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Advanced manufacturing focus of upcoming Army war game

ROCK ISLAND ARSENAL, Ill. – Senior leaders from across the Army plan to gather this week at Rock Island Arsenal-Joint Manufacturing and Technology Center for a two-day war game about advanced manufacturing. The session will focus on enhancing and synchronizing efforts so the Army can best leverage technology to achieve its modernization and readiness goals. Advanced manufacturing is a potential game-changer for how the Army designs, produces, delivers and sustains materiel capabilities.



APS sends strong message of deterrence

ROCK ISLAND ARSENAL, Ill. – Army Prepositioned Stocks are a game changer in terms of maintaining Army readiness, projecting resolve and deterrence to adversaries. “It really reduces that closure time where the Army can project its force into an area during a time of need, and to satisfy the mission requirements that the Army is being asked to do within those regions,” said Christine McCann, APS division chief. APS is owned by the Department of the Army and is managed by Army Sustainment Command.



Army expands programs to improve quality of life

WASHINGTON – The Army worked to continuously improve quality of life for Soldiers and their families in 2024. Changes included enhancing a program to reimburse military spouses for business expenses, connecting soldiers with holistic health teams, authorizing deployment pay, broadening professional writing opportunities and expanding child care access. Child care: Military families with small children often struggle to find quality child care. The Army has partnered with Upwards to offer subsidized, flexible child care.



Army honors military families for sacrifices, support

ROCK ISLAND ARSENAL, Ill. – November is known for Veterans Day and Thanksgiving, but it’s also Military Family Appreciation Month. It is a month devoted to say thank you to all military families for their sacrifices, support to their service member, the Army and the nation. One such military family is the Tautua family. The Soldier is Chief Warrant Officer 2 Ikaika Tautua, a supply system technician, for Army Sustainment Command. This year’s theme is “Taking Care of Our Military Families.”



419th CSB innovates field ordering officer program

FORT LIBERTY, N.C. – The 419th Contracting Support Brigade recently launched a groundbreaking field ordering officer program to enhance the XVIII Airborne Corps’ rapid-response efficiency worldwide at Fort Liberty. The initiative is designed to enhance support for its mission partner, the XVIII Airborne Corps. “The program is another way the MICC and 419th CSB are transforming in contact to ensure Soldiers are receiving contract support at the inflection point; fast,” said Col. Doug Ralph, 419th CSB commander.



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Fort Moore signs historic-property management agreement

FORT MOORE, Ga. – The Fort Moore Cultural Resources Management Program held a ceremony for its recently completed Historic Properties Component of the Integrated CRM Plan. The signing of the document confirmed confidence in Fort Moore’s ability to self-manage the installation’s historic properties, many of which hold significance to descendants of Southeastern Native Americans.

Former MP reunites with retired military working dog

FORT DRUM, N.Y. – The holidays were made a bit more joyful for Staff Sgt. Payton May, a former Fort Drum military working dog handler, when he was reunited with his battle buddy Yyacob Nov. 25 at his home in San Antonio, Texas. The two were separated in 2022 when May left for a new assignment at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, Texas, and Yyacob, a Belgian Malinois, remained at Fort Drum until retiring from service.

Safety stand-down prioritizes risk reduction and response

FORT DETRICK, Md. – Bleeding out is a very real danger following a traumatic injury, no matter if that injury occurs on a battlefield, ballfield or simply at home or work. Quick intervention is key to survival in serious cases. “People can die very quickly before an ambulance arrives,” said Jessica Griffith, an injury prevention specialist with Meritus Health in Hagerstown.

Schools participate in Raider Challenge for fourth year at PBA

PINE BLUFF ARSENAL, Ark. – White Hall High School Junior Reserve Officers’ Training Corps hosted a Raider Competition Nov. 16 at Pine Bluff Arsenal. This is the fourth year the event has been held on the installation. More than 15 schools from the local area participated in the competition. Events included a team run, covert mission, crab walk, burpees, deadlift, log sit-ups, ball sit ups, duck walk, litter carry, wheelbarrow and more.

Army Family finds strength together and apart

U.S. CENTRAL COMMAND AREA OF RESPONSIBILITY – For Staff Sgt. Carleena Scott and Sgt. Walter Scott, military separations are a part of the balancing act between Army service and family life. The couple felt a short sacrifice would be worth a more stable future, which is why Carleena made the choice to join her husband when he received orders to a restricted one-year tour in the U.S. Central Command area of responsibility.

OPSEC: Don’t slip into complacency

FORT CARSON, Colo. – “Fall” into an operations security mindset this holiday season. With seasons changing and holidays approaching, it’s easy to slip into complacency and forget operational security measures. What is OPSEC? OPSEC is a security discipline designed to deny adversaries the ability to collect, analyze and exploit information that might provide an advantage against the U.S. by preventing inadvertent compromise of critical information.

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NCOs take lead in giving thanks to USAG Bavaria Soldiers and families

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