



G-5's "Eye on AMC"

U.S. Army Materiel Command

Essential in Peace, Indispensable in War

This is the first weekly one-page snapshot of people and events that reflect the scope and criticality of the command's mission.

HQ AMC arrives on Fort Belvoir

The Army Materiel Command marked its official arrival to Fort Belvoir March 18 with a patriotic ceremony hosted by the commanding general, Gen. Paul J. Kern. About 90 AMC headquarters employees, including those from the Command Group, Commanding General's Staff Group, Secretary of the General Staff, Ombudsman, Protocol, and Public Communications Office (G-5), now work in building 1464. The remainder of the 1,000 HQs employees are expected to move into modular buildings on Fort Belvoir this fall.

"Today is a red banner day for the Army Materiel Command, and we look forward to a wonderful future here at Fort Belvoir," said Kern.



War Begins

"This is a logistics war. This is about America being able to project its power where it has to when it has to."

Brig. Gen. Vincent Boles
Commander, AMC-Southwest Asia



AMC on Capitol Hill

General Kern testified before the Tactical Air and Land Forces Subcommittee of the House Armed Services Committee on Army ground combat, combat support, and future technology initiatives. In his opening remarks, General Kern highlighted the support that Army Materiel Command's industrial base is providing to current operations and what the Command is doing to transform to meet future requirements. He emphasized that the base is more than plants, depots, arsenals and machinery; the essential element is the people. General Kern recounted the contributions of: Neil Wachutka, a civilian ammunition specialist in Kuwait; Sergeant Major David Stewart, senior enlisted advisor to the commander of the Field Support Command in Camp Arifjan; Bobbie Sue Riddell an Army civilian also in Kuwait. The Subcommittee was concerned about our ability to maintain an industrial base (government and commercial) capabilities from legacy to future combat systems. Mr. Lamartin, OSD, Mr. Bolton, Assistant Secretary of the Army for Acquisition, Logistics and Technology, and LTG Magnus, Deputy Commandant for Programs and Resources, USMC also testified.

MEDIA WATCH

Bob Whistine, PAO for Joint Munitions Command, has been our PAO for the AMC Logistics Support Element-Southwest Asia since January. Within hours after the war began, he wrote:

"The last 24 hours have been little sleep, gas mask, chemical suits and scud alerts every other hour. I have five interviews that I'm scheduling with BG Boles. He will do Channels 8 and 6 in the Quad Cities tonight or this morning in the midwest. I'm also working on telephone interviews with David Kiley, USA Today; David Phinney, Federal Times; and Spike O'Dell for next Monday or Tuesday. I also have competed a very large feature article on Juan Ortega and it is at CFLCC (Coalition Forces Land Component Command) for clearance (tell Ginny). I also have touched base with the Anniston and Red River folks but every time I start to go to their work location an alert goes off. It's very hard to get around wearing a normal uniform with boots and then have to wear all the chemical gear."

Bob