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## AMCOM 101 Spring Conference Strengthens Army Aviation Readiness



Army Aviation leaders and sustainment experts from across the globe gathered at Redstone Arsenal April 15-16 for the AMCOM 101 Aviation FY25 Spring Conference, hosted by the U.S. Army Aviation and Missile Command. The two-day event, held at the Sparkman Center, focused on readiness, sustainment,

modernization, and collaboration across the aviation enterprise.

Maj. Gen. Lori L. Robinson, AMCOM Commanding General, opened the event with a comprehensive overview of the command's mission, capabilities, and impact. "This is an opportunity to understand what the different organizations of AMCOM do for the Army," said Robinson. "Our commitment is simple: if it's fielded in the force, we will sustain it."

Attendees received detailed briefings from leaders across AMCOM and its partner organizations. Topics included the role of Logistics Assistance Representatives, sustainment-level maintenance, training and development, materiel readiness, and updates from the Program Executive.... [READ MORE](#)

## AMCOM leader encourages cadets to embrace change

Command Sgt. Maj. Christopher T. Doss, the senior enlisted leader at the U.S. Army Aviation and Missile Command, recently served as the guest speaker at Sparkman High School's 58th Annual Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps Military Ball in Huntsville, Alabama. The event, themed "Blossoms of Change," was held February 15 in Saturn Hall at the Von Braun Center.

Doss, a Birmingham, Alabama native, enlisted in the Army in 2001. Throughout his distinguished career, he has undertaken multiple leadership roles, from Team Leader to Platoon Sergeant and up to Command Sergeant Major. He is a veteran of five combat deployments—three to Iraq and two to Afghanistan. In June 2024, he assumed the role of AMCOM's Command Sergeant Major at Redstone Arsenal, Alabama.

During his address to the JROTC cadets, Doss emphasized the significance of adaptability and resilience in the face of change. He shared personal anecdotes from his military service, illustrating how embracing change has been pivotal in his career and personal growth. He encouraged the students to view change as an opportunity for development and to... [READ MORE](#)



*Thank you for your unwavering commitment to the AMCOM mission over these past few months. Your willingness to roll up your sleeves and find solutions instead of wringing your hands in defeat is impressive to watch across the command. It is what the warfighters we support depend on us to do.*

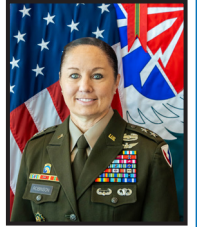
*This June 14th we proudly celebrate the Army's 250th Birthday -- a milestone that honors 250 years of courage, innovation, and service. For a quarter of a millennium, citizens have stepped forward, whether in military or civilian roles, and your service continues that proud legacy. I encourage you to celebrate our service's birthday through a number of events that are planned for June 2025.*

*I remain committed to keeping communication open with our workforce. Over the next quarter, I will continue to conduct monthly brown bag lunches in Huntsville and rotational visits out to LEAD, CCAD, ACLC, USATA, and AFMD sites. Each provides a valuable forum to share insights and garner your feedback. Please keep the lines of communication open with your chain of command and ask questions when you have them. The AMCOM command and staff will do our best to answer. I do want to give a shout out to the AMCOM G1 staff to whom you and I have directed many questions over the past month – keep up the great work!*

*As April showers bring May flowers and everyone looks forward to outdoor summer events, please ensure you and your family stay safe in your activities and travels. Congratulations to everyone who has retired this quarter and thank you for your dedicated service to AMCOM.*

*Tradition of excellence!  
Be all You Can Be!*

*Maj. Gen. Lori Robinson  
Commanding General  
U.S. Army Aviation and Missile Command*



## Team Redstone Recognizes \$277 Million in Cost Savings at FY24 Value Engineering Awards



Team Redstone celebrated innovation, efficiency, and engineering excellence at the 2025 Value Engineering and Army Working Capital Fund Investment Program Awards Ceremony on Friday, March 21.

Thomas Reynolds, Value Engineering Manager at DEVCOM Aviation & Missile Center, opened the ceremony by applauding the efforts of more than 700 contributors across Team Redstone. “We get to celebrate the people whose ideas and hard work improve how we support soldiers every single day,” he said.

