



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

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"We want to bypass predictable choke points and deliver combat power from multiple entry points from multiple ways, vertically, horizontally, from the sea -- every which way we can get there."

Gen. Paul J. Kern, commanding general, speaking at a recent conference about how future operations must rely on multiple types of entry, including air, land and sea.

RDECOM, CMA and Guardian Brigade become new organizations

The U.S. Army Soldier and Biological Chemical Command was re-designated, and the U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command, Chemical Materials Agency and Guardian Brigade was organized during a transformation ceremony Oct. 9.

"We are celebrating the transformation of three organizations all designed to keep our Army relevant," said Gen. Paul J. Kern, AMC commander, during the ceremony. "Each has been created to face this changing world."

AMCOM Apache team using Lean to drive down lead times

As part of the AMCOM Lean Implementation, the AMCOM Acquisition Center, with Integrated Materiel Management Center support, embarked on a journey that took them to five of their key contractor sites: Fenn, Purdy, Northstar, Canadian Commercial and Boeing.

The team was pleasantly surprised to learn that all five contractors are using Lean techniques and tools in their processes, primarily focused on the production aspect.

The visits resulted in the development of seven long-term contracts, with input from all parties. Almost all contractors said the end result would be better pricing, reduced production lead times -- up to 80 percent -- and better delivery schedules.

LOGCAP Support Unit Soldiers in Iraq assisting more than U.S. Troops

The challenges for soldiers of the Logistics Civil Augmentation Program Support Unit in Southwest Asia are not limited to just U.S. troops, as shown by Capt. Jeanine Cunliffe, a member of the unit. Cunliffe is assigned to the Coalition Forces, Multi-National Division-Central South in Al Hilla, where LOGCAP is being used to provide almost all logistical, base camp and life support services to more than 20 coalition nations. Some of these units came over with only the rucksacks on their back -- no cots, tents or even vehicles. Cunliffe helps units identify support requirements and is educating the 1st Marine Expeditionary Force and coalition forces on how LOGCAP works and all the things LOGCAP contractors can do for them.

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