



U.S. Army Materiel Command

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AMC commander looks to the future in visit to CECOM

ABERDEEN PROVING GROUND, Md. – Commander of Army Materiel Command Gen. Ed Daly shared his forward-looking vision for Communications-Electronics Command during a routine visit to the headquarters here, May 13. Daly expressed his appreciation for the CECOM team’s hard work and candid dialogue in recent months. He wants the workforce to feel empowered to question the status quo, execute innovation and codify best practices so that they can be followed by future CECOM members.



USASAC holds change of command ceremony

REDSTONE ARSENAL, Ala. – U.S. Army Security Assistance Command has a new commanding general. Brig. Gen. Garrick Harmon assumed command of USASAC May 17. Gen. Ed Daly, commander of Army Materiel Command, presided over the ceremony, which signaled the departure of outgoing commander, Brig. Gen. Doug Lowrey. Harmon, who most recently served as the Senior Office and Defense Attaché at the U.S. Embassy in Russia, expressed excitement after assignments that have seen him and his family living outside the U.S. for over 10 years.



Werner addresses new lieutenants at alma mater

DETROIT ARSENAL, Mich. – In comments delivered May 9 to newly graduated and commissioned Army second lieutenants at Central Michigan University, Maj. Gen. Darren Werner, Tank-automotive and Armaments Command commander, stressed the importance of authentic leadership. “If I have one bit of advice to offer from my 33 years of Army experience, that would be to put people first,” Werner said. “Lead not to receive accolades or acclaim, but lead by considering the needs and perspectives of the Soldiers you serve with.”



Soldiers enable training as part of DEFENDER-Europe 21

PÁPA, Hungary – As nearly 30,000 U.S., allied and partner forces pour into over 30 training sites across Europe, a five-person advance party team from the 510th Regional Support Group is supporting this massive logistical effort by integrating nearly 2,300 Soldiers at several bases throughout Hungary. Working long hours to receive busloads of service members at all hours at Papa Air Base, the team – in coordination with host-nation partners – ensures COVID-19 screening and the essentials for basic life support are relayed.



South Dakota Guard partners with BGAD

RICHMOND, Ky. – South Dakota National Guardsmen from the 1742nd Transportation Company loaded their M915 long-haul tractor trailers with munitions at Blue Grass Army Depot here for subsequent transport to Crane Army Ammunition Activity. The 1742nd is one of many National Guard units partnering with ammo storage locations across the country as part of an Army Materiel Command initiative called, Operation Patriot Press 2021. It provides units real-world mission work to improve Army strategic objectives in readiness and total force integration.



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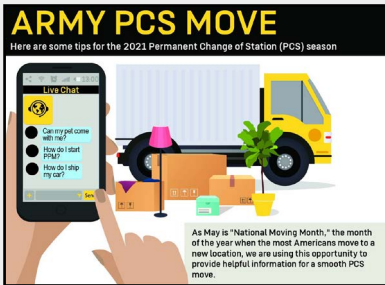
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PEOPLE FIRST – QUALITY OF LIFE UPDATES



BMC tenant survey results show high participation rate

BAUMHOLDER, Germany – Results from the Army Family Housing Tenant Satisfaction Survey show the Baumholder Military Community logged a record-breaking 38.5% participation rate, the highest participation for garrisons in Europe and among the highest in the Army. Housing Office leaders said this year's participation rate can be credited to the dedication of volunteers, who went the extra mile to collect responses. In addition to the highest participation in U.S. Army Garrison Rheinland-Pfalz history, there was a 2% increase in overall satisfaction.



Here are some helpful tips for the coming PCS season

WASHINGTON – As Soldiers, civilians and families gear up for PCS season, the Army streamlined processes and policies to enable a safe, convenient, predictable and user-friendly move. Improvements to make moves easier include updates to the Army PCS Move App, increased reimbursements for personally procured moves, more quality-assurance inspectors and a longer window to submit claims. The Army PCS Move App offers information on financial management, entitlements, types of moves, planning, scheduling and the claims process.



