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AMCOM Soldiers, NCOs compete for AMC Best Warrior title

An AMCOM Soldier earned runner-up in the Soldier category of the U.S. Army Materiel Command's Best Warrior competition, held July 9-10 at Redstone Arsenal, Alabama.

Spc. Jariel Fuentes, a military police officer based at Letterkenny Army Depot in Pennsylvania, was selected as the first runner-up in the AMC competition.

Fuentes, along with another AMCOM Soldier and two AMCOM noncommissioned officers were part of a field of 13 competitors from around the world in the annual

AMC contest.

The Best Warrior Competition is a progressive competition to select the U.S. Army's Noncommissioned Officer of the Year and Soldier of the Year. Eleven eligible Army

commands and direct reporting units test and send their finest warriors to the Army-

level competition.

Best Warrior candidates representing AMCOM at the AMC level of competition

included:

Staff Sgt. Michael Kelly, a CH-47 helicopter repairer... [READ MORE](#)



Owen takes command of ACLC, Burney new CSM

Col. Stephen W. Owen assumed command of the Aviation Center Logistics Command from Col. Rich Martin June 23 at Fort Rucker, Alabama, during a virtual ceremony. Maj. Gen. Todd Royar, AMCOM Commanding General, hosted the ceremony from AMCOM headquarters at Redstone Arsenal, Alabama.



Col. Stephen Owen, the incoming ACLC commander, receives the colors from Commanding General of U.S. Army Aviation Center of Excellence Maj. Gen. David Francis, during the ACLC change of command ceremony, June 23, at Fort Rucker, Alabama.

Commanding General of U.S. Army Aviation Center of Excellence Maj. Gen. David Francis, stood in for Royar locally during the ceremony. The ceremony also marked the change of responsibility for the ACLC Command Sergeant Major from Sgt. Maj. Jerry Cowart to Sgt. Maj. Nicholas D. Burney. The requirement to hold a virtual ceremony was a result... [READ MORE](#)

Commander's Corner

Priorities Matter

Do you ever find yourself distracted? I do.

I would like to believe that I rarely get side tracked, but the simple fact of the matter is that I get side tracked more than I would like.



Sometimes, it's just a momentary lapse on the specific task I'm working on, but then sometimes it's getting caught up in the myriad of day to day tasks, and I lose focus on the major initiatives. If I don't set and adhere to priorities, it just doesn't work out well.

To stay focused on my priorities, I find it useful to have a guide map to remind me what I should be doing and where I should be heading. Consequently, I keep a few documents on my desk to help me focus. They include: the Constitution, the National Defense Strategy, the Army Vision and Campaign Plan, the AMC Campaign Plan, and of course, the AMCOM Campaign Plan.

Obviously these documents lay out some priorities for me, but as an organization we get to set many of our own as well, and this is where you can help.

In exercising mission command, we may set some of the broad

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priorities from the headquarters, but I want and expect AMCOM organizations to figure out the best way to achieve them.

All of us have the opportunity to help chart that path. Each of you know your jobs better than anyone else – if someone can figure out a better way to do something, I'm confident that it's you.

In short, you have the ability to help set not only your priorities, but those of the organization as well.

Yes, priorities do matter, as we rarely have both the time and resources we would like.

Priorities help us focus on our support to warfighters – and for that, I thank you.

Maj. Gen. Todd Royar
AMCOM Commanding General

ACLC Sgt. Maj. retires after more than 30 years of service

After more than 30 years of service, Command Sgt. Maj. Jerry Cowart, Jr. bid farewell during his retirement ceremony, held at Fort Rucker, Alabama, June 24.

Cowart retired from his position as the command sergeant major for AMCOM's Aviation Center Logistics Command, based at Fort Rucker.

ACLC provides full-spectrum maintenance, supply and contractor oversight in order to ensure availability for all Aviation training mission requirements in support of the U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command at Fort Rucker and Fort Benning, Georgia. The command resources and cares for the Army's training base, under the U.S. Army's centers of excellence for... [READ MORE](#)



Command Sgt. Maj. Jerry Cowart Jr. speaks at his retirement ceremony, held at the U.S. Army Aviation Museum at Fort Rucker, Alabama, June 24.

