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AMCOM fielding ‘system of systems’ tool to ADA Soldiers, bringing accuracy to readiness reporting



The U.S. Army Aviation and Missile Command is training air defense Soldiers on a software tool to solve a problem that has plagued their career field for decades — accuracy in readiness reporting data.

Missile maintenance Soldiers are responsible for reporting the readiness

of complex weapons systems monthly. If one component of a system is down, then the entire weapons system is considered down, because they are interdependent. For decades the status of each of those components was tracked separately and calculated manually. It was a process riddled with human error.

The new software tool is an architecture built into the Army’s existing system of record for maintenance management, creating a system of systems. The serial numbers of each component part are tracked, and the system of systems tool can provide accurate... [READ MORE](#)

Army Materiel Command names AMCOM's MacKenzie the 2022 Attorney of the Year

The U.S. Army Aviation and Missile Command attorney Katherine MacKenzie was named Army Materiel Command’s 2022 Joyce I. Allen Attorney of the Year.

The Joyce I. Allen Attorney Award recognizes the AMC attorney who best exemplifies the highest professional standards in the quality of legal advice provided to clients in AMC and the Army. The award is given annually to a civilian or military attorney or patent advisor for outstanding accomplishments in the services of the legal profession and the community.

“The award was quite a surprise,” MacKenzie said. “The great things that are happening in this office come from the people that I work with every day more so than me – it’s really a credit to them.”

MacKenzie is chief of the



Acquisitions Law and Operations Division, overseeing legal operations for the Army’s aviation and missile systems acquisition mission. Her division provides legal advice and support for the acquisition planning, research and development, production, logistics support and sustainment of the Army’s missile, rotary-wing and fixed-wing systems, and various organizations at Redstone Arsenal, Alabama.

According to the... [READ MORE](#)

Empowering growth, communicating opportunities

Greetings, AMCOM team!

I’ve truly enjoyed getting to know some of you and seeing first-hand the invaluable support you all provide to the Warfighter.



AMCOM is an outstanding organization filled with incredible people. We have a knowledgeable and motivated team of professionals, eager to learn, grow, and possibly move on to more challenging and rewarding positions. I am here to support and empower you as you continue doing amazing things for our Army and to help you grow and excel in new areas.

Each day, you’ll find some an opportunity to grow. Supervisors and directors serve to coach, teach, mentor, and empower you and your team. At AMCOM Headquarters, we offer many developmental assignments. These are opportunities to learn new skills, learn about different directorates and build your network.

As part of the effort to modernize the Army’s organic industrial base, we are incorporating High-Velocity Training at Corpus Christi Army Depot. The AMCOM G1 team is setting up remote and online learning tools that employees can access 24/7. They are also creating lab designs and equipment specifications that will enhance CCAD artisans’ skills by...

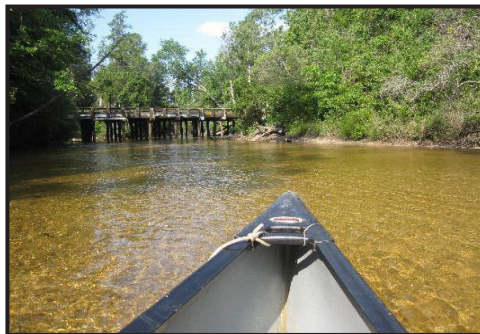
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Soldiers' quick thinking and prompt action saves lives on Florida river

A day of adventure nearly turned disastrous for a family with small children, but the quick actions of Soldiers from Aviation Center Logistics Command enabled everyone to escape unharmed.

Staff Sgt. Martha Chavez, quality assurance representative for ACLC's Materiel Support Branch, was kayaking with friends in Milton, Florida, last month when she noticed a distressed man in the water near some tree branches.

"It looked odd, but I wasn't close enough to realize what was happening," said Chavez. "As I got



closer and saw further down the river, I noticed two small kids in floating donuts holding on to some tree limbs on the left side of the river."

Chavez called out to the man to see if everything was okay and ask if they needed assistance. The man yelled that he needed help, at which time Chavez began to maneuver... [READ MORE](#)

ACLC welcomes Weber as new sergeant major



Anyone entering the gates at Fort Rucker, Alabama, is greeted with a heartfelt "Welcome home!" from the security forces who serve as gatekeepers for the installation.

When Sgt. Maj. Devon Weber learned earlier this year that his next assignment was sergeant major for the Aviation Center Logistics Command, that sentiment was more than just a platitude because, although he was

born and raised in Pennsylvania, he thinks of Fort Rucker as home.

"The family and the community on Fort Rucker – specifically the aviation family – there's nothing else like it," said Weber.

