, churches and local service members in need.

### Military teens find harmony combining musical talents together in chapel orchestra

FORT KNOX, Ky. – A group of military youths have come together to create music and enhance the experience of those who attend services at the Fort Knox Main Chapel. Seven teenage military children comprise the chapel orchestra and perform during service every Sunday together with pianist Karen Simmons and orchestra leader Janell Deckard. Deckard grew up a military child herself and has been leading the orchestra for the last 10 years.





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## JMC meeting critical for future ammunition requirements

ROCK ISLAND ARSENAL, Ill. – Joint Munitions Command personnel and its Department of Defense partners met virtually for the bi-annual Requirements, Army Working Capital Fund, Mission Planning meeting in March to discuss fiscal years 2022-2024 projected ammunition requirements. Nearly 300 representatives from around the DOD attended the meeting.

## Program, analysts create cost savings

ANNISTON ARMY DEPOT, Ala. – The condition-based overhaul program was created in 2008 with the potential to save customers hundreds of thousands to millions of dollars. The cost savings generated by three or four CBO program engines could purchase a brand new engine. A total of four turbine engine analysts, with almost 75 years of combined turbine engine experience, are responsible for managing, monitoring and evaluating the program.

## Soldier nominated for World Championship Team

INDIANAPOLIS – Sgt. 1st Class Elizabeth Marks, a para swimming Soldier-athlete assigned to the U.S. Army World Class Athlete Program, was nominated to represent Team USA at the 2022 Para Swimming World Championships. During the recent World Series, she finished in first place in four events and set a new American Record in the 50m butterfly. Marks is a five-time Paralympic Medalist, and four-time World Record Holder.

## Fort Knox officials tout successful energy resilience exercise

FORT KNOX, Ky. – A small group gathered at the command center of Fort Knox's electric grid before 6 a.m. on April 13 to conduct the first of two Black Start exercises scheduled for the year. Within seven minutes of getting unplugged from Louisville Gas & Electric's grid, Fort Knox officials had the entire installation's grid up and running independently.

## Army Medical Logistics participates in DOD AI R&D

CAMP CARROLL, South Korea – U.S. Army Medical Materiel Center-Korea leaders participated in a virtual forum focused on how artificial intelligence could help improve the military's operational medical supply chain. "There is no doubt that COVID-19 highlighted vulnerabilities within the global medical supply chain," said Lt. Col. Marcus D. Perkins, commander of USAMMC-K, a direct reporting unit to Army Medical Logistics Command.

## Pueblo Chemical Depot reaches safety milestone

PUEBLO CHEMICAL DEPOT, Colo. – Pueblo Chemical Depot's workforce achieved a significant safety milestone on December 23, 2021 – working over one million man-hours without a lost-time injury. In order to attain this milestone, each PCD employee had to work an average of 2,857 hours, or the equivalent of one year and four months, without a lost-time accident.

### FOCUS ON THE FORCE



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