The annual event recognized organizations and individuals whose efforts in fiscal year 2024 led to \$277 million in savings and cost avoidance, directly supporting Army readiness and modernization.

Mr. Donald R. Nitti, Deputy to the Commanding General of the U.S. Army Aviation and Missile Command, praised the consistent excellence of the Redstone community. “Twenty-eight consecutive years of exceeding... [READ MORE](#)

## AMCOM Town Hall Highlights Workforce Shaping, Innovation, and Employee Excellence

The U.S. Army Aviation and Missile Command hosted a Town Hall at Redstone Arsenal, Alabama, April 23, where leadership addressed workforce transitions, organizational priorities and upcoming milestones, including the Army’s 250th Birthday.

Maj. Gen. Lori Robinson, AMCOM commanding general, provided a candid update on the command’s posture amid the ongoing Department of Defense Deferred Resignation Program, Army-wide hiring and travel freezes, and the projected force reductions. “I fully acknowledge people are making big decisions,” Robinson said. “We want to ensure orderly transitions, maintain transparency, and keep everyone informed as we navigate this fiscal and structural environment.”

Mr. Donald Nitti, AMCOM’s deputy to the commanding general, emphasized the command’s operational focus: “The number one thing that we’re working right now is the ability to shape the workforce—getting the right skills in the right seats to ensure the mission succeeds.” [READ MORE](#)



## AMCOM Honors Two Retirees During Team Redstone Ceremony



The U.S. Army Aviation and Missile Command celebrated the distinguished careers of two longtime civilian leaders, William “Bill” Lee and Robert “Tim” King, during the Team Redstone Retirement Ceremony at Redstone Arsenal, Alabama on April 24, hosted by Maj. Gen. Lori Robinson.

The ceremony recognized over 127 years of combined service among the day’s four honorees. Both Lee and King, AMCOM team members, were applauded for their impact across the Army enterprise and their steadfast dedication to the mission.

“Your contributions will echo far beyond this ceremony,” said Robinson. “Your dedication has strengthened our Army and inspired those coming behind you.”

Lee, Chief of the Far East Branch for PATRIOT systems, retires after 40 years of combined military and civilian service, including time as a U.S.

Air Force colonel. King, Director of Aviation at AMCOM’s Logistics Center, concludes 43 years of service, having spent 21 years in the U.S. Marine Corps before transitioning to the Army civilian workforce.

Each retiree was presented with awards, certificates, a letter of congratulations from President Donald Trump, and the newly-styled Army retirement pin.

“As we celebrate the Army’s 250th birthday, I encourage you to share your stories,” said Robinson. [READ MORE](#)



## AMC Deputy Commanding General Visits Corpus Christi Army Depot



CORPUS CHRISTI ARMY DEPOT, Texas - Lt. Gen. Christopher O. Mohan, deputy commanding general and acting commander of U.S. Army Materiel Command, visited Corpus Christi Army Depot on April 3. Maj. Gen. Lori Robinson, commanding general of the U.S. Army Aviation and Missile Command accompanied him.

"I feel proud to be in a place where people are passionate about producing goods to meet the warfighter needs and who bleed red, white, and blue," Mohan said.

The purpose of the visit was to observe the depot's advanced technologies and ongoing modernization projects. CCAD commander, Col. Kevin Consedine-along with the deputy and chief operations officer, Rod Benson-and other subject matter experts highlighted the advantages of having a rotary-winged aircraft maintenance and remanufacturing facility for the military.

"We are the [military] service most connected with the American people, because, when the nation calls, they call the Army," said Mohan.

An important part of the Army's organic industrial base, CCAD is an AMC major subordinate command that strives to increase operational efficiency in sustainment missions and streamline maintenance procedures.

Targeting workforce investment, operational enhancements, and utilizing technology to maintain readiness are the main focuses of Mohan's strategic objectives, which integrate four areas of action. The issues of people, modernization, digital transformation, and maintenance and sustainment are all included in these frameworks... [READ MORE](#)



## AAAA 19<sup>th</sup> Luther G. Jones Army Aviation Depot Forum held in Corpus Christi



CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas – The Army Aviation Association of America convened the 19th Luther G. Jones Army Aviation Depot Forum at the American Bank Center February 11-12, 2025.

