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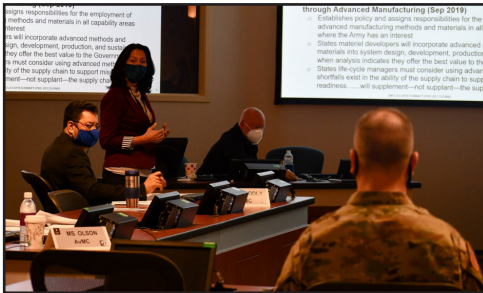
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Aviation Manufacturing Workshop meets intent

The U.S. Army Aviation and Missile Command hosted the Army Aviation Advanced Manufacturing Workshop Nov. 19-20 at the Sparkman Center at Redstone Arsenal, Alabama.

“The intent of the workshop was to invite industry to join government aviation stakeholders in a working level meeting to refine the qualification and certification requirements called out in AMCOM Policy 070-062 (Army Aviation Policy for Advanced Manufactured Aircraft Parts, Components and Support Products),” said Katherine Olson, additive manufacturing lead, U.S. Army Combat Capabilities Development Command Aviation and Missile Center Systems Readiness Directorate.



Maj. Gen. Todd Royar, AMCOM commanding general, provided opening remarks for the workshop. He shared his thoughts on the importance of the workshop and how it benefits aviation readiness... [READ MORE](#)

AMCOM adapts to one-of-its-kind 2020, welcomes 2021

The year 2020 has been a year like many have never seen and the likes of one we hope to never see again. It'll be remembered as the year COVID-19, face coverings, social distancing, videoconferencing and teleworking became the norm while frequent traveling and in-person events seemed a thing of the past.

As the U.S. Army Aviation and Missile Command readies for 2021, it looks back on a small fraction of the milestones and accomplishments achieved in 2020... [READ MORE](#)



Hunting the good

Most leaders tend to focus their efforts on areas where there are problems. That's understandable given the old adage of if it's not broke, don't fix it. Sometimes leaders get involved because there is a serious problem and sometimes they get involved to help resolve the problem quicker. Regardless of why leaders get involved, we too often find ourselves working on current issues and not recognizing the great work being done.



It's all a matter of perspective. Yes, we want and need everyone on the team to tackle problems. You as the AMCOM team do that exceptionally well. However, we also want everyone to step back every once in a while and recognize the phenomenal work being done every day. The simple fact that something is not an issue is a compliment to all involved, but we can do better by intentionally hunting the good.

Whether it's a simple comment of thanks for appreciation for a job well done, or formal recognition of the same, it all makes a difference.



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As we approach the end of the calendar year, I challenge you to help me recognize the good being done across the command. Army Strong!

Maj. Gen. Todd Royar
AMCOM commanding general

AMCOM to launch classes for transitioning service members

The U.S. Department of Labor approximates that 200,000 men and women transition to the civilian sector from the military each year.

“The Transition Assistance Program provides information, tools, and training to ensure service members and their spouses are prepared for the next step in civilian life,” the DOL states on its website.

The U.S. Army Aviation and Missile Command G-1 is launching a local series to help service members with that



process. AMCOM personnel will have priority, but all Redstone Arsenal military members are welcome.

While all branches of the military have overarching programs for the same purpose, installations and commands often provide complementary offerings. The Redstone Arsenal Soldier for Life – Transition Assistance Program has a mandatory course for transitioning service members to help them get into life after their active service.

“We want to enhance that training for our members by helping them better understand their options, how to translate their [military occupational specialties] into civilian terms and how to prepare their resumes/themselves for federal jobs,” said Tanya Allbritten, AMCOM G-1 supervisory human resources specialist and the chief of training... [READ MORE](#)

1st Air Cavalry Brigade takes depot-level training



For the 1st Air Cavalry Brigade from Fort Hood, Texas, depot-level training at the Corpus Christi Army Depot is like pulling back a curtain that reveals the synchronization of effort, craftsmanship and pride that keeps the Army flying.

Soldiers from 1st ACB recently were able to work side by side with CCAD artisans with clear-cut insight to the teardown, repair and overhaul of rotary-wing aircraft and components.

Although basic maintenance training is learned at the unit level, there are various levels Soldiers must master within their brigade prior to their next duty assignment. When advanced depot-level training became available, 1st ACB seized the opportunity.

“Some Soldiers are here to do certain repair work training on the Black Hawks and the Apaches. They’re specialists in certain parts of the aircraft, specifically in engine repair and hydraulics repair,” said 1st Lt. Bill Pogue, 1st ACB officer in charge.

