



G-5's "Eye on AMC"

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New Faces within AMC

Maj. Gen. Craig D. Hackett assumed command of the U.S. Army Security Assistance Command Sept. 9, 2003. AMC's Commanding General, Gen. Paul J. Kern said "He is truly a man who has been designed for this job," noting Hackett's extensive experience in U.S. foreign relations and international strategy. Hackett intends to continue the realignment initiatives begun by his predecessor Maj. Gen. Joe G. Taylor Jr., including employee training, weapons integration, and customer support. "Both (my wife) Trish and I are truly enthusiastic about assuming command," Hackett said.

Command Sgt. Maj. Gregory Lunn has arrived as the new command sergeant major for the Aviation and Missile Command (AMCOM) and Redstone Arsenal. His specialty is aviation operations. In his previous assignment, he served as command sergeant major for the 25th Aviation Brigade at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii. With AMCOM's aviation mission, Lunn said his background will be an asset. This is a great opportunity," the Baltimore, Md., native said. "I'm the first aviation guy to assume the AMCOM (command sergeant major) position. I see it as a blessing in disguise and an opportunity to serve soldiers in a greater capacity."

Army Recognizes ARDEC for Support to Phase II Quality Awards

The Army recently recognized the Armament Research, Development and Engineering Center (ARDEC) for mentoring three of this year's winners of its Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) Phase II Quality Awards. ARDEC sponsored half of the six companies whose projects received Phase II Quality Awards this year. Army sponsors nominated 32 companies for this award.

Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army for Research and Technology Dr. Thomas Killion presented plaques acknowledging the ARDEC personnel's efforts including Dr. Paul Willson, Grunde R. Haugeto, Stanley P. Kopacz, Eugene Del Coco, Edward Cuda, Carol L'Hommedieu and John Saarman.

LEAN in Action

Under Gen. Kern's direction, AMC has embraced the LEAN philosophy to become a more efficient provider of mission-critical services and equipment. While AMC's major subordinate commands are working to streamline often unwieldy administrative processes, the organic industrial base is proceeding with shop floor improvements designed to eliminate waste and reduce customer wait time.

At our five maintenance depots alone, over 1,200 workers have received LEAN training, and AMC has already realized the benefit of their LEAN initiatives. For additional information about AMC's LEAN initiatives, contact George Terrell (703-617-9488, gterrell@hqamc.army.mil) or Darlene Paukei (703-617-9851, dpaukei@hqamc.army.mil) of the AMC LEAN Management Cell.

Iraq lessons

A secret "lessons learned" report for the Joint Chiefs of Staff states that Operation Iraqi Freedom made great strides in reducing fratricide, better known as "friendly fire."

"Blue Force tracking allowed U.S. to have significant situational awareness," says the report, stamped "secret." "Increased situational awareness improved tempo and assisted in fratricide prevention. Significant effort undertaken to establish capability to U.S. and coalition allies ground forces.

"Improved common operating picture enabled a faster decision cycle and allowed commanders to rapidly adjust plan in execution. Improved situational awareness and fratricide prevention acts as enabler for aspects of information operations, public diplomacy and public affairs. CentCom solved interoperability issues by integrating six different systems." (taken from *Washington Times*, Sep. 5, "Inside the Ring," p. 5)

"[Depot employees] are responsible for...a business that has saved the lives of countless service members and promoted the highest quality equipment to the best armed forces the world has ever seen," said Col. Patricia McQuiston, outgoing commander of Tobyhanna Army Depot on the occasion of her change of command.