



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

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AMC National Guard Soldiers Help Out at CCAD

While the mostly civilian workforce puts these airborne work horses back in like-new condition, National Guard soldiers from the 1106th Aviation Classification Repair Activity Depot out of Fresno, Calif., also have been putting their training to work at the depot. The AVCRAD unit is part of AMC. Soldiers normally train at their home station working, but have limited opportunities. When the depot shifts into high gear during surge operations, these soldiers go to CCAD to augment the depot workforce. They are currently helping with the depot's surge efforts repairing Apache helicopter transmissions.

"On the supply side, AMCOM did a marvelous job of identifying critical components to keeping aircraft in the fight and pushing those components forward in mass. I have never seen better support for aircraft in the supply system."

*Maj. Robert Burnside
Production Control Division Chief
1109th Aviation Classification Repair Activity Depot, Camp Arifjan*

Mustard Destruction Begins

The Aberdeen Chemical Agent Disposal Facility at Edgewood began destroying the bulk mustard agent stockpile there last week. The Army accelerated the destruction process of mustard at Aberdeen following the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks. "We are safely accelerating the destruction of the mustard agent stockpile by more than two years," said Kevin J. Flamm, the Army's Project Manager for Alternative Technologies and Approaches. "I'm proud of this team and what it is doing for our community and our country." Destruction had been scheduled for completion by the year 2006, but security concerns after the terrorist attacks led to "Speedy Neut" (speedy neutralization), a project that reordered the sequence and design of the original neutralization process.

Pine Bluff Begins Furnace Test

The Pine Bluff Chemical Agent Disposal Facility at Pine Bluff Arsenal started its deactivation furnace system on April 24, five weeks ahead of the original May 30 schedule. The deactivation furnace will destroy residual chemical agent and the energetic materials removed from stockpiled rockets and mines by high-temperature incineration. The DFS is the second of three furnaces to be tested at PBCDF. Testing of the liquid incinerator began in February. A third incinerator, the metal parts furnace, is scheduled for testing in August. PBCDF will use its state-of-the-art incineration technology to safely destroy approximately 12 percent of the original U.S. stockpile currently stored at the arsenal.

Tanks Finish "the race"

During his live interview with *WOC-Radio*, Brig. Gen. Vincent E. Boles (commander, AMC LSE-SWA) discussed his visit to Baghdad, which he described as an "eye-opening experience." When asked how military equipment held up during combat, Boles replied, "Superbly." While he conceded that some equipment was "a little worn," he drew a comparison to the Indianapolis 500: "If half the cars that start the race are around at the finish, that's considered a success. Our tanks went 20 straight days and over 1,000 miles, yet over 90 percent were able to finish, still doing what they were designed to do."

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"We've got it down to a level of detail that will hurt your eyes."

*Gary Motsek
Deputy G-3 for Support Operations
Speaking about the planning/strategic process of dealing with the expected surge in overhauls, repairs and possible upgrades of equipment returning from Iraq*