



# G-5's "Eye on AMC" U.S. Army Materiel Command

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## **AMCOM working to distribute parts faster**

The Aviation and Missile Command is arranging to have an Air Force C-17 fly from the Distribution Depot Corpus Christi, Texas to Balad, Iraq in an effort to get critical Class IX parts to the troops quicker. The plane will carry large items such as engines, helicopter blades and transmissions that support all aviation systems.

The pallets are expected to be built at Defense Distribution Depot Red River, Texas, trucked to DDCT and staged to meet the plane. Once the plane is unloaded in Iraq, it will return to DDCT the next day with critical retrograde parts.

"We think we can reduce the overall delivery time by shipping directly from Corpus Christi Army Depot, but that is one aspect we'll study carefully," said Charles Reeves, AMCOM transportation officer.

If the concept proves worthy, the plan is to fly monthly, according to AMCOM officials.

## **Assault kitchen speeds feeding**

Forward-deployed, fast-moving Warfighters are expected to receive hot meals quickly with a new, heat-on-the-move capability. The Assault Kitchen, which is intended to replace the Kitchen, Company-Level Field Feeding, in 2007, provides a better way to feed company-sized military units.

"Many times, frontline units don't take (the KCLFF) to the field other than a component here and there," said Doug Brown, a mechanical engineer and project officer for the Assault Kitchen. "They tend to not want to operate with the whole system because of the setup involved. It takes more time and effort to use when compared to the AK."

Developed by the Food Service Equipment Team under the Product Manager Force Sustainment Systems at the Soldier Systems Center in Natick, Mass., the AK consists of a HMMWV and trailer packed with equipment that eliminates or replaces the collection of loose KCLFF items.

In addition, the kitchen feeds up to 250 troops in one location or as many as 500 troops daily in multiple locations with a setup that can be completed in as little as 10 minutes with two cooks, according to Brown.

## **Senior leader alumni visit AMC**

Fourteen former commanding generals, deputy commanding generals and principal deputies visited the Headquarters, U.S. Army Materiel Command yesterday to discuss AMC initiatives, accomplishments and goals and objectives.

Attendants included retired generals William Tuttle, Jr., Leon Salomon, Louis Wagner, Jimmy Ross, and Johnnie Wilson, and retired lieutenant generals Robert Baer, Dennis Benchoff, James Link, and Billy Solomon. Retired Maj. Gen. William McGrath, Mr. Darold Griffin, Dr. Richard Chait, Ms. Renata Price, and Dr. Clarence Kitchens also attended the gathering.

The group received briefings on current and future operations and a building tour, which included the technology gallery of AMC's latest and greatest inventions and the high-tech Miller Operations Center.

## **First responders check out Picatinny's homeland defense, readiness training**

Training for first-responder agents and officers in Picatinny, New Jersey, may become easier because of Picatinny Arsenal's homeland defense and security training site.

Nearly two dozen police officers and representatives from the Office of Emergency Management visited the arsenal in August to tour the installation's multi-use Homeland Defense Technologies and Security Readiness Center. The group was exploring joint training opportunities with Picatinny personnel and will possibly use the site to expand training scenarios.