



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

*Essential in Peace, Indispensable in War*

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## Army theme changes to focus on war

The Army introduced its new theme this week, declaring that Soldiers know that they have a fight on their hands, but are ready to respond.

"Our Army At War - Relevant and Ready" describes the proactive strategy of the Army's new chief of staff.

"We're going to move before the other guy moves, and we're going to reach out and touch him at his place, not ours ... We're going to have to be strategically more agile," said Army Chief of Staff Gen. Peter Schoomaker during a joint transformation conference in Anaheim, Calif.

The key, he said, is to work more closely in the joint arena, to move toward joint interdependence.

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## Deseret destroys last VX agent-filled rocket in stockpile

Workers at the Tooele Chemical Agent Disposal Facility safely destroyed the last VX agent-filled M55 rocket in the Deseret Chemical Depot stockpile Nov. 17.

"This is not only a great milestone for our workers, it's also a milestone for our nation, and it shows the world we're serious about eliminating the U.S. stockpile of chemical weapons," said Col. Peter Cooper, DCD commander.

All GB munitions in the DCD stockpile were safely destroyed as of March 15, 2002. Destruction of VX nerve agent began on March 28, 2003 and completion is expected in late summer 2004. Less than 7,510 of the original stockpile's 13,617 tons of nerve and blister agent remain to be destroyed. Chemical operations at the TOCDF are expected to be completed in 2007.

## RDECOM ARDEC named Laboratory of Excellence

The RDECOM's Armament Research, Development and Engineering Center, Picatinny Arsenal, N.J. has again won a top Army research and development award for the seventh time since 1989.

The Laboratory of Excellence award was based on a number of accomplishments during the year including development of advanced warheads for future weapons and application of Lean/Six Sigma management practices to improve its products, resulting in an estimated savings of more than \$1.3 billion in 2002.

The Army Research and Development Organization of the Year award program is an annual event in which all 15 Army laboratories are evaluated on vision, strategy, business plans, mission impact, resource impact, technical accomplishments and continuous improvement efforts.

"Being named an organization of excellence is another in a series of well-deserved recognitions for the ARDEC workforce," said Michael P. Devine, ARDEC technical director. "I am extremely proud to represent this extraordinary group of patriots."

## DOCA visits Night Vision and Electronic Sensors Directorate

Recently 160 members of the Defense Orientation Conference Association visited Night Vision and Electronic Sensors Directorate for tours and hands-on demonstrations of night vision equipment currently in use and prototypes that are in development.

DOCA was formed in 1952 by alumni of the Secretary of Defense's Joint Civilian Orientation Conference program. Members typically serve in leadership positions in major corporations, educational institutions, and local communities. DOCA continues its advocacy of national security issues and the U.S. military readiness posture by conducting visits to military installations both in CONUS and abroad each year.