IMCOM-Readiness director engages Fort Campbell workforce

FORT CAMPBELL, Ky. – Brenda Lee McCullough, Installation Management Command Directorate-Readiness director, visited May 3-6, her first since the COVID-19 pandemic began. She met with garrison and 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) leaders, toured housing and facilities and hosted workforce discussions to gain firsthand insights into how Fort Campbell operates, as well as its strengths and challenges. She works to assist 20 active and reserve component Army installations and joint bases with any funding and infrastructure needs.

Government employment: Tips and tricks to navigating USAJOBS applications

FORT KNOX, Ky. – Looking for a new job can be a stressful experience – even more overwhelming adding the federal employment USAJOBS system into the application process. Civilian Personnel Advisory Center staffing branch chief Toni Kvalheim said the process has undergone many improvements, and there are key ways hopefuls can set themselves up for success. She explained that while the system is now set up so candidate qualifications must be demonstrated, many believe resumes are still vetted the old way.

Commentary: Rethinking what we know about AAFES, military retail

FORT LEE, Va. – Some military community members were likely surprised by the recent DOD policy change that opened Army and Air Force Exchange Service shopping privileges to government civilians as of May 1. Don't presume, however, that the military retailer is in dire straits – necessitating the additional customer base to stay afloat. Truth is, the Exchange Service has nearly doubled its profitability since 2011, according to the latest figures available on its website.

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LARs help keep equipment running, vehicles rolling

KAISERSLAUTERN, Germany – The transport and delivery of supplies, ammunition, water and food is a critical component of any military operation. Keeping trucks, tactical vehicles and equipment pieces operational is extremely important. Tank-automotive and Armaments Command employs Logistics Assistance Representatives who act as liaisons between the item managers and equipment specialists at TACOM and the Soldiers and leaders in the field.

Army's prime-time players protect thousands

MIHAIL KOGĂLNICEANU AIR BASE, Romania – The Area Support Activity-Black Sea Directorate of Emergency Services provides 24-hour law enforcement, fire and emergency services to commanders, Soldiers, civilians and guests of Mihail Kogălniceanu Air Base, Romania and the Novo Selo Training Area, Bulgaria. The 60 Soldiers and two civilians on the team serve about 2,000 people from the U.S., Germany and others for DEFENDER-Europe 21.

U.S. Army offers COVID-19 vaccination to local nationals

BAVARIA, Germany – U.S. Army Medical Department Activity-Bavaria, in collaboration with U.S. Army Garrison Bavaria, 7th Army Training Command and the tenant units within the USAG Bavaria footprint, conducted a weeklong COVID-19 Vaccination drive starting on May 3 at the Multi-Purpose Center on Rose Barracks. According to U.S. Army health officials, the ongoing vaccination drive has been a success.

SDDC inspection program to improve processes, readiness

SHILOH, Ill. – The Military Surface Deployment and Distribution Command is developing an organizational inspection program focused on streamlining command, staff and Inspector General inspection processes under one umbrella. SDDC's OIP will be a commander-controlled, dynamic program that is tailored to the organization and provides the command with an internal mechanism to identify, prevent and eliminate issues that affect readiness.

New borescope helps Small Arms Repair Facility

ANNISTON ARMY DEPOT, Ala. – The Small Arms Repair Facility here recently began a new test method for the 81mm and 120mm mortar gun tube. The new method, which uses a video borescope and bore measurement accessory, allows technicians to view the inside of the tube and see a detailed view of the interior of the artillery tube. This allows the technician to inspect for gun tube stress corrosion cracking, which could cause the tube to explode.

599th Trans. Bde. monitors USMC ammo offload at West Loch

PEARL HARBOR, Hawaii – 599th Transportation Brigade personnel monitored discharge of U.S. Marine Corps' ammunition and equipment from Young Brothers' barge Kukahi returning from Pohakuloa Training Area at West Loch here May 9. Traffic management specialist Jimmy Quilon and transportation specialist Marco Arboleda were on hand to ensure everything went smoothly and all specifications for the move were met according to the contract.

FOCUS ON THE FORCE



Italian man visits his former post after 70 years

Fain, 75, provides essential training role for Army depot

404th AFSB Soldier to train with industry

New CECOM chief warrant officer excited to work

NEWS AROUND THE ARMY



Congressional sub-committee sees 'seismic change' at Fort Hood

Army data quality improved through standardization and collaboration

Army policy offering up to three-year service break

Army tests vehicle power grids