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## Team Redstone hosts virtual industry briefs



The U.S. Army Aviation and Missile Command hosted Team Redstone’s 2021 Center of Excellence - Advance Planning Briefings to Industry, with a record enrollment, March 9-11.

This year's theme, "Modernization sustainment concepts to enable large-scale combat operations," is in line with one of the top priorities for AMCOM and the Army. It was held virtually, in

an effort to keep everyone safe and follow the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention guidance.

The event provides Team Redstone and industry partners a chance to exchange information and have open dialogue. The briefings range from topics such as Team Redstone’s core technical capabilities and acquisition needs to future opportunities.... [READ MORE](#)

## Chestang named new head of AMCOM G-1

The new deputy chief of staff G-1 director may be new to the U.S. Army Aviation and Missile Command, but he is very familiar with both Redstone Arsenal, Alabama, as well as the duties of his position.

Carlen J. Chestang Jr. began working on Redstone nearly a decade ago, and the Moss Point, Mississippi, native said he knew he would retire here when he stepped off the plane. He hung up his uniform in 2014 after 30 years of active-duty service as an adjutant general officer and he started his civilian career a few months later, eventually becoming the assistant deputy chief of staff G-1 for Army Materiel Command.

After six years with AMC, Chestang accepted his new role at AMCOM and came onboard March 1.... [READ MORE](#)



## AMCOM missile maintenance officer, El Paso native promoted to prestigious rank



Less than 600 individuals currently in the Army wear chief warrant officer five rank. The U.S. Army Aviation and Missile Command’s missile maintenance officer is now among them.

Chief Warrant Officer 5 Araceli Rial is the second female to earn this rank in the Air Defense Artillery Branch but the first in her military occupational specialty.

“I am humbled and ever so grateful,” she said of the distinction. “I am very glad that we have women included in the most senior warrant officer grade and hope that the trend continues to grow. It shows other women in our branch that it is possible to achieve... [READ MORE](#)

## Thankful

*Well, here we are – one year since COVID changed our world. The pandemic has certainly caused an immense amount of anguish; disruption of normal activities, sickness and even the loss of some of our teammates. Although it is not past us yet, it is something that we certainly do not want to happen again. So, while still remembering and caring for those affected by the disease, I believe there are things to be thankful for over the past year as well.*



*I’m thankful that we live in a nation with the ingenuity and perseverance to develop vaccines in months when it would normally take nearly a decade. The same goes for our ability to manufacture and distribute the vaccine at an unprecedented rate and scale.*

*I’m thankful for the courageous health care workers and first responders who have worked tirelessly to ensure the well-being of all those in their care.*

*I’m thankful that we have been able to adapt so successfully to a different environment. We’ve all learned new ways to communicate and still get the job done.*

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## Thankful

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*Finally, I'm thankful for all of you. We have a great team of professionals that understand the mission, are willing to face adversity and rise to the challenge.*

*So as we start to see COVID cases declining and we begin to return to pre-COVID conditions, new challenges will certainly emerge. I know that you will meet those challenges head-on, but I also hope and trust that you will remember some of the things to be thankful for as well.*

Maj. Gen. Todd Royar  
AMCOM commanding general

## Quarterly ADA sustainment forum provides platform for problem solving, information sharing

The United States Army Aviation and Missile Command hosted its second air defense artillery sustainment forum Feb. 18 at Redstone Arsenal.

The AMCOM-developed forum kicked off its first meeting July 2020 and occurs quarterly.

Chief Warrant Officer 5 Araceli Rial, AMCOM missile maintenance officer, is leading the effort designed to bring together the many organizations and agencies that help support the warfighter as it pertains to their weapon system sustainment operations.

“It can be [a] daunting task for Soldiers in the field to find the right resources on their own without having a platform to just ask questions and find what they need,” said Rial. “This forum gives them that platform and doubles [as] an informative environment where we can share knowledge and lessons learned, and best practices for the entire ADA community.”

According to Rial, the intent is to bring all sustainment support elements to the table and bring in the air and missile defense commanders to answer questions about sustainment or issues that may occur in the field.

“It is meant to be a one-stop-shop for unit commanders,” said Rial. “We recognize that as AMCOM, we don’t manage all sustainment requirements for air defense weapon systems... [READ MORE](#)

## Letterkenny Hellfire reset team takes the mission to the warfighter



A team of electronic mechanics from the Close Combat Missile Systems Program Management Team at Letterkenny Army Depot completed an onsite Hellfire reset mission at Fort Drum,

New York, at the end of January.

