Senior leaders discuss housing reform, quality of life initiatives

WASHINGTON – During this year's Association of the U.S. Army senior leader family forum, Army leaders discussed housing reform and quality of life initiatives. "Army families are the bedrock of our institution," Army Secretary Ryan D. McCarthy said. "This year, especially, they have demonstrated their resiliency." Looking ahead, Army Chief of Staff Gen. James C. McConville said the Army is driven to build a cohesive team around a Soldier – comprised of a leader, family and friends – to provide them continuous assistance.

Army housing improves with continued investments

WASHINGTON – Secretary of the Army Ryan D. McCarthy and Commanding General, Army Materiel Command, Gen. Ed Daly, met Wednesday, Oct. 14, with private housing companies, financial investors and institutions, and bond rating agencies to discuss increasing investments in Army privatized housing. Private housing companies are on track to invest up to an additional $2.8 billion for Army housing over the next five years. These investments will result in 3,800 new homes and nearly 18,000 renovations of homes at Army installations.

Army sustainers balance readiness and modernization

WASHINGTON – Army Materiel Command’s top leader Gen. Ed Daly set the stage for an AUSA Contemporary Military Forum discussion on “Balancing Readiness and Modernization across the Sustainment Warfighting Function.” “We are in the midst of transformational change, and the Secretary and Chief’s priorities are clear – people, readiness and modernization,” Daly said. “The time is now to transform how we care for our people, our doctrine, our organizations, our training, our equipment and how we compete in order to protect our way of life.”

ReARMM to help stabilize training, modernization

WASHINGTON – Projected to roll out in fiscal year 2022, the Regionally Aligned Readiness and Modernization Model, or ReARMM, will transform the Army into a multi-domain capable force ready for competition, crisis, conflict and change, said Lt. Gen. Charles Flynn, Army deputy chief of staff, G-3/5/7. Part of the modernization process will require the deposition or disposal of current equipment, said Lt. Gen. Donnie Walker Jr., Army Materiel Command's deputy commander.

TACOM commander touts additive manufacturing advances

WASHINGTON – The commanders of Army Materiel Command’s major subordinate commands – the Tank-automotive and Armaments Command, Communications-Electronics Command and Army Aviation and Missile Command – discussed the Army’s Advanced Manufacturing program with reporters from several defense-related publications. “We’re fully invested in integrating advanced manufacturing techniques into our industrial base and into our supply chain,” stated Brig. Gen. Darren Werner, commanding general of TACOM.
CECOM launches software repository for faster cyber patching

ABERDEEN PROVING GROUND, Md. – The U.S. Army Communications-Electronics Command Software Engineering Center took a major step forward in ensuring Soldiers’ eyes and ears on the battlefield are protected against the latest cyber threats. The SEC launched the CECOM Software Repository, a one-stop-shop for the Army software community to quickly and easily access updates and cyber patches for more than 70 systems.

AMC enterprise scoring big with federal employee survey

REDSTONE ARSENAL, Ala. – With only a week left until the Federal Employees Viewpoint Survey ends, participation from three Army Materiel Command organizations are trending higher than the Army’s 50% participation goal, said Tom Dimitri, AMC G-1’s chief of Capabilities, Operations and Analysis Division. In addition, five AMC organizations are projecting higher participation than in 2019. The deadline for civilian participation is Oct. 27.

60,054 troops train at Fort McCoy despite pandemic

FORT MCCOY, Wis. – Although more than half the fiscal year was affected by the COVID-19 pandemic, which caused the cancellation of training for months at Fort McCoy, the installation rallied in the fourth quarter of the year to bring training back. The installation supported the training of 60,054 troops for fiscal 2020. Going into fiscal 2021, training continues under the same COVID-19 preventative measures and guidance that brought the training back in July.

Fort Greely maintenance team keeps the heat on

FORT GREELY, Alaska – Privatized residential housing on Fort Greely, owned by the Lendlease Corporation and operated by North Haven Communities, employs a four person team that ensures the heat stays on, residential sidewalks are cleared and general maintenance and repairs are completed in a timely manner for the garrison’s 84 housing units. The team averages three to four work orders per day, and there is always someone on call.

LEAD partnership with CCDC drives future focus

CHAMBERSBURG, Pa. – Engineers in the Production Engineering Division in the Directorate of Operations, Planning and Support at Letterkenny Army Depot are employing the use of an emerging technology to aid the manufacturing process with the help of the metrology lab from Combat Capabilities Development Command. Structured light scanning generates a surface measurement analysis of turrets received for customer designed upgrades at LEAD.

Five vessel operations straddle fiscal years

WHEELER ARMY AIRFIELD, Hawaii – The 599th Transportation Brigade conducted five port operations directly before and after the beginning of the 2021 fiscal year in September and October. Four were in support of the 3rd Marine Regiment, headquartered at U.S. Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay; and one supported 40th Quartermaster Company at Schofield Barracks.