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...

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.

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.

Claudinette 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....

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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

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...

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.

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

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Aviation Center Logistics Command

Mission-capable aircraft

66.6%

Non mission-capable supply

7.5%

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