



G-5's "Eye on AMC"

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Hurricane Isabel Hits HQ AMC

Many of AMC's personnel and facilities on the eastern seaboard were affected by Hurricane Isabel this week. As the category 2 storm approached the Washington, D.C. area, the command made preparations to relocate the operations center to Fort Belvoir. Mission essential personnel reported to duty Sept. 18 and 19, while most of the federal, state and local government offices in the Washington, D.C. area were closed. When it finally hit, the storm had been downgraded to a tropical storm, but it remained powerful enough to knock out power, fell trees and flood rivers and streams.

DoD Announces European Facilities Turnover

The Department of Defense today announced that on Feb. 29, 2004, the U.S. Army, Europe (USAREUR) will cease operations at two military sites in the Netherlands. These facilities are the Combat Equipment Base Brunssum at Brunssum and Combat Equipment Base Vriezenveen in Almelo. Both of these sites had been used to store and maintain the Army's prepositioned stocks. The closures will be completed incrementally as the Army Materiel Command consolidates the Army prepositioned stocks mission in Europe. These facilities in the Netherlands were identified as excess to the needs of the Army in Europe for military operational reasons. Overall, the closures will impact approximately 10 soldiers, two U.S. civilians, eight local-national civilians and approximately 400 employees of the Dutch Ministry of Defense working at these facilities.

Bogus BRAC List Circulating Again

Lists that purport to show which military installations will be closed in the base realignment and closure 2005 process are circulating again on the Internet and in some print media. An inaccurate, unofficial article about BRAC '05 was first posted on the web in December 2002 listing names of bases the article claimed were being considered for closure. An Army spokesperson recently reaffirmed that the Army is complying with the Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) 2005 process as mandated by law, and no decisions concerning closure, consolidation, realignment or alternative uses for current facilities have been made. All Army installations will be reviewed equally, and all recommendations will be based on approved, published selection criteria and a future force structure plan. Information concerning BRAC 2005 that is posted on commercial websites is purely speculative.

Col. Robert Radin Takes Command of Joint Munitions Command

Col. (Promotable) Robert M. Radin took command of the U.S. Army Joint Munitions Command today at an assumption of command ceremony held at Rock Island Arsenal Sept. 19. He leads an organization responsible for the production, storage, issue and demilitarization of conventional ammunition for all U.S. military services. The command operates a nationwide network of ammunition plants and maintains a global presence wherever U.S. combat units are stationed or deployed. Col.(P) Radin came from the U.S. Central Command at MacDill Air Force Base, Fla., where he served as chief of the logistics operations division. He succeeds Maj. Gen. Wade H. McManus, Jr., who will remain at Rock Island as commanding general of the U.S. Army Field Support Command.

NOTICE: The AMC Major Events/Training Calendar is available at

http://www.army.mil/amcops/amc_calendar/index.htm

AMC employees can submit events via a menu driven Internet-based system.

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