Army’s top two uniformed leaders visit new APS-2 sites

POWIDZ, Poland – The Vice Chief of Staff and the Sergeant Major of the Army toured the Long Term Equipment Storage and Maintenance-Complex in Powidz and received a capabilities briefing at the facility. Once fully operational, the LTESM-C will host a modernized armored brigade combat team's worth of APS-2 tactical vehicles and combat equipment.

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AMC enterprise awarded for logistics excellence

REDSTONE ARSENAL, Ala. – In the heart of operational success lies a foundation built upon precision, dedication and unwavering commitment from the logistics enterprise. Five units and depots under Army Materiel Command were recognized by top Army leadership for their excellence in providing logistics readiness to the force. “This recognition is a testament to the synergy and unyielding pursuit of perfection in the logistics enterprise to shape victory on the battlefield,” Marion Whicker, AMC executive deputy to the commanding general, said.

AMC executive deputy visits USATA, helps champion for funding

REDSTONE ARSENAL, Ala. – The U.S. Army Test, Measurement and Diagnostic Equipment Activity is one of the most critical organizations in the Army, yet it is also one of the least understood. To champion their need for more funding, USATA Director David Hargett and Aviation and Missile Command Commander Maj. Gen. Tom O’Connor welcomed Army Materiel Command Executive Deputy to the Commanding General Marion Whicker to USATA headquarters.

OIB modernization expert appointed SES for supply chain

REDSTONE ARSENAL, Ala. – Richard Martin was recently promoted from his position in the Army Materiel Command Organic Industrial Base Modernization Task Force to AMC’s newly appointed senior executive of supply chain management. Martin will be responsible for planning, directing, integrating and coordinating the execution of all functions, operations and activities in the Army’s supply chain management, depot and arsenal management, OIB operations and enterprise logistics systems management.

Fort Walker is the only Army post named solely for a woman

FORT WALKER, Va. – The Army installation formerly known as Fort A.P. Hill became Fort Walker during an historic ceremony, redesignating Fort Walker as the only Army installation named solely for a woman. Dr. Mary Edwards Walker, for whom the installation was redesignated, was an Army contract surgeon in the Civil War, a combat veteran, a prisoner of war, a champion of women’s rights and the only woman ever awarded the Medal of Honor.
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HQDA leadership visits Fort Carson

FORT CARSON, Colo. – The Deputy Chief of Staff, G-9, Lt. Gen. Kevin Vereen; Sgt. Maj. Michael Perry III, senior enlisted adviser, ODCS, G-9; and Dee Geise, director, Quality of Life Task Force, visited Fort Carson to meet with installation leaders, Soldiers and civilians to assess installation management governance and effectiveness. During their conversation, several topics were discussed that focused on creative ways to reduce energy consumption and still provide Soldiers who don’t drive a way to move about the installation.

Fort Cavazos officials conduct deployment drill

FORT CAVAZOS, Texas – The Installation Deployment Support Plan Rehearsal of Concept Drill is aimed at bolstering Fort Cavazos’ readiness for large-scale deployment and mobilization operations. Conducted Aug. 17 in a classified setting at the Mission Training Complex, participants in the ROC Drill did a deep dive into identifying potential challenges.

Related: Fort Cavazos BOSS Apex tournament highlights unity, fun

Fort Hamilton begins housing improvement project

FORT HAMILTON, N.Y. – To deliver on its promise of providing exceptional service and comfortable housing for service members and their families, Balfour Beatty Communities began the first part of a multiphase development project at U.S. Army Garrison Fort Hamilton, in conjunction for Fort Hamilton Homes, in Brooklyn.

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Army delivers updated guidance on lithium batteries in household goods shipments

FORT KNOX, Ky. – Rapid growth in the use of lithium batteries has changed the American landscape, powering virtually everything these days. As a result, officials at the Department of Army have tweaked guidance on Soldiers and Department of Army Civilians shipping them in household goods during permanent change of station moves. Personnel are authorized a combined limit of 100 watts in their shipments, and those who must leave products behind can receive a reimbursement.

Fort Irwin welcomes American Tattoo Society studio

FORT IRWIN, Calif. – The Fort Irwin Army & Air Force Exchange Service hosted a grand opening for the American Tattoo Society-Fort Irwin tattoo studio Aug. 23. Fort Irwin is the seventh U.S. military installation to open a tattoo studio, with the most recent opening on Fort Moore, Georgia, in July 2023. Along with safety standards, the artists of the studio also are required to tattoo all customers within Army regulation.
Women leaders share career journey advice

REDSSTONE ARSENAL, Ala. – Three female leaders who each support the military in different roles shared their career journeys and the importance of mentors at the Team Redstone Women’s Equality Day celebration. “What you see before you is support to the military three different ways,” Marion Whicker, executive deputy to the commanding general at Army Materiel Command, said.

ACC makes history as deployed unit comprised of several units

REDSSTONE ARSENAL, Ala. – History was made for Army Contracting Command as the Regional Contracting Center-Operation Inherent Resolve stood up in August. The center is comprised of volunteers from five ACC units at Camp Arifjan, Kuwait. This is the first time that an ACC battalion-sized contracting headquarters was formed from several units rather than one.

Specialists explore Fort Liberty’s impact on Army readiness

ROCK ISLAND ARSENAL, Ill. – In mid-May, a trio of Joint Munitions Command logistics management specialists visited Fort Liberty to participate in an ammunition requirements management working group. JMC’s trio acquired a better understanding of the vital role played by riggers in packing, maintaining and repairing parachutes as well as visiting Army Special Operations Command headquarters.

McAlester serves as pivot point during Patriot Press

McALESTER ARMY AMMUNITION PLANT, Okla. – Several Army National Guard units partnered with McAlester Army Ammunition Plant and other organic industrial base depots during Operation Patriot Press 2023. An outburst of frenetic activity could be witnessed on MCAAP’s outload pads, where munitions were prepared for transport and redistribution.

Joint Task Force trains on critical supply transport missions

FORT DRUM, N.Y. – A joint task force of Soldiers and Airmen conducted 24-hour cargo transportation operations at Fort Drum, Aug. 17-28, during Exercise Turbo Distribution. The Soldiers worked in shifts to establish and maintain operations in three locations to move food, water, medical supplies and construction materials. Air Force personnel provided air transport support during the exercise while maintaining base security operations.

Black female ranger speaks at women’s equality observance

FORT LEAVENWORTH, Kan. – 1st Sgt. Janina Simmons credits work ethic for her achievements, including becoming the first woman of color to graduate from Ranger School.