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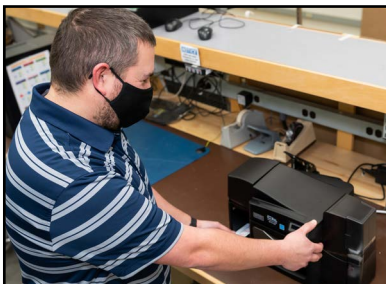
Army continues work to dispose of chemical weapons

ABERDEEN PROVING GROUND, Md. – Destruction of the U.S. chemical weapons stockpile located in two states has reached the 75% completion mark, with a combined total of more than 2,352 U.S. tons of chemical agent destroyed as of Jan. 14. The Program Executive Office, Assembled Chemical Weapons Alternatives, or PEO ACWA, is responsible for eliminating what was originally more than 3,136 U.S. tons of weaponized chemical agents stored at the U.S. Army Pueblo Chemical Depot, Colorado, and the Blue Grass Army Depot, Kentucky.



Pilot robotics program increases efficiency

CAMP CARROLL, South Korea – U.S. Army Medical Materiel Center-Korea teams are leveraging automation technology to increase efficiency and reduce staff burden in the center's distribution warehouse. "We just installed a cross-docking robotic system, similar to (large online retailers)," USAMMC-K Commander Lt. Col. Marcus D. Perkins said. "This helps us meet our scalable workforce requirements across the entire conflict continuum to support Multi-Domain Operations."



Simple suggestion streamlines process, saves time and money

TOBYHANNA, Pa. – An idea to make the most of a piece of equipment led to lower costs and a faster turn-around time to fabricate labels used to identify keys for military assets repaired at Tobyhanna Army Depot. Electronics Mechanic Leader Joseph Twardowski realized that a small printer being used on the shop floor was suitable for printing hundreds of small labels using PVC (polyvinyl chloride) plastic, thereby streamlining a process employee's use repeatedly. The printer had been repurposed some time ago to print other items using similar material.



Colombia receives armored vehicles from SOUTHCOM

REDSTONE ARSENAL, Ala. – The diplomatic relationship between the U.S. and Colombia marks its 200th anniversary this year, and the military partnership between the countries has strengthened. In April, the U.S. provided Colombia with five U1H1 Bell Huey helicopters. In its latest transfer of equipment, the U.S. is helping Colombia strengthen their national security in an effort to help counter narcotics. On Dec. 2, U.S. Southern Command donated 20 M1117 armored security vehicles in a handover ceremony.



Bobsled Soldier-athletes selected to represent Team USA

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. – Two Soldiers assigned to the Army World Class Athlete Program were selected for the 2022 U.S. Olympic Bobsled Team. Spc. Frank Del Duca, an Infantryman from Bethel, Maine, and Spc. Hakeem Abdul-Saboor, a Biomedical Equipment Specialist from Powhatan, Virginia, were both announced to the team Jan. 17. Del Duca's first Olympic games will be as a pilot, while Abdul-Saboor's second Olympic games will be as a push athlete. "I'm not surprised," said Del Duca's father, Frank Del Duca III. "He had a plan and he stuck to the plan."



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PEOPLE FIRST – QUALITY OF LIFE UPDATES



Fort Hood Family Housing: Revitalization efforts to continue

FORT HOOD, Texas - While Fort Hood Family Housing, a Lendlease privatized military housing community, made progress toward the revitalization of family housing here, they have even more planned for 2022 as they continue their \$420 million planned community development effort. "As we continue to progress through our latest community development plan, we are excited for the many changes residents can expect to see throughout the Fort Hood Family Housing communities in 2022," Chris Albus, project director of FHFH, said.



Survey to inform allowances paid to overseas service members

WASHINGTON - The Department of Defense, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness, Military Compensation Policy Directorate will conduct an Overseas Housing Allowance Utility and Move-In Expenses survey from Jan. 1 to March 31. The survey will collect utility/recurring maintenance and move-in expense data incurred by uniformed service members stationed overseas who reside in private housing. This data will help determine the utility/recurring maintenance and move-in housing allowances.



