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FirstNet gives Army first responders a communications boost

REDSTONE ARSENAL, Ala. – The Army marked the start of a partnership that will provide a dedicated communication network to first responders, every day and in every emergency. Lt. Gen. Donnie Walker, deputy commanding general of Army Materiel Command and senior commander of Redstone Arsenal, joined Alabama Governor Kay Ivey; Richard Carrizzo, vice chair, FirstNet Government Authority Board of Directors; and Wayne Hutchens, president of AT&T Alabama, to announce new, purpose-built FirstNet cell sites at 72 Army installations.



AMC recognizes top employees with quarterly award

REDSTONE ARSENAL, Ala. – Each quarter, AMC recognizes an employee from its headquarters at Redstone Arsenal as well as one employee from each of its 10 major subordinate commands for outstanding and innovative contributions that have a direct impact on AMC's mission goals. "This outstanding group of employees represent the innovative and impactful contributions the AMC team makes all across our worldwide enterprise," said AMC Chief of Staff Brig. Gen. Walter Duzzny.



"Task Force Ohana" surges support to residents

ALIAMANU MILITARY RESERVATION, Hawaii – In response to the ongoing water crisis, the Army formed "Task Force Ohana" to provide assistance to residents of the Aliamanu Military Reservation and Red Hill. Over 250 Soldiers from 2nd Squadron, 14th Cavalry Regiment are going door-to-door delivering potable water on both AMR and Red Hill. Additionally, 32,000 gallons of water have been dispatched from the Wahiawa well on Schofield Barracks for distribution to impacted military communities.



Tobyhanna modernization efforts support future warfighter

TOBYHANNA ARMY DEPOT, Pa. – Modernization and growth were the main points of discussion during the quarterly update brief at Tobyhanna Army Depot. Maj. Gen. Robert Edmonson, commanding general of Communications-Electronics Command, and Command Sgt. Maj. Kristie Brady spent three days with Team Tobyhanna during a wide-ranging visit that included tours, interactions with the workforce, and briefings on current modernization initiatives. Much of the QUB focused on the recent visit of the Organic Industrial Base Modernization Task Force.



\$373M Army housing groundbreaking in Italy

VICENZA, Italy – U.S. Army Garrison Italy celebrated its Army family housing groundbreaking on Dec. 6; a moment that signifies both the previous years of planning leading up to this day, as well as the forthcoming years of construction. To inaugurate the Army's current largest housing investment program, five leaders - representing the American and Italian militaries and the Italian government - broke ground in front of homes that will soon be demolished. The \$373 million Army Family Housing Construction venture will provide a total of 478 homes.



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PEOPLE FIRST – QUALITY OF LIFE UPDATES



AAFES facing challenges similar to civilian retailers

FORT LEE, Va. – “Help wanted” posters and banners have become a ubiquitous feature of nearly all civilian restaurant and retail establishments outside the installation. Conversely, the pandemic-induced circumstance is less obvious on Fort Lee, where the Army and Air Force Exchange Service manages or provides oversight of more than 30 facilities. That does not mean, however, the government retailer is not dealing with its fair share of workforce-related problems.



The Mountain of Toys at Fort Drum keeps growing

FORT DRUM, N.Y. – A group of Fort Drum senior noncommissioned officers conducted a ruck march Dec. 2, carrying with them something that will bring joy to dozens of families this holiday season. The trek from the Fort Drum Noncommissioned Officer Academy to the Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers facility was in support of the annual Mountain of Toys program, and the senior enlisted Soldiers delivered more than 100 unwrapped toys to add to the growing collection.



Week brings education to forefront

FORT CARSON, Colo. – This year marked the 37th year that the Army Continuing Education System celebrated American Education Week. The Fort Carson Education Center used the AEW to bring education to the forefront through workshops and briefings on credentialing assistance, GI Bill benefits, financial aid and many other topics. The AEW was created in 1921 by the National Education Association and the American Legion after those organizations learned that 25% of World War I draftees were illiterate, and 9% were physically unfit to serve.

