



# G-5's "Eye on AMC"

## U.S. Army Materiel Command

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### House Unanimously Passes Military Protection Legislation

A "take care of soldiers" bill (HR 100) was passed in the House on 7 May 03 with a vote of 425-0. The bill updates the Soldiers' and Sailors' Relief Act of 1940 and provides protection for soldiers on active duty from economic harm while deployed. It provides protections such as an automatic 90-day stay from civil court proceedings and prevents eviction for non-payment of rent and cancellation of life insurance policies. It also limits interest on outstanding loans to 6 percent, boosts the monthly payment to military families from \$1200 to \$1700 per month to prevent eviction, and increases the annual amount to match increases in the rental housing index. Having passed it the House, this bill now requires consideration by the Senate.

### AMC RDECs Now Report to RDECOM

The Research, Development and Engineering Command, created in October 2002 as a provisional MSC of AMC, consolidates the Army's core research, development and engineering capabilities under one organization so it can rapidly integrate, mature and demonstrate emerging technologies to field the right equipment, in the shortest time, for soldiers. The RDE Command's goal is to move from a group of independent organizations to an integrated command of *interdependent* organizations. The command has been organized in a way that promotes and facilitates coordination and agility to stay ahead of ever-changing technological advances. To help do this, RDECOM assumed operational control of the following organizations effective May 1: Aviation and Missile Research, Development and Engineering Center, Redstone Arsenal, Huntsville, Ala.; Armaments Research, Development and Engineering Center, Picatinny Arsenal, N.J.; Communications-Electronics Research, Development and Engineering Center, Fort Monmouth, N.J.; Tank-Automotive Research, Development and Engineering Center, Warren, Mich.; Edgewood Chemical Biological Center, Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md.; and the Natick Soldier Center, Natick, Mass.

### TACOM Soldier Wins Prestigious Award for Contributions to Hispanic Community

A Tank-automotive and Armaments Command soldier has won a 2003 National Image Inc. Meritorious Service Award for her contributions to Hispanic Americans and the local community. Sgt. 1<sup>st</sup> Class Elena Morales-Alvarez won the award in the non-commissioned officer category for the U.S. Army. She will receive the award at the National Image Inc. and Department of Defense's 15<sup>th</sup> annual "Salute to the Hispanics in the Military" award banquet on May 22 at the Renaissance Hollywood Hotel, Hollywood, Calif. The Meritorious Service Award will be presented during the banquet to one officer and one noncommissioned officer from each of the military services. National Image Inc. is a network of professionals committed to finding positive and creative solutions to the challenges facing the Hispanic community in the United States, according to the organization's web site.

### AMC showcases command at Public Service Recognition Week

Several thousand people visited the AMC exhibits during Public Service Recognition Week on the Mall in Washington, D.C., May 2 to 5. Displays included the SmarTruck (Tank-automotive and Armaments Command); new developments in personal body armor and armor for the Stryker and other weapon systems (Army Research Laboratory); the Vision Dome (Tank-automotive and Armaments Command); bone conduction communications device (Army Research Laboratory); Night Vision equipment and a Command, Control, Communications and Computers, Intelligence, Sensors and Reconnaissance stretch HMMWV (Communications-Electronics Command); the Mobile Munitions Assessment System (Technical Escort Unit); and a Logistics Assistance Representative from Soldier and Biological Chemical Command. The PSRW is annual event to celebrate government employee's selfless service to the nation. Most of the same exhibits will be on display at the Joint Service Open House at Andrews Air Force Base, Md., May 16 to 18.