



# G-5's "Eye on AMC"

## U.S. Army Materiel Command

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### **Depot provides relief in wake of hurricanes**

Sierra Army Depot is providing equipment and supplies to assist hurricane victims in Florida, Alabama and Louisiana. The items were requested by the Federal Emergency Management Agency, Fort Worth Logistics Center in Fort Worth, Texas.

The depot is sending 10 Initial Response Resource containers and 12 Home Recovery Kits. The IRR containers include cots, blankets, pillows and hygiene kits. The recovery kits include air compressors, generators, saws, and roofing supplies.

According to SIAD officials, the depot stores FEMA assets on the installation and is able to immediately ship out the containers.

### **SWA Class IX equipment retrograde shipments to U.S. rise significantly**

The number of shipments from the retrograde yard in Kuwait has nearly doubled since May, according to officials at the Army Field Support Command.

From May to Aug. 2004, approximately 1,500 containers and pallets and approximately 8,500 major assemblies were shipped from the retrograde yard at Camp Arifjan, Kuwait. Retrograde, which is overseen by AFSC, is the processing and return of repair parts and components (Class IX equipment) to the United States from theater operations in Southwest Asia.

At Camp Arifjan, employees of the independent contractor Kellogg, Brown and Root work at the KBR retrograde yard under the authority of an AFSC-managed contract. KBR employees categorize, process and clean critical equipment in preparation for its transportation back to the United States. After equipment arrives in the United States, it is transferred to AMC depots for proper maintenance and restoration.

### **Software engineering interns earn masters degrees**

Twenty-three Communications-Electronics Command software engineering interns were recognized late last month for earning a master's degree in software engineering from Monmouth University in West Long Branch, N.J. The ceremony was held at the university's Wilson Hall.

The CECOM Software Engineering Center master's in software engineering program began in 1986 and has graduated more than 200 students; 70 percent are still employed by the Department of Defense.

The program serves as a recruiting and retention tool to continually refresh the engineering talent pool. "Our goal is to recruit a new intern class annually, as a primary means of growing our future engineering workforce," said Maj. Gen. Michael R. Mazzucchi, CECOM commanding general and Army Program Executive Officer for Command, Control and Communications-Tactical.

### **More than half of chemical agent stockpile eliminated at Deseret**

Workers at Deseret Chemical Depot and Tooele Chemical Agent Disposal Facility in Stockton, Utah, reached and surpassed the halfway mark in safely eliminating the chemical nerve and blister agent stockpile.

Prior to TOCDF chemical operations in August 1996, there were 13,616 tons of chemical agents stored at DCD. With the processing of VX agent-filled spray tanks, workers destroyed 6,817 tons of chemical agent, which is more than half of the depot's chemical agent stockpile.

"The United States is leading the way for the rest of the world in the destruction of aging, deteriorating chemical weapons," said Col. Raymond T. Van Pelt, DCD commander.

"I'm proud of all workers at this depot, the government civilians who have transported more than 20,000 separate shipments of munitions to the plant and those working for the TOCDF systems contractor, EG&G. They all are making important history with this monumental team effort," Van Pelt said.