As the OIC, Pogue joins the unit in a learning role... [READ MORE](#)

“AMCOM 2 AMCOM” education program

Have you ever thought about sharing your knowledge with your friends and colleagues? We are looking for you! Help us find ways to engage the workforce and educate them on the things you know best.

- Fun topic you think others would be interested in
- Work-related topics that you can share with your teammates
- Topics related to what makes you feel healthy

We know there’s a very talented and diverse workforce here at AMCOM, and often our interests are shared by others, but we never know. This program is designed for you to share your knowledge with your colleagues. The G-1 will assist you in promoting your class and securing a room for it.

Please email Cedric Thomas at cedric.j.thomas.civ@mail.mil or call 256-876-6063 for more information.

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


Letterkenny Army Depot

93.9%  1.1%

Corpus Christi Army Depot

61.4%  3.6%

Missile SA

78.3%  10.2%
Second pass

Aviation SA

90.9%  1.6%
Second pass

SA

Supply availability is defined as the percentage of demands placed on the wholesale echelon of supply that are not backordered, excluding future material obligations.

LEAD welcomes new command sergeant major



Col. Gregory K. Gibbons, Letterkenny Army Depot commander, presided over the change-of-responsibility ceremony where Sgt. Maj. Richard Huff (pictured left), a native of Waynesboro, Pa., relinquished responsibility as the LEAD sergeant major to Sgt. Maj. Scott Haymaker, a native of Du Bois, Pa., Nov. 19 at the Letterkenny



lodge in Chambersburg, Pennsylvania. “The sergeant major is the keystone to every operation; he is the individual who makes it all happen,” Gibbons said.

The change of responsibility is a time-honored tradition within the U.S. Army that signifies the transference of responsibility from the outgoing sergeant major to the incoming through the passing of the colors. The custodian of the colors is the sergeant major, who serves as the senior enlisted Soldier in the unit and the principal advisor to the commander.

Gibbons reflected on Huff’s achievements while serving as the installation sergeant major. “Sgt. Maj. Huff is an exceptional leader. We have watched him utilize his skills as a leader on numerous occasions throughout this difficult year. Throughout the reorganization of Letterkenny Army Depot... [READ MORE](#)



Newly promoted Brig. Gen. Terry Grisham stands as his wife, Carla Grisham, left, and mother, Judy Grisham, right, affix the new rank insignia to his uniform Dec. 3.

Governor Ivey promotes AMCOM officer

Alabama Governor Kay Ivey promoted Col. Terry Grisham to brigadier general Dec. 3 at a ceremony held in Montgomery, Alabama. Grisham, a member of the Alabama National Guard and AMCOM’s new G-33 Operations Center Branch chief.

Ivey gave Grisham high praise as he stepped into his new role.

“Anyone can see his career has been marked by excellence and deserves this honor today,” she said.

Grisham formerly served as the military chief of the AMCOM Operations Center. In his National Guard capacity, Grisham now serves as the assistant adjutant general. In February, Grisham will transfer to his new position as the deputy commander of the 167th Theater Sustainment Command at Fort McClellan, Alabama.

Grisham said he will work to make sure the Alabama National Guard has all the tools to respond wherever they are needed.

“We are in unprecedented times with COVID, but our mission to be ready is a priority. We must continue to push the limits in training our units. Although challenging, it is doable,” he said.

CCAD says farewell to its first female depot sergeant major



As the Corpus Christi Army Depot looks to celebrate its 60th anniversary in 2021, it bid a solemn farewell to its first female sergeant major. Often, Sgt. Maj. Patricia A. Wahl walked through the depot holding all accountable to their duties, with uncompromising expectations of continued excellence, while focusing on the mission of getting the helicopters back to the Warfighter. “Seeing our artisans and journeymen do the work they do and seeing the pride they have supporting the Warfighters is humbling,” said Wahl.

As the depot sergeant major, her responsibilities included “ensuring we [CCAD] meet the commander's intent and vision.” If there is a lesson to be taught, one will quickly learn in true sergeant major fashion. “CCAD is truly the cornerstone of Army aviation; we enable people dressed like me to bring ‘hell’ down upon our enemies, move brigades and service members around the battlefield, bring our wounded and dead home,” Wahl stated.

While gauging safety in the industrialized areas, and monitoring over 3,300 civilian employees health, and morale between shift changes, Wahl said “CCAD's employees' impact the Department of Defense. Our nation's strategic defense is paramount to our nation's security.”... [READ MORE](#)



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