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JMC commander promoted to one-star general

ROCK ISLAND, Ill. – Col. Gavin Gardner, commander of Joint Munitions Command, was promoted to brigadier general during a promotion ceremony June 10. Gen. Gustave “Gus” Perna, chief operating officer for Operation Warp Speed, hosted the ceremony at historic Quarters One on Rock Island Arsenal amid a limited number of family members, friends and distinguished visitors due to COVID-19 restrictions. Gardner also recognized the invaluable service and encouragement of Lisa, his wife of 29 years, and their two sons, Bryce and Pierce.



AMC employees influence federal survey in positive way

REDSTONE ARSENAL, Ala. – Even during a pandemic, Army Materiel Command employees come through for their organization. Despite COVID-19, teleworking and the unique mission challenges of fiscal year 2020, AMC employees continue to substantially create workplace change through the Federal Employee Viewpoint Survey. As the Army’s largest civilian employer, AMC leads in efforts to measure employee perceptions of what makes a successful organization, and whether their employer, agency and supervisor have those characteristics.



Munitions transportation training a win-win for Soldiers

CRANE, Ind. – Each summer, roads through Naval Support Activity, Crane are bustling as Army Reserve and National Guard convoys rumble across the installation to rendezvous points with Crane Army Ammunition Activity workers. Like clockwork, the vehicles get loaded or unloaded with shipments of munitions as part of Operation Patriot Press, a nationwide training event for Army transportation units conducted by Army Materiel Command to improve readiness and total force integration.



Michigan National Guard drives Operation Patriot Press

AUGUSTA, Mich. – Michigan National Guard Soldiers drove a half-million miles through more than 15 states, transporting almost 6 million pounds of ammunition as part of Operation Patriot Press. The training event allows for Soldiers enlisted as motor transport operators to drive long haul distances and transport classified loads of munitions across the country. It’s also an opportunity for Crane Army and other ammunition depots across Joint Munitions Command to showcase their readiness to ship and receive munitions quickly and accurately.



ETM selectees overcome pandemic through virtual TDY

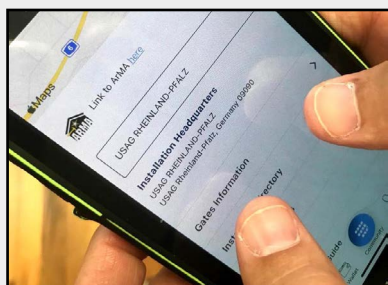
REDSTONE ARSENAL, Ala. – Although the COVID-19 pandemic caused challenges for many parts of the Army civilian workforce, for two selectees of the Army’s Enterprise Talent Management program, it presented a lucrative opportunity. In February 2021, two GS-13s from Europe were selected for the ETM opportunity under the guidance of Army Materiel Command’s Defense Intelligence Senior Level Executive Katherine Coviello. The seven hour time difference and 5,000 miles of distance was no match for the virtual work environment.

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Digital Garrison App can make PCS season run smoother

KAISERSLAUTERN, Germany – Arriving at a new post, especially on a first-time overseas move, can be daunting. But, a constantly updated and expanding phone app can help make PCSing a little easier. The Digital Garrison App, which can be downloaded on Android and Apple devices, provides users with secure access to facility information and other "quality-of-life" services by consolidating data from three related networks. The user can also switch between garrisons, which can come in handy in Europe.



Wiesbaden child care center providing support through COVID

WIESBADEN, Germany – Throughout the COVID 19 lockdown here at U.S. Army Garrison Wiesbaden, the child development centers have continued to provide needed support to our community of Soldiers and Civilians. Though they are not at full capacity, the centers have safeguards in place that have ensured the children and staff are safe. This includes practicing social distancing, instituting more cleaning requirements, wearing masks, disinfecting inside and outside, and stepping up handwashing procedures beyond normal levels.



