Leader involvement vital to improving family housing

FORT BENNING, Ga. – Army senior leaders will keep close watch on the quality of housing Army families receive, a scrutiny that will need the sustained involvement of those in leadership positions. Sgt. Maj. of the Army Michael A. Grinston said during a visit here. Earlier this month, Secretary of the Army Ryan D. McCarthy and Gen. Ed Daly, Army Materiel Command commander, met with private housing firms, investors, financial institutions and bond rating agencies, and agreed to finance an additional $2.8 billion for housing over the next five years.

Senior commander’s course focuses on strategic vision

REDSTONE ARSENAL, Ala. – Army Materiel Command leaders around the country heard first-hand from the organization’s top leader about the roles and responsibilities of serving as a senior commander at the 2020 Senior Commander’s Course. Gen. Ed Daly, AMC commanding general, highlighted the importance of serving as an installation senior commander to the group of AMC general officers and sergeants major, saying that it is their job to drive strategic vision from a mission perspective.

Diversity and inclusion lead to high performing teams

REDSTONE ARSENAL, Ala. – Army Materiel Command's Office of Diversity and Leadership director spoke with AMC's Equal Employment directors and managers about creating a work environment where employees feel comfortable to suggest innovative ideas, show initiative and develop themselves as leaders. “Employees need to feel free and comfortable to be the best they can be at their jobs,” Paula Taylor said. “Employees who are healthy mentally and physically, and who are enabled to do their jobs can truly make a difference for our Soldiers.”

Team MICC wins by providing to mission partners

JOINT BASE SAN ANTONIO-FORT SAM HOUSTON, Texas – The Mission and Installation Contracting Command closed out fiscal year 2020 with some big wins. Despite many challenges this year from the COVID-19 pandemic and transitioning the majority of our workforce to telework, the MICC remained strategically engaged with mission partners to execute 29,092 contract actions valued at $5.48 billion. What the numbers do not show is the seamless synchronization efforts with our mission partners to provide timely business solutions.

Fort Knox Energy Program receives Army award

FORT KNOX, Ky. – Fort Knox’s Energy Program team was recognized with eight Directorate of Public Works teams during the 2020 Secretary of the Army Energy and Water Management Awards ceremony. “What you all do toward energy savings and efficiency is not only helpful to the national security mission and capability readiness of the Army currently, it also helps our planet for our generation and our children's and children’s children's generation,” said Assistant Secretary of the U.S. Army for Installations, Energy and Environment, HON Alex Beehler.
Fort Hood opens new Phantom Supply Support Activity

FORT HOOD, Texas – The newly-opened Phantom Supply Support Activity here has already built up 3,585 items on an Authorized Stockage List, cleared more than 200 pallets that were backlogged, transferred more than 487 Department of Defense Activity Address Codes in about five days, posted Goods Receipts for 3,500 customer items in less than four days, saved more than $200,000 and increased receiving capacity by 200%.

Future planning helps USAG Ansbach’s most valuable asset

ANSBACH, Germany – Following a two-day virtual training hosted by Human Capital Institute, a cross-functional team of 14 garrison employees will collaborate weekly to develop strategies for future workforce preparation. Col. Karen Hobart, USAG Ansbach commander, thanked participants for volunteering. USAG Ansbach Commander Col. Karen Hobart said Strategic Workforce Planning training is industry renowned and HCI’s most popular program.

Expanded industrial training grows employees

TOBYHANNA, Pa. – Tobyhanna Army Depot recently announced new training opportunities for employees in the Systems Integration and Support directorate. The directorate’s mission largely focuses on industrial activities like sandblasting, painting and welding. These industrial functions are a large component of Tobyhanna’s growing Navy portfolio, which includes the RIM-7 Sea Sparrow and the RIM-166 Rolling Airframe Missile launcher.

Contract enhances IMCOM emergency communications

JOINT BASE SAN ANTONIO-FORT SAM HOUSTON, Texas – Emergency response communications are getting a boost at 72 Army locations following the award of a contract for FirstNet wireless devices and services. Contracting authorities awarded a firm, fixed-price task order that ensures communications capabilities for Army public safety officers, first responders and emergency officials during national emergencies.

JMC moves munitions by rail and truck

ROCK ISLAND, Ill. – Readiness is a strategic priority at Joint Munitions Command and one component of JMC readiness is the ability to transport munitions to customers via sealift. JMC partnered with the Surface Deployment and Distribution Command to conduct a rail exercise from Tooele Army Depot to Naval Magazine Indian Island using the Rail Transfer Facility at Kitsap Bangor, Washington, to execute the intermodal move from rail to truck.

Cable Shop constructs new cables for combat vehicles

ANNISTON ARMY DEPOT, Ala. – Anniston Army Depot’s Cable Shop has become known for more than taking old wires and returning them to functioning condition. With the proper schematics and information, they can construct new cables for combat vehicles overhauled and repaired at the depot. “Our job is to take something on paper and turn it into something that can be used in the vehicle,” said Walt Branning, one of the Cable Shops leaders.