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AMCOM meets all goals for AMC supply chain optimization effort launch



The COVID-19 pandemic taught the world many lessons, but perhaps one of the most important was the need for a dependable supply chain, because delivering items on time, to the point-of-need, is critical.

The Life Cycle Management Commands subordinate to the U.S. Army Materiel Command have experienced first-hand the complexity of managing through supply chain issues during the

various stages of the pandemic, and it shined a spotlight on the need for supply chain optimization — to ensure Soldiers have the parts, equipment and materiel they need, when and where they need them.

AMC’s supply chain optimization effort launched in October 2021. It went live Jan. 30 and is expected to be fully operational later this spring, completing an 18-month process. [READ MORE](#)

AMCOM engineer receives prestigious award to conclude civilian service

Finding success in any career field can be challenging. Finding success in one of the fastest-growing career fields in the United States can be overly burdensome if not downright arduous.

Claudinet Purifoy-Fears received the Black Engineer of the Year STEM Career Achievement Award Feb. 10. The award is given annually to those who represent significant accomplishments in science, technology, engineering and mathematics careers.

Held annually in February, the BEYA STEM Conference affords national exposure, promotes awareness of STEM careers, recognizes accomplishments in STEM, promotes diversity and inclusion, and offers educational and developmental opportunities for STEM professionals.

“It is a tremendous honor,” Purifoy-Fears said. “I am proud and this award is the icing on the cake as I conclude my civilian service.”

Purifoy-Fears recently retired as a senior programmer for military construction after 36 years of civilian government service.

She served the last 12 years of her career at the U.S. Army Aviation and Missile Command at Redstone Arsenal, Alabama.

Part of her duties there included a major facility project to... [READ MORE](#)



Claudinet Purifoy-Fears, an AMCOM engineer, was awarded the Black Engineer of the Year STEM Career Achievement Award. Photo by: Courtney

First, I’m so impressed by this team! I have been fortunate to visit with several of our organizations over the last month, both here at Redstone and out with our supported units in the field. I’m so proud to serve this great organization and I look forward to our continued dialogue. What you do truly matters.



March is shaping up to be another busy month. Gen. Ed Daly will relinquish command of AMC to Gen. Charles Hamilton on March 16. AMCOM is representing Team Redstone by hosting the Advance Planning Briefings to Industry in the Bob Jones Auditorium on March 21-23. We are also hosting a Warriors Corner on March 29 at 1:30pm focused on the Digital Twin initiative during the AUSA Global Force Summit. Finally, March is [Women’s History Month](#) and our team of women professionals have so much to be proud of.

As we look out to the long term, we are building the Army of 2030 by changing how it organizes, equips, and fights. Current and future Army readiness requires sustainable modernization that develops, implements, and deploys new technologies into both our future weapons systems as well as the enduring fleet. AMCOM is heavily invested in this transformation. We continue to work with our industry partners to improve forecasting and modeling tools that will help maintain healthy supply postures in the future. AMCOM is working academia to lead the next generation of sustainment practices. For instance, we have partnered with the National Institute for Aviation Research at Wichita State University...

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*Hello, AMCOM!
I want everyone to know that it's a pleasure to serve as the AMCOM Command Sergeant Major, and I look forward to communicating with you through this column.*

For this first month, I would like you all to join me in bidding farewell to Command Sgt. Maj. Alberto Delgado, who served as the Army Materiel Command CSM from July 23, 2020, until Jan. 12, 2023, at which time he retired. CSM Delgado honorably served his country for nearly 36 years.

I would also like you to join me in welcoming the new AMC CSM, Command Sgt. Maj. Jimmy Sellers. CSM Sellers comes to AMC from his previous position as the Army G4 Sergeant Major, so he brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to the position.

As for me, I joined the Army in 1993 and have had lots of different jobs in the Army. (Here's a [link to my bio](#) if you'd like to learn more.) I came on board at AMCOM in August 2021. At my previous assignment, I served as the command sergeant major for the U.S. Army Aviation Center of Excellence NCO Academy at Joint Base Langley-Eustis. So, I'm eager to assist with AMCOM's training and recruiting initiatives for Soldiers and civilians.

Every day I marvel at the AMCOM team's experience, knowledge, and ability to get things done. But, also, know I am here to support you. My door is always open.

I look forward to speaking with you and helping build AMCOM's successes.

Army Strong!

*Command Sgt. Maj. Bradford Smith
AMCOM Command Sergeant Major*

For the warfighter! – CCAD field team operations travels worldwide for repairs



Antonio Saenz (Team lead), and Jesse Alcala (Structural mechanic) work to restore aircraft to flying status. Photo by: Kathleen Pettaway-Clark

Organizations that require depot-level aircraft repairs have a resource readily available with Corpus Christi Army Depot. Whether in or outside the continental United States, CCAD Field Team Operations, comprised of highly skilled artisans of multiple trades, are deployable worldwide to support the warfighter.

Ken Ausdemore, aviation readiness and maintenance support specialist, said, "When an extensive depot-level repair is needed, we're authorized to travel to the customer for on-site aircraft maintenance and repairs."

According to Wes Reed, chief of Field Team Operations, the mission of the FTO is to provide Department of Defense aviation warfighters with the highest quality of on-site logistical support and depot-level maintenance... [READ MORE](#)

LEAD spotlights employee achievements

Letterkenny Army Depot recognized several outstanding employees at a town hall held at the depot headquarters Jan. 17.

