News Dispatch – 2021 AMC leadership changes

REDSTONE ARSENAL, Ala. – The summer of 2021 has been a busy transition time for Army Materiel Command. The AMC enterprise has seen many changes in leadership in the last few months. Changes include relinquishments of command, assumptions of command and changes of command, along with promotions for some of the leaders of AMC’s major subordinate commands.

Materiel, installation enterprise support critical to FORSCOM

REDSTONE ARSENAL, Ala. – Gen. Michael Garrett, commanding general of Army Forces Command, met with Gen. Ed Daly, commanding general of Army Materiel Command, July 1 at AMC headquarters to learn more about the full range of AMC's support to FORSCOM units and people. Daly said AMC is committed to enabling the Army’s priorities of people, readiness and modernization and in fully supporting FORSCOM’s efforts. “The power of the relationship between AMC and FORSCOM is critical to the Army,” said Daly.

AMC provides guidance encouraging employee fitness

REDSTONE ARSENAL, Ala. – Army Materiel Command employees now have some extra muscle behind their exercise and holistic fitness goals. Based on the Army’s new guidance, AMC is implementing a new Army Civilian Fitness and Health Promotion Program policy throughout its enterprise that includes changes focused on providing more fitness and health opportunities for employees. The new program removes the six-month, once-in-a-career limitation on use of administrative leave for up to three hours of physical fitness and health activities each week.

Benelux’s Environmental Division proves crucial to APS-2

BRUNSSUM, Netherlands – At U.S. Army Garrison Benelux's three Army prepositioned stock sites in Belgium, Germany and the Netherlands, Europeans and Americans work together to receive, transfer, maintain and store vehicles and other equipment in support of U.S. Army Europe and Africa missions. Enabling this logistical mission, the Directorate of Public Work's Environmental Division collaborates with knowledgeable authorities to ensure the continued health of local flora and fauna.

MICC responsive to urgent AFC contract needs

JOINT BASE SAN ANTONIO-FORT SAM HOUSTON, Texas – The accelerated research and responsive mission partner support to procure 200 software licenses in a week by the Mission and Installation Contracting Command-Fort Sam Houston contracting office is sustaining secure collaboration capabilities in a nontraditional network environment for the Army Software Factory. Army Futures Command reached out with the urgent need for the software requirement after exhausting other procurement vehicles and outreach for recommendations.
PEOPLE FIRST – QUALITY OF LIFE UPDATES

Fort Campbell senior leaders go mobile with housing town hall

FORT CAMPBELL, Ky. – Providing safe, quality on-post homes has been a top priority and senior leaders are looking for ways to more directly engage with residents and improve living conditions. As part of that effort, Maj. Gen. JP McGee, commanding general of the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) and Fort Campbell, and Col. Jeremy D. Bell, Fort Campbell garrison commander, led the installation’s first housing “walking” town hall on June 16 to speak with Hammond Heights residents about their experiences.

Enrichment Center offers “Healthy Environment” for learning

FORT DRUM, N.Y. – The Fort Drum Family Advocacy Program staff is inviting the community to attend a Summer Safety Luau July 22 and celebrate the grand opening of the Soldier and Family Readiness Division’s new Enrichment Center. The Enrichment Center has been open for playgroups and workshops since May. One of those workshops, called “Healthy Environments: Creating a Safe, Kid-Friendly Space,” features hands-on, interactive home safety instruction to help parents and caregivers identify hidden dangers and risks in different areas of the home.

Grab and go program feeds children throughout summer

FORT CAMPBELL, Ky. – The Fort Campbell Child Nutrition Program began offering free drive-through grab-and-go breakfast and lunch meals June 14 to children up to the age of 18 while post schools are on summer hiatus. This summer program is the same as the one offered to support children and Families while schools were closed at the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic. In the first couple weeks of operating this summer, the program served nearly 7,000 meals, said Elaine Dawkins, Fort Campbell Child Nutrition Program director.

Enduring effort focuses on spiritual readiness

FORT CARSON, Colo. – Fort Carson hosted a collaborative spiritual readiness event, where Soldiers, commanders, chaplains and helping-agency professionals learned how spirituality enhances personal well-being and increases resiliency across formations. Spiritual readiness professionals including the Army chief of chaplains and Army Behavioral Health and Columbia University staff partnered with the Mountain Post to share knowledge, expertise and wisdom about pivotal topics.

AAFES BE FIT ambassador visits Fort Leonard Wood

FORT LEONARD WOOD, Mo. – Roy Montez, the Army and Air Force Exchange Service’s BE FIT ambassador, hosted guided workouts and answered fitness-related questions for Main Exchange customers. During the event, nine motor transport operator trainees and a drill sergeant assigned to the 58th Transportation Battalion took part in a 20-minute targeted workout that included drop squats, lunges and planks with rotations that worked the arms, core, back, glutes and lower body for full-body strength and conditioning.
Army calibration lab updated, dedicated at Redstone Arsenal

REDSTONE ARSENAL, Ala. – Leaders from the Aviation and Missile Command celebrated the renovation of the U.S. Army Test, Measurement, and Diagnostic Equipment Activity headquarters building during a ribbon-cutting ceremony June 29. The celebration marked the completion of the first major renovation to the Maj. Gen. John M. Cone Metrology Laboratory in USATA’s more than 50-year history on the installation.

AMLC hosts first change of command

FORT DETRICK, Md. – The first two years of existence for Army Medical Logistics Command – the Army’s lifecycle manager for medical materiel – were full of challenges, including a global pandemic. But for the AMLC team, their focus is on how they overcame difficult situations to deliver medical equipment and supplies – whenever and wherever they were needed. Those achievements were highlighted during AMLC’s first change of command ceremony July 1.

Transportation specialists accomplish large loading operation

PORT OF BEAUMONT, Texas – Transportation specialists with the 842nd Transportation Battalion loaded 2,700 pieces of cargo onto three vessels in support of the 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division’s deployment from Fort Riley, Kansas, to Europe May 10 to June 19. Since 2014, the Army has routinely deployed Brigade Combat Teams from the U.S. to the European theater in support of Atlantic Resolve.

Army diversity policy promotes the workplace melting pot

ROCK ISLAND, Ill. – In line with the federal government and Department of Defense, the Army is putting a renewed emphasis on diversity, inclusion and equity policies, with the aim of maintaining a vibrant workforce that represents the wide-ranging backgrounds of the American people. The Army is working to ensure that the current workforce understands the issues at hand, while recruiting from a comprehensive pool of potential workers.

New CAAA hook trucks deliver reliability, flexibility

CRANE, Ind. – Crane Army Ammunition Activity’s depot operations directorate is rolling out a new generation of support vehicles that will optimize routine logistical operations like transporting munitions and heavy equipment across the installation. In June, a fleet of 10 large Stellar hook trucks were delivered to CAAA with the help of the Army Reserve’s 370th Transportation Company.

First virtual naturalization ceremony hosted at USAG Bavaria

GRAFENWOEHR, Germany – U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services conducted its first virtual naturalization ceremony at U.S. Army Garrison Bavaria, on both June 30 and July 1. This two-day ceremony was part of a special program to naturalize active-duty military members and their families. In total, 50 candidates from 25 countries were administered the Oath of Allegiance.