



U.S. ARMY MATERIEL COMMAND

# EYE ON AMC



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## AMC commander commends AMCOM's readiness focus

REDSTONE ARSENAL, Ala. – Standing at the front of a packed conference room with Army Materiel Command commander Gen. Gus Perna, five employees of the Aviation and Missile Command were congratulated for their work to push forward the command's sustainment, maintenance and logistics mission. It set the stage for a meeting Oct. 26, during which the Army's senior logistician praised AMCOM for progress in achieving its goals. "I appreciate what you have done. You are right on the mark," Perna told AMCOM's senior leaders and directors.



## ACC leaders meet to 'shape the future'

REDSTONE ARSENAL, Ala. – Army Contracting Command senior leaders came together here to discuss how the command will improve its ability to enable Army readiness and modernization through contracting solutions. The ACC Senior Leaders Forum, Oct. 31-Nov. 1, focused on the theme "Shaping the Future through Acquisition." Maj. Gen. Paul Pardew, ACC commander, told contracting center directors, brigade commanders and command sergeants major to "go on the offensive. We need to be in front of everything – requirements, proposals – everything."



## RDECOM Soldier Center hosts Food Science and Industry Day

NATICK, Mass. – The Research, Development and Engineering Command's Soldier Center's Combat Feeding Directorate hosted Food Science and Industry Day, Oct. 25. During the event, approximately 77 attendees from industry and academia learned about CFD's work in vacuum microwave drying, food safety, performance nutrition, tube foods, nutrient analysis, cutting-edge packaging, efforts to reduce the warfighter's load, and muscle recovery studies.



## ACC celebrates 10 years enabling readiness, modernization

REDSTONE ARSENAL, Ala. – Army Contracting Command celebrated its 10th anniversary at its headquarters here, Oct. 31. Jeff Parsons, ACC's first executive director, told the crowd of about 200 Soldiers, civilians and invited guests how the command was formed to address an urgent Army need. "We set this command on a course back in 2008," he said. "I'm glad to see the command is still operating. I think the Army does see the value of the command in providing the essential contracting support to our Soldiers and I hope this continues into the future."



## APS-5 equipment performing well for Operation Spartan Shield

CAMP ARIFJAN, Kuwait – The combat readiness rate for Army Prepositioned Stock-5 equipment being used in support of Operation Spartan Shield is currently at 90 percent according to readiness reports received by the 401st Army Field Support Brigade, Nov. 6. The 155th Armored Brigade Combat Team has used the equipment in multiple joint exercises with partner nations since July 2018, when they drew the entire APS-5 ABCT equipment set.



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## MICC closes FY18, looks forward to new fiscal year

JOINT BASE SAN ANTONIO-FORT SAM HOUSTON, Texas – As a team, the Mission and Installation Contracting Command completed 30,245 contract actions valued at \$4.9 billion in fiscal year 2018. With Government Purchase Card transactions and small business contracts, the MICC had a combined \$5.7 billion effort supporting customers, Soldiers and their families.

## Tobyhanna ends fiscal year on high note

TOBYHANNA ARMY DEPOT, Pa. – In fiscal year 2018, Tobyhanna Army Depot surpassed its revenue plan by \$8.9 million, avoided the carryover ceiling by \$9.6 million, and managed to predict a decrease in rates for next year. “If we continue to keep producing the way we did this past year, we could expect Tobyhanna Army Depot’s workload to increase for years to come,” said Deputy Commander Frank Zardecki.

## Fort Bragg contracting unit supports critical year-end needs

FORT BRAGG, N.C. – Within 60 hours of notification, the Mission Installation Contracting Command-Fort Bragg contracting support team in North Carolina was able to provide support to the directorate of public works to award contracts for 13 roofing projects at Fort Bragg and obligate the final dollars for fiscal 2018.

## Leadership class continues to impact Redstone employees

REDSTONE ARSENAL, Ala. – Thirty employees from across Redstone Arsenal kicked off the 2019 Intermediate Leader Investment For Tomorrow program, Oct. 17. The LIFT program, hosted by the Aviation and Missile Command’s G1 Training and Career Management Division, began in 2005. Since that time, successive AMCOM and Redstone Arsenal senior leaders have supported and grown the program to meet the needs of Army civilian leader readiness.

## Combat veteran embraces new job as depot sergeant major

TOBYHANNA ARMY DEPOT, Pa. – Shortly after arriving at Tobyhanna Army Depot, Sgt. Maj. Eric Cherry realized his new job was going to be a high point in his long military career. Team Tobyhanna welcomed the combat veteran as their senior enlisted advisor during a ceremony attended by family members, employees and distinguished visitors.

## Civilian Bronze Star recipient recalls sacrifices of Vietnam

REDSTONE ARSENAL, Ala. – In his personal account reporting from the battlefields of Vietnam and subsequent wars, internationally recognized war journalist Joe Galloway encouraged Soldiers and veterans to share their own wartime experiences. “You pay the price to tell the story. The story is worth telling,” Galloway told Redstone Arsenal Soldiers Nov. 2.



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