



U.S. Army Materiel Command

Eye On AMC



Wednesday, February 12, 2020



Army pilot program focuses on quality of life at 'austere' posts

WASHINGTON – The Army has initiated a pilot program that targets quality-of-life improvements at Fort Irwin, California; Fort Polk, Louisiana; and Fort Wainwright, Alaska, said Gen. Gus Perna, Army Materiel Command commanding general, Feb. 4. Increasing quality of life across the force remains a top priority for Army senior leaders, Perna said. These efforts range from spousal employment initiatives to upgrades in housing, child development centers and youth facilities. *See related story on Student and Family Transition Process Improvement Program [here](#).*



AMC evaluating capabilities in Defender-Europe-20

WASHINGTON – The Army's strength lies in its capacity to project power, said Army Materiel Command's top officer, who will be evaluating AMC's ability to move and sustain more than 20,000 service members and close to 23,000 pieces of equipment during exercise Defender-Europe 20. "The training event over in Europe, and later in the Pacific, will allow us to see ourselves at all three levels: tactical, operational and strategic," said AMC Commander Gen. Gus Perna during a Defense Writers Group event Feb. 4.



Medical Logistics drills on sustainment for DEFENDER-20

RHINE ORDNANCE BARRACKS, Germany – Army Medical Materiel Agency leaders participated in a Sustainment Rehearsal of Concept Drill on Jan. 16 to prepare for the kick off of DEFENDER-Europe 20, the area's largest military exercise in 25 years. The sustainment-focused drill allowed participating units, including foreign partners, to work through the operational plan to create a shared understanding of what each unit would be doing to ensure the right people and resources will be in the right places at the right time across the European theater.



IMCOM commander addresses Installation Innovation Forum

SAN ANTONIO – In his first official event representing the Installation Management Command to an external audience, Lt. Gen. Douglas Gabram, IMCOM commanding general, described actions the Army is taking to strengthen Soldier, Family and Civilian readiness. Gabram addressed a group of Army, business and civic leaders Feb. 10 at the Association of Defense Communities' "Installation Innovation Forum 2020" in San Antonio, detailing actions in four Quality of Life priority areas: housing, childcare, spouse employment and PCS moves.



Team Red River ensures completion of up-armored HMMWVs

RED RIVER ARMY DEPOT, Texas – Team Red River has once again been instrumental in keeping the Army rolling. The depot recently completed refurbishment of 1,636 up-armored High Mobility Multipurpose Wheeled Vehicles in support of the Afghanistan National Defense and Security Services. Since August 2017, the team worked diligently to complete the refurbishment of the vehicles and during peak months produced 162 vehicles a month at a rate of nine vehicles per day. The refurbishment of the HMMWVs resulted in a \$130 million cost savings.



Wednesday, February 12, 2020

APG Remodels Fitness Center to Support ACFT Training

ABERDEEN PROVING GROUND, Md. – Soldiers and leadership celebrated the addition of \$350,000 of functional fitness equipment at the Aberdeen Proving Ground North athletic center, Jan. 30. The equipment arrived as Soldiers adapt to the Army Combat Fitness Test, which will become the test of record starting Oct. 1. The equipment supports readiness by giving Soldiers the resources they need to execute fitness activities that are part of the ACFT.

Fort Riley moves ahead with \$35.4M barracks renovation plan

FORT RILEY, Kansas – Fort Riley's Directorate of Public Works continues progress on a plan to renovate three barracks buildings on Custer Hill at an investment of \$11.8 million each. Although construction isn't projected to begin until spring, behind-the-scenes work had been taking place for months on approval documentation and design.

Crane Army works with Navy partners in annual exercises

CRANE, Ind. – Crane Army Ammunition Activity collaborated with Naval Support Activity Crane on emergency procedure drills as a part of the Navy's annual force protection exercises Citadel Shield/Solid Curtain Feb. 6. This operation marks the 12th year for the exercises and the third time Crane Army has actively participated. The joint effort reinforced protection efforts and helps keep Crane Army employees safe.

Anniston Army Depot brings volcanoes back to life

ANNISTON ARMY DEPOT, Ala. – Employees at Anniston Army Depot typically know the work to perform on any given weapon system before disassembly begins. They know the steps to take, the processes it will go through. The M139 Volcano Mine System is different. Prior to opening each system's case, they don't know the condition of the equipment. They can't even say for sure they won't find an amphibian living inside.

Process improvements help Language Lab mission grow

TOBYHANNA ARMY DEPOT, Pa. – A collaborative approach to process improvement has led to growth for an enduring Tobyhanna Army Depot mission. The depot's Language Lab program, which installs learning centers in countries across the world, implemented a series of cost-saving measures that allow customers to get more for their money. The centers provide self-guided training for foreign nationals learning the English language.

IMCOM CG: Rebuild trust with Fort Belvoir families

FORT BELVOIR, Va. – House Armed Services Readiness Subcommittee staff, along with Lt. Gen. Douglas Gabram, commanding general, Installation Management Command, toured Fort Belvoir Jan. 30 to better understand residents' housing concerns and find the best way forward. Gabram, just a week into his new command, pledged to re-build trust with resident families at all Army installations.

Focus on the Force



Soldier helps others visualize future, wins award

USAG Italy professionals recognized for completing first Developmental Assignment Program

Fort Hood culinary team train to compete



NEWS AROUND THE ARMY

FY21 budget request focuses on readiness, modernization, people

**Survey says:
Army best place
to work in DOD**

**DOD vows to help
Exceptional Family Member
Program**