



# Eye On AMC



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## CECOM updates AMC commander on inclusion, budget

ABERDEEN PROVING GROUND, Md. – The Communications-Electronics Command broke new ground with its higher headquarters Aug. 28, as it conducted its first quarterly update briefing with Gen. Ed Daly, the new commander of Army Materiel Command. Together with Command Sgt. Maj. Kristie Brady, CECOM Commander Maj. Gen. Mitch Kilgo outlined the implementation of Project Inclusion within the command. CECOM recently began a series of listening sessions designed to foster candid conversations about diversity and other topics.



## Operation Patriot Press pushes on, despite pandemic

REDSTONE ARSENAL, Ala. – Despite COVID-19, Army Materiel Command is working with Army Reserve and Army National Guard units through Operation Patriot Press, an AMC initiative that links units to real-world missions for annual training. “This year is different than what we have experienced in the past,” said Maj. Gen. Lee Ellis, AMC assistant deputy to the commanding general for National Guard affairs. “We are maneuvering during a time when we have had to ask the question, ‘How do we operate in a COVID-19 environment under Operation Patriot Press?’”



## Fort Drum earns award for installation excellence

FORT DRUM, N.Y. – Fort Drum is known for achieving excellence in installation management – whether it’s enhancing the quality of life, being environmental stewards or improving efficiency and morale in the workforce. The Department of Defense has recognized these efforts by naming Fort Drum a winner of the 2020 Commander in Chief’s Annual Award for Installation Excellence. “When we receive an honor such as this, it is a reflection of our entire installation and the community as a whole,” said Col. Jeffery Lucas, Fort Drum garrison commander.



## AMC senior health official explains COVID-19 testing

REDSTONE ARSENAL, Ala. – With new developments in coronavirus research, comes more miscommunication about the types of testing and who should get tested. As the pandemic continues, Army Materiel Command’s senior health official expounded on the most commonly asked questions across the enterprise. AMC Command Surgeon Col. Matthew Hoefer said there are several types of COVID-19 tests available to AMC’s military personnel and civilians, and he explained the differences among them.



## Integrity builds trust, confidence within Army workforce

REDSTONE ARSENAL, Ala. – The Army’s mission success is based on its trust and confidence in the ability of each Soldier and civilian employee to follow the rules and principles of the organization as they work toward readiness goals. With this understanding, Army Materiel Command employees recognize their ongoing commitment to the Army Value of integrity ensures the organization is equipped with dependable information, sound decision-making and appropriate delegation of authority.

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## Sergeants major work to improve quality of life for Soldiers

WIESBADEN, Germany – U.S. Army Garrison Wiesbaden is improving the quality of life for Soldiers in its barracks, including giving staff sergeants the option to move out of the barracks and into apartments in Crestview. The new setup will allow junior ranking Soldiers to have a barracks room to themselves and share the bathroom with only one other Soldier, while Staff Sergeants will have the option to live in a two-bedroom apartment with another Soldier.

## Depot supports materiel shipment at airport

CHAMBERSBURG, Pa. – Employees from Letterkenny Army Depot’s Directorate of Supply and Transportation were challenged with a unique mission starting on Aug. 12. The crew was tasked with loading 10 PATRIOT Semitrailer Mounted Launching Stations, produced at LEAD as part of a Public Private Partnership with an industry partner, onto Antonov 124-100 transport planes that were contracted by the partner to expedite delivery to its customer.

## SIAD firefighters help during 2020 California wildfire season

HERLONG, Calif. – Fire and emergency services professionals from the Army’s end-of-first-life center are currently assisting local civil authorities in responding to wildfires across northern California during the region’s 2020 wildland fire season. Multiple teams of firefighters from Sierra Army Depot have been assisting efforts to combat wildfires in several locations in Lassen County near Susanville, California, since mid-August.

## ACC-RI EAGLE supports Fort Bragg’s Logistics Support Services

ROCK ISLAND, Ill. – Contract specialist, David Brickner, and contracting officer, Tami Lord, from Army Contracting Command-Rock Island’s Enhanced Army Global Logistics Enterprise team are supporting Fort Bragg by administering a contract for Logistics Support Services. The contract is set up as a cost plus fixed fee with a base and four option periods, which will run through June 30, 2021 and has a ceiling amount of \$330 million.

## Lodging facility challenged by summer PCS surge, pandemic

BAUMHOLDER, Germany – The Baumholder Lagerhof lodging facility was just gearing up for the beginning of the Summer Surge – the traditional military move season – when the COVID-19 pandemic hit. Lagerhof manager George Franklin has been with Army Lodging more than a quarter of a century. The last six months have been something new for everyone involved in the lodging business.

## Ammunition Peculiar Equipment – enabling safe operations

ROCK ISLAND, Ill. – The Ammunition Peculiar Equipment Program was established in 1955 to provide equipment to the Army to safely perform ammunition operations, including surveillance, demilitarization, maintenance, renovation, modification, packaging and preservation of ammunition. The program is heavily used in ammunition demilitarization operations, rendering ammunition components safe and compliant for recycling.

### Focus on the Force



CDE program provides experience for CECOM novices

Medical logistics leader’s 45-year career recognized

Soldiers lend a hand in Villaggio Army Family Housing

Military spouse earns IMCOM award for videography

## NEWS AROUND THE ARMY



SMA to Soldiers: Discussions on discrimination should not be ‘taboo’

NCO evaluation changes create flexibility, boost readiness

Amid pandemic, Army program helps Families get back to school

How COVID-19 patients can give back