



# G-5's "Eye on AMC"

## U.S. Army Materiel Command

*Essential in Peace, Indispensable in War*

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### Best games awards

"Full Spectrum Warrior," a U.S. Army training simulation game, won in the categories of "Best Original Game" and "Best Simulation Game" during the Game Critics Awards: Best of Electronic Entertainment Expo 2003. The Institute for Creative Technologies created the game, which was nominated in four categories, the most of any game at this year's conference.

In August 1999, the U.S. Army awarded a five-year contract to the University of Southern California to create the Institute for Creative Technologies to use the resources and talents of the entertainment and game development industries to advance immersive training simulations for soldiers.

The Game Critics Awards are the only independent Electronic Entertainment Expo awards, voted on by editors from nearly 40 leading outlets that cover games, including the top magazines, on line sites, newspapers, and television programs.

*Information from the Institute for Creative Technologies and Electronic Entertainment Expo web sites*

"Our nation's Army continues to soldier on, proudly and effectively. It's an Army which I – and everyone one of you – should be proud to serve as part of. We will continue to maintain the peace, maintain the security and fight and win America's wars."

*Gen. Paul J. Kern, speaking at Fort Belvoir's 228<sup>th</sup> Army Birthday Celebration.*

### DoD presents Value Engineering Achievement Award

Vicki A. Loewen, U.S. Army Aviation and Missile Command, was presented the annual Department of Defense Value Engineering Achievement Award by Glenn F. Lamartin, director, Defense Systems, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology and Logistics, during a ceremony at the Pentagon June 18.

Value Engineering is a systematic process to analyze ways to reduce cost, increase quality, and improve mission capabilities across the entire spectrum of DoD systems, processes, and organizations. During fiscal year 2002, more than 3,250 in-house value engineering proposals and contractor-initiated value engineering change proposals were accepted with projected savings in excess of \$2.5 billion.

The Value Engineering Awards Program is a highly visible acknowledgment of exemplary achievements and encourages additional projects to improve in-house and contractor productivity. An award winner from each DoD component was eligible for selection in the following four categories: program/project, individual/team, organization, and contractor. Additional "special" awards were given to recognize innovative applications or approaches that expanded the traditional scope of value engineering use.

"We've been treated great this week -- with lots of respect and encouragement. It motivated me even more to do my best. It makes you realize that this competition is really a big deal and I'm proud to have been a part of it."

*Staff Sgt. William Schevey, NCO candidate from SBCCOM who's competing for AMC's NCO of the year. AMC will announce the winners at a formal banquet June 20.*

### Systems Contract Awarded for Blue Grass Chemical Agent Destruction Pilot Plant

A basic contract supporting destruction of the chemical weapons stockpile at Blue Grass Army Depot was awarded last week to a team led by Bechtel National, Inc. and Parsons Infrastructure and Technology Group, Inc. The contract was awarded under the Assembled Chemical Weapons Alternatives Program which is headquartered at Aberdeen Proving Ground.

Actual construction of the facility is not scheduled to begin for several years. Under the contract's first task order, a design-build plan will be developed for the Blue Grass Chemical Agent-Destruction Pilot Plant. The plant will pilot test neutralization followed by supercritical water oxidation to destroy the Kentucky chemical weapons stockpile comprised of blister agent in projectiles and nerve agent in projectiles and rockets.

"The Blue Grass award represents a final chapter in the Army's chemical weapons destruction program," said ACWA Program Manager Michael Parker. Blue Grass is the final U.S. stockpile site to award a systems contract to design, build and operate a plant.

"Our war starts now. The folks over here are still on their deployment, they're still over here for a period of time. They knew going in that while most of them would not be called to go north to Baghdad, that they did know their war was going to start when that equipment started coming over the berm, back into Kuwait."

*Brig. Gen. Vincent E. Boles, quoted in the Argus-Dispatch newspaper, speaking from Camp Arifjan in Kuwait.*