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DTS coming to Headquarters, Army Materiel Command

Headquarters, Army Materiel Command will soon join other Army organizations that are already using the new Defense Travel System. First envisioned in the mid-1990s, DTS began fielding in 2001 at 27 pilot sites and at 232 other sites across the Department of Defense to support thousands of military and civilian personnel.

DTS provides several benefits to travelers, authorizing officials, managers and commanders including: fast, electronic reimbursement of travel expenses; approvals and certifications tied directly to mission; a significant reduction in time spent administering travel; reduced paperwork; and the automated payment of government charge cards.

On Oct. 20, 2003, DTS was approved for fielding and became the official DoD temporary duty travel system. "Within the next two years, we will deploy DTS to the most high-volume travel sites within DoD," said Col. Brandy Johnson, DTS program director. "It will take time to deploy DTS to all of the DOD, but the process is well underway."

More information about DTS can be found in this month's issue of the Command Post, which is published on AMC's Web site, or at the DTS Web site, www.defensetravel.osd.mil.

Depot wins energy and water management award

Corpus Christi Army Depot was recently selected as a winner of the 26th Annual Secretary of the Army Energy and Water Management Awards. Citing the depot's successful management and implementation of energy and water saving ideas and strategies, the awards committee selected CCAD as one of the premier installations in the Army meeting and exceeding Army and Executive Order energy goals.

The depot was one of 40 nominees from across the Army and was the winner in the small group category for its alternative financing project. Personnel cited in the award notification include Adan Pena, energy conservation officer, Marciano Gonzalez, mechanical engineer, Sidney Stewart, electrical engineer from the CCAD directorate of engineering services, and Ken Ormsbee, director of the federal business unit, Chevron Energy Solutions Company, CCAD's partner in the energy savings performance contract.

The award will be presented at a ceremony in Washington, D.C. later this month.

"Ironman" sets DPE record

A mechanical technician for EG&G Defense Materials at the Tooele Chemical Agent Disposal Facility performed his 800th entry into one of the plant's most contaminated areas to do maintenance work on Sept. 26. He is the first worker to reach that milestone in the entire U.S. Army chemical weapons disposal program.

Dan Aldrich, was dubbed "Ironman" on Sept. 7, 1998, when he conducted his 100th TOCDF plant entry wearing the spacesuit-like Demilitarization Protective Ensemble. Wearing the DPE is physically and emotionally rigorous because of the high temperature and humidity inside the sealed suit and from the chemical agent-contaminated environment outside the suit. It's not uncommon for workers to lose 10 pounds each time they wear the suit in a contaminated environment.

Aldrich said his latest accomplishment is only a stepping stone to his real goal: "I've always said a thousand (entries), maybe in two more years."

Did you know...

AMC will be highlighted on two History Channel shows Oct. 12. "Modern Marvels," which airs at 9 p.m., will explore the evolution of bullets, the construction of a modern cartridge, and demonstrations of modern firepower. Gen. Paul Kern, will discuss logistics on "Tactical to Practical," which airs at 11 p.m.

Also, The United States Postal Service is offering free packing materials to spouses and families of military members who are deployed overseas. To take advantage of this service call, 800-610-8734.