



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

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AMC hosts health fair for Soldiers, employees

The Headquarters, U.S. Army Materiel Command's command surgeon is sponsoring a health fair to educate Soldiers, federal employees and guests about the importance of maintaining and keeping a healthy lifestyle. The fair will be held Oct. 21 at Fort Belvoir's Graves Gym.

"It is critical to our National Defense to have a workforce that is healthy and fit to meet the expanding demands of our nation's defense," said Col. Alan Januszewicz, AMC command surgeon.

The AMC Health Fair will feature guest speakers and numerous exhibits including alcohol and drug abuse awareness, tobacco cessation and sexually transmitted diseases. Health specialists will be available to discuss concerns and conduct oral cancer and blood pressure screenings as well as a body fat analysis.

"If you don't take care of your health now, your health could be at risk later," said Maj. Marilyn Georges, chief of medical logistics and chief, patient administration officer. "We want to get the message out that there are health resources available within our organizations."

Depot resets Army division's tactical operations centers

Technicians at Tobyhanna Army Depot have begun an \$8.5 million mission to repair and upgrade an entire division's Tactical Operations Centers after heavy use in Southwest Asia.

These are the command and control systems used for communications and data transmission. The systems, in shelters and other facilities, serve as a commander's planning, coordinating, monitoring, advising and directing agency. TOC systems include radios, such as the Single Channel Ground and Airborne Radio System, telephones, networking equipment, computers and other systems.

"They work in concert with systems like Blue Force Tracking to give a command center complete access to a theater of operations," said Tom Yanocho, chief of the Forward Repair Activity of the depot's Command, Control and Computer Systems Directorate. "Commanders can monitor and direct actions throughout the theater."

According to depot officials, the 4th Infantry Division was the first unit to receive and deploy with TOCs. Now, the division will be the first to have their TOCs restored to pre-deployment condition under a six-month reset mission carried out by 30 Tobyhanna employees. The depot will also upgrade selected equipment, where necessary.

The reset mission is being done at Fort Hood, Texas, and Tobyhanna.

U.S. Army Field Band announces upcoming tour

Members of The U.S. Army Field Band will be performing in several south-central and eastern states during their fall 2004 tour.

As the musical ambassadors of the Army, the Concert Band and Soldiers' Chorus, Jazz Ambassadors, and Volunteers each travel more than 100 days throughout the United States and abroad annually. When traveling, they reach thousands of citizens who would otherwise have little or no contact with the military.

The concerts are free and open to military service members, their families and the public. However, tickets are required and are available through civilian sponsors.

For more information about the band or upcoming performances, call 301-677-6586 or e-mail fldband@emh1.ftmeade.army.mil.

Did you know...

On Sept. 24, Maj. Gen. Craig Hackett, commander of the U.S. Army Security Assistance Command, escorted Iraqi Prime Minister Ayad Allawi to the Arlington National Cemetery where Allawi laid a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknowns in honor of those service members who died in Iraq.