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TACOM update focused on modernization efforts

DETROIT ARSENAL, Mich. – The tri-annual Tank-automotive and Armaments Command update to Army Materiel Command leadership Aug. 18 opened with praise from the senior commander for continued mission successes and mission advancements. “I’m proud of TACOM. I’m proud of what you do each and every day,” said the AMC Commanding General Gen. Edward Daly. “I truly believe that, from a ground combat perspective across the Army that, as TACOM goes in terms of its support of tactical and strategic readiness, so goes the Army.”



Army’s only all-component finance exercise kicks off

FORT McCOY, Wis. – Seeking to refine and prepare finance and comptroller Soldiers through a series of real-world pressures and scenarios, the evaluation phase of the Army’s Diamond Saber exercise kicked off here Aug. 14. Diamond Saber is an Army Reserve-led exercise that incorporates participation from all components and joint services. It prepares finance and comptroller Soldiers on warfighting functions such as funding the force, payment support, disbursing operations, accounting, fiscal stewardship, auditability and data analytics.



USAG Rheinland-Pfalz provides for Allies Refuge evacuees

KAISERSLAUTERN, Germany – Beds, showers and a temporary place to call home are three things U.S. Army Garrison Rheinland-Pfalz is providing to people evacuated during Operation Allies Refuge. The garrison’s contribution is part of a more significant effort by the Kaiserslautern Military Community, providing a transit point and quarters for evacuees. The garrison is providing barracks buildings and on-post space to place tents and other facilities while ensuring safe operations of the Army’s infrastructure necessary to support the mission.



SDDC develops Diversity and Inclusion Council

SCOTT AIR FORCE BASE, Ill. – Military Surface Deployment and Distribution Command formed a Diversity and Inclusion Council to ensure a culture of embracing diversity and build an inclusive environment. Representatives from each SDDC brigade and headquarters directorate, with advisors from special staff offices, make up the council. “Our goal is to develop a culture and a reputation of being a diverse, people-focused organization that provides a safe, inclusive environment for our workforce,” said SDDC Commanding General Maj. Gen. Heidi Hoyle.



Future oxygen technology may reduce sustainment burden

FORT DETRICK, Md. – Sustainment experts at Army Medical Logistics Command are discussing emerging technologies in the field of mobile oxygen production that could potentially reduce future maintenance requirements and provide a reliable source of oxygen on the battlefield. Bill Sovitsky, supervisory equipment specialist with AMLC’s Policy and Analysis Directorate, said he learned more about these new electrochemical oxygen systems while attending an annual assembly focused on designing and manufacturing oxygen solutions for the warfighter.



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Leadership takes action to address housing concerns

FORT STEWART-HUNTER ARMY AIRFIELD, Ga. – The Directorate of Public Works military housing office here and Balfour Beatty Communities leadership met to discuss concerns. “Since the walking town halls, we’ve had several meetings regarding the grounds maintenance in the housing areas,” Mike Dollins, BBC maintenance facility manager, said. “Since then, the contractor has brought in additional resources to ensure the grounds maintenance is better taken care of in a more frequent manner for our residents.”



Program helps families with household goods

FORT GORDON, Ga. – Moving from one installation to another can be a stressful time for military members. Fort Gordon’s Relocation Readiness program is ready to help alleviate some of that stress. One of the ways the program does this is through its lending closet. The lending closet is intended to help both military and civilian personnel save money while waiting for their household goods to arrive from their previous duty station. There is no fee to borrow items, nor is there a requirement to present PCS orders.



Pathways Program starts new school year with eight students

ANNISTON ARMY DEPOT, Ala. – Eight high school students embarked on new careers during Anniston Army Depot’s Pathways Program orientation. Parents, instructors and members of the depot’s leadership were present to witness the students’ new journeys. The Student Educational Employment Program began two decades ago as a three-phase program commencing with training high school students who then progress to a technical college education and, finally, full-time employment at the depot, if a position is available.

Enniburr residents receive USAG-KA, RMI Liaison office furniture donation

KWAJALEIN ATOLL, Marshall Islands – In the culmination of months of preparation, secondhand furniture from Kwajalein’s homes has been repurposed on Enniburr. Tables, dressers, shelving and other items were transported to the island from Roi-Namur earlier this month in a delivery joint-coordinated by the offices of the USAG-KA Host Nation Activities and RMI Liaison office. The donation is the second phase in an upcycling of Kwajalein furniture following the arrival of additional furniture inventory on the garrison.

Subway returns to Fort Jackson

FORT JACKSON, S.C. – Subway opened in the Fort Jackson Main Exchange Food Court with a celebratory ribbon cutting. It has been almost two years since it closed at the Gate 2 Shoppette. “I’m happy it’s back,” said Sam Oliver, an Army Veteran. “I was on my way to the gym when I saw the sign for Subway. It’s one of the healthiest and popular places.” The welcome banner was cut by Garrison Commander Col. Ryan Hanson, Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. Algrish C. Williams and Exchange General Manager Kimberly Neiss.



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Soldiers representing the Army at Paralympic Games

JOINT BASE SAN ANTONIO-FORT SAM HOUSTON, Texas – Sgt. 1st Class Elizabeth Marks, Staff Sgt. Kevin Nguyen and Staff Sgt. John Wayne Joss III from the Army World Class Athlete Program are competing in the 2020 Summer Paralympic Games Aug. 24 to Sept. 4 in Tokyo.

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Soldiers receive real-world training at ANMC

ANNISTON, Ala. – Anniston Munitions Center opened its doors in support of Army Reserve who were conducting annual training requirements. What started in June and will continue through the summer, provides the soldiers an opportunity to hone their skills with real-world training. 266th Ordnance Company from Aguadilla, Puerto Rico, was on the installation in July. Working alongside ANMC personnel, the Soldiers were eager to master their craft.

USAG Bavaria firefighters assist in flooding recovery mission

GRAFENWOEHR, Germany – Seven firefighters from U.S. Army Garrison Bavaria provided volunteer support and humanitarian aid to the city of Altenahr, July 24-28. The area had catastrophic flooding, resulting in village-wide property damages and citizen deaths. When leadership reached out for emergency assistance, Bavarian State fire departments found volunteers and received employer approval to discharge them from their regular work.

COVID-19 tabletop exercise helps Garrison staff, schools

WIESBADEN, Germany – The U. S. Army Garrison Wiesbaden conducted a tabletop exercise Aug. 18 to test its capabilities. Staff members worked through several scenarios of a COVID-19 outbreak at the Wiesbaden schools. Members of the Department of Defense Education Agency, the Wiesbaden Health Clinic and Garrison directorates looked over previous plans and discussed ways to mitigate the outbreak and send updates out to the community.

Red River takes on HMMVW brake system

RED RIVER ARMY DEPOT, Texas – Red River Army Depot knows how to remanufacture every variant of the High Mobility Multi-purpose Wheeled Vehicle. For nearly 20 years, the depot has ensured HMMWVs are returned back to the field in a like-new status. Now, team members here are partnering with Ricardo Defense to improve the safety of HMMWVs by taking on a program to install Anti-lock Braking Systems and Electronic Stability Controls on the vehicles.

Army ammunition production facility is an eye-opener

ROCK ISLAND, Ill. – In July, Joint Munition Command's summer 2021 class of interns from the Minority College Relations Program visited the Quad City Cartridge Case Facility. QCCCF is a state of the art, government-owned, Navy-operated production facility capable of producing deep-drawn steel and brass cartridge cases, including those used for the Navy's 5" system, the Army's 105mm tank ammunition, and other cartridge case requirements for all services.

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Employee of the Quarter**

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