Housing at Yuma Proving Ground tops list for excellent homes

YUMA PROVING GROUND, Ariz. – It's no secret that pleasing everyone is an impossible task, yet the staff at Desert Oasis Housing at Yuma Proving Ground might have figured out the formula. "Being available and making sure that everything gets done as needed," cites Kristel Steib community director, as part of that formula that helped the Desert Oasis Housing office rank number two out of 43 installations and 383 housing neighborhoods, on the Tenant Satisfaction and Opinion Survey.

Family support services at Fort Drum focus of FORSCOM commander, spouse tour

FORT DRUM, N.Y. – Fort Drum sustains Soldier readiness by ensuring that the men and women of the 10th Mountain Division have what they need to train, deploy and fight. This requires a dedicated team of professionals providing quality service and support to Army families in every aspect of their lives. Lorelei Garrett, spouse of Gen. Michael X. Garrett, commander of U.S. Army Forces Command, spent much of her day seeing how that support system operates during an installation visit June 8.

Resource managers improving efficiency at Ansbach during pandemic

HUNTSVILLE, Ala. – Two resource efficiency managers tasked with oversight and project management assistance on energy savings projects at a vital Army installation in Germany didn't let a global pandemic get in the way of saving cost. Contracted through the U.S. Army Engineering and Support Center, Huntsville's Resource Efficiency Manager program subject-matter experts enhance installation energy program effectiveness by identifying projects and practices to reduce energy and water costs.

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Crane Army unveils modernization efforts to JMC commander

CRANE, Ind. – Col. Gavin Gardner, commander of Joint Munitions Command, toured facilities at Crane Army Ammunition Activity to assess ongoing modernization efforts. “Right now, the Army is focused on adapting how our Soldiers fight. If modern problems require modern solutions, then the most important thing that Crane Army can do is to ensure it is also adapting and modernizing to support the warfighter,” said Gardner.

DGRC construction reaches halfway mark

ANNISTON ARMY DEPOT, Ala. – Construction continues in Anniston Army Depot’s Nichols Industrial Complex to finalize the relocation of the Defense Generator and Rail Center. ANAD assumed control of the DGRC mission in 2000 as a result of the 1995 Base Realignment and Closure process. Construction of the new site at ANAD began March 2020 and is slated to be completed in the spring of 2022.

AMCOM adopts new initiative: This is My Organization

REDSTPNE ARSENAL, Ala. – Sgt. Maj. of the Army Michael A. Grinston set forth the “This is My Squad” initiative. According to Carlen J. Chestang Jr., U.S. Army Aviation and Missile Command G-1 director, TiMS was developed on the heels of the Army People Strategy. “The strategy focuses on deliberately managing the talents of the total Army force to increase readiness,” said Chestang.

405th AFSB develops virtual supervisor training program

KAISERSLAUTERN, Germany – In conjunction with U.S. Army Sustainment Command’s mandated online supervisory training for Soldiers and Army civilian employees in leadership positions, the 405th Army Field Support Brigade recently developed a training course that targets its local national employees. To test it out, the brigade held its first iteration of training for dozens of its local national employees June 8-11.

Future Soldiers visit, learn more about Army life

REDSTONE ARSENAL, Ala. – U.S. Army Aviation and Missile Command Commander Maj. Gen. Todd Royar and Command Sgt. Major Mike Dove met with future Soldiers June 7 here. The 31 high school students visited the installation in support of Army National Hiring Days to get firsthand knowledge from the AMCOM commanding general and his right-hand man. The two leaders were more than willing to answer questions.

Wargame provides real-world scenarios for joint base

JOINT BASE MYER-HENDERSON HALL, Va. – On May 17-20, Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall and partners participated in a wargame on Fort McNair. The wargame provided participants an opportunity to solve real-life problems. Jamie Hickman, an operations specialist, added that the scenarios were looked at from the standpoint of a 24-hour period and the participants looked at installation resilience, combatting extremism and contingency planning.

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Director recognized for Warp Speed service

Shuler selected for SecDef Sustainment Fellowship

JMC welcomes summer interns

TYAD employees graduate from Leadership Program

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Birthday Message from the Army Senior Leaders

Tuition Assistance Program continues to assist Soldiers

Army rolls out new training doctrine FM 7-0 with pivotal changes

Sustained funding necessary to ensure future readiness