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Mitchell relinquishes command of ASC, retires from Army

ROCK ISLAND ARSENAL, Ill. – Maj. Gen. Daniel Mitchell relinquished command of Army Sustainment Command and retired May 27. Gen. Ed Daly, Army Materiel Command commander, served as the presiding officer at the ceremony and described Mitchell as “a brilliant officer, a master logistician and a great leader who has commanded ASC with distinction.”

[Related content](#) – Maj. Gen. Mitchell looks back on his career.



Joint Munitions Command modernizes munitions management

ROCK ISLAND, Ill. – As the entity responsible for providing conventional munitions to the entire armed forces, Joint Munitions Command continuously upgrades its operations to better deliver ammunition to warfighters wherever and whenever needed. The two most important initiatives in this modernization: leveraging artificial intelligence and converging ammunition management systems. JMC is revolutionizing its business systems and information technology infrastructure by integrating Artificial Intelligence tools such as Robotic Process Automation.



Return to work, mask policy, FEVS dominate CECOM town hall

ABERDEEN PROVING GROUND, Md. – Plans for a gradual return to the workplace, mask policy, a spotlight on the Federal Employee Viewpoint Survey and employee recognitions were among topics discussed at the quarterly Communications-Electronics Command town hall May 27. CECOM Commander Maj. Gen. Mitchell Kilgo said up to 60% of the CECOM workforce here will be eligible to return to work starting June 1. CECOM employees at other locations should follow guidance from their location’s senior mission commander, Kilgo said.



405th AFSB prepares hundreds of M-ATVs for shipment

LEGHORN ARMY DEPOT, Italy – The 405th Army Field Support Brigade’s Africa battalion maintains a robust stock of some of the most modernized and lethal vehicles and equipment pieces in the Army’s inventory. Recently, Army Field Support Battalion-Africa was called upon to shift over 1,300 Mine Resistant Ambush Protected All Terrain Vehicles, from its Army Prepositioned Stock-2 site at Leghorn Army Depot to other locations for other missions. The battalion immediately went to work to get the M-ATVs to their new destinations.



PS Magazine marks 70 years of informing Army readiness

REDSTONE ARSENAL, Ala. – Few Army missions have lasted 70 continuous years. PS Magazine is one of them. Born in June 1951, in the midst of the Korean War, it was the brainchild of former Soldier and cartoonist Will Eisner, who was one of the most highly-regarded practitioners of sequential art. For most of its 70 years, the magazine was titled PS: The Preventive Maintenance Monthly. The PS stands for post script. In Eisner’s mind, the PS was meant as a post script to technical manuals, as an addendum or clarification to these manuals.



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Proposed housing plans aim to improve quality of life

WASHINGTON – The Army continues to focus on quality housing for Soldiers and their families with additional rights for tenants to roll out next month and privatized companies expected to earmark nearly \$3 billion to improve housing over the next five years. The Army's people, readiness and modernization priorities will guide these new improvements as well as others across its 156 installations and more than 1,100 National Guard or Reserve centers, said J. E. Surash, the acting assistant secretary of the Army for installations, energy and environment.



Army delivering on housing, quality of life at Rose Barracks

ROSE BARRACKS, Germany – The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Europe District and U.S. Army Garrison Bavaria are partnering to deliver new and newly renovated housing and other quality of life projects for Soldiers and their families stationed at Rose Barracks in Vilseck. The latest major milestone in this long-term effort is the delivery of 29 new family homes and the recent completion of 14 family home renovations in the Kittenberg Housing Area here. Soldiers and their families will start moving into these newly available homes this summer.



Savings at post commissaries help families

WASHINGTON – With over 230 buildings spanning across 13 countries and two U.S. territories, commissaries are an exceptional resource for Soldiers, families and retirees. In recent surveys, commissaries received high marks for the competitiveness of prices, store cleanliness and a variety of international products. They were also noted for checkout speed, meat and poultry quality, and store-brand quality. In 2020, its customer base expanded by 4 million new patrons, but its desire to serve families through savings and convenience has not changed.