James Yosler, an engineering technician, received the Department of the Army Meritorious Civilian Service Medal, signed by Maj. Gen. Thomas W. O'Connor, commanding general, U.S. Army Aviation and Missile Command. Col. Rick Allbritton, commander, LEAD, presented Yosler with the award in recognition of his dedication, exemplary performance and heroic acts, which saved the life of a co-worker.

Lester Hammond was awarded the Department of the Army Civilian Service Commendation Medal in recognition of being named LEAD's Wage Grade Employee of the Year. Hammond is a material examiner and identifier in the Directorate of Supply and Transportation. [READ MORE](#)



Col. Rick Allbritton, commander, Letterkenny Army Depot, and Will Greenland, chief, Production Engineering Division, present James Yosler, engineering technician, with the Department of the Army Meritorious Civilian Service Medal at LEAD's town hall Jan. 17. Photo by: Josh Shinn

P2P Performance-to-Promise is a measurement of how an organization holds itself accountable to the commitment to meet worldwide customer-required delivery dates.

Letterkenny Army Depot

97.4% 7.4%

Corpus Christi Army Depot

91.5% 4.5%

Missile SA

Aviation SA

SA

Supply Availability is defined as the percentage of demands placed on the wholesale echelon of supply that are not backordered, excluding future material obligations.

74.94% 5.3%
Second pass

89.20% 3.9%
Second pass

Aviation Center Logistics Command



Mission-capable aircraft
66.6%



7.5%
Non mission-capable supply

Jan. 17 - Feb. 17

Army depot additive manufacturing advancements arise

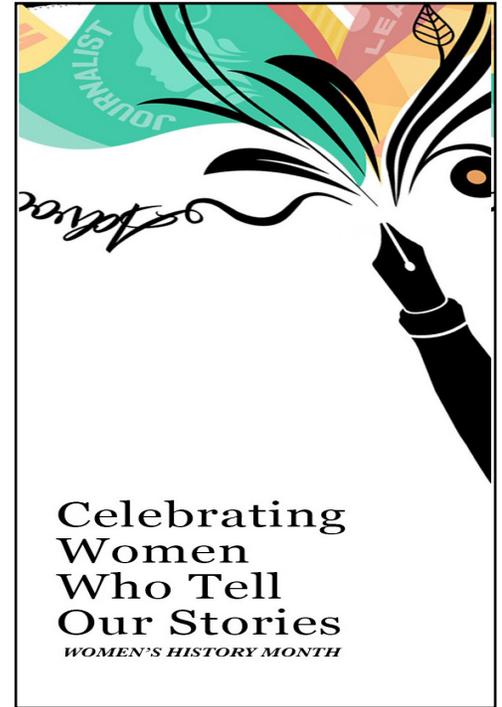
Over 20 participants from across the Department of Defense, private industry and academia gathered at Letterkenny Army Depot Feb. 9 for a demonstration of the latest applications of cold spray technology.

LEAD integrated cold spray to mitigate corrosion on Army systems in the past year, and engineers are looking to leverage the technology further.

“Cold spray is an additive manufacturing technology that we’re using to repair parts,” said Ashley Filling, a production engineer at LEAD. “Unlike other additive manufacturing technologies that are used to make parts, cold spray is used to repair many different materials. We’re focusing on several aluminum alloys... [READ MORE](#)



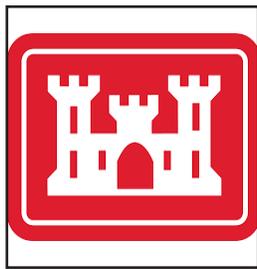
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This month in history



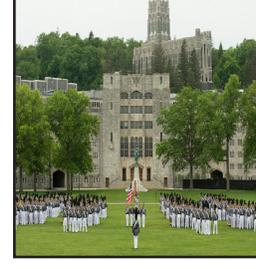
March 31, 1931: “The Star-Spangled Banner” was adopted as the official national anthem for the United States. Francis Scott Key penned the poem on Sept. 14, 1814, after witnessing the attack on Fort McHenry by the British Royal Navy during the War of 1812. More than 100 years after it was written, President Herbert Hoover declared in 1916 that the song should be played at all official events, it was adopted as the national anthem 15 years later.



March 11, 1779: Congress gave the authority for a corps of engineers for the United States. The corps would come into being on March. 16, 1802, when President Thomas Jefferson gave the authorization to “organize and establish a corps of engineers. Today, the Corps of Engineers oversee numerous civil works missions across the United States and overseas. These missions include operating locks and dams, construction management of military facilities, and environmental and ecological regulations.



March 12, 1933: President Franklin D. Roosevelt broadcasts first “fireside chat” eight days after taking office. His first chat would cover the banking crisis that was prevalent during the Great Depression. In all, President Roosevelt would broadcast 31 times from 1933 to 1944. Roosevelt’s tone and demeanor translated to self-assurance to listeners during times of uncertainty during the Great Depression.



March 16, 1802: President Thomas Jefferson signed legislation establishing the U.S. Military Academy for the purpose of educating and training young men in the theory and practice of military science. Built at the site of Fort Clinton overlooking the Hudson River, the U.S. Military Academy is in West Point, New York. Candidates seeking admission must apply directly to the academy and receive a nomination usually from a member of Congress or the Executive branch.



March 31, 1958: The U.S. Army Ordnance Missile Command was established at Redstone Arsenal, Alabama. AOMC’s subordinate elements included the U.S. Army Ballistic Missile Agency – which had been established a year before – and the U.S. Army Rocket and Guided Missile Agency. AOMC became the U.S. Army Missile Command in 1962 and again reflagged as the U.S. Army Aviation and Missile Command in 1997, as it remains today.



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