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Redstone provides nation 24/7 defense

REDSTONE ARSENAL, Ala. – The Tennessee Valley workforce is essential to maintaining America's safety and security, 24 hours a day, seven days a week. That was the message delivered by Lt. Gen. Donnie Walker, deputy commanding general of Army Materiel Command and senior commander of Redstone Arsenal, at a celebration of the 247th Army Birthday hosted by the Redstone-Huntsville Chapter of the Association of the United States Army. During his remarks, Walker highlighted this year's Army birthday theme "Defending America – 24/7."



Secretary of the Army's visit focuses on RIA's capabilities

ROCK ISLAND ARSENAL, Ill. – The abilities of Rock Island Arsenal were the focus of a visit from Secretary of the Army Christine Wormuth. She toured RIA's Joint Manufacturing and Technology Center to learn more about recent advances and improvements and to discuss the factory's castings and forgings operations. Wormuth pointed to RIA as a leader in the Army's industrial base strategy, which is aimed at building and maintaining the capability to produce and sustain advanced weapon systems.



USASAC meets with Polish reps to discuss security assistance

REDSTONE ARSENAL, Ala. – U.S. Army Security Assistance Command leaders Col. Jason Brad Nicholson and Command Sgt. Major Sean Rice, hosted a Polish delegation to discuss foreign military sales and security assistance. During the gathering, Brig. Gen. Krzysztof Nolbert, the newly appointed Polish Defense, Military, Naval, and Air Attaché, emphasized the importance of a strong U.S.-Poland relationship. This relationship and shared commitment to freedom date back to the American Revolution when Polish citizens aided the U.S. cause.



Army assistant secretary visits Fort Hood

FORT HOOD, Texas – Awed by the sheer magnitude and scope of the Fort Hood installation, and the Soldiers' dedication to execute the mission despite the challenges they encounter day-to-day at home and at work, Assistant Secretary of the Army for Installations, Energy and Environment Rachel Jacobson expressed gratitude and pride in being a part of the Army team. Jacobson was on an introductory tour of the post to see, firsthand, the issues Soldiers and their families experience during their tour at the Central Texas installation.



Army floating solar array is the largest in the Southeast

WASHINGTON – Army officials participated in a ribbon-cutting event for a floating solar array at Fort Bragg, North Carolina - the first of its kind in the Department of Defense and the largest floating system in the southeast United States. The 1.1-megawatt floating solar system, located on the Big Muddy Lake at Camp Mackall on Fort Bragg, also includes a 2MW/2 megawatt-hour battery energy storage system. This project will provide carbon-free on-site generation, supplement power to the local grid, and provide backup power during electricity outages.



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Army G-9 visits USAG Ansbach

ANSBACH, Germany – U.S. Army Garrison Ansbach hosted Sally Pfenning, director of resources integration for the deputy chief of staff, G-9, Headquarters, Department of the Army, to hold discussions and gain an understanding of installation resources and allocation of funding associated with anticipated growth and capacity of garrison Ansbach in support of Army-directed missions. Pfenning was given a briefing and tour of the entire Ansbach footprint where she was shown buildings and facilities related to Army-directed growth.



Behavioral Health offers tools, resources to Soldiers

HOHENFELS, Germany – U.S. Army Health Clinic Hohenfels hosted an open house to discuss implemented policies and procedures aimed at removing the stigma associated with service members seeking and receiving mental health services. The main goal of the open house was to increase communication and collaboration between the behavioral health team and the different units. The command teams used this opportunity to meet the behavioral health staff face-to-face, and learn about the variety of resources they provide for the community.



USAG Fort Devens breaks ground for the new BeaverFit

DEVENS, Mass. – U.S. Army Garrison Fort Devens conducted a groundbreaking ceremony to build a new Army Combat Fitness Test structure known as the BeaverFit at Fort Devens. The BeaverFit structure, slated for completion in late 2022, allows soldiers to conduct the ACFT during severe inclement weather periods effectively. New England winters can be harsh and often last up to 5 months, thereby hindering the ability of units to test Soldiers and keep up with readiness.

New parent support group provides information, social opportunity to families

PRESIDIO OF MONTEREY, Calif. – New and expectant parents looking for information, social contacts and encouragement can find all three at the Presidio of Monterey's New Parent Support Group. The group is open to parents of infants up to the age of 12 months, and expectant parents are welcome as well. Information topics usually focus on subjects such as infant nutrition, routines, sleeping and development.

Chaplains help Fort Leonard Wood Soldiers, civilians reflect on spiritual readiness

FORT LEONARD WOOD, Mo. – Field Manual 7-22 outlines the Army's focus on a holistic approach to the health and fitness of its Soldiers, which includes spirituality. To assist the population here in building resiliency through spiritual readiness, the chaplain has organized monthly events where Fort Leonard Wood Soldiers and civilians can come together with a chaplain, share a small meal and have a discussion in an informal setting.



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Anniston Army Depots cuts the ribbon on new facility

ANNISTON ARMY DEPOT, Ala. – Leaders at Anniston Army Depot cut the ribbon to ceremonially open the Defense Non-Tactical Generator and Rail Equipment Center. The facility allows Anniston Army Depot to overhaul, repair and maintain rail stock, rail equipment and non-tactical generator equipment for the Department of Defense.

ACC team enables COVID test kits deliveries

ABERDEEN PROVING GROUND, Md. – COVID at-home test kits were made available to Americans through an online ordering system, COVIDTests.gov, launched in January 2022. The test kits used to supply this ordering system were made possible by an Army Contracting Command team from the Joint COVID Response Division. This JCRD team had a short timeframe to procure the needed test kits to help mitigate COVID spread.

Iowa Army Ammunition Plant facility goes green

MIDDLETOWN, Iowa – Iowa Army Ammunition Plant commander, Lt. Col. Jason Crist, hosted a ribbon-cutting ceremony to mark completion of the plant's new Centralized Solid Waste Processing Facility. The \$7.2 million, 36,841-square-foot recycling center replaces IAAAP's outdated recycling facility. The new facility diverts waste from local landfills while giving new life to materials previously marked for disposal.

Talent Development Program initiates with partnership

DETROIT ARSENAL, Mich. – Members from U.S. Army Tank-automotive and Armaments Command participated in the command's first ever Talent Development Program seminar. Program coordinators partnered with Wayne State University for the half-day seminar led by historians from the TACOM history office and law librarians from WSU.

Tobyhanna training aids warfighter communication networks

TOBYHANNA, Pa. – New training at Tobyhanna Army Depot is improving system readiness for critical military communication systems. Personnel from the production engineering directorate now conduct sustainment training focused on modernized enterprise terminals, which facilitate satellite communication for Department of Defense personnel worldwide. The course modules were a collaborative effort to support warfighter needs.

MICC leader representing Army at Cherokee Nation event

JOINT BASE SAN ANTONIO, Texas – The commanding general of the Mission and Installation Contracting Command is returning to Oklahoma as part a special concert in Tahlequah, Oklahoma. Brig. Gen. Doug Lowrey, an Oklahoma native of Cherokee descent, will meet with Native American veterans and leaders of the Cherokee Nation prior to the concert.

FOCUS ON THE FORCE



USASAC commander promoted to rank of brigadier general

Fort Knox Master Planning awarded at national level

Family history easy to document for future

Army celebrates 247 years, JMC plays integral role

NEWS AROUND THE ARMY



V Corps wraps up DEFENDER-Europe 22

Army re-activates historic airborne unit

DOD pays tribute to LGBTQ+ service members

Kentucky Army Guard veteran awarded Bronze Star with Valor