Army, industry partners mobilize to boost artillery production

PICATINNY ARSENAL, N.J. – The U.S. Army, aligned with the Department of Defense’s National Defense Industrial Strategy, is significantly increasing its production capacity of 155 mm artillery munitions. This initiative aims to produce 100,000 155 mm artillery projectiles per month by 2025. To achieve this goal, Joint Program Executive Office Armaments and Ammunitions hosted a 155 mm Industry Summit Jan. 16 at Picatinny Arsenal with the aim to brief industry partners on the technical requirements and program planning.

AMCOM commander discusses Defense Industrial Strategy

DECATURE, Ala. – Aviation and Missile Commander Maj. Gen. Tom O’Connor visited an industry partner in Decatur Jan. 29 to discuss the importance of a strong defense industrial base. Joining O’Connor in a fireside chat was former commander of Army Materiel Command Paul Kern, who opened the discussion with his thoughts about the National Defense Industrial Strategy.

Related: AMCOM talks supply chain resiliency, partnerships at aviation summit

Contracting essential to multinational readiness exercises

FORT SHAFTER, Hawaii – The 413th Contracting Support Brigade staff applied key contracting concepts to enhance the Joint Pacific Multinational Readiness Center exercises recently in a large-scale exercise in Hawaii. Through streamlining the contracting process and fostering a collaborative environment, the Contracting Detachment Alpha staff of the 921st Contracting Battalion ensured that mission partners had the resources needed for the rigorous combat scenarios and real-world combat preparedness throughout the fall exercise.

Change management is in the 'AIR' at the ILSC

ABERDEEN PROVING GROUND, Md. – Communications-Electronics Command Executive Director Ms. Nicole Osaghae formally rolled out her initiatives to the ILSC workforce at their quarterly town hall. There are many elements that will drive future success at the ILSC, but it can really all be boiled down to one word: AIR. That’s ‘A’ for “Agility”, ‘I’ for “Innovation” and ‘R’ for “Resiliency”, three hallmark areas that the ILSC will make a concerted effort to embrace in our pursuit of fully supporting the warfighter.

New tie-down system tested at APS-2 worksite more efficient

MANNHEIM, Germany – The team at the Coleman Army Prepositioned Stocks-2 worksite in Mannheim recently tested a new Enhanced Heavy Equipment Transporter trailer tie-down system and a scale system that will help the Army operate more efficiently while also improving safety. Personnel from Army Field Support Battalion-Mannheim/Poland tested the new tie-down system at the Coleman APS-2 worksite Feb. 5-9 using M1A2 SEP V2 and V3 Abrams main battle tanks and M88 armored recovery vehicles from APS-2 stocks.
Army G-9 visits Fort Detrick with focus on quality of life

FORT DETRICK, Md. – Lt. Gen. Kevin Vereen, deputy chief of staff of G-9, toured Fort Detrick last week to observe critical infrastructure and quality-of-life improvements that are essential for Army readiness and the welfare of its service members and their families. The itinerary highlighted significant facilities, such as privatized Army housing and Child Youth and School Services, which are crucial for the health, safety and satisfaction of Army families.

Ribbon cut for newest Army Reserve center in the Caribbean

FORT BUCHANAN, Puerto Rico – Senior U.S. military officials, local military personnel, civilian employees, state and federal government and community members gathered Feb. 10 at Fort Buchanan, the only U.S. Army installation in the Caribbean, to celebrate the opening of a new training center. The new 58,199-square-foot building will house about 1,000 Soldiers, distributed among 17 Army Reserve units.

Fort Drum BOSS challenges Soldiers to ‘face the board’

FORT DRUM, N.Y. – The Fort Drum Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers program offers a monthly “Facing the Board” session for Soldiers seeking their promotable status to practice for their board appearance, glean some tips from senior noncommissioned officers, and – more importantly – ease some of the anxiety inherent in this military rite of passage.

Woodland fire starters gather at Fort Stewart

FORT STEWART, Ga. – Three aircraft and a contingent of more than 100 wildland fire management professionals and scientists on the ground with research tools, are part of the Integrated Research Management Team, a collaborative effort between the U.S. Forest Service, the Department of Defense, and various wildland fire research and educational intuitions—some as far away as Spain—coming to Fort Stewart to study its prescribed burn program.

Fort Liberty CYS passes inspection with flying colors

FORT LIBERTY, N.C. – Fort Liberty Child and Youth Services completed the calendar year 2023 Army Higher Headquarters Inspection the week of Sept. 25-29, which only found 85 findings, a decrease from 207 in 2022.

Financial program keeps Jackson, Army ready

FORT JACKSON, S.C. – Army Community Service’s Financial Readiness Program plays an important role in keeping Soldiers and their families ready for when the nation calls. The FRP supports the “personal finance needs of Soldiers, families and Army Civilian employees at all levels,” said Angela Crosland, Fort Jackson’s financial readiness program manager.