



U.S. Army Materiel Command

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AMC commander cites praise for ASC from Army's top leaders

ROCK ISLAND ARSENAL, Ill. – The briefing given to Army Materiel Command's top leader began with recognition given to six members of the Army Sustainment Command team, and with words of praise for ASC that came from leaders at every level of the Army. Gen. Ed Daly, commanding general of AMC, told those attending the briefing that he constantly heard positive comments from leaders of combat units in the field about the support provided by ASC. "ASC is doing spectacular work out in the battlespace," Daly said.



Army's senior sustainer affirms JMC's path forward

ROCK ISLAND ARSENAL, Ill. – Modernizing the Organic Industrial Base and ensuring the welfare of its workforce dominated the discussion at Joint Munitions Command's update to the Commanding General of Army Materiel Command, Gen. Ed Daly, on April 22nd. JMC Commander Col. Gavin Gardner, highlighted JMC's focus on employee inclusion, the ammunition management strategy and modernization initiatives to sustain a flexible OIB enterprise to better support the warfighter.



Digital Garrison pushes readiness

JOINT BASE SAN ANTONIO-FORT SAM HOUSTON, Texas – While Army leaders rely on Digital Garrison to communicate critical information during emergencies, a global push notification test April 22 highlighted an opportunity for improvement. Digital Garrison is a free app that communicates important information, and connects Soldiers and their families with a full array of on-post services and events. During a test of Digital Garrison's ability to push notifications to its global audience, the app incorrectly sent two messages without identifying them as tests.



MDRS helps Army modernization efforts

FORT STEWART, Ga. – For the Army to remain a world-class fighting force, individual and unit equipment must be ready for combat. To ensure this, the Army is transitioning to the Regionally Aligned Readiness and Modernization Model, designed to align divisions across the Army with specific theaters of operations to support various missions. In an effort to unburden the units of their excess equipment, the Army Sustainment Command has set up Modernization Displacement and Repair Sites at 13 division-level installations across the country.



Army senior leaders praise CYS personnel as all centers reopen

WASHINGTON – All of the Army's Child and Youth Services centers are now open at a reduced capacity, as CYS draws closer to normal operating conditions after closing more than half of their facilities during the COVID-19 pandemic last year. "Slowly but surely, CYS is getting more and more children into care," said Helen Roadarmel, the Army's CYS program manager. "The majority of our programs are in the health protection condition bravo, which means they are inching closer to that 75% capacity."



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Lendlease closes on \$1.1 billion for Fort Knox, four other posts

FORT KNOX, Ky. – In partnership with the Army, Lendlease announced April 21 it has closed on \$1.1 billion in improvement financing for privatized military housing communities located at Fort Knox and four other Army installations. Officials said the partnership will also expedite planned improvements in the accelerated out-year development program by several years to come. As part of the approved scope of work, about 12,000 existing homes will be renovated and about 1,200 new homes will be constructed at the five locations combined.



Kansas Governor signs legislation benefiting military families

TOPEKA, Kan. – 1st Infantry Division and Fort Riley leaders, military spouses and supporters joined Gov. Laura Kelly April 21 for the signing of Kansas House Bill 2066. The legislation provides expedited license reciprocity, the recognition of professional occupational licenses gained in one state by another, to all Kansans. The enactment into law of House Bill 2066, known as the Occupational License Reciprocity Bill, is particularly beneficial to military spouses and service members.



Fort Drum housing ranks among best in the Army

FORT DRUM, N.Y. – The Army Tenant Satisfaction Survey results are out, and Fort Drum's positive trend continues as resident responses rank the installation fifth out of 43 in the RCI Family Housing category. Boasting a 40.5% response rate (the survey's goal was 30%), Fort Drum family housing residents rated their experience here two points higher than the last survey results released in June 2020. This most recent increase earned Fort Drum Mountain Community Homes the Crystal Award for the first time.

Fort Leavenworth town hall provides info for inbound families

FORT LEAVENWORTH, Kan. – Fort Leavenworth Garrison Commander Col. Harry Hung hosted a permanent change of station town hall for inbound Command and General Staff College students and permanent party personnel on the Fort Leavenworth Facebook page. The live broadcast featured several subject matter experts talking about various portions of a PCS move. "We're going to provide everything you need to know as you make your move here, and it's going to be pretty comprehensive," Hung said.

BAH provides options while on-post housing exceeds market standards, expert says

WASHINGTON – The Army continues to develop on-post housing communities that provide Soldiers and families access to safe and habitable living spaces and other amenities that typically exceed what the service member can afford on the local economy, a housing expert said last week. Approximately 1 million members rely on basic allowance for housing, a U.S.-based entitlement at the cost of \$22 billion each year. Soldiers receive BAH whether they live on or off post.



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USAEC streamlines environmental analysis process

SAN ANTONIO – The U.S. Army Environmental Command implemented several practices that streamline the National Environmental Policy Act process, including placing staff in direct contact with program managers in the acquisition community, installation staff and the Army capability managers who develop the training requirements for new weapons systems.

Setting efficiency standards with environmental benefits

FORT KNOX, Ky. – The only one of its kind Defense Department-wide, the energy program at Fort Knox is now paving the way to a more efficient and "greener" future. Unlike much of world's power distribution, Fort Knox utilizes a decentralized energy system. According to installation Energy Division manager Robert Dyrdek, the system's definition boils down to one basic principle: "Decentralized means 'make it where you use it.'"

Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Council charts a path forward

DETROIT ARSENAL, Mich. – In an enterprise-wide effort, the first Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Council quarterly meeting, chaired by Brian Butler, Tank-automotive and Armaments Command deputy to the commander, was held April 20. The council is charged with creating a work environment that is supportive of all people regardless of gender identification, race, age, sexual orientation or disability.

JBLM opens first Children's Museum on DOD installation

JOINT BASE LEWIS-MCCHORD, Wash. – The Children's Museum at Joint Base Lewis-McChord opened its doors to the community during a ribbon cutting ceremony April 24. Located next to the splash park, skate park and bowling alley, the museum is the first of its kind on a military installation. "We're honored to be here today to open the first of its kind children's museum right here on Joint Base Lewis-McChord," said Lt. Gen. Randy George, I Corps commander.

Marine cargo specialists deliver the Joint Force to the fight

SCOTT AIR FORCE BASE, Ill. – Marine cargo specialists are force multipliers, ensuring the Military Surface Deployment and Distribution Command can successfully deliver the Joint Force to the fight. Often the "go to" person on any mission, they coordinate cargo movement through and to the ports via convoy, truck, rail and even cargo arriving by air, and then staging that cargo and readying it for its next mode of transport.

CECOM establishes Anti-Harassment Coordinator

ABERDEEN PROVING GROUND, Md. – The Communications-Electronics Command recently implemented a new role, an Anti-Harassment Coordinator, within its G1 to ensure prompt and thorough inquiries and investigations are conducted into allegations of harassment. Valaria Johnson assumed this new role in March 2021 and is now responsible for receiving and facilitating claims of harassment within CECOM.

FOCUS ON THE FORCE



Memphis logistics pro sets the stage for DEFENDER-Europe

LDAC employees rise to the app development challenge

'Big boots to fill,' chief warrant officer retirement

MICC team reaches contract award milestone

NEWS AROUND THE ARMY



CSA tours Fort Lee, provides advice to young leaders

Fort Polk among 2021 Environmental Award winners

Tool analyzes positioning, navigation and timing tech

FORSCOM scales up interoperability during multinational exercise