The two-day event centered on Army Aviation Maintenance and sustainment, including insights into government capabilities, the Corpus Christi Army Depot (CCAD), and the benefits for global industry clients and partnerships. The subject for this year was CCAD-Enabling Aviation in Contact.

The forum is dedicated in honor of Col. Luther Griffin Jones Jr., a former commander of CCAD and mayor of Corpus Christi, who served in the U.S. Army during World War II from 1939 to 1945 and the Vietnam War from 1958 to 1973.

This event served as a platform to connect with Warfighters, enterprise, and industry, facilitating the exchange of feedback and an understanding of the requirements of Combat Aviation Brigades to achieve victory in the surge. Furthermore, it was an opportunity for the depot to share innovations in the organic industrial base related to the manufacturing, maintenance, and resetting of Army equipment. To include the modernization of facilities, processes, and sustaining of a skilled workforce.

Retired Maj. Gen. Walt Davis, AAAA Executive Director, emceed the event. Army Chaplain (Capt.) Dennis Ohiku, CCAD Chaplain, provided the invocation.

In his introductory remarks, CCAD Commander Col. Kevin J. Consedine introduced the... [READ MORE](#)

## 1st TSC Revolutionizes Aviation Engine Repair in CENTCOM

Efforts to increase U.S. Army warfighter capability and repair efficiency in theater were strengthened with the recent inception of an aviation engine repair shop.

Over a year ago, an aviation logistics officer with the 1st Theater Sustainment Command, Chief Warrant Officer 3 Codi Walker, brought forth a plan for an expeditionary engine shop in the U.S. Central Command area of responsibility.

This plan was pitched to the 1st TSC commander, Maj. Gen. Eric Shirley, by the Aviation Field Maintenance Directorate at Redstone Arsenal, Alabama. The plan was approved and would proceed as a three-phase project.

Helming the project is the 1100th Theater Aviation Support Maintenance Group, a National Guard unit from Edgewood, Maryland, and the 1st TSC forward aviation pillar in theater.

The 1100th worked directly with Department of the Army civilians in Logistics Readiness Center-Alpha, Ainsley Vickers, LRC-A CENTCOM chief, and Valkeith Williams, logistics management... [READ MORE](#)



## Letterkenny welcomes new depot sergeant major

CHAMBERSBURG, Pa. – Letterkenny Army Depot welcomed a new senior enlisted leader during a change of responsibility March 28.

During a ceremony hosted by Col. Donald Santillo, depot commander, Sgt. Maj. Ekondua Aмоke relinquished responsibility as the LEAD and installation sergeant major to Sgt. Maj. Troy Gearhart.

The change of responsibility is a traditional event that is rich with symbolism and heritage. The key to the ceremony is the passing of the noncommissioned officer sword between the outgoing and incoming sergeants major.

The custodian of the sword is the depot and installation sergeant major, who is the senior enlisted Soldier at the depot and the principal adviser to the commander.

“Today, we say farewell to SGM Aмоke and recognize his accomplishments at LEAD over these last four years,” said Santillo. “And we welcome SGM Gearhart and his family to our Letterkenny family.”

Aмоke assumed his duties as depot sergeant major in March 2021, and during his time... [READ MORE](#)

## U.S. Army's 250th Birthday - One LEAD Soldier's Story

CHAMBERSBURG, Pa. – On June 14, 2025, the U.S. Army will celebrate its 250th birthday and the theme is “This We’ll Defend,” which highlights the Army’s purpose of fighting and winning our nation’s wars. One Soldier, a military police officer, at Letterkenny Army Depot shares his Army story and the importance of this iconic birthday.

Sgt. Noah Payton, assigned to the 157th Military Police Company, West Virginia Army National Guard, joined the Army in 2019. He has been at LEAD for less than a year, serving and defending our employees, their families, and the local community.

