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AMCOM hosts advanced manufacturing workshop

Leaders from the U.S. Army Aviation and Missile Command met with partners from industry and academia June 15-16 at the Army Aviation Advanced Manufacturing Workshop on Redstone Arsenal, Alabama.

This was the fourth iteration of the workshop and the main topic was incorporating comments and ideas into the upcoming revision of AMCOM Policy 070-062 (Army Aviation Policy for Advanced Manufactured Aircraft Repairs, Parts, Components and Support Products).

“These [workshops] help us get input from all parties to ensure we have a better policy in place,” said AMCOM Commander Maj. Gen. Todd Royar, who serves as the Army’s airworthiness authority and is responsible for ensuring the safety of the service’s aircraft. “We want to make sure we



provide a path forward for advanced manufacturing for the entire Army, and to be able to share that path with our sister services, as well as our industry partners.”

Concerns about traceability of the parts, the cataloging process and control mechanisms in place to secure the digital 3D files were some of the topics discussed during the workshop.

Andrea Benson, the advanced manufacturing branch... [READ MORE](#)

AMCOM celebrates Army Birthday with new Soldiers



The leadership of the U.S. Army Aviation and Missile Command celebrated the 247th Army Birthday by welcoming 12 new Soldiers into the force June 14 at AMCOM headquarters on Redstone Arsenal, Alabama.

The recruits came from throughout the Tennessee Valley region. They received advice and guidance from

AMCOM Commander Maj. Gen. Todd Royar, as well as AMCOM Command Sgt. Major Bradford Smith. In addition to advice, the soon-to-be Soldiers took to the microphone to ask the senior leaders questions about their time in service.

Royar told the recruits it was a great day to celebrate.

“Not only is it the 247th birthday of the United States Army, which was founded in 1775, but it is also Flag Day for our nation,” he said. “So we have a reason to celebrate and probably the best reason to celebrate here today is we have an opportunity to welcome you as part of our team.”

He continued, “We want to make sure that you... [READ MORE](#)

'Improving your Foxhole'

Some of you may have heard the saying “improving your foxhole.” If you have not, it’s both an actual action (dig it deeper, give it more overhead cover, etc...) as well as a euphemism that implies “get better every day.” It’s good advice.



We can all get better. Maybe it’s implementing a new process or taking advantage of new technology, or just building a better relationship with whom we work. The point is we can all get better, but we have to want to.

Fortunately, the vast majority of you do this already. Let me highlight one example. CSM Smith and I had the opportunity to visit Fort Bragg a few weeks ago and we stopped in to see the TMDE facility. Ms. Vanessa Iacovone just blew us away with her personal initiative in making the interaction with the facility customers better. She is improving her foxhole every day.

I learned from the example Ms. Iacovone set and she inspired me to continually think about getting better every day. I hope and trust that we will all do the same.

Army Strong!

Maj. Gen. Todd Royar
AMCOM commanding general

AMCOM hosts memorial ceremony to honor employees who have passed

Maj. Gen. Todd Royar, commanding general for the U.S. Army Aviation and Missile Command, hosted a remembrance ceremony May 31, 2022, to remember and honor employees who have passed.

The ceremony took place in the Bob Jones Auditorium in the John J. Sparkman Center on Redstone Arsenal, Alabama, and included representatives from the Aviation Center Logistics Command, Corpus Christi Army Depot, Letterkenny Army Depot, AMCOM Logistics Center, the U.S. Army Test, Measurement, and Diagnostic Equipment Activity and AMCOM Security Assistance Management Directorate. [READ MORE](#)



CCAD says farewell to its sergeant major



Sgt. Maj. William M. Peden relinquished responsibility for the Corpus Christi Army Depot in a ceremony on May 27.

His next duty station will be Wiesbaden, Germany, at the 1-214th General Support Aviation Battalion of the 12th Combat Aviation Brigade.

Arriving in Corpus Christi in January 2021, Peden became the CCAD ambassador to the aviation enterprise. He showcased how the depot could fulfill the... [READ MORE](#)

For new AMCOM G-8 Heidi Lattuca, 'Clean accounts are easy accounts'

For workers who transition from the private sector into government service, the process can be daunting, and at times, overwhelming. Heidi Lattuca, the new G-8 for the U.S. Army Aviation and Missile Command, made that transition 18 years ago and has never looked back.

Lattuca joined AMCOM in July 2019 and has served as chief of both the Army Working Capital Fund Management and Resource and Acquisition and Integrations divisions. She was promoted to the G-8 position in late April.

