



U.S. Army Materiel Command

# Eye On AMC



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## DOD building capacity to support up to 50,000 Afghan evacuees

WASHINGTON – The Defense Department is building capacity to house up to 50,000 Afghan evacuees on seven different military installations across the U.S. Those services are now either being provided, or will be provided at Fort Bliss, Texas; Fort McCoy, Wisconsin; Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, New Jersey; Holloman Air Force Base, New Mexico; and Fort Lee, Marine Corps Base Quantico and Fort Pickett, all in Virginia. Right now, capacity at Fort Lee, Fort Bliss, Fort McCoy and Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst stands at about 21,000 people.



## MICC provides contracting support to Operation Allies Refuge

FORT LEE, Va. – Mission and Installation Contracting Command is providing contracting support for Afghan special immigrant applicants as part of Operation Allies Refuge. Soldiers from across the MICC's 419th and 418th Contracting Support Brigades as well as contracting staff at MICC-Fort Lee are supporting the Department of State's mission of relocating the special immigrant applicants. The Department of Defense, in support of the Department of State, is providing temporary housing here and at other military installations.



## Summit focuses on changes to Army civilian career programs

REDSTONE ARSENAL, Ala. – Career Program Managers from across Army Materiel Command participated in a virtual summit, Aug. 24-26, to discuss continued implementation efforts of the Army's People Strategy and professional development opportunities for the civilian workforce. The biannual meeting, hosted by AMC's deputy chief of staff for personnel, G-1, focused on the transition and alignment of the Army's 32 career programs into 11 career fields under the recently-formed Army Civilian Career Management Activity.



## DOD leadership award recognizes AMC's Small Business efforts

REDSTONE ARSENAL, Ala. – For the second year in a row, Army Materiel Command's Thaddeus Martin has received a Department of Defense Small Business award, recognizing enterprise-wide efforts by AMC's Office of Small Business Programs to encourage contracting relationships with the nation's small businesses. "It's truly a blessing and honor to receive this award. I am thankful to the Army Materiel Command senior leadership for believing and trusting me to lead our vastly changing small business program," said Martin.



## Army assessment tool ensures senior leader readiness

REDSTONE ARSENAL, Ala. – Senior enlisted personnel attended an introduction brief on the new First Sergeant Talent Alignment Assessment and Sergeants Major Assessment Program, during a recent meeting of Redstone Arsenal non-commissioned officers. "These assessments allow Army organizations to fill out a talent requirement worksheet, outlining certain unique knowledge, skills and behaviors for the selection of the incoming senior enlisted leader," said Sgt. Maj. Steve McDonald of the Army Talent Management Task Force.



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## PEOPLE FIRST – QUALITY OF LIFE UPDATES



### North Haven opens 32 new homes on Fort Wainwright

FORT WAINWRIGHT, Alaska – Fort Wainwright held a ribbon-cutting ceremony to celebrate the opening of the new section of the Bear Paw neighborhood, a collection of eight newly constructed four-plex homes for junior noncommissioned officer families. The completion of the neighborhood, managed by North Haven Communities, LLC, was the last component of their \$51 million out-year development program started in 2019. A highlight of the ceremony was when leaders welcomed Sgt. Damian McGregor, his wife and their children to their home.



### Lendlease begins 5-year plan at Fort Hood

FORT HOOD, Texas – In partnership with the U.S. Army, Lendlease announced its short- and long-term vision for the approximately \$420 million investment into Fort Hood Family Housing over the next five years. One of the largest projects includes the demolition and subsequent new construction of nearly 600 new junior enlisted homes in Chaffee Village. Preconstruction activities, such as water and sewer replacements, are currently underway and expected to be completed in December, allowing construction on the new homes to begin in January 2022.



### Fort Campbell committed to stress-free moves

FORT CAMPBELL, Ky. – Permanent change of station season may be winding down, but Campbell Crossing remains as committed as ever to helping Soldiers and Families navigate their moves. Those efforts have minimized impact on the installation from Army-wide PCS blackouts, which have surfaced as moving companies experience labor and supply shortages during the COVID-19 pandemic. Campbell Crossing has seen an estimated 200 move-outs in August alone, but few Families have experienced difficulties as a result.

### Presidio of Monterey Military Spouse Orientation aims to build resiliency

PRESIDIO OF MONTEREY, Calif. – As a military spouse for 18 years, Margo Kwasnoski knows the value of attending a military spouse orientation at a new duty station. “I always feel as though I have so much to learn,” said Kwasnoski, who arrived here three weeks ago and was one of about a dozen spouses who attended the Presidio of Monterey Military Spouse Orientation Aug. 23. “Every assignment is unique and different and poses different challenges.”

### Camp Zama programs equip newcomers to Japan with vital information

CAMP ZAMA, Japan – “Head Start” and newcomers’ orientation, part of the welcoming process for Soldiers and Families newly arriving to Japan and Camp Zama, help to quickly familiarize them with their new living and working environment.

[Related content](#) – Army Wellness Center in Daegu offers newcomers tools to boost health.





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## Event facilitates conversations between AMCOM, industry

REDSTONE ARSENAL, Ala. – Aviation and Missile Command hosted its annual Industry Days Aug. 24-25. "Our ability to effectively support the warfighter is dependent upon our ability to effectively work with our industry partners," said AMCOM Commander Maj. Gen. Todd Royar. "Industry Days provides an opportunity to not only discuss and resolve current issues, but also to initiate work on new opportunities. It truly is a team effort."

## JMC celebrates Ammunition Hall of Fame ceremony inductees

ROCK ISLAND, Ill. – Joint Munitions Command welcomed eight honorees into its Ammunition Hall of Fame in its ninth induction ceremony here Aug. 26. Brig. Gen. Gavin Gardner, JMC commander, applauded the inductees for their contributions. "We're going to talk about the contributions you have made to build Joint Munitions Command with your dedication, expertise and, quite frankly, the ambition to pursue more than just the status quo."

## Data, analytics center aims to improve AMCOM data literacy

REDSTONE ARSENAL, Ala. – One of the the Aviation and Missile Command Data and Analytics Center's goals involves increasing data literacy across the AMCOM workforce. "It's a skillset," said Francisco "Frank" Villanueva, AMCOM chief data steward. "People think of data literacy and they think of the technical aspect: 'What tools do I need?' ... [But] to be data literate means that you understand how to read, analyze and answer a question with [given] data."

## Training, certifications diversifying workforce knowledge

TOBYHANNA, Pa. – Internationally-recognized professional certifications are helping Tobyhanna Army Depot employees take their skill sets to the next level. The depot recently expanded its in-house access to training that prepares employees for the Certified Electronics Technician professional certification. Managed by the Electronics Technicians Association-International, the various forms of CET are recognized worldwide.

## DEMIL at Letterkenny paves way for future Army systems

CHAMBERSBURG, Pa. – Demilitarization is a key part of the life cycle of Department of Defense materiel. DEMIL involves the assessment of requirements and performance of physical demilitarization for DOD personal property. The Directorate of Supply and Transportation at Letterkenny Army Depot engages in DEMIL processes to support readiness. The DEMIL process begins when a depot customer determines which assets will be turned in.

## Emergency service departments partner with area agencies

FORT KNOX, Ky. – First responders from Fort Knox and its surrounding communities trained together on Aug. 25 as part of an emergency preparedness exercise. The goal was to simulate the types of situations that would arise following a tornado on post and then successfully coordinate rescue efforts. During the exercise, installation leaders, directorates and first responders worked together on various scenarios set up at different locations across post.

### FOCUS ON THE FORCE



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goal, becomes SAMC member**

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