



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

*Essential in Peace, Indispensable in War*

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*"You are dead center in the middle of it and you haven't dropped the ball a bit."*

~ Gen. Paul J. Kern, speaking about AMC's involvement in Operation Iraqi Freedom, the largest logistics effort since World War II

## **AMC hosts NCO development program**

AMC's office of the Command Sergeant Major hosted its monthly non-commissioned officer development program for about 40 Soldiers and civilians from headquarters, the Security Assistance Command, and the Research, Development and Engineering Command's Night Vision labs at the Fort Belvoir Dining Facility March 22. Gen. Paul J. Kern, as the keynote speaker, gave an AMC update. Staff Sgt. Valetta Stewart, G-3, gave a briefing on the history of the NCO.

## **ASPI builds on success of ARMS initiative**

In the Army, one good program deserves -- or, in the case of the Armament Retooling and Manufacturing Support program, inspires -- yet another.

Because of the success of ARMS in reducing the costs associated with operating and maintaining Army ammunition plants, Congress enacted the Arsenal Support Program Initiative in 2001 to decrease the overhead costs of running the Army's arsenals.

ASPI was modeled on the ARMS program, which has generated more than \$300 million in economic benefits to the communities surrounding the plants, said Garry Eichorn, action officer for the ARMS/ASPI program at the Joint Munitions Command headquarters.

Through the ARMS program, tenant income arrangements at six ammunition plants resulted in paying all operating and maintenance costs for the installations. The consulting firm PriceWaterhouseCoopers has validated that ARMS produced \$220 million in savings, brought in more than 250 new tenants at Army ammunition plants, and created 3,400 new jobs. In addition, private investment at the plants has exceeded \$200 million.

The primary purposes of ASPI include encouraging the commercial use of arsenals; reducing production and ownership costs; incentivizing use by small and disadvantaged businesses; creating jobs and re-employment opportunities; maintaining skills and readiness; promoting free market competition; bringing buildings up to code; and tailoring facilities to tenant needs.

## **TARDEC survivability scientist releases musical CD**

Many in the Army and Department of Defense science, technology and acquisition communities know Terry Gonda of AMC's Research, Development and Engineering Command's Tank Automotive Research, Development and Engineering Center as a researcher making military vehicles less detectable on the battlefield. When it comes to signature modeling, she's a first string player who Army leaders rely on to make informed decisions on how best to protect Soldiers by making their vehicles as "hard to see" to the enemy as possible.

But many people may not realize that Gonda is also a singer-songwriter. In fact, she just recently released her first full-length music CD called "love, lose, repeat." The album features several of her own songs as well as well-known jazz standards and folk mainstays.

Gonda was featured in Gen. Paul J. Kern's major presentation, "It's about U.S." at the AUSA annual meeting in October 2003.