Have an opinion about housing? Take 10-minute tenant survey

FORT BELVOIR, Va. - Each year, residents of The Villages at Belvoir, and all privatized military housing, have a chance to participate in the Defense Department's annual Tenant Satisfaction Survey. The results from the survey let local leaders and housing officials know residents' thoughts about what is working and what could be improved for future residents and community initiatives. A unique link to the annual survey was emailed to all residents Jan. 11, and the survey will close Feb. 24.

Garrison human resources directorate shines, winning top award two years running

VICENZA, Italy - For the second year in a row, U.S. Army Garrison Italy's Directorate of Human Resources was recognized with "Excellence in DHR Award-Medium Garrison" by Installation Management Command. The directorate was notified a few months ago of their win. The IMCOM award recognizes exceptional effort in the human resources field for garrisons supporting the command's service culture initiative, and those that become a more innovative and efficient organization.

Connecting military spouses through digital recipe book

FORT GORDON, Ga. - Fort Gordon's Relocation Readiness program staff is continuously looking for creative ways to connect military spouses with resources and with each another. One of its latest ways is a tangible, delicious example. Thanks to the help of several military spouses and Relocation staff, a "simple recipe book" is now available. Cookbooks are in digital format and free to any military ID cardholder who would like one.



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Los Angeles native makes Huntsville home, enjoys AMCOM

REDSTONE ARSENAL, Ala. – Henry Hemphill III has been with Aviation and Missile Command for less than a year and is already making quite the impression. Recruited at the virtual 2021 Be Everything You Are Conference and hired shortly after, Hemphill now works for the AMCOM Logistics Center Acquisition Directorate in the Publication Services Division. “I’ve supported the federal government ever since 2016,” said Hemphill.

ASC embraces OSHA VPP to enhance employee safety

ROCK ISLAND ARSENAL, Ill. – Army Sustainment Command takes safety very seriously and asks everyone to take a proactive approach toward it. ASC has chosen the Occupational Safety and Health Administration’s Voluntary Protection Program as its primary safety management system. “Safety is vital to our Army mission for a variety of reasons,” said Bob Petty, chief, G4 (Logistics), Safety & Occupational Health Division.

Army taps two from IMCOM-Europe for senior leader training

WIESBADEN, Germany – The Army has selected two professionals from Installation Management Command-Europe to participate in a competitive professional development program at the National Defense University. Both Matt Metcalf, strategic planner, and Dr. Kate Obradovich, chief of strategy and plans, will attend the Eisenhower School of National Security and Resources Strategy, as part of the Senior Enterprise Talent Management program.

LRC Italy heroes ensure imports, exports are ‘customs cleared’

VICENZA, Italy – The Logistics Readiness Centers in Europe are responsible for a number of logistical support and service activities for their assigned garrisons. But in Italy, there’s one more. The team at LRC Italy – assigned to the 405th Army Field Support Brigade – is responsible for all customs operations supporting the Army South of the Alps.

Annual Fort Hood bird count tallies 109 species

FORT HOOD, Texas – Volunteers combed the training areas off west and east range to count as many birds as possible here in a single day. The Christmas Bird Count has been going on for more than a century and collects valuable data on bird populations and how it fluctuates year to year,” Charlie Plimpton, avian biologist, Fort Hood Adaptive and Integrative Management program, said. “Fort Hood’s count helps contribute to the national Audubon’s database.”

Del Din Warrior Restaurant brightened by creativity

VICENZA, Italy – The team at the Del Din Warrior Restaurant recently stepped up its game. Restaurant manager Sgt. 1st Class Andrew Plog came up with an idea to brighten the atmosphere at the warrior restaurant and showcase his team’s talents. Once a week during lunch, creative work from the Soldiers assigned to the warrior restaurant are displayed.

FOCUS ON THE FORCE



AMC employee supports
Kentucky tornado recovery

403rd AFSB personality
spotlight: Darren Ratcliff

Spc. Donovan Lynch named
IMCOM-P Soldier of the Year

Now-Soldier crosses 'military
service' off bucket list

NEWS AROUND THE ARMY



Georgia National Guard
activates 200 Guardsmen to
support COVID-19 response

Maintain Battalion fields new
modular diagnostic test system

Idaho Army National Guard
completes Black Hawk transition

Army offers up to \$50k in
enlistment incentives