The mission included the reset of M299 Longbow Hellfire Launchers and M36 Captive Flight Training Missiles for units within the 10th Mountain Division. It was in support of the U.S. Army Program Executive Office Missiles and Space Tactical Aviation and Ground Munitions Project Office.

Jackie Eichelberger, LEAD Soldier Support Division chief, oversaw the project. Eichelberger is the portfolio manager of CCMS, Force Sustainment, Force Provider, Power Generation/EPP II and Route Clearance Vehicles/ Material Handling Equipment. Jeff Davidson, Hellfire reset supervisor within the CCMS PMT, assembled the reset team that executed the mission.

“Overall, I’m very pleased with the results,” Davidson said. “This is a big undertaking, especially since Letterkenny hasn’t done this before.” He assembled a qualified team based on the type of work that would be executed, including launcher work, Launcher Electronics Assembly and missile work.

LEAD provides Hellfire support on depot through the CCMS PMT... [READ MORE](#)

**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**

90%

1.6%

**Corpus Christi Army Depot**

75%

3%

**Missile SA**

76.9%

3.4%

Second pass

**Aviation SA**

92%

1%

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.

**Aviation Center Logistics Command**



Mission-capable aircraft

74.7%



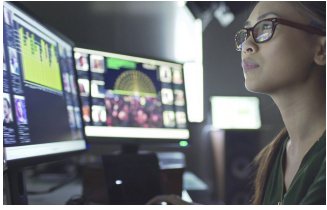
6.9%

Non mission-capable supply



Feb. 15- Mar. 16

## Military and civilian personnel need to be vigilant in maintaining security clearances



Whether you are a Soldier, civilian or contractor, maintaining an active security clearance is essential to your ability to work for U.S. Army Aviation and Missile Command and the Department of Defense.

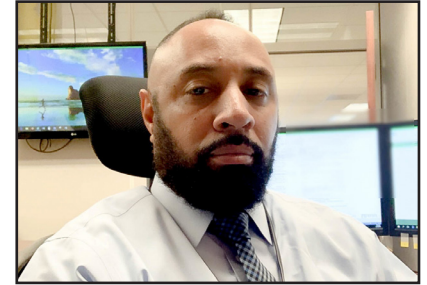
The DoD Consolidated Adjudications Facility is the sole authority to determine security clearance

eligibility of non-intelligence agency DoD personnel occupying sensitive positions and/or requiring access to classified material including Sensitive Compartmented Information. An initial favorable determination of a security clearance may be overturned at a later date.

Personnel are expected to report changes or incidents that may impact their security clearance eligibility. Failure to self-report these changes may be viewed negatively during adjudication. The continuous evaluation process is designed to identify life events which may negatively impact your clearance. Higher-level security professionals identify blemishes on credit reports, arrests and other court filings that may question your ability to retain your clearance. When discovered, they issue a CE alert and request further information in order to adjudicate the incident. When you self-report applicable events, the DoD CAF views this favorably during the adjudication process.

Should a life event occur, it is imperative you consult with your security manager and obtain guidance on self-reporting.... [READ MORE](#)

## Desert Storm 30th anniversary



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## This month in history



March 2, 2002: The U.S. Military launched Operation Anaconda in the Shah-i-Kot Valley and Arma Mountains of Afghanistan's Patika Province. The battle involved ground and aviation forces from the 10th Mountain Division, the 101st Airborne Division and the U.S. Special Operations Command. The Army's CH-47 helicopter provided insertion, extraction, and resupply support throughout the operation.



March 10, 1983: The Joint Tactical Missile System Project Office was established to serve as the directing agency for a joint Army and Air Force program to develop a common missile system. The Army acted as the executive service, while the Air Force was the participating service.



March 27, 1965: The USS Albemarle was reclassified and renamed the USNS Corpus Christi Bay. Formerly commissioned as a Curtis Seaplane Tender Dec. 20, 1940, the ship was converted to an aircraft repair ship-helicopter in April 1964. The 53-foot-long ship provided close to 37,000 square feet of shop space and 112,400 cubic feet of storage space. The conversion included a 50-by-150-foot helicopter pad mounted aft. Damaged helicopters were barged to the ship and lifted aboard by two 20-ton cranes.



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