Army Materiel Command Commander addresses the workforce

REDSTONE ARSENAL, Ala. – Watch Army Materiel Commander Gen. Gus Perna's address to the workforce amid concerns about the Coronavirus, COVID-19, including what the command is doing in response to the pandemic and what precautions to take to stay safe.

For more COVID-19 Army guidance, visit https://www.army.mil/coronavirus/

DEFENDER-Europe 20 modified in size and scope

WIESBADEN, Germany – As of March 13, all movement of personnel and equipment from the United States to Europe has ceased. As we make the appropriate adjustments, the linked exercises to Exercise Defender-Europe 20 – Dynamic Front, Joint Warfighting Assessment, Saber Strike and Swift Response – will not be conducted. We anticipate the armored brigade combat team already deployed to Europe will conduct gunnery and other combined training events with Allies as part of a modified Allied Spirit exercise.

AMCOM leaders set plan for improved readiness

REDSTONE ARSENAL, Ala. – U.S. Army Aviation and Missile Command leaders zeroed in on achieving the next level of readiness during a quarterly report to higher headquarters. "I know we can achieve this and it will be incredibly powerful," said Army Materiel Command's Gen. Gus Perna. "Don't let naysayers stop us – don't be constrained. Your job is to keep helicopters and missiles on the battlefield." Discussion focused on AMCOM'S ability to leverage data to reduce maintenance burdens and future plans to incorporate advanced manufacturing.

AMC welcomes new resource management director

REDSTONE ARSENAL, Ala. – The Army Materiel Command enterprise welcomed a new resource management director who will be responsible for overseeing more than $500 billion annually for the command. Christina Freese was appointed as a member of the Senior Executive Service during a ceremony March 11 at AMC headquarters. "Freese represents the commitment, competence and high character that makes a great leader," Gen. Gus Perna, AMC commanding general, said during the ceremony.

JMC meets munitions demilitarization challenges

ROCK ISLAND ARSENAL, III. – Joint Munitions Command's mission includes demilitarization, which is a critical core competency supporting the Army's munitions readiness. Demilitarization and disposal of excess, obsolete and unserviceable munitions are the final steps in the life-cycle management of unused munitions. To demilitarize ammunition, it's necessary to have constituent information about the munition to support environmental compliance activities and environmental reporting.
Before and during COVID-19 self-isolation

WIESBADEN, Germany – Individuals infected with or believed to be in close contact with anyone who has tested positive for COVID-19 are being asked to self-isolate by U.S. Army Europe medical officials. According to the self-isolation procedures released by USAREUR, personnel self-isolating should not go to work, school or public areas. They should also avoid using public transportation, ride sharing or taxis.

Laser cutting machine speeds production, enhances readiness

ANNISTON ARMY DEPOT, Ala. – Anniston Army Depot’s new fiber optic laser cutter, installed in January, is approximately twice as fast as the depot’s carbon dioxide pulse laser, easily outpacing its operators, who only move as fast as humanly possible. The new laser cutter, which requires four operators, will affect every combat vehicle program as it not only cuts faster but leaves a cleaner cut.

Tobyhanna refines JNN overhaul procedures, saves times

TOBYHANNA ARMY DEPOT, Pa. – Engineering models are being used by Team Tobyhanna to refine overhaul procedures for systems that deliver network access to Soldiers. Tobyhanna Army Depot is developing repair and test capabilities to reduce the amount of time it takes to overhaul the AN/TTC-59 Joint Network Node (JNN). Team members said existing technical manuals were helpful when they started overhauling the systems.

DOD program calls for technology solution proposals

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas – The National Defense Center for Energy and Environment (NDCEE) is a DOD program that’s mission is to demonstrate and transition technology solutions in support of the DOD as it strives to enhance readiness, meet sustainability goals and support warfighters at home and abroad. The U.S. Army Environmental Command provides NDCEE program management.

Engine test solution boosts aircraft readiness

FORT Rucker, Ala. – Reducing helicopter maintenance time and repair costs are a priority for the U.S. Army Aviation and Missile Command, and a new system at Fort Rucker will help meet that goal. The Modernized Flexible Engine Diagnostic System assigned to AMCOM’s Aviation Center Logistics Support Command (ACLCP) will assess the flight readiness of engines after repair and before they are reinstalled on an aircraft.

Fort Knox leaders conduct COVID-19 virtual town hall

FORT KNOX, Ky. – Key leaders held a Facebook Live virtual town hall March 10 to discuss concerns about COVID-19. Led by Maj. Gen. John Evans Jr, commander of U.S. Army Cadet Command and Fort Knox, Garrison Commander Col. CJ King, Col. Hugh McLean, commander of Ireland Army Health Clinic, and Dr. James Stephens, chief of Preventive Medicine at Ireland, garnered over 26,000 views and over 180 shares less than 24 hours after it aired.