Logistician finds calling in lifecycle sustainment

Although a young Tara Bell saw herself pursuing a career in medicine or law, a chance meeting at a job fair redirected her professional path toward Army logistics.

Nearly 20 years later, the seasoned logistician brings a passion to the business she may have otherwise channeled toward healing patients or advocating for clients. As an AMCOM civilian professional, Bell is serving as the acting Director and Assistant Program Executive Officer for Missiles and Space, Logistics at Program Executive Office - Missiles and Space.

"We do our job so the warfighter can focus on the task at hand," Bell said. "Beyond ensuring the right parts in the right place at the right time – we account for the tools, spares, resources..." [READ MORE](#)



Tara Bell, acting director and assistant program executive officer for Missiles and Space, Logistics at Program Executive Office - Missiles and Space.

Water Safety

REDUCE YOUR RISK

- LEARN HOW TO SWIM
- WEAR A LIFE JACKET
- SUPERVISE CHILDREN WHEN AROUND WATER
- AVOID ALCOHOL DURING WATER ACTIVITIES
- BRING A FRIEND

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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% ↓ 3%

Corpus Christi Army Depot

67% ↓ 13%

Missile SA

71.6% ↓ 2.8%
Second Pass

Aviation SA

89.4% ↑ 1.8%
Second Pass

SA

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

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Staying informed on what's happening in AMCOM is just a click away. AMCOM, Corpus Christi Army Depot and Letterkenny Army Depot all share information on their Facebook pages. Keep up on what's happening in AMCOM and its units by clicking on the command insignias for the latest updates.





New USATA director embarks on initial assessment

The AMCOM organization responsible for calibrating and repairing the Army's test, measurement and diagnostic equipment is under new leadership.

Richard H. Parker was named director of AMCOM's U.S. Army Test, Measurement and Diagnostic Equipment Activity (USATA), May 24,



Richard Parker
USATA director

after serving as interim director since March 1.

Because of the Army's proactive mitigation measures in response to COVID-19, Parker has

not had the opportunity to come face-to-face with the 600-member team headquartered at Redstone Arsenal and located across 47 support activities around the globe.

"I look forward to meeting everyone when conditions allow, but I am already impressed by the team's ability to continue our mission during challenging circumstances," Parker said. "Taking care of people is our top priority and we are..." [READ MORE](#)

AMCOM resource management team puts money back to work

Every year, AMCOM procures billions in parts and services needed to sustain and enable aviation, missile, and calibration materiel readiness for the U.S. Army. Sometimes, a contract or procurement action is delayed or otherwise not fulfilled in a timely manner and that ties up funds needed to support Soldiers across the Army. Occasionally, more money is allocated for a contract than the value of goods or services delivered or the delivered product does not meet the contract specifications or requirements.

To combat this issue, AMCOM's Army Working Capital Fund Division embarked on a daunting task – clearing nearly 4,400 aged and dormant financial transactions. Some of those transactions have been lying dormant for over six years.

"As of May 2019, AMCOM had 4,432 transactions requiring detailed reconciliation," said Heidi Lattuca, AMCOM's AWCF division chief. "Over the last year, our accounting branch cleared almost 2,000 of these..." [READ MORE](#)



AMCOM Commanding General Maj. Gen. Todd Royar (far left) and AMCOM Command Sergeant Major, Command Sgt. Maj. Mike Dove (far right) recognize the G-8 Firefighters for their hard work in recovering millions in capital funds.

Healthy communication contributes to wellness

As we begin the second half of 2020 with ongoing COVID-19 concerns and social unrest, it is normal to have some degree of uneasiness about the future. In dealing with this tension, I encourage each of us during the next six months and beyond to strive for individual and community wellness through healthy communication. May each of us take a look at how well we communicate with others and consider what positive changes we can make to improve our interactions. Making even the slightest

change in how we communicate verbally and nonverbally can make a difference.



Lt. Col. Charles Lahmon
AMCOM Chaplain

The longer I serve as a chaplain, the more convinced I am that effective communication (healthy communication) contributes significantly to personal, family, organizational, and community wellness. Healthy communication builds trust, addresses problems, provides clarity, enhances relationships, increases engagement, improves productivity and promotes team... [READ MORE](#)



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