



U.S. Army Materiel Command

# Eye On AMC



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## VCSA calls Redstone a national asset

REDSTONE ARSENAL, Ala. – The Vice Chief of Staff of the Army Gen. Joseph Martin spoke with leaders and experts from several commands and industry partners to learn more about current readiness and modernization initiatives at Redstone Arsenal. He met with Gen. Ed Daly, Army Materiel Command commander, and key staff at AMC's headquarters where he was briefed about how the materiel enterprise is enabling the Army's priorities. Martin said AMC plays an important role in supporting the more than 140,000 Soldiers deployed around the world.



## APS-2 equipment, vehicles issued for DEFENDER-Europe 21

APA, Estonia – DEFENDER-Europe 21 involves U.S., NATO and partner militaries from 26 nations conducting live fire exercises, airborne operations, missile defense activities and a multitude of complex, bilateral operations. To support this effort, more than 1,000 pieces were drawn from the 405th Army Field Support Brigade's Army Prepositioned Stock-2 sites here.

Read more here on how the 405th AFSB is supporting the [COVID-19 isolation](#) and [quality of life](#).



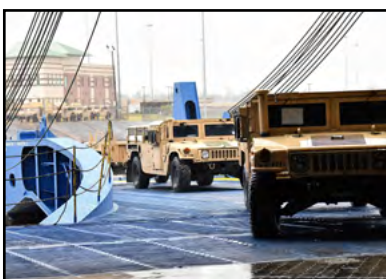
## New policy opens Exchange access to DoD Civilians

DALLAS – After a recent change in Department of Defense policy, the Army & Air Force Exchange Service is opening its doors to 575,000 DoD and Coast Guard civilian employees starting May 1. The DoD announced the policy change April 29. Access to ShopMyExchange.com will start later this year. Opening exchange access to civilian employees working on installations is expected to improve dividends to Quality-of-Life programs, leverage the military exchanges' buying power and strengthen the Exchange benefit for those serving.



## 405th AFSB, 50th RSG discuss Poland base support operations

POWIDZ, Poland – The 405th Army Field Support Brigade's command team visited the Florida National Guard's 50th Regional Support Group April 29 to discuss the partnership between the two units supporting thousands of Soldiers deployed to Poland with Base Operating Support-Integrator resources. The partnership enhanced the operational readiness of U.S. Army Europe and Africa. The 405th AFSB's Logistics Civil Augmentation Program provides base support and sustainment services, a critical component to 50th RSG's base operations mission.



## SDDC's SPM role crucial to Defense Transportation System

SCOTT AIR FORCE BASE, Ill. – The U.S. Transportation Command, through its service components, Air Mobility Command and the Military Surface Deployment and Distribution Command, manages common-user aerial ports and seaports for the combatant commands. SDDC serves as the Department of Defense's maritime Single Port Manager and is a crucial component of USTRANSCOM's Defense Transportation System. The SPM performs functions needed to support the strategic flow of deploying and redeploying forces, equipment and more.



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## PEOPLE FIRST – QUALITY OF LIFE UPDATES



### Fort Lee to host Hiring Expo with huge list of job openings

FORT LEE, Va. – Job seekers can learn about the 150-plus employment opportunities available here during the Fort Lee Hiring Expo set for May 13, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the Lee Club. The open-to-the-public event will feature the following agencies seeking applicants: Family and MWR; Holiday Inn Express; the Defense Commissary Agency; the Army Education Center; and the Army and Air Force Exchange Service. Representatives from each will be on-hand to conduct interviews and make tentative offers to qualified applicants.



### New one-stop-shop for transition services, spouse employment

FORT CAMPBELL, Ky. – A shaded sidewalk, shared parking lots and dedicated transition and employment counselors bring together the Transition Assistance Program, Spouse Employment Center and Career Skills Program into a newly consolidated complex, the Transition and Employment Services Campus. Anne Fugate, TAP manager, said the many programs geared at helping transitioning Soldiers, military spouses and veterans are now more convenient, visible and offer more space for classes and employment events.



### Casa Toscana honored as the best small Army lodging 2020

LIVORNO, Italy – The Army recognized Camp Darby's Casa Toscana Army Lodge as the best small lodging operation of the year. Casa Toscana proved to be a profitable entity in fiscal year 2020 despite Camp Darby's downsizing, the COVID-19 pandemic and the stop movement order.

