



# U.S. Army Aviation and Missile Command FLIGHT

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## AMCOM hosts annual Aviation Workshop



The U.S. Army Aviation and Missile Command held its annual AMCOM 101 Workshop, Nov 16-17 in the Bob Jones Auditorium at Redstone Arsenal, Alabama. More than 200 members of the Army aviation community participated in presentations and discussions in-person and online focusing on readiness, training and sustainment across the aviation enterprise.

“There is a tremendous wealth of combat aviation experience throughout the AMCOM enterprise,” said Maj. Gen. Tom O’Connor, Jr., AMCOM commanding general. “One of our central tasks as leaders is to enable readiness at the point of need; AMCOM 101 provides opportunities to educate our Soldiers on the reachback they have in order to facilitate their maintenance operations and execute their missions.”

AMCOM 101 provided an overview of the command, the capabilities and resources it offers, as well as opportunities for connecting face-to-face with knowledgeable experts across the Army combat aviation field. The forum also afforded participants a chance to learn about training opportunities, and new aviation technology being developed in support of Soldiers and its... [READ MORE](#)

## AMCOM leaders discuss readiness, advanced manufacturing at aviation conference

Leaders from the U.S. Army Aviation and Missile Command participated in the Army Aviation Association of America Cribbins Army Aviation Readiness Conference, Nov. 14-16.

Held in Huntsville, Alabama, the annual event provided a forum for aviation leaders in industry and academia to speak directly with aviation military leaders. This year’s event featured input from AMCOM Commanding General, Maj. Gen. Tom O’Connor, Jr., Director of the AMCOM Logistics Center, Brian Wood, and AMCOM Deputy to the Commanding General, Don Nitti.

Wood participated in the “Transforming the Organic Industrial Base” panel discussion held Nov. 15, moderated by former AMCOM Commander Jim Myles. The panel also included the Commander of Corpus Christi Army Depot, Col. Kyle Hogan, as well as representatives from AMCOM’s partners in academia.

Wood discussed