



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

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Our great American soldiers, coupled with the equipment you provide them, make the U.S. Army the most paramount force in the world. You should be very proud of the work you do.

Gen. John M. Keane, Army vice chief of staff, at an awards ceremony at AMC headquarters on Sept. 30. Gen. Paul J. Kern presented Keane with a piece of parachute material as a gift of appreciation for his support of AMC and the Army.

AMC's exhibit at AUSA's Annual Symposium

The U.S. Army Materiel Command will showcase its key role in Army Transformation and the War on Terrorism in the AMC exhibit (booth # 747, Hall D) at the Association of the U.S. Army's Annual Symposium and Exhibition October 6 - 8 at the Washington Convention Center, Washington D.C.

The exhibit will highlight the invaluable capabilities of equipment and technologies AMC has developed, to include future warrior systems, the advanced Monitoring Display System, AMC's efforts in Army Reset, Commercial Training Aids, Talon Robots, the DoD Combat Feeding program, individual ballistic protection and the Well CAM. The exhibit will also include *America's Army Game*, an Army-developed interactive training/simulation computer game designed to engage players in solo and multi-soldier missions.

Natick wins "best lab" award

For the second time in the past three years, the Natick Soldier Center at the U.S. Army Soldier Systems Center has been selected Department of the Army Research and Development Laboratory (Small) of the Year.

The award will be presented at the Army Acquisition Corps Ball in Washington, D.C., Oct. 5.

Evaluation committee members reviewed the Army organizations using the same rigorous standards that would be applied to a commercial research and development center or academic institution.

Letterkenny Army Depot presented a check to the Lower Tier Air and Missile Defense Project Office

Col. Bill Guinn, commander, Letterkenny Army Depot, recently presented a check for \$1.2 million to the Lower Tier Air and Missile Defense Project Office at Letterkenny. The check represents savings in the Patriot Recapitalization Program using "lean technology" that has been passed back to the customer. Letterkenny began work on the program in 2002, refurbishing equipment to like-new condition. With the introduction of Lean manufacturing techniques, waste was eliminated, and savings were returned to the customer. The savings will be reinvested in the program.

"It is just the tip of the iceberg," said Guinn. "In fact, the savings that we got for this was done in just part of this year, and we've found that we have reduced the number of man hours, which means there will be a carryover into future years as well," he says.

"We'll put four more launchers into soldiers' hands, this will allow them go protect our troops in combat," said Col. Tom Newberry, Lower Tier Air & Missile Defense project manager.