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AMCOM welcomes new senior enlisted advisor

Command Sgt. Maj. Mike Dove relinquished responsibility as the command sergeant major for the U.S. Army Aviation and Missile Command to Command Sgt. Maj. Bradford Smith during a ceremony on Aug. 13 in the Bob Jones Auditorium on Redstone Arsenal.

The change-of-responsibility ceremony recognized the incoming command sergeant major as the senior noncommissioned officer for the command and honored the departing one, who is retiring after 27 years of service.

During the ceremony, Dove passed the unit colors to Maj. Gen. Todd Royar, AMCOM commanding general, who then passed the colors to Smith, symbolizing the transfer of command responsibility from one sergeant major to the other.

“What a great day for the Army,” said Royar. “It is absolutely bittersweet as we recognize two great noncommissioned officers that have achieved the highest level of their careers. Unfortunately, we bid farewell to one, at least from being in uniform, as he goes off into retirement.” Smith recognized his family – those in the audience and others watching on social media – for their sacrifices in support of his career and expressed his appreciation for the time he had to work with Dove over the past few weeks. “Thank you for your support and encouragement over the years. It has given me the drive to be the best Soldier that I can be, so thank you very much,” said Smith. “Sgt. Maj. Dove, thank you for your 27 years of service and what you've done for the entire aviation enterprise. I have big shoes to fill here and I wish you and your family good luck in the next chapter of your life.” [READ MORE](#)



Band of brothers/sisters

I'm sure that recent events in Afghanistan have made an impact on all of us. Some have spent time there and/or know others who have served there. All of us have supported operations there. However, in the midst of current events, I'm heartened by one thing: we truly are a band of brothers and sisters



A few minutes before I started writing this, Command Sgt. Maj. Smith and I had the opportunity to talk to the last AMCOM employees who were flown out of Kabul about 48 hours prior. Both of those great logistics assistance representatives stayed and supported the unit they deployed with until ordered to return. In speaking with them, their first and only concern was for those still on the ground - their brothers and sisters. We could not have been more proud of them.

A band of brothers and sisters is another way of saying “team”. Individuals care about each other and the success of the entire group.

[CLICK HERE TO LEARN MORE ABOUT CSM SMITH'S GOALS](#)

New commander takes reigns at Letterkenny



Col. Rick Allbritton succeeded Col. Gregory Gibbons as commander of Letterkenny Army Depot July 29.

Allbritton accepted the Letterkenny flag and the responsibility of command from Maj. Gen. Todd Royar, U.S. Army Aviation and Missile Command commanding general, during a change-of-command ceremony at the depot.

Allbritton is the depot's 51st commander. He said he looks forward to serving with the Letterkenny team to support the readiness and modernization of the depot.

“I have a deep gratitude for those who helped me get here...” [READ MORE](#)

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Yes, we sometimes have differences of opinion but, in the end, teammates work together to achieve more than they can themselves.

As our chief of staff of the Army has remarked, the Army is a people business and our first priority. I'm honored to be part of your team – your band of brothers and sisters.

Maj. Gen. Todd Royar
AMCOM commanding general



The U.S. Army Combat Capabilities Development Command Aviation and Missile Center is hosting the Team Redstone 2021 Hispanic Heritage Month observance. Look out for the link to the pre-recorded program featuring Dr. Paul J. Fontanez, the 2019 Hispanic Engineer National Achievement Awards Conference civilian honoree.

AMCOM G-8 team earns Army award for distinction in fiscal stewardship



Four employees from U.S. Army Aviation and Missile Command G-8 have been recognized at the Army level for their management of appropriated funds.

The Army Excellence in Financial

Stewardship Award is awarded annually to those who provide leadership, mentorship and guidance to financial personnel in an organization.

The AMCOM G-8 Command Accountability and Execution Review team was selected as recipients of the award for the third quarter of fiscal year 2021.

The Army's CAER Program is the premier fiscal stewardship program and provides commanders with visibility of command fiscal health and holds leaders at every level responsible and accountable for stewardship of the tax dollars they receive and provides them with the tools they need to be

successful. The transparency resulting from the CAER Program did not exist before its creation in December 2017.

The AMCOM CAER team is led by Brian Dempsey and includes Monica Childers, Marsha Cuffee and Daniel Nguyen.

