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AMCOM celebrates 25th anniversary, historian reflects on how it began

The U.S. Army Aviation and Missile Command workforce will mark the 25th anniversary of the command's establishment with a weeklong celebration, July 18-22.

Some of the events planned for the quarter-century celebration include: 5K walk/run, organization day, former AMCOM senior leader panel discussion and burying of a time capsule in front of AMCOM headquarters on Redstone Arsenal, Alabama.

AMCOM was officially activated July 17, 1997, with the merging of the Aviation and Troop Support Command and the Missile Command. The merger was part of the 1995 Base Realignment and Closure commission's report and AMCOM's historian, Dr. Kaylene Hughes said there was tension from both commands from the moment it was announced.



The recommendation was based on the Army's need to consolidate missions, as well as Redstone Arsenal's long history with propellants, which started when Wernher Von Braun, the leader of the German rocket team, came to Redstone Arsenal in 1950.

Hughes said, "Within two years of Von Braun's arrival, Redstone Arsenal was recognized as one of the Army's most important technical centers. It was under the command of... [READ MORE](#)

Parker assumes command of ACLC

Col. Matthew L. Parker assumed command of the U.S. Army Aviation Center Logistics Command from Col. Stephen W. Owen during a change of command ceremony at the U.S. Army Aviation Museum on Fort Rucker, Alabama, July 13, 2022.

Maj. Gen. Todd Royar, commander for U.S. Army Aviation and Missile Command, presided over the ceremonial passing of the unit colors from outgoing to incoming leader.

Royar talked about the complexities of the job faced by Owen, what a great organization ACLC is and the successes Owen achieved during his tenure.

"Nothing pilot training wise can happen here unless there are aircraft

available to fly," said Royar. "Steve [Owen] and his team have done exactly that. They've initiated the movement. They've enabled [Maj.] Gen. [David] Francis to accomplish his requirement – our requirement to the Army – of training pilots.

Royar said the efforts of Owen and the ACLC team have made a difference in the readiness race at Fort Rucker as well as the challenges faced during the COVID-19 pandemic.

"Steve, through his leadership, has built a great team – not only with AMCOM, but with [Maj. Gen. David Francis] and [U.S. Army Aviation Center of Excellence], and our great industry partners to make sure everything is done... [READ MORE](#)

'Thank You'

I truly believe one of the most valuable things we can do is say thank you, so I want to take this opportunity to say "Thank you" to all of you.

Over the past three years, you have continually amazed me with your professionalism and dedication. In short, you've made the difficult look easy and the impossible possible. I could not have asked for more.

While I sincerely pass along my appreciation – it is really on behalf of the aviation and missile units and Soldiers out there. They are the ones you have supported and never let down. I am confident you never will.

It has been an honor and privilege to serve with you and I stand ready to continually support AMCOM and you in the future.

Army Strong!

Maj. Gen. Todd Royar
AMCOM commanding general



AMCOM Missile Maintenance Officer departing for assignment with 10th AAMDC



After making history last year as the first female in her military occupational specialty to achieve the rank of Chief Warrant Officer 5, Araceli Rial is

departing her position as missile maintenance officer for the U.S. Army Aviation and Missile Command later this month. Her next assignment is with the 10th Army Air and Missile Defense Command in Kaiserslautern, Germany, where she will join the G-4 support operations cell as the senior air and missile defense advisor for maintenance and logistics operations.

“I’ve been at AMCOM for four amazing years and I believe my biggest impact was increased integration between enterprise-level operations and the air and missile defense community,” said Rial.

Rial said her tenure as the AMCOM missile maintenance officer provided her with an insider’s working knowledge that she will use to help other leaders make educated decisions regarding sustainment at the tactical level.

“This role has really provided me the ‘behind-the-curtain’ operations on sustainment and lifecycle management decisions,” said Rial. “At the tactical and even operational level, we often do not fully understand how or why certain decisions are made. I can bridge that gap.”

Although she enjoyed her time at AMCOM and is appreciative of the professional development it afforded her, Rial is ready for her next assignment overseas. [READ MORE](#)

AMCOM Logistics Center military deputy named AMCOM G-3/5

Col. David Bunker has assumed a new position as the U.S. Army Aviation and Missile Command G-3/5. Bunker previously served as the military deputy for the AMCOM Logistics Center, which also is located on Redstone Arsenal, Alabama. Bunker was commissioned as an aviation officer in 1998 from the United States Military Academy after graduating with a Bachelor of Science in Engineering Management.

Bunker spent the bulk of his military career as an aviator in leadership and staff assignments with the First Infantry Division in Ansbach, Germany; 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) at Fort Campbell, Kentucky; and the 16th Combat Aviation Brigade at Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Washington. That wealth of Army aviation experience, combined with an assignment at ALC, provided a great foundation for his current position.