Text, telephone-based notification system helps garrison folks stay safe

KAISERSLAUTERN, Germany – A text- and telephone-based notification system helps Soldiers, civilians, and family members navigate storms, avoid black ice, and stay safe. Quickly getting weather, incident, and closure alerts with U.S. Army Garrison Rhineland-Pfalz is as easy as signing up with the Alert! Mass Warning Notification System. Alert! will quickly notify Soldiers, civilians, local nationals, and family members of important information in the garrison footprint.

Sustainer Grill named top garrison Warrior Restaurant in South Korea

CAMP HENRY, South Korea – The Sustainer Grill Warrior Restaurant, operated by the 19th Expeditionary Sustainment Command, was named the top Warrior Restaurant on the Peninsula in the 54th Annual Philip A. Connelly Award Competition Military Garrison Category during a ceremony here, Nov. 24. The Sustainer Grill will now go on to represent Eighth Army at the Department of the Army level Connelly Competition.



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Celebrating 70 years of American military presence

BAUMHOLDER, Germany – Like most relationships that span 70 years, they are guaranteed to have their ups and downs. That rings as true today as it did 70 years ago when the Americans took control of the Baumholder Military Community from the French military. "The host nation relationship in Baumholder Military Community is one of the strongest in Europe," said Jae Kim, BMC deputy garrison manager.

Fort Campbell earns top award for excellence in energy savings

FORT CAMPBELL, Ky. – Fort Campbell was among three installations recognized with a Secretary of the Army Energy and Water Management Award for Energy and Water Resilience Program Effectiveness. According to the award packet, U.S. Army Garrison-Fort Campbell achieved annual utility bill savings of more than \$1.2 million in fiscal year 2020 and renegotiated a firm gas transportation agreement.

Fort Campbell hosts large-scale field experiment

FORT CAMPBELL, Ky. – Fort Campbell hosted the final field experiment for DARPA's OFFensive Swarm-Enabled Tactics program, allowing Soldiers and Department of Defense representatives alike to observe and provide feedback on technology which could allow a single service member to operate hundreds of drones at once. Fort Campbell offers a good balance of the complexity of the environment and access to interesting features.

Installation exercise tests emergency response capabilities

FORT STEWART-HUNTER ARMY AIRFIELD, Ga. – As drivers weaved in and out of concrete barriers making their way on and off the installation, what many didn't realize is that they were playing an important part in the latest integrated installation safety exercise. Installation agencies practiced their emergency response capabilities, Dec. 7-8 with a barrier exercise at Fort Stewart's Britt Gate and Hunter Army Airfield's Wilson gate.

Resettled Afghan, former interpreter, gives thanks to Soldiers

WASHINGTON – In the grainy video sent on a messenger application, a father sits on the couch. Four children surround him, eagerly waving and speaking over one another to introduce themselves. "I thank every single one of you – you've worked hard not just for me but for thousands of others. I know it's hard because that's a lot of people to evacuate, in-process, feed, clothe, and give places to sleep and give them medical attention. It's a big effort."

Maintenance apprentices bring fresh perspectives

GRAFENWOEHR, Germany – Fresh perspectives and new approaches – that's what the 405th Army Field Support Brigade believes its Base Support Operations Maintenance apprenticeship program brings to the communities it supports – and two apprentices in the program couldn't agree more. During the three-year program, apprentices will work in every section of BASOPS Maintenance for a few months each to experience all work requirements.

FOCUS ON THE FORCE



21st TSC "Triples Down" on
OAW Volunteer Recognition

USAMMC-K recognized as 'All-
Star' for cost-saving efforts

405th AFSB ammo LAR is
JMC's face in Europe

THE GIVEAWAY GAL – Meet the
face behind the swag

NEWS AROUND THE ARMY



Army will serve as 'linchpin' for
joint force

Army Public Health Center
launches Health of the Army
Family report

Army thanks AFC leaders for
exceptional service

Many lives were lost at Pearl
Harbor, this Soldier's just began