



G-5's "Eye on AMC"

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CECOM LARs Share the Pride and the Pain in Iraq

They work in the heat, the mud and the sand of the Iraqi campaign. Helping soldiers help themselves by training them on the fine art of repairing their own equipment, from trucks and tanks, to small arms and radios and power units. Logistics Assistance Representatives (LARs) face the same deprivations, hardships and dangers the soldiers face. One LAR had to be evacuated after he was wounded in a mortar attack in the early stages of the war in Iraq.

LARs do not consider themselves repairmen. "When I work on a piece of equipment, I try to let the soldiers do it so that if that same problem arises again they know what to do," said Ken Hagie, a switch master technician LAR assigned to the 22nd Signal Brigade, out of the Army's V Corps.



Power and Environmental LAR Craig Youngblood (background left) discusses repairs to a tactical quiet generator with Sgt. 1st Class Luke Law while Staff Sgt. Derrick Brown (foreground) works on the portable power plant at Camp Virginia.

Spring = Budget time

As the command begins the budget process, AMC headquarters has initiated a new program to help improve the communications process between its depots, arsenals and ammunition plants and the various levels in the budget decision-making chain. The command is sponsoring visits over the next month for budget analysts from the Offices of Management and Budget, Secretary of Defense and the Army to see its industrial base installations. The visits will give them an opportunity to see AMC at work and have a greater appreciation for the budgets presented to them.

AMC in the News Support to Operation Iraqi Freedom

*On the Record with Greta Van Susteren
FOX News
April 14, 2003*

"Our biological agent detection capability was extremely rudimentary -- hand held assays and a collector concentrator. Now it's an integrated system and it operates very quickly compared to the first Gulf War."

*Maj. Gen. John Doesburg
Commanding General
U.S. Army Soldier and Biological Chemical Command*

*Quad Cities Times
April 3, 2003*

"They know how our equipment is going to operate in the adverse reactions they [soldiers] are having right now. They've seen it, they've experienced it, they've lived it."

*Steve Retherford
Logistics Assistance Representative
U.S. Army Tank-automotive and Armaments Command*
Speaking about the TACOM LARS in Kuwait and Iraq

AMC and Local High School Make Great Robot

For the third year in a row, AMC's Communications-Electronics Command's Night Vision and Electronic Sensors Directorate partnered with students from Hayfield High School in Alexandria, Va., to build a robot for FIRST -- For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology -- for its annual robotics competition. This year's robot, named "NightHawk" to recognize Night Vision and the Hayfield Hawks, performed beyond expectations and made it into the finals at both the Richmond (Va.) Regional competition hosted by NASA Langley and Virginia Commonwealth University and the Chesapeake Regional, hosted by the U.S. Naval Academy. "NightHawk" came in 7th out of 61 robots at Richmond, and 4th out of 55 teams at Annapolis.