Camp Zama Army Lodging was also recognized as operation of the year for medium-sized facilities. [Read more here.](#)

### Knox Hills housing satisfaction from latest Army resident survey remains high

FORT KNOX, Ky. – On the heels of the Army releasing results from the latest tenant satisfaction survey, Knox Hills officials say they have basically maintained the same high ratings among their residents. Of the three target areas surveyed, Knox Hills received a minor increase in service satisfaction from 82.4 to 82.8% while property and overall satisfaction numbers dipped slightly— 80.8% to 80.3% and 77.6% to 76.3% respectively. Army officials earlier said they saw greater survey participation rates across the service.

### Camp Zama Outdoor Recreation reopens in improved facility

CAMP ZAMA, Japan – Camp Zama's Outdoor Recreation facility has moved into an impressive new space in the Community Recreation Center, and it opened May 1. Rick Bosch, director of Camp Zama's Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation, gathered employees who worked on the project to thank them and described the new facility as a "one-stop shop" for outdoor recreation equipment, vehicle rentals, adventure tours and much more.

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## Allied through a pandemic

REDSTONE ARSENAL, Ala. – Neither a global pandemic nor a pending troop withdrawal has halted U.S. support to Afghanistan. Over a million respirator and surgical masks, surgical gowns, gloves and accessories are being shipped to the Afghan National Army as part of two pseudo foreign military sales cases subsidized by Overseas Contingency Operations funding. The multiple-shipment delivery will be phased out through December 2021.

## Military use of training area protects endangered plants

WIESBADEN, Germany – Between the Mainz city districts of Gonsenheim and Mombach on the Sand Dunes Local Training Area of the U.S. Army Garrison Wiesbaden lies a unique nature reserve with a long history and endangered plants worthy of protection. The nutrient-poor soil and the unusually dry climate for Central Europe allow for a unique flora, which is more widespread in Central Asia or Southern Europe.

## DLA Distribution supports ERDC to complete RAIL demo

ANNISTON ARMY DEPOT, Ala – A demonstration of the Rapidly Available Interface for trans-Loading, or RAIL, system was recently conducted at Anniston Army Depot with support from Defense Logistics Agency Distribution Anniston, Alabama. Led by the Engineer Research and Development Center and the Combat Development Command, Ground Vehicle Systems Center, it was the first technical demonstration of the system.

## Enterprise Business System - Convergence – What is it?

FORT DETRICK, Md. – The Army is overhauling how it does business behind the scenes to operate at the speed of conflict during the information age with a new business system slated to impact modernization efforts by 2027. The Enterprise Business Systems - Convergence, or EBS-C, will combine at least six of the Army’s Enterprise Resource Planning systems and massively improve system agility, capacity, speed and efficiency.

## Event offers small businesses one-on-one virtual exchange

JOINT BASE SAN ANTONIO-FORT SAM HOUSTON, Texas – The Mission and Installation Contracting Command conducted about 700 one-on-one virtual meetings with over 290 small businesses during a matchmaking event April 19-20. The two-day event followed a command-wide advance planning briefing to industry in March, attracting more than 1,000 small and large business representatives that could not permit time for individual engagement.

## Culture change: Measuring Army contracting

ROCK ISLAND, Ill. – The need to improve evaluation of the Army’s contracting work and data use is well documented. The problems aren’t the Army’s alone. In 2019, the Section 809 Panel recommended to “Use existing defense business system open-data requirements to improve strategic decision making on acquisition and workforce issues.” The overall lead time for defense acquisition is too long to keep up with great-power competitors and non-state actors.

### FOCUS ON THE FORCE



AMC recognizes veterans

First-ever 51C assumes responsibility as ACC Command Sergeant Major

USAMMC-K strengthens ties with Korean communities

DPW tradesmen share combined 72 years of history

### NEWS AROUND THE ARMY



Korean American reflects on Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage Month

Army publishes guidance on the use of the Commander’s Risk Reduction Toolkit

Latest iteration of M1 Abrams main battle tank finishes testing

New technology stops bleeding