No one is more surprised than Lattuca at the path her career has taken, but she's incredibly proud and humbled by the experiences and accomplishments during her nearly two decades as an Army civilian.

"Never in a million years did I think I would be doing this when I grew



up," said Lattuca. "I knew I would go into the field of business. I knew education was vital and I knew job security was important. I never imaged I would live and work in Texas, New Mexico, Italy, Pennsylvania and Alabama. What a wonderful career and adventure.

"I often brag that there is no better organization to work for [than the Army]. Not only do we support the warfighter and our American ideals, the boundless.... [READ MORE](#)

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Letterkenny Army Depot

99.4% ↑ .7%

Corpus Christi Army Depot

95.2% ↑ 1.9%

Missile SA

83.0% ↑ 9.6%
Second pass

Aviation SA

90.75% ↑ 2.25%
Second pass

SA

June 2022 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
74.9%

3.9%
Non mission-capable supply

May 16 - Jun. 16

Hawaii-based logistics assistance representative selected as AMCOM LAR of the Year

A logistics assistance representative assigned to the 402nd Aviation Forward Support Battalion in Hawaii was selected by his peers as the U.S. Army Aviation and Missile Command LAR of the Year for 2021.

Roberto (Marcelo) Castro, an Apache Electronics LAR, who joined the LAR program a little more than two years ago, was selected from the 229



LARs as the best.

The LAR of the Year recognizes an individual LAR's excellence in five areas: logistics/technical support, improvement of system readiness, improvement in Army operations, field support, and self-improvement.

AMCOM Commander, Maj. Gen. Todd Royar and AMCOM Command Sgt. Major Bradford Smith recognized Castro on July 13 for his achievements, noting that the LARs' work is phenomenal in keeping the Army's aircraft up to readiness standards.

"The coaching, teaching, and mentoring you do daily is invaluable. You provide direct interaction with the Soldiers, and everyone else is in a support role," Royar... [READ MORE](#)

G4 readies Sparkman Ctr. for returning employees



As AMCOM employees begin returning to work in their Sparkman Center offices, AMCOM G4's Sparkman Management Office has been working to ensure a safe, clean environment for employees.

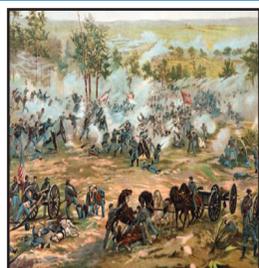
"The Sparkman Center is fully operational and ready for employees to come back to the offices," said Perry Johnson, AMCOM G4's Chief of the Engineering and Facilities Division.

All buildings... [READ MORE](#)

This month in history



July 17, 1997: The U.S. Army Aviation and Missile Command (AMCOM) was formed on a provisional basis by merging the U.S. Army Aviation and Troop Command (ATCOM) and the U.S. Army Missile Command (MICOM). By Permanent Orders 344-1, dated Dec. 9, 1996, the U.S. Army Materiel Command (AMC) directed that AMCOM be established at Redstone Arsenal on a permanent basis effective October 1, 1997.



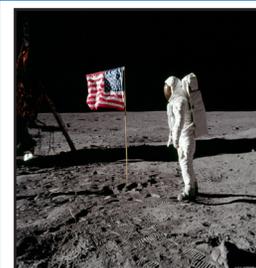
July 1-3, 1863: The Battle of Gettysburg became the turning point in the Civil War, but at the cost of about 30% of all combatants, it was the bloodiest battle in U.S. history. The battle ended with Confederate forces withdrawing back across the Potomac River into Virginia. Union General Meade failed to exploit the victory by pursuing and destroying the Army of Northern Virginia, thus extending the war another two years.



July 2, 1964: President Lyndon Johnson signed the Civil Rights Act of 1964, prohibiting racial discrimination in public accommodations, publicly owned or operated facilities, employment and union membership, and in voter registration. The signing only became possible after senators broke the longest filibuster in the history of the Senate waged against the Act by southern Democrats.



July 3, 1941: the War Department selected Huntsville as the site for a new chemical munitions manufacturing plant and storage depot, officially designated Huntsville Arsenal on 24 July 24. On July 8, the War Department also announced that an Ordnance Corps assembly plant would also be established nearby.



July 20, 1969: A global audience watched on television as Apollo 11 Astronaut Neil Armstrong took his first step onto the moon and proclaimed, "That's one small step for a man, one giant leap for mankind."



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