Customer feedback spurs Defense Personnel Property Program reform

FORT LEE, Va. – Nobody can dispute the value of constructive customer feedback. Successful organizations and businesses covet the input from questionnaires, polls and satisfaction surveys – viewing it as the best possible avenue for improving services, products and/or delivery methods. Acting on customer feedback from its constituents, the U.S. Transportation Command is engaged in a reform of its moving and storage services to better support military members and their families.

USAG Ansbach DPW looks at improving processes

ANSBACH, Germany – U.S. Army Garrison Ansbach Directorate of Public Works employees met with Garrison Commander Col. Karen Hobart and Command Sgt. Maj. Eric Bohannon to discuss potential improvements of internal processes and services, to ultimately improve customer service as a whole. The DPW is responsible for the infrastructure on the installations, roads and grounds, housing and maintenance.



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MICC welcomes new commanding general

JOINT BASE SAN ANTONIO-FORT SAM HOUSTON, Texas – Members of the Mission and Installation Contracting Command welcomed their new commanding general during a change-of-command ceremony May 27. Brig. Gen. Douglas Lowrey assumed command of the MICC from Brig. Gen. Christine Beeler in a ceremony officiated by Maj. Gen. Paul Pardew, the commanding general for the Army Contracting Command.

Florida, Puerto Rico Soldiers team up for logistics mission

JOINT BASE CHARLESTON, S.C. – U.S. Army Reserve Soldiers from Florida and Puerto Rico teamed up to assist the 841st Transportation Battalion with an offloading operation at Joint Base Charleston May 14-21 aboard the USNS Soderman, one of the largest ships in the U.S. Navy fleet. This vessel is part of the Army Prepositioned Stock program and has traveled the world for years, carrying warfighting equipment such as tanks and wheeled vehicles.

Microgrid to generate net zero for Fort Hunter Liggett

FORT HUNTER LIGGETT, Calif. – Fort Hunter Liggett conducted a groundbreaking ceremony May 27 to build a \$21.6 million electrical microgrid, which will make it the first Army installation to achieve Net Zero for critical operations. That means it will be capable of generating and distributing electricity for 14-days of energy resiliency. It is an important first step in scaling this type of energy self-sufficiency throughout the Department of Defense.

Soldiers ready to make field repairs thanks to TYAD

TOBYHANNA, Pa. – Tobyhanna Army Depot has renewed a partnership that ensures warfighters can access repair facilities on the battlefield. The depot and Product Manager for Sets, Kits, Outfits and Tools will work together to produce new versions of the Armament Repair Shop Set, dubbed the “ARSS V2.” The workload remains at Tobyhanna after an extremely successful partnership that began with the original ARSS in 2015.

‘Quality drives the process’ in Final Drive Branch at ANAD

ANNISTON ARMY DEPOT, Ala. – Employees overhaul and repair final drives for a variety of vehicles in the Army’s fleet in the Directorate of Production’s Transmission Drive Gear Division, Final Drive Branch here. The final drive is a heavy duty, speed reducing gear that connects the transmission output through the hull of the tank to the drive sprocket. Its primary functions are to increase torque and reduce the speed of transmission outputs.

USAMMC-K Soldier named 2021 FAPAC award winner

CAMP CARROLL, South Korea – Sgt. 1st Class Rizmel Paguio, assigned to the U.S. Army Medical Materiel Center-Korea, has been named a recipient of the Federal Asian Pacific American Council’s 2021 Uniformed Services Award. The annual award recognizes and honors members of the uniformed services, which include the armed forces, commissioned public health corps and commissioned corps of the National Ocean and Atmospheric Administration.

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Memorial Day reminder of sacrifices made for freedom

The Army is hiring – spread the word!

Superior service leads to DA-level recognition

Local Toastmasters club recognized

NEWS AROUND THE ARMY



Former Acting Secretary of the Army's farewell message

Nakasone says US works to stay ahead of cybersecurity curve

Army public health experts say vigilance still needed in COVID-19 pandemic

Army's first openly gay general retires after inspiring others