Weber was officially welcomed into his new role Aug. 31 during an assumption of responsibility ceremony hosted by ACLC Commander Col. Matthew Parker at the U.S. Army Aviation Museum on Fort Rucker.

Weber said he appreciates the opportunity to come back to ACLC and is thankful to the Soldiers and civilians who work hard to support its mission on a daily basis.

"I want to thank... [READ MORE](#)

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...offering training at the depot. The program will provide CCAD's workforce an adaptable based simulation and management software. The program will also help CCAD recruit and train new employees and retain a workforce who is committed, data-literate and agile. We are actively seeking veterans, military spouses, and students. Once we on-board employees, we are training the skills they will need as members of the CCAD workforce.

Of course, these initiatives start with communication. We have several means to disseminate information, the Command Information Portal, the AMCOM Suggestion Box, the digital bulletin boards throughout the Sparkman Center and emails are just a few. But there is no replacement for face-to-face communication. Mr. Nitti, CSM Smith and I will continue to hold monthly town halls, where we recognize our excellent team members, put out news and information, and answer questions. I encourage you to attend, participate, ask questions.

Our most powerful communication tool is our amazing team. I strongly encourage open dialogue amongst supervisors and team members to...

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P2P Performance-to-Promise is a measurement of how an organization holds itself accountable to the commitment to meet worldwide customer-required delivery dates.
Sept. 2022

Letterkenny Army Depot
97.6% \downarrow .2%

Corpus Christi Army Depot
89.0% \downarrow 2.4%

Missile SA
80.3% \downarrow .3%
Second pass

Aviation SA
95.0% \uparrow 1.4%
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.
Sept. 2022

Aviation Center Logistics Command

Mission-capable aircraft
67.0%

4.5%
Non mission-capable supply

Crutcher receives AUSA award for service; prepares for retirement

In 1985, Sheila Crutcher was part of a work-training program on Redstone Arsenal; it was a three-year commitment that eventually led to a lifelong career and will culminate with her retirement next month.

The Huntsville, Alabama, native said she started her Department of the Army civilian career with the U.S. Army Missile Command Finance and Accounting Office. In 1999, Crutcher began working in what would end up being her current and final position as the management assistant to the command sergeant major for the newly renamed U.S. Army Aviation and Missile Command.

In addition to assisting the AMCOM senior enlisted Soldier, Crutcher



also supports the AMCOM aviation branch maintenance officer, missile maintenance officer and chaplain.

She said the biggest part of her job is coordinating travel and processing vouchers, but she also manages the command sergeant major’s calendar, prepares daily read-ahead folders, coordinates meetings and speaking engagements — basically any task that supports the office... [READ MORE](#)

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...share information, training, and developmental opportunities. Share your goals with them.

We can all better achieve our goals if share and support one another through the process.

Communication is a two-way street.

I look forward to getting to know each of you as I circulate the organization. I hope during my time here at AMCOM, I get to see you grow to new heights and take on new responsibilities. That’s a win-win for everyone!

Army Strong!

*MG Thomas O'Connor
AMCOM Commanding General*

This month in history



Oct. 1, 1997: The U.S. Army Aviation and Missile Command is permanently established at Redstone Arsenal. Army Materiel Command Permanent Order 344-1 redesignates U.S. Army Missile Command as AMCOM, effective October 1, 1997.



Oct. 1, 1998: U.S. Army Aviation and Missile Command takes operational control of Corpus Christi Army Depot in Texas and Letterkenny Army Depot in Pennsylvania. The two depots are the primary locations for repair, maintenance, upgrade, and logistics support to all U.S. Army aviation and missile assets.



Oct. 4, 1957: The Soviet Union launches Sputnik 1, beginning the Space Age and spurring U.S. rocket research and development at Redstone Arsenal, Alabama, and other locations. On Jan. 31, 1958, the United States launched its first satellite – Explorer 1. Signals from Sputnik continued for 21 days until the transmitter batteries ran out. Sputnik 1 burned up on Jan. 4, 1958, reentering Earth’s atmosphere after three months and 1,440 orbits of the Earth.



Oct. 13, 1775: The U.S. Navy was born when the Second Continental Congress authorized acquisition of “a swift sailing vessel to carry ten carriage guns, and a proportionable number of swivels, with eighty men, fitted, with all possible despatch, for a cruise of three months....”



Oct. 28, 1949: The Secretary of the Army approved the transfer of the Ordnance Research and Development Division Sub-Office (Rocket) from Fort Bliss, Texas, to Redstone Arsenal, Alabama. Dr. Wernher von Braun and his team of German scientists came along with the transfer.



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