“Most of my time has been in operational-type units, which is essentially the user end of what we do here at AMCOM,” said Bunker. “My assignment at ALC showed me the business side of Army sustainment – AMCOM specifically – and it really helped inform me on what the

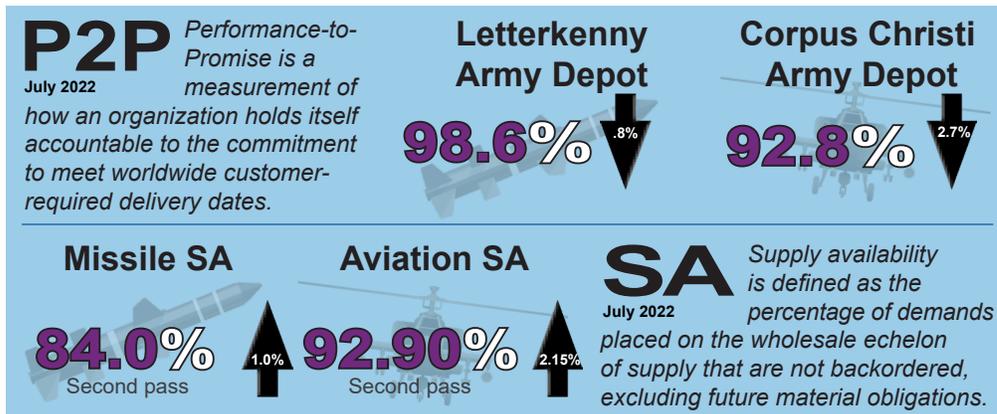
command does. It was tremendously helpful in preparing me for the AMCOM G-3/5 position.”

Bunker said he was confident it would be an easy transition into the new position because of his background and his previous work with the G-3/5 team while at ALC.



“I have a lot of time in G-3 type roles – operations, plans and strategy – so that is comfortable for me. I knew we had a strong team within the G-3/5, and the command in general,” said Bunker.

He’s looking forward to this assignment, which could possibly be his last before retirement, and is hopeful he can have a positive impact on the organization. [READ MORE](#)



Hogan is Corpus Christi Army Depot's 28th Commander

A new commanding officer took charge of the Corpus Christi Army Depot during a change of command ceremony marking the formal transition of command from outgoing commander Col. Joseph H. Parker to Col. Kyle M. Hogan. The event was held on Naval Air Station Corpus Christi on Friday, July 15.

Col. Hogan is CCAD's 28th commanding officer.

Maj. Gen. K. Todd Royar, Commanding General of the Aviation and Missile Command, served as the host and said, "We thank Col. Parker for a job well done, but also recognize

the job and leadership that is exhibited every day by the Corpus Christi Army Depot."

Under Parker's leadership, CCAD achieved numerous milestones, including coming through the global pandemic of 2020 and the overseeing the first UH-60 Victor model Black Hawk aircraft flight test and delivery in 2021.

During Parker's speech, he thanked his family for the support that allowed him to chase his dreams from Snyder, Texas to West Point, around the globe and to Corpus Christi. He thanked those leaders present for their contributions



to his career and complimented the professional work force for its dedication, tenacity, teamwork and unparalleled commitment to quality and safety.

"I am very honored to have been with you for 25 1/2... [READ MORE](#)

This month in history



August 2, 1990: President George H.W. Bush ordered Operation DESERT SHIELD – a massive U.S.-led, multinational military buildup to prevent further Iraqi advances after their takeover of Kuwait. BG Larry R. Capps, MICOM DCG, ordered the activation of the MICOM EOC. On 11 August, the first MICOM LAR arrived in theater. On 13 August, the first soldiers from MICOM deployed to fill vacancies for units in theater. By the end of August, AVSCOM (AMCOM predecessor) had supported the movement of 201 Army aircraft into the theater and the first PATRIOT PAC 2 missiles rolled off the production line five months ahead of schedule.



August 7, 1964: Following an attack on two U.S. destroyers in the Gulf of Tonkin off North Vietnam, the U.S. Congress approved the Gulf of Tonkin Resolution, granting President Lyndon B. Johnson authority "to take all necessary measures to repel any armed attack against the forces of the United States and to prevent further aggression."



August 11, 1970: After Hurricane Celia caused an estimated \$2.6 billion (in 1990 dollars) along the Texas Coast, Corpus Christi Army Depot employees cleaned up and were back to business-as-usual only six days after the storm. Celia's winds had reached 160 miles-per-hour and had spawned tornadoes throughout the area.



August 15, 1945: Celebrated as V-J Day (Victory-over-Japan Day), 15 August marks the day when delegates of Emperor Hirohito accepted Allied surrender terms. Japanese Emperor Hirohito recorded a radio announcement admitting Japan's surrender without actually using the word. The formal surrender ceremony occurred on September 2, 1945, on board USS Missouri (BB-63) in Tokyo Bay.



August 22, 1961: The Army Aeronautical Depot Maintenance Center (ARADMAC), a predecessor of Corpus Christi Army Depot, completed and flight-tested its first full-production aircraft unit, a TL-19D Bird Dog, 10 days ahead of schedule. The airframe had been extensively damaged in a crash landing, requiring metal repairs to the wings and control surfaces.



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