In this role, his primary duties include providing and maintaining physical security, safeguarding assets, and conducting patrols to monitor for threats for the more than 18,000 acres of the depot.

“My dad served on active duty and then went into the National Guard,” said Payton. “I saw what the military meant to him, and I wanted to do something that I could be proud of doing myself and something that my family would be proud of me for doing.” [READ MORE](#)

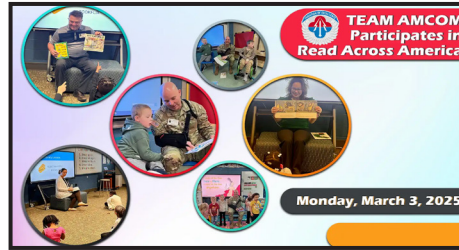






Brandon Daugherty, AMCOM Safety Director, speaks at the Army Safety Engineering Leadership Advisory group regarding the integration and management of competency-based training, education, and professional development activities and programs into the human capital lifecycle for the Safety Engineering occupational job series. The group is made up of individuals from AMC HQ, AMCOM, TACOM, CECOM, JMC, AFC HQ, DEVCOM, DA Safety, ATEC and USACE. (February 26, 2025)

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Command Sgt. Maj. Doss and members of Team AMCOM participated in the annual Read Across America event at Challenger Elementary School and Whitesburg Elementary School in Huntsville, Alabama. Started in 1998 by the National Education Association and guided by a committee of educators, NEA's Read Across America is the nation's largest celebration of reading. (March 3, 2025)



Chaplain (LTC) Guen Lee, U.S. Army Aviation and Missile Command Command Chaplain, hosted the AMCOM Prayer Luncheon just before entering the Easter weekend. Attendees enjoyed a lunch and message from Chaplain Lee and Deputy Chief of Staff Kenric Smith.

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Maj. Gen. Kevin Meisler, Army Materiel Command's chief of staff; Jewell Loving, Redstone Arsenal lead sexual assault response coordinator; and Command Sgt. Maj. Christopher Doss, U.S. Army Aviation and Missile Command, Command Sergeant Major; participate in a cake cutting to kick off Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month. CSM Doss would also give remarks at the campaign kickoff event. (April 1, 2025)

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AMCOM Commander, Maj. Gen. Lori Robinson was on hand to help cut the ribbon at the grand opening of four new dining options in the Sparkman Center on Redstone Arsenal. (April 16, 2025)

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## The Army Story



The U.S. Army was officially established on June 14, 1775—more than a year before the Declaration of Independence—and has played a vital role in the growth and development of our nation ever since. The U.S. Army will celebrate its 250th birthday on June 14, 2025, commemorating the Army's

distinguished service to our nation. The central theme for this year's celebration is "This We'll Defend."

Today, your Army is the world's most powerful and effective land force in the world. It is a ready-to-fight force that is experienced, lethal and trained to conduct any mission assigned in support of our nation's security.

## Top 5 Things to Know

1. The U.S. Army defends the nation 24/7, competes globally and fights to win the nation's wars as a part of the Joint Force.
2. The Army provides more than 50% of all force protection for our nation globally as part of the Joint Force.
3. The Army trains with our global partners and allies to deter conflict and if necessary, fight and win.
4. The Army is the nation's principal response force to protect the homeland, deter strategic attacks, respond to natural disasters and provide defense support to civil authorities.
5. We are undergoing our largest transformation in 40 years --our most significant reorganization and technical innovation to ensure our adversaries cannot outrange or outpace us.



## Local Birthday Celebration Dates and Locations

**Memorial Day** | May 26 | 11am | Veterans Memorial Park | FREE! | Honor our fallen heroes. Additional ceremonies will be held throughout the community.

**Proclamation Signing** | June 2 | 8am | Veterans Memorial Park | Witness the official start to a community celebration of the Armed Forces!

**Redstone/Community Softball Game** | June 5 | 5:30pm | Toyota Field | FREE! Cheer on community leaders as they take on Team Redstone!

**Huntsville City Football Club Armed Forces Night** | June 6 | 7pm | Joe Davis Stadium Join us for a special night honoring our Gold Star Families and service members, featuring a flyover! Tickets required.