“[Fiscal stewardship] allows an organization to make great use of their financial resources so they can provide optimal support to the warfighter,” said Marsha Cuffee, AMCOM G-8 Operations research system analyst.

“Fiscal stewardship is extremely important – especially in periods of declining budgets like we are navigating through now,” said Dempsey, AMCOM G-8 Comptroller...[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

90.4%

2.6%

Corpus Christi Army Depot

78.9%

7.6%

Missile SA

72.25%

Second pass

1.4%

Aviation SA

88.53%

Second pass

1.4%

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
72.5%



4.2%

Non mission-capable supply

Aug. 16 - Sept. 16

AMCOM Data, Analytics Strategy outlines path to data-fluent organization

In September, the U.S. Army Aviation and Missile Command Data and Analytics Center was established to create and maintain an overarching data and analytics program.

The AMCOM DAC has a vision of “creating/maintaining an overarching data and analytics program that ensures the effective and efficient use of data and information enabling the commands mission and growing a data-literate culture,” said AMCOM DAC Chief Data and Analytics Officer Joyce Myers.

To that end, AMCOM Commander Maj. Gen. Todd Royar recently signed the AMCOM Data and Analytics Strategy that builds on the framework of the Department of Defense and Army’s data strategies. The ADAS is the starting point as the command embarks on laying the foundation and creating an enduring an outcome-driven

plan.

“Quality data will drive virtually all future decisions,” Royar said. “Our data strategy will guide us to collect what we need in order to inform those decisions.”

AMCOM’s Executive Steering Committee, championed and chaired by the deputy to the commanding general, will provide oversight of the data and analytics governance program.

Webster’s defines data as facts or figures to be processed; evidence, records, statistics, etc. from which conclusions can be inferred; information. It defines analytics as the part of logic having to do with analyzing – or examine in detail. The ADAS states that data and analytics



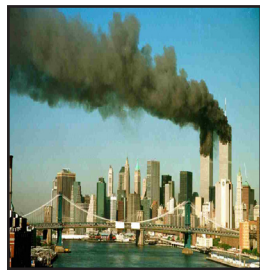
are important to AMCOM and the Army and outlines why both matter and how they can be used to enhance the organization’s combat capabilities and operational efficiency to support the warfighter.

According to the ADAS, “The first step is to build partnerships and organizational knowledge within AMCOM and external activities.” The policy explains that Myers and her team “will take a leadership...[READ MORE](#)

This month in history



Sept. 8, 1960: NASA’s Marshall Space Flight Center in Huntsville, Alabama, was formally dedicated by President Dwight D. Eisenhower. The MSFC is named in honor of Gen. George C. Marshall, who was the Army chief of staff during World War II, a former U.S. secretary of state and a Nobel Peace Prize winner for the Marshall Plan that was aimed at the economic recovery of Western Europe after WWII.



Sept. 11, 2001: A series of coordinated suicide attacks by al-Qaeda were carried out on the United States. That morning, 19 al-Qaeda terrorists hijacked four passenger jets. Nearly 3,000 victims and the hijackers died in the two planes flown into the World Trade Center, a third plane flown into the Pentagon, and a fourth plane aimed at Washington, D.C., that crashed in a field near Shanksville, Pennsylvania.



Sept. 17, 1908: The first fatality in a powered plane occurred when U.S. Army Signal Corps Lt. Thomas Selfridge was killed after a plane flown by Orville Wright crashed during a demonstration flight at Fort Meyer, Virginia. An unconscious Selfridge was pulled from the wreckage and died hours later. Orville was hospitalized for six weeks after suffering injuries that impaired him for the rest of his life.



Sept. 21, 1961: The first fully equipped U.S. Army Chinook designated the CH-47A completed its first flight. The Boeing Chinook is one of the world’s most reliable and efficient transport helicopters, capable of handling loads up to 28,000 pounds with a maximum gross weight of 54,000 pounds.



Sept. 30, 1975: The prototype Apache made its first flight in 1975 as the YAH-64. The AH-64 Apache was designed to be an extremely tough survivor under combat. Highly maneuverable and heavily armed, the combat-proven Apache helicopter is the backbone of the U.S. Army’s all-weather, ground-support capability.



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