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JMC develops OIB 15-year Transformation Strategy

ROCK ISLAND, Ill. – Historically, Joint Munitions Command has focused on current readiness and repairing/replacing needed infrastructure, while establishing some required capabilities for the future. JMC is now focused on developing a 15-year Transformation Strategy for the Ammunition Organic Industrial Base that drives an end state of modernized processes able to sustain readiness and postured to execute Large Scale Combat Operations. This effort is taking a look far into the future to determine what will be needed to support the Ammunition mission.



Black Sea sites launch troops into DEFENDER-Europe 21

MIHAIL KOGALNICEANU AIR BASE, Romania – Hundreds of American and international military paratroopers jumping from a half-dozen cargo aircraft soaring over Romania May 11 culminated weeks of U.S. Army Garrison Rheinland-Pfalz continuous support to one of the Army's premier exercises. The garrison's participation in DEFENDER-Europe 21 via its sites in Romania and Bulgaria, known as Area Support Activity-Black Sea, is a multipronged, ongoing effort staging American and international Soldiers and equipment for success.



Detroit Arsenal digs dirt on new substation

DETROIT ARSENAL, Mich. – Detroit Arsenal held a groundbreaking ceremony for a new electrical substation May 10. During the event, Maj. Gen. Darren Werner, Tank-automotive and Armaments Command commander, said, "Without the ability to provide adequate power to our facilities, our shared mission of supporting the needs of the Army and the Soldier would be hindered. The substation is needed to support Ground Vehicle System Center revitalization projects and emerging Research, Development, Testing and Evaluation missions."



405th AFSB command team visits APS-2 construction site

POWIDZ, Poland – One of the 405th Army Field Support Brigade's main lines of effort is the Army Prepositioned Stock-2 program. There are five APS-2 sites in four countries under the command and control of the 405th AFSB in support of U.S. Army Europe and Africa and joint forces. The commander and command sergeant major of the 405th AFSB recently visited what will become the brigade's newest APS-2 site. Located near Powidz and adjacent to the Polish air force's 33rd Air Base, construction on the new APS-2 site is currently well underway.



Commitment to endangered species enhances training lands

SAN ANTONIO – The Army manages approximately 13.5 million acres of land across the country and depends on high-quality training ranges to conduct mission-critical training and readiness activities. In 2020, there were approximately 226 species listed as threatened or endangered under the federal Endangered Species Act on Army lands, the highest density of threatened and endangered species of all federal lands. Army Environmental Command provides technical support to installations.



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PEOPLE FIRST – QUALITY OF LIFE UPDATES



Fort Hood housing overhaul: \$420 million project underway

FORT HOOD, Texas – Army senior leaders joined with representatives of Lendlease Inc., the parent company of Fort Hood Family Housing, to begin the process of replacing nearly 600 homes in Chaffee and McNair Villages during a ceremony here April 29. This is part of a \$1.1 billion renovation effort targeting six Army posts. Fort Hood received the lion’s share of the allocation, with nearly half – \$420 million – of the funds being awarded to the Great Place. The new houses will be three bedroom, two-and-half bath homes for junior enlisted Soldiers.



Fort Wainwright pens enhanced degree benefits partnership

FORT WAINWRIGHT, Alaska – Fort Wainwright and the University of Alaska Fairbanks signed a new agreement, celebrating new coordination for Soldiers’ spouses earning college credit for an Early Childhood Education degree. The agreement directly benefits military families in their journey toward obtaining this degree through their work in the child and youth services sector. “It’s part of our continuing effort for us to improve the community education and employment opportunities for our employees,” said Garrison Commander Col. Christopher Ruga.



The smooth move of a military spouse

ROCK ISLAND, Ill. – Trying to count your years as a military spouse is kind of like counting in dog years. The time seems like a normal passage, but the toll of military-specific events during that time actually compounds the span, making it seem like it’s actually longer than it really is, hence the dog year comparison. The event that prompted me to count this way is everyone’s favorite part of military life: The Permanent Change of Station Move. The PCS is, possibly, the primary fear of many of military families, outside of war.