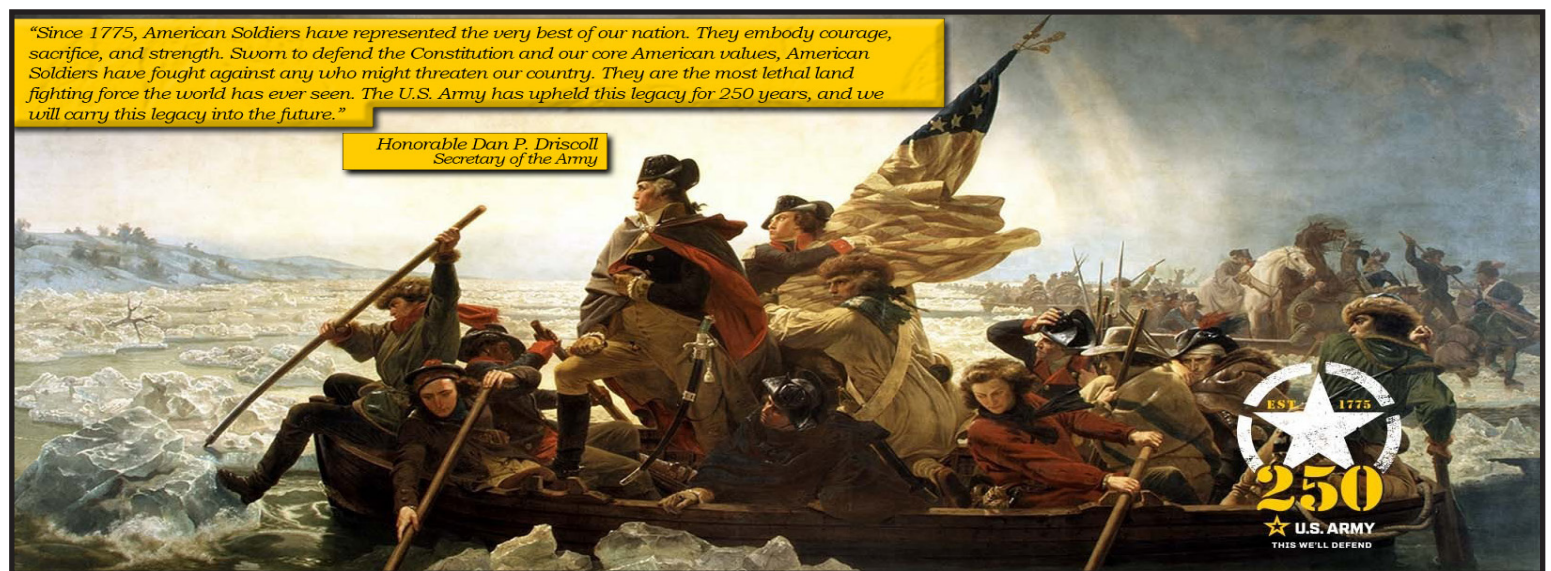
**Redstone Army Birthday Celebration w/ the Army Golden Knights Parachute Team** | June 7 | 5pm | Redstone Gateway | FREE! Celebrate the Army's birthday with a car show, vendors, live music, and a parachute demonstration by the Army Golden Knights!

**Concert in the Park** | June 9 | 6:30pm | Big Spring Park | FREE! Don your patriotic best and enjoy this community favorite!

**AMCOM Army 250th Celebration Cake Cutting** | June 13 |

**U.S. Army's 250th Birthday** | June 14 |

**North Alabama 250th Army Birthday Ball** | June 14 | 6pm | U.S. Space & Rocket Center | Tickets available at [ausa.org/redstone](https://ausa.org/redstone).



*"Since 1775, American Soldiers have represented the very best of our nation. They embody courage, sacrifice, and strength. Sworn to defend the Constitution and our core American values, American Soldiers have fought against any who might threaten our country. They are the most lethal land fighting force the world has ever seen. The U.S. Army has upheld this legacy for 250 years, and we will carry this legacy into the future."*

Honorable Dan P. Driscoll  
Secretary of the Army



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