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AMCOM CG, CSM visit with, mentor future Soldiers

U.S. Army Aviation and Missile Command Commander Maj. Gen. Todd Royar and AMCOM Command Sgt. Major Mike Dove met with future Soldiers June 7 at Redstone Arsenal, Alabama.

The 31 high school students visited the installation in support of Army National Hiring Days to get firsthand knowledge from the AMCOM commanding general and his right-hand man. And, with a combined 60 years of experience in Army service, the two leaders were more than willing to answer questions from the young recruits.



Royar broke the ice by asking why the young men and women chose to join the Army.

Family, service, school and benefits were the top answers given before Royar shared while he joined — because his sister was dating a Soldier and Royar said to himself, “If this guy can get paid to do it, then so can I.”

“I’ll be honest,” he said. “I did not come into the Army for an altruistic reason. I came in simply because I looked at somebody else doing it and I said, ‘They are successful and I want to be successful too.’”

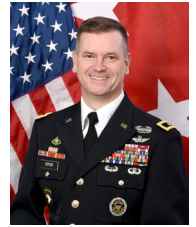
It worked out for him. That Soldier he looked up to all those years ago eventually became his brother-in-law, and Royar went on to earn a spot at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point. Now, after more than 30 years of service, he said he has learned a few things he wanted to impart on his young visitors.

“First, you can make yourself whatever you want to be,” he said. “... Whether you do just one term in the Army, or you stay and become...” [READ MORE](#)



'Be All That You Can Be'

Do you remember that slogan and catchy jingle? It was the Army recruiting slogan from 1980 to 2001. While it's no longer our official slogan, I think it is as appropriate today as ever. Each of us can strive to achieve the highest standards and sustain a tradition of excellence.



AMCOM has world-class employees who achieve excellence every day.

Let me highlight one: Dr. Miles Owen from U.S. Army Test, Measurement, and Diagnostic Equipment Activity is not only a valued member of the team, he is a recognized world leader in his field. He is the subject matter expert on aerosol, liquid-flow and gas-flow metrology. His research and development enabled the establishment of the only Department of Defense and National Institute of Standards Technology laboratory that does calibration for chemical and biological detection.

Having patented a quantitative aerosol-dilution system, you can say he literally wrote the book in his field and the end result is our ability as a nation to protect against chemical and biological agents. We're lucky to have someone of his caliber on the team.

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Dr. Owen is representative of the quality workforce we have. Each of you are experts in your respective fields. But learning is a lifelong pursuit. I challenge each of us to be all that we can be by not only continuing to learn from others, but also sharing our knowledge with others as well.

Finally, do you remember how the jingle ended? It was "... because we need you in the Army."

That is also still true today. Each of you provide invaluable service to the nation. It is through your personal and collective efforts that our Army stands ready. Army Strong!

Maj. Gen. Todd Royar
AMCOM commanding general

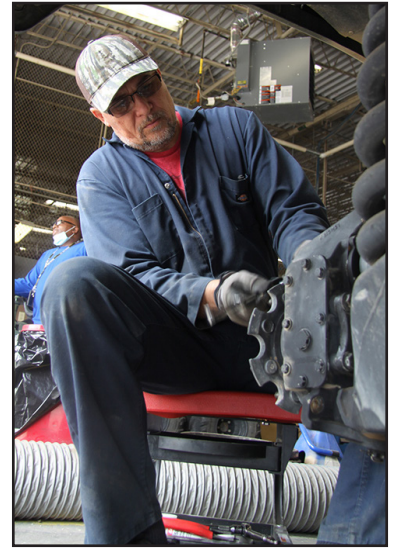
Elaborate Fort Sill Fleet Management Expansion site key to trainees, air defense mission

The U.S. Army brings in approximately 68,000 new recruits annually. These basic and advanced trainees use modernized and, in some cases, highly technical vehicles for travel and maneuver operations during their daily training missions.

Keeping this impressive inventory running and in prime condition would appear to require a rather enormous, intricate and sophisticated system, which is true. This system is known as the U.S. Army Aviation and Missile Command's Fleet Management Expansion program. One of these elaborate maintenance programs is positioned at Fort Sill, Oklahoma.

"We provide maintenance support for every piece of equipment that our basic trainees travel in and advanced individual trainees train on," said Fort Sill Deputy Division Chief at Missile and Fires Division Todd Cobb. The Missile and Fires Division is one of AMCOM's six FMX sites.