USAACE, Fort Rucker leadership take town hall directly to residents’ homes

FORT RUCKER, Ala. – U.S. Army Aviation Center of Excellence and Fort Rucker leadership took the town hall directly to residents’ homes May 6. Several residents did take advantage of the opportunity to speak with senior leadership to bring up issues with their homes. The commanding general then worked with the on-hand Corvias representatives to send maintenance workers to address those issues as soon as the residents returned home.

Hunter Army Airfield holds community town halls

SAVANNAH, Ga. – Garrison and Hunter Army Airfield Homes leaders held community engagement centered town halls in each installation neighborhood. The goal of these events, according to Lt. Col. Stephan Bolton, Hunter Army Airfield garrison commander, was to establish better communication and understanding between garrison, residents and privatized housing partner, Balfour Beatty. The informal format allowed residents to have active conversations with leadership and others within their community.



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VX exit: Final projectiles transferred for destruction

BLUE GRASS ARMY DEPOT, Ky. – The U.S. is one step closer to an international treaty goal, as Blue Grass Chemical Activity supported delivery of the last stockpiled VX projectiles for destruction. “Our chemical crews and support elements have really risen to this challenge,” said Lt. Col. Edward Williams, BGCA commander. “Not only did they accomplish this objective during a pandemic, but under the threat of severe weather and a February ice storm as well.”

Senior enlisted leaders collaborate in Colombia

REDSTONE ARSENAL, Ala. – Command Sgt. Maj. Sean Rice, the Security Assistance Command senior enlisted adviser, saw how foreign military sales promoted greater interoperability between the Colombian military and the U.S. Army. “I have trained with them before in past assignments and it’s always refreshing to see their passion to serve, their commitment to excellence and their dedication to the Colombian Army and their government,” Rice said.

Crane Army implements GPS in drive for safety

CRANE, Ind. – Ensuring the workforce is safe on the road is a key part of the activity’s drive to shape the future of the Army – and one small device, hidden beneath the dashboard of Crane Army Ammunition Activity vehicles, is helping decrease potential safety issues and accidents. “Before, we had no method to track where everyone was. Now, in the event of an emergency, we have eyes where people are all over the installation,” CAAA Chief of Staff Joe Mikac said.

Werner talks people, modernization with Tonko

WATERVLIET ARSENAL, N.Y. – U.S. Rep. Paul D. Tonko, New York 20th district, met with Tank-automotive and Armaments Command Commander Maj. Gen. Darren Werner and Watervliet Arsenal Commander Col. Earl B. Schonberg, Jr. during a visit to the historic Army manufacturing center. During the discussion, Werner shared a vision for future cannon manufacturing that will employ emerging technologies to support Army modernization.

NDIA awards recognize contributions of AMC employees

HUNTSVILLE, Ala. – The Tennessee Valley Chapter of the National Defense Industrial Association recognized five members of the Army Materiel Command workforce. NDIA presented a Management Award to AMC’s Audra Allen, a strategic planner with AMC’s Commanding General’s Initiatives Group while members of the Graphics Team – lead designer Mark Jones, and members Amy Turner and Patti Evans – received a Technology Award.

599th Trans. Bde. personnel monitor USMC barge offload

HONOLULU – 599th Transportation Brigade personnel monitored discharge of Marine Corps cargo and equipment from the Young Brothers’ barge Kala Enalu at Honolulu Harbor. Young Brothers’ longshoremen at Piers 39 and 40 discharged equipment coming from a deployment to Pohakuloa Training Area. Unlike most port operations, 599th personnel were not allowed on the vessel during the move, which provided challenges to supporting the mission.

FOCUS ON THE FORCE



JMC’s senior enlisted advisor ready to shape Army’s future

ACS specialist right person to optimize spouse employment

NCO delivers readiness to DEFENDER-Europe 21

Berklee music student turned officer supports Horn of Africa

NEWS AROUND THE ARMY



Army senior leaders seek sustained, consistent funding

Leaders discuss initial Sex Assault Review Commission recommendation

Army National Hiring Days kicks off with extra \$2k bonus

COVID milestone: Guard vaccinates 10 million people