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AMCOM G-3 retiring after 25 years of service



On May 23, Col. Gary Beard will retire exactly 25 years to the day after receiving his commission in the U.S. Army in 1997. Those who know Beard, who currently serves as the U.S. Army Aviation and Missile Command G-3, will agree this is just one tidbit in a very interesting career, which began after graduating from the U.S. Naval Academy. You read that correctly. Beard became a Soldier on the day he graduated from the Naval Academy.

While not common, students at the five military service academies don't always go on to serve in the military branch they initially planned. This is known as an "inter-service commission" and the process to switch is a complicated one. Beard began the undertaking after realizing life in the Army would be a better fit for him than life in the Navy.

"I thought I wanted to be [in the Navy]. You find out very quickly – and I've told folks this and explained it to a lot of people. It doesn't matter...[READ MORE](#)

Memorial Day holiday kicks off 101 Critical Days of Summer safety campaign

Memorial Day is just around the corner, and so too is the unofficial start to summer, which means it's time to start thinking about summer safety.

June is National Safety month and the arrival of summer brings an increase in outdoor activities such as swimming, parades, fireworks and barbecues. From Memorial Day through Labor Day, the Army's 101 Critical Days of Summer safety campaign reminds us to focus on safety when participating in all types of summer activities – in and outside the home.

"As we spend more time outdoors doing a variety of summertime activities, it always helps to think through your plans with an eye on safety," said Doug Miller, director of AMCOM Safety. "For example, it may not be the first time you've taken out the boat, ridden your motorcycle, driven across country or had a backyard fireworks display, yet it's most likely been awhile for such things. None of us mean to be complacent or overconfident, so taking the time to work through a mental or paper checklist before you get started is a great way to ensure a safe and successful event for you and your family." [READ MORE](#)



'Freedom is not Free'

As armed conflict rages in Europe, the Middle East and other locations around the globe, I am reminded of the importance of what we collectively do. Others have learned, or re-learned, the axiom that freedom is not free. Memorial Day is an opportunity for us all to recognize those who have given everything and give thanks for the freedoms we have.



Conflict is a human endeavor. While none of us desire conflict, it requires individuals to stand up and fight for our national values and interests. We are fortunate to have countless individuals willing to do just that. Whether directly serving in the armed forces in uniform, or supporting the nation in other ways, all deserve our respect and gratitude.

This Memorial Day we honor those in AMCOM that passed during the past year. Every individual served with distinction and each of them played a part in ensuring that all of us can maintain our rights and freedoms. I hope you will join me in honoring all of them and their families.

Army Strong!

Maj. Gen. Todd Royar
AMCOM commanding general

AMCOM Logistics Center ‘builds the bench’ with 17 new interns

The U.S. Army Aviation and Missile Command Logistics Center hosted a ceremony on May 6 for 17 graduates of its internship program, which is now in its 10th year.

Maj. Gen. Todd Royar, U.S. Army Aviation and Missile Command commanding general, said he looks forward to working with the graduates and encouraged them to take what they’ve learned and use that knowledge to make improvements where they can.



“I’m excited for you. You’ve completed your internship and I want to thank you for a job well done. Now you have the license to go learn ... take what you’ve learned and put that into practical application,” said Royar. “I promise you, you will find ways to do things better. You will have the opportunity to change the way we do things, and I would ask you to do that.”

Lisa Thomas, ALC human resources division chief, said the internship program is an important recruitment tool for ALC.

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

The internship program is situation-based and is reassessed at the start of each Army fiscal year to ensure funding is available and the mission is still viable. The team also looks at the number of entry-level vacancies at the ALC.

“Funding is one of the most important factors, but we also work with the activity career program managers to determine if it’s feasible to host a class the following year,” she said. “We don’t just recruit a class after the current one graduates; there has to be a need.” [READ MORE](#)

Aviation Center Logistics Command sergeant major leaving for Fort Riley

Today, the leadership of Aviation Center Logistics Command at Fort Rucker, Alabama, bids a fond farewell to Sgt. Maj. Nick Burney in a relinquishment of responsibility ceremony at the U.S. Army Aviation Center of Excellence Aviation Museum.

