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USASAC commander bids the Army farewell

Maj. Gen. Joe G. Taylor, Jr., commanding general of the U.S. Army Security Assistance Command, retired from the Army July 1 after more than 29 years of service. The retirement ceremony, hosted by Gen. Paul Kern, was held at 10 a.m. at the Fort Belvoir's Officers' Club. Fellow general officers in attendance included former Army Chief of Staff Gen. (ret.) Eric Shinseki, Gen. (ret.) William Hartzog (former TRADOC commander), Lt. Gen. Richard Hack (AMC deputy commanding general), Lt. Gen. Richard Cody (Army G-3), and Lt. Gen. Jerry Sinn (Army Budget Office).

In his farewell remarks, Taylor thanked his family, his co-workers and especially the soldiers who have made his career so meaningful. "This morning I answer my final roll call. I do so with a full sense of gratitude and humility to a nation which gave me the opportunity to serve, and an opportunity to use what ability I have to the fullest benefit of this great institution's soldiers and families. I am the luckiest of men."

Request for legislative proposals

The Office of the Chief of Legislative Liaison is soliciting legislative proposals for the Department of Defense Fiscal Year 2005 program. This is AMC's opportunity to propose changes that will help us do our business and to facilitate the Army's transformation. Major subordinate commands and the staff are being asked for their proposals.

RDECOM employee wins NAACP award

Gregory Chappelle, a scientist/engineer from the U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command's Tank-Automotive Research, Development and Engineering Center has received the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People's Roy Wilkins Renown Service Award. Chappelle won the award for his educational outreach efforts with middle school students during the past year and his ten years of work with the nation's Historically Black Colleges and Universities/Minority Institutions and inner city middle schools.

Fort Monmouth firefighters act as extras in Hollywood movie

The Fort Monmouth Fire Department Honor Guard acted as extras in "Ladder 49," a big budget production from Touchstone Films, starring John Travolta and Joaquin Phoenix. "Ladder 49" is the story of a firefighter played by Phoenix who reflects on his life while trapped in a blaze. Travolta plays his fire chief and mentor. The Fort Monmouth Honor Guard was invited to participate in the movie after taking part in the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation's annual memorial service for all firefighters who died in the line of duty the previous year. Shooting was done in Baltimore and the movie is scheduled for release in mid-2004.