



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

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Reset program sees increased improvement

Officials at the U.S. Army Materiel Command are using lessons learned in previous conflicts to maximize the efficiency of the reset program. Reset is the Army's program to maintain, restore, recondition and reissue equipment—including ammunition stockpiles.

Serviceability of ammunition and the procedures used to process, repackage, inventory and transport unused ammunition are much improved from Operation Desert Storm, said Daniel Brown, Joint Munitions Command logistics assistance representative.

"Part of the problem during Desert Storm was the huge quantities of ammunition shipped into theater based on the requirement to support a long, hard fight with Iraq," Brown said. During Operation Iraqi Freedom, however, containers shipped into theater are only opened when there is an actual need for ammunition. Therefore, the majority of containers remain unopened and rapidly returned to prepositioned stock.

VX nerve agent-filled bulk containers destroyed at TOCDF

On April 24, workers at the Tooele Chemical Agent Disposal Facility safely destroyed the last of 632 VX nerve agent-filled bulk containers that were previously stored at Deseret Chemical Depot.

While the milestone demonstrates continuing progress in the overall TOCDF mission to safely eliminate the chemical weapons stockpile at DCD, 12 bulk containers filled with VX hydrolysate still await processing. Under terms of the international Chemical Weapons Convention Treaty, the depot cannot declare the VX Bulk Container Campaign completed until the dozen VX hydrolysate containers are processed.

Army FMS partners discuss business opportunities, strategies

The U.S. Army Security Assistance Command, in cooperation with the National Defense Industrial Association, sponsored the Foreign Military Sales Partnering Day April 29. Army FMS partners discussed potential business opportunities and strategies in International Defense programs.

Featured speakers included Maj. Gen. Craig Hackett, USASAC commanding general, and representatives from the USASAC studies and analysis group. Approximately 80 representatives from the Program Executive Offices, industry partners, and FMS professionals from the AMC subordinate commands attended.

AMC employees honored at Army top awards ceremony

AMC wins 16 of 46 awards

The Acting Secretary of the Army Les Brownlee presented nine Presidential Rank and seven Secretary of the Army awards to U.S. Army Materiel Command employees at a Pentagon ceremony March 12.

The AMC recipients for the Presidential Rank award (distinguished rank) were James L. Flinn III, Aviation and Missile Command; Anthony A. LaPlaca, Communications-Electronics Command; Michael A. Parker, Chemical Materials Agency; and Dr. Walter Bryzik, Research, Development and Engineering Command. The Presidential Rank awards (meritorious rank) went to Dr. John M. Ferriter, CMA; L. Marlene Cruze, AMCOM; Dr. Jester M. Loomis III, RDECOM; Dr. James J. Valdes, RDECOM; and Dr. Narayanaswamy Radhakrishnan, RDECOM.

The AMC recipients of the Secretary of the Army awards were Jerry L. Chapin, Tank-automotive and Armaments Command; Victor J. Ferlise, CECOM; and Maureen O. Viall, headquarters, for the Decoration for Exceptional Civilian Service; Thomas A. Enricco, Army Field Support Command, for the Secretary of the Army Award for Valor; Joseph P. Brady, CMA, for the Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization Award; Kevin D. Paulson, Logistics Support Activity, for the Award for Publications Improvement – Departmental; and Dudley M. McMillin, AMCOM, for the Civilian Suggestor of the Year award.