Burney has been selected as the next battalion command sergeant major for the 1st Attack Reconnaissance Battalion, 1st Aviation Regiment, 1st Combat Aviation Brigade at Fort Riley, Kansas.

ACLIC Commander Col. Stephen Owen said Burney made a positive and lasting difference during his tenure as the ACLIC sergeant major.

“Upon arrival, he immediately met with people throughout the formation and identified the resources they needed to accomplish the mission. After which, he worked tirelessly to

ensure that our Soldiers, civilians and contractors had what they needed to get the job done.

“His greatest skill is his ability to connect with people from all walks of life. During a typical week he may mentor a young NCO, speak with a union...[READ MORE](#)



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Missile SA

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Second pass

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Second pass

↓ 1.75%

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
75.0%

5.3%

Non mission-capable supply

Apr. 16 - May. 16

Letterkenny Army Depot salutes employee achievements

CHAMBERSBURG, Pa. – Letterkenny Army Depot recognized several outstanding employees during an awards ceremony held virtually at the depot headquarters April 20.

Matthew Harlow was awarded the Department of the Army Civilian Service Achievement Medal in recognition of being named LEAD’s Wage Grade Employee of the Quarter for the first quarter. Harlow is a heavy mobile equipment mechanic in the Soldier Support Division in the Directorate of Industrial Operations.

Harlow has 11 years of experience at LEAD and was selected as the Employee of the Quarter due to his

leadership, dedication and technical expertise.

“He works closely with all depot personnel to ensure production requirements are met and information is communicated effectively and efficiently,” said Rick Ramsey, Route Clearance Vehicle and Material Handling Equipment production supervisor. “Matthew is always willing to help and consistently shows great initiative in improving processes and bettering operations for the success of the program and the depot.”

Harlow makes extensive

contributions to the Buffalo program. By identifying and addressing challenges with the Upper Hull Repair program, Harlow has played a critical role in meeting production requirements. [READ MORE](#)



This month in history



June 14, 1775: The first U.S. military service, the Continental Army, consisting of six companies of riflemen, was established by the Second Continental Congress. The next day, Congress unanimously votes George Washington to be its commander.



June 4, 1974 2nd Lt. Sally D. Woolfolk (Murphy) graduated from the Rotary Wing Flight School at the Army Aviation School, Fort Rucker, Alabama. She was the first woman designated a U.S. Army Aviator. Woolfolk joined the U.S. Army in January 1973. She was assigned to military intelligence school at Fort Huachuca, Arizona, but at the suggestion of another student, 2nd Lt. Woolfolk applied for helicopter flight training. She was the only woman in her class at Fort Rucker. Col. Sally (Woolfolk) Murphy retired from the U.S. Army, July 1, 1999, after 27 years of service.



June 6, 1944: The 78th anniversary of D-Day. The largest amphibious landing in history, Operation Overlord, involved 1,527,000 soldiers in 47 Allied divisions along with 4,400 ships and landing craft, and 11,000 aircraft. By the end of the day 150,000 Allied soldiers and their accompanying vehicles had landed with 15,000 killed or wounded.



June 6, 1942: Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson orders the establishment of “organic air observation for field artillery” – the birth of modern U.S. Army aviation, which eventually evolved into the Army Aviation Branch. The Piper L-4 “Grasshopper” was originally a liaison aircraft, but because of its slow speed and good reliability, it became the first aerial platform for artillery observation.



June 1956: The first MIM-23 HAWK (Homing All the Way Killer) surface-to-air missile test destroyed an F-80 drone flying at 11,000 feet. Designed to be a much more mobile counterpart to the MIM-14 Nike Hercules, HAWK traded range and altitude capability for a much smaller size and weight. On June 5, 1967, an Israeli MIM-23A shot down a damaged Israeli Dassault aircraft to prevent it from crashing into the Negev Nuclear Research Center. This was the first combat firing and the first combat kill attributed to the Hawk system. U.S. forces have never used HAWK in combat.



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