Job training for field artillery and air defense system operators in the U.S. Army requires 10 weeks of Basic Combat Training and, depending on their military occupational specialty, between 10 and 20 weeks... [READ MORE](#)



AMCOM operations security manager selected best in Army



For the second time in six years, Paul Quintel, the U.S. Army Aviation and Missile Command operations security program manager, received the first place Army-wide OPSEC individual award.

Quintel was selected based on his efforts during 2020. Even with much of the world shutdown due to the COVID-19 global pandemic and most government employees teleworking from home, he said the OPSEC mission did not stop.

"Just because we had a pandemic doesn't mean we quit doing OPSEC," Quintel said. "We were coordinating training, conducting OPSEC reviews and collaborating on the destruction program — so I was staying busy in 2020. We had challenges, but we adjusted to them."

For Quintel, OPSEC is not just a job. After more than 20 years in the field, it is a way of life.

The Three Rivers, California, native joined the Marine Corps... [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.

Missile SA
70.2%
Second pass

Aviation SA
88.5%
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.

Letterkenny Army Depot
91.4%
1.7%

Corpus Christi Army Depot
79.2%
0.5%

Aviation Center Logistics Command

Mission-capable aircraft
71.0%

6.2%
Non mission-capable supply

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AMC ‘This is My Organization’ initiative cultivates pride, care, ownership

Sgt. Maj. of the Army Michael A. Grinston set forth the “This is My Squad” initiative.

According to Carlen J. Chestang Jr., U.S. Army Aviation and Missile Command G-1 director, TiMS was developed on the heels of the Army People Strategy, which was proposed by Gen. James McConville, chief of staff of the Army.

“The strategy focuses on deliberately managing the talents of the total Army force to increase readiness,” said Chestang. “People are the Army. They are our greatest strength, our most important weapon system. The concept is intended to move the Army away from a reliance on systems and technology, and put the focus back on its people in preparation for the future fight.”

“This is My Organization,” a U.S. Army Materiel Command initiative is a way that leaders can cultivate a culture of care, pride and ownership in their organizations.

“Through this initiative, leaders are empowered to incorporate and adapt the Army’s best practices into their own organizations in order to improve efficiency [and] unit readiness and mentor their subordinates for a successful Army career,” said Chestang.

Chestang went on to state that TiMO is mainly a Soldier initiative; however, with AMCOM being over 90% Department of the Army civilians, it’s important for all to understand this new concept.

Chestang explained the four key messages within the TiMO initiative and their significance.

- A path to a healthy working environment helps strengthen unit-level cohesion and addresses issues such as suicide, sexual harassment and morale... [READ MORE](#)



This month in history



June 4, 1974: Second Lt. Sally D. Woodfolk (later Murphy) graduated from the Rotary Wing Flight School at Fort Rucker, Alabama, and was recognized as the first woman designated as a U.S. Army aviator. Murphy would go on to serve 27 years on active duty and retire in 1999 at the rank of colonel.



June 14, 1775: The Continental Congress voted to raise 10 companies of expert riflemen: two each from Maryland and Virginia, and six from Pennsylvania. One day later, Congress appointed Maj. Gen. George Washington as commander of all continental forces and began laying the foundation for the U.S. Army.



June 25, 1950: Approximately 75,000 troops from the North Korean People’s Army crossed the 38th parallel and initiated the Korean War. The war, which lasted until an armistice was reached July 27, 1953, marked the first widespread use of rotary wing aviation assets in a wartime setting by the U.S. military. The H-13 “Sioux” helicopter used for medical evacuation purposes was dubbed the “Angel of Mercy” by wounded Soldiers during the conflict.



June 28, 1914: Archduke Franz Ferdinand, heir to the throne of Austria-Hungary, and his wife Sophie were assassinated in Sarajevo, Bosnia, by Gavrilo Princip of the Black Hand secret society. The assassination led to the start of World War I July 28, 1914, and resulted in the deaths of an estimated 20 million military personnel and civilians. WWI marked the first mass use of aviation assets in combat.



June 29, 1993: U.S. Army Materiel Command approved the release of the AGM-114F Interim Helicopter Launched Fire and Forget Missile, or Hellfire, for use with the AH-64 “Apache” attack helicopter. The interim missile had a new warhead section containing a second (forward) warhead, which allowed the system to defeat contemporary fielded reactive armor.



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