



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

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Shinseki bids farewell to Army

Army Chief of Staff Gen. Eric K. Shinseki retired after more than 37 years of active service at a ceremony on Fort Myer, Va., June 11.

"As I have said so often in the past, my name is Ric Shinseki, and I am a soldier," Shinseki said. "I began my service 37 years ago in the jungles of Vietnam and I end my career with the nation at war in Afghanistan and Iraq. Soldiering is an honorable profession and I have been proud to be a soldier."

Value Engineering recognized with award from Secretary of Defense

SBCCOM's Value Engineering Team won the 2002 Value Engineering award from the Office of the Secretary of Defense, marking the second time in the past four years the team has achieved this distinction.

The Department of Defense annually presents awards to the commands that have exceeded their savings goal by the greatest percentage. SBCCOM exceeded its goal by 285 percent in 2002.

Value Engineering is a process that encourages government and industry to work together to reduce development, acquisition, logistics and sustainment costs. Savings can be generated through redesigns, modifications, changes in materials, elimination of unused or redundant parts, increased reliability or efficiency, and reduced maintenance and logistics support.

AMC to Revamp Technology Room

Construction is underway for the modular buildings on Fort Belvoir that will be the new AMC headquarters building. Prior to moving into the facility this fall, plans are underway to design a new Technology Room. The Technology Room is used to show visitors and VIPs new and innovative technology being developed throughout the command. This is a great opportunity for MSCs to showcase their most innovative technologies. If you'd like to exhibit a technology in the room, please email Michelle McCaskill at mmccaskill@hqamc.army.mil.

Point Paper – Revised OMB Circular A-76

On May 29, the Office of Management and Budget Circular A-76 was published and became effective. The revised circular reiterates the policy, which dates from 1955, that the federal government should rely upon the private sector for needed commercial services. The revision directs that all competitions are to be completed within 12 months with a possible extension of six months. It also details a competition process that directs "walls" be placed between certain officials to guard against institutional conflicts, ensuring individuals involved in the decision-making process retain their independence. These walls may make competitions more labor intensive than in the past.

"I want to make sure every soldier who handles ammunition in any way goes home whole and healthy. I see explosives safety as my prime objective."

David Brown, an ammunition logistics assistant from Joint Munitions Command, Rock Island, Ill., currently serving in Kuwait.