



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

Essential in Peace, Indispensable in War

October 24, 2003

AMC command sergeant major hosts NCO Development Program

Command Sgt. Maj. Ty Walker hosted the monthly Headquarters AMC NCO Development Program on Wednesday. NCOs from headquarters, the Army Research Laboratory and Night Vision and Electronic Sensors Directorate participated in the training. The group of 40 NCOs toured Night Vision and received briefings on the organization's missions which include support to ground combat systems and countermine operations. The group then took a walking tour of the new AMC Headquarters location.

AMC command sergeant major plans monthly visits to Walter Reed Army Medical Center

Command Sgt. Maj. Ty Walker is planning monthly trips to Walter Reed Army Medical Center to visit soldiers wounded fighting the global war on terrorism. Both military and civilian employees are welcome to participate in the visits. The group can include only 15 people and reservations will be made on a first-come, first-served basis. Anyone wishing to take part in these monthly visits should contact Cheryl Arnold at 703-806-8257 in the command sergeant major's office.

Soldier Systems Center to celebrates 50 years of protecting those who serve

The Army Materiel Command's Soldier Systems Center celebrated its 50 years of service to the warfighter and the nation at a ceremony Tuesday.

The ceremony included presentations to SSC employees for their support of Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom and accounts from service members returning from Iraq and Afghanistan who told how equipment developed at SSC save their lives.

Quality of life improvements in Iraq

Whether you arrive in Tikrit, Mosul, Tahlil, Baghdad International Airport or virtually anywhere in Iraq -- you will notice a flurry of activities by contractors on the battlefield, working to improve quality of life for soldiers. A great deal of these improvements is courtesy of AMC's Logistics Civil Augmentation Program Support Unit.

There are currently 10 LSU soldiers working forward in Iraq. They serve as liaison officers and planners to Coalition Forces, Iraqi Survey Group, and Coalition Joint Task Force-7. These LOGCAP planners are responsible for the planning and implementation of contracted dining facilities, soldier quality of life enhancements, maintenance of vehicles, movement control, and theater transportation, and base camp operations to name just a few.

Capt. David Lee and Eric Stallmer were the first of the CJTF-7 LOGCAP planners to arrive in Iraq. "Planning for the entire CJTF-7 was an enormous undertaking, bigger than any LOGCAP project the Army had ever done," said Lee. Lee and Stallmer traveled to more than 26 different base camps throughout Iraq conducting site surveys, and synchronizing contractor and unit requirements.

Historian is a part of the job

Capturing the thoughts and emotions of personnel is part of an historian's job. And that job is even more important when capturing oral history from those personnel returning from Operation Iraqi Freedom.

George Eaton, a historian at AMC's Joint Munitions Command, is leading a team of historians in collecting the oral testimonies. Eaton said the purpose of oral history is to collect primary data and people's impressions of what they saw, did, and how they reacted to any number of situations. It's their story.

Eaton estimates the history office will conduct up to 200 interviews -- each interview taking up to 90 minutes. Along with the oral histories, the project would also include collecting situation reports, execution orders, and other documents. The office has already conducted more than 70 interviews.