



# G-5's "Eye on AMC"

## U.S. Army Materiel Command

*Essential in Peace, Indispensable in War*

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### Veterans Day message

Veterans Day is a solemn day to honor and recognize all who have served our Nation in war and peace. This year, hundreds of thousands of our men and women in uniform and Department of Defense civilians have the distinction of serving in wartime. Counted among them is the largest number of Reservists and Guardsmen activated since the Korean War.

The War on Terrorism is like no other war we have ever fought -- and it is far from over. We will prevail, it will require our patience, our full commitment, and the will to win against an enemy who tries to create fear and destroy freedom.

We have tremendous displays of courage, dedication and sacrifice to defeat the terrorists who are targeting the United States and our Allies with hatred and intolerance. This tradition of outstanding service links the newest generation of veterans to the lives and legacies of those who have served and defended our Nation with honor and dedication during previous times of threat.

The Joint Chiefs of Staff and I join our fellow Americans in paying tribute to all of our veterans, the sacrifices they have made and the courage they have displayed in defending freedom and security around the world.

*Richard M. Myers  
Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff*

### Soldiers in Afghanistan getting new Army shotgun

The 18th Airborne Corps, currently deployed in Afghanistan, is the first unit receiving the Army's new lightweight shotgun system, according to Col. Michael J. Smith, project manager for soldier weapons at Picatinny Arsenal, N.J.

Smith said that 199 of the new shotguns are on their way Afghanistan for use by the elite 10th Mountain Division units in response to an urgent operational need. Until now, he explained, soldiers performing non-lethal and door-breaching missions carried two separate weapons -- an individual combat weapon and a separate shotgun.

The LSS, which is fastened beneath the barrel of an M4 carbine, fires 2.75 and 3 inch lethal, non-lethal and door breaching rounds, weighs slightly less than 3 lbs. and has a detachable five-round magazine.

### TACOM's SBC Operations Directorate marks provisional standup

The U.S. Army Tank-automotive and Armaments Command's Soldier, Biological, Chemical Operations Directorate, Integrated Logistics Support Center, marked its provisional standup Nov. 3. Its mission is to provide joint warfighters with the highest quality items and services, while optimizing their protection.

The SBC Operations Directorate is made up of three Product Support Integration Directorates:

- The Soldier PSID at Natick, Mass., which provides shelters, aerial delivery equipment, and field service equipment, such as kitchens, laundries, and showers.
- Clothing/Heraldry PSID at Philadelphia, Pa., which provides clothing, textiles, heraldic items, medals and service awards.
- The Chemical/Biological Defense PSID at Rock Island, Ill., which provides gas masks, decontamination equipment, and chemical detection equipment.

"The transition has been seamless," said Jack Dugan, director, ILSC. "Throughout the process, the SBC Operations Directorate has been providing exceptional support in the Global War on Terrorism and Operation Iraqi Freedom."

*We have helped the Army, seen something new, and are directly helping soldiers. If we can get them the parts, they can do their job. I am glad I volunteered. This mission has been rewarding, both personally and professionally. I hope I can convince others to do the same.*

Jolene Hoffman, Army Field Support Command, a volunteer inventorying repair parts in Kuwait