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Subordinate commands resolve outstanding work orders

AMC major subordinate commands are steadily resolving modification work order issues that active Army, Army Reserve and National Guard units made the commands aware of at a workshop last month. During the 2004 U.S. Army MWO Workshop held April 6-8 near St. Augustine, Fla., Army representatives identified their requirements for obtaining MWO kits before units deploy and resolving outstanding work orders. Since then, MWO teams have been working to provide and install kits, and complete outstanding modifications.

More than 260 MWO coordinators from AMC MSCs, major Army commands and installations, the Army Reserve and the National Guard attended the annual AMC-sponsored workshop. The agenda included MWO status briefings, fielding negotiations and planning, and training on the Modification Management Information System.

Tobyhanna continues overseas communications repair

Tobyhanna Army Depot personnel continue to make strides in communications repair while working in Southwest Asia. Four technicians in the depot's Single Channel Ground and Airborne Radio Systems Division, Communications Systems Directorate, spent nearly three months testing and repairing radios and intercom systems in vehicles.

Bryan Califano, Brian Gregory, Stephen Beck and Aaron Morrison, all electronics mechanics, repaired and tested more than 200 M1 Abrams tanks at Camp Arifjan, Kuwait. Repair times varied from 20 minutes for an error-free test, to several hours if they found a major problem.

"One of the hardest parts of the mission was working inside the vehicles," Beck said. "There isn't a lot of room when you're trying to remove or install cables and other equipment."

Research center tops Army's laboratories for fourth year

The U.S. Army Aviation and Missile Research, Development, and Engineering Center won the top Army research and development award in the large laboratory category, which the center has placed first or second in the past four years.

Established in 1975, the annual U.S. Army Research and Development Laboratory of the Year award evaluates all 15 Army laboratories on vision, strategy and plan; technical accomplishments and impact; transition of technology; and resource input.

The Hon. Claude M. Bolton, Jr., U.S. Army Acquisition Executive and Assistant Secretary of the Army for Acquisition, Logistics and Technology, presented the award to Dr. William C. McCorkle, AMRDEC director, during a ceremony in Crystal City, Va.

The award is based on achievements that include major technical and management accomplishments. AMRDEC's major technical accomplishment was the Low Cost Precision Kill Advanced Technology Demonstration, which provides a lighter, lower cost option needed to kill most battlefield targets.

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"If you're in the supply business, you'd like to say you have six months of supplies on the shelf. Right now, we are delivering to meet demands."

~Gen. Paul J. Kern
Commanding General, AMC