



## G-5's "Eye on AMC"

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## President Visits Lima Army Tank Plant

President Bush made a historic trip to Lima Army Tank Plant on April 24 to commend the employees responsible for building the Abrams tank used so successfully in Iraqi Freedom. The President thanked plant workers for reacting so quickly to a need to protect the exhaust systems of the tank. When a vulnerability to the exhaust was identified, Army scientists and engineers went to work and within a week, protective grilles were designed, manufactured and shipped to Iraq where they were installed by the tank crews. Lt. Col. Damon Walsh, Lima Plant commander, reported the President's visit was great. Walsh escorted the President through the plant, was a passenger in the Presidential limousine and introduced the President to the crowd of welcoming workers.

## Helicopters go to CCAD for R&R

Corpus Christi Army Depot, the place where helicopters go when they need R&R - repair and recapitalization, has its first UH-60 Blackhawk in the final, test flight phase of the pilot recapitalization program for the Blackhawk helicopter fleet. The depot is one of the first in the command to implement lean in its operations. "It's gonna work; it'll flow like water. It takes the right attitude and fitness [to do this], but we have pride and we're motivated," said Clarence Dean, Aircraft Mechanic Work Leader on the lean operations line at the depot.

## Public Service Recognition Week

Public Service Recognition Week (PSRW) will take place May 2 to 5, 2003 on the Mall in Washington, D.C. PSRW is an event designed to honor the men and women who chose public service as their careers. The Department of Defense participates by fielding displays from key Defense agencies and military departments. AMC will have an exhibit with displays from AMC commands and activities. The demonstrations will highlight interesting technologies being developed throughout the command and used throughout the Army, shown by the great folks who work on these programs.

*"Let the public service be a proud and lively career. And let every man or woman who works in any area of our national government, in any branch, at any level, be able to say with pride and with honor in future years: 'I served the United States government in that hour of our nation's need.' "* -- John F. Kennedy

## LSE-SWA CSM Discusses Convey Rules for Travel in Iraq

AMC Logistics Support Element-Southwest Asia's Command Sgt. Maj. David Stewart defined convoy rules for both AMC soldiers and civilians who recently traveled into Iraq. The AMC employees have moved forward to determine battle damage to both track and wheeled vehicles. CSM Stewart's normal duty is with AMC's Army Field Support Command at Rock Island, Ill.

## Letterkenny Signs Depot Maintenance Partnership Agreement with Lockheed Martin

Letterkenny Army Depot has signed a partnering agreement with Lockheed Martin to provide Depot Level Maintenance for the Multiple Launch Rocket System program, as well as other Lockheed Martin-produced weapon systems. "Letterkenny is the Army's sole maintenance depot for tactical missile and air defense systems. Partnering with Lockheed Martin supports the DoD and Army concept of a logistics enterprise. This is the wave of the future, and I am proud Letterkenny can work with Lockheed Martin in such a cooperative mode to support the warfighter and reduce costs to the taxpayer," said Col. William Guinn.