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Former AMCOM leaders briefed on FY21 progress, FY22 objectives during virtual session

Leaders who previously served in the U.S. Army Aviation and Missile Command convened online Oct. 7 for an annual update on progress made in the last year.

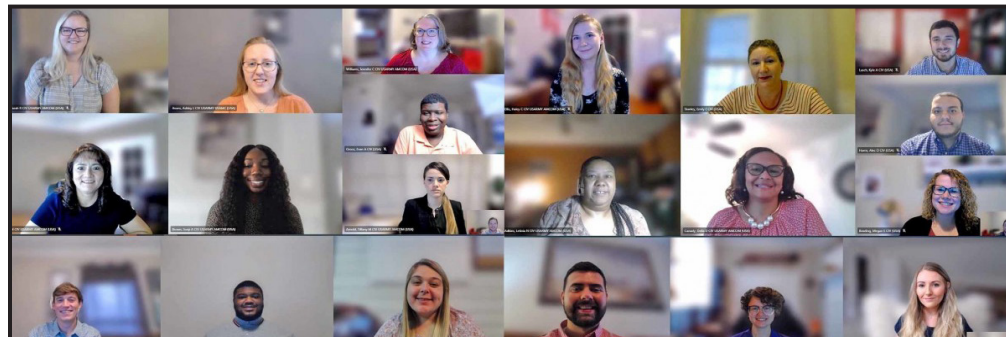
The 90-minute session touched on topics ranging from personnel readiness, strategic initiatives and supply availability to equipment readiness, data analytics and upcoming events.

AMCOM Commander Maj. Gen. Todd Royar gave the team credit for making vast improvements in the last two years in Soldier, civilian and family readiness, as well as for the marked improvement in responses to workforce surveys.

“By all accounts, the things that the individual commanders and directors are doing at their level are paying off,” Royar said. “By all measures, the positive responses are going up.”

“The first UH-60 Victors were produced on time and delivered on time to the Eastern Army National Guard Aviation Training Site in Fort Indiantown Gap, [Pennsylvania],” Royar said. “[On Oct. 6], we did the ribbon-cutting ceremony for those six aircraft ... We were really excited to see that...[READ MORE](#)

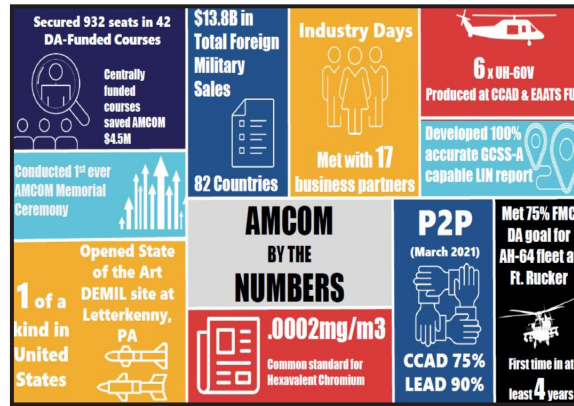
ALC ‘builds the bench’ with internship program



The U.S. Army Aviation and Missile Command Logistics Center leadership realized their workforce was growing closer to retirement, which is why they started an internship program more than a decade ago.

“This program helps us do what I call ‘build the bench’ so we can train these employees to be the future of logistics,” said Lisa Thomas, human resources division chief.

Thomas said although the internship program is an important ALC recruitment tool, it is situation-based and reassessed at the start of each Army fiscal year to ensure funding is available and the mission is still viable. The team...[READ MORE](#)



Unsung heroes

While on a visit to Letterkenny Army Depot, CSM Smith and I had the opportunity to visit the fire station one evening. We could not have been more impressed with their professionalism and dedication to ensuring all of us remain safe. In my mind, they are unsung heroes that deserve recognition.



Admittedly, we tried to just show up unannounced – but, well, they figured it out. Regardless of whether they knew we were coming or not, the entire group was just impressive. They were passionate about making sure they were ready for any contingency. Their level of training and meticulous care of their equipment would give any of us reassurance that we are in good hands.

Despite where you are stationed, chances are there is an Army fire department there composed of equally dedicated professionals. We don't often think of them unless there is a tragic event, but they work hard every day.

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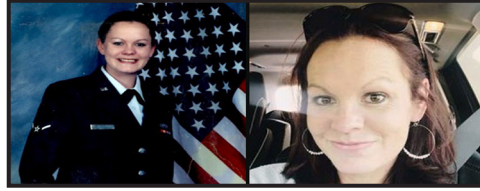
If you get a chance, consider stopping and saying thanks to these great teammates as they keep us all safe.

Our entire team is composed of unsung heroes. Individuals in every type of job make a difference every day. I'd also ask you to think about and recognize others on the team that you think are unsung heroes.

Army Strong!

Maj. Gen. Todd Royar
AMCOM commanding general

AMCOM veteran spotlight



Gretchen Abbott
AMCOM G-2 Aviation Threat Team lead
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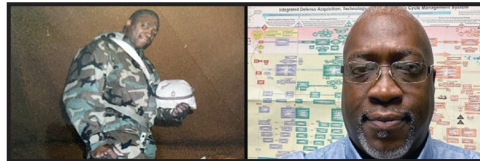
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We salute all our veterans.
Thanks for being a member of the AMCOM team.



P2P Performance-to-Promise is a measurement of how an organization holds itself accountable to the commitment to meet worldwide customer-required delivery dates.
October 2021

Letterkenny Army Depot
86.0% \downarrow 2.8%

Corpus Christi Army Depot
77.0% \downarrow 1.3%

Missile SA
77.27% \downarrow 3.24%
Second pass

Aviation SA
89.68% \downarrow 1.14%
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.
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Aviation Center Logistics Command
Mission-capable aircraft
77.0%
5.3%
Non mission-capable supply
Sep. 16 - Oct. 16

Aviation readiness starts at Rucker; ACLC works to maintain steady rates

Army aviation begins at Fort Rucker, Alabama, and the aircraft used to train pilots are pivotal to the success of the program.

U.S. Army Aviation and Missile Command’s Aviation Center Logistics Command assets play an integral role in the process.

From 1993 through 2020, more than 25,000 Army aviators were trained on the TH-67 Creek helicopter in about 1.9 million flying hours.

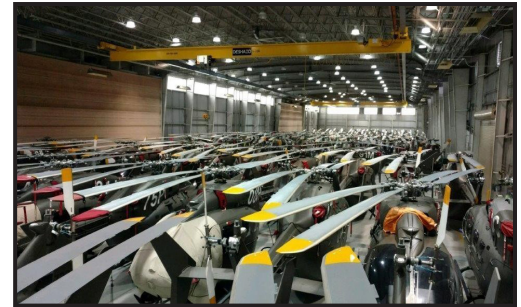
In 2006, Airbus Helicopter’s UH-72 Lakota was selected as the replacement for the TH-67 Creek helicopter. The Army’s transition to the Lakota didn’t begin until a decade later in 2016. Now, the fleet boasts more than 200 aircraft.

“When the [Lakotas] started to take over the [Creeks], there were manpower issues trying to get everybody onboard to manage the fleet at the same time as you’re divesting [the other],” said Jeffrey Runion, ACLC Quality, Standards and Analytics Division fleet integrator.

“We had the TH-67 [Creek helicopter], which the UH-72s replaced,” said Runion, who is also a retired Army Kiowa maintainer. “We worked from the infancy of the fleet – which was nothing.”

There is a direct correlation between the not mission-capable supply, the flying hour program and the health of Army aviation.

“When your NMCS rate goes up, your [fully mission capable] rate goes down,” Runion said. “You really want your FMC rate up as high as possible. It ultimately gets pilots in seats ... training in the mission that the Army wants them to train for – which ultimately gets pilots in the [Forces Command]....[READ MORE](#)



This month in history



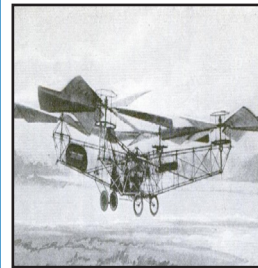
Nov. 5, 2012: The NASA-modified version for the Rotorcraft-Aircrew Systems Concepts Airborne Laboratory, or RASCAL, UH-60A Black Hawk performed a fully autonomous flight. Though pilots were aboard, they did not control the helicopter. The program was used to study Superaugmented Controls for Agile Maneuvering Performance, Automated Nap-of-the-Earth and Rotorcraft Agility and Pilotage Improvement Demonstration on the Black Hawk.



Nov. 10, 1775: The U.S. Marine Corps was created. The Second Continental Congress issued a decree that established the Continental Marines to augment the naval forces in the Revolutionary War. Capt. Samuel Nicholas was the first commissioned officer in the Continental Marines and set up the recruiting headquarters in the Tun Tavern on Water Street in Philadelphia, which is considered the birthplace of the Marines.



Nov. 11, 1921: The Tomb of the Unknown Soldier was dedicated at Arlington National Cemetery in Virginia. President Warren G. Harding presided over the dedication of the tomb. Considered the most hallowed grave at Arlington, the site is the final resting place for the unidentified remains of Soldiers from America’s major 20th century wars. The words, “Here rests in honored glory an American soldier known but to God” are engraved on the tomb. The tomb is under permanent guard by the 3rd U.S. Infantry Regiment, known as the “Old Guard.”



Nov. 13, 1907: French engineer Paul Cornu designed and successfully flew the first manned rotary-wing aircraft. His helicopter was powered by a 24-horsepower Antoinette engine. Piloted by Cornu, the aircraft was able to lift several feet off the ground for about 20 seconds in France, which was enough to set the record.



Nov. 26, 1968: Air Force 1st Lt. James P. Fleming piloted a UH-1F helicopter to come to the aid of a six-person special forces long-range reconnaissance patrol that was in danger of being overrun by a large, heavily armed hostile force in Vietnam. Despite having low fuel and the knowledge that one helicopter had already been downed by hostile fire, Fleming landed in an exposed position to safely recover the group and take them to a forward base. Fleming was awarded the Medal of Honor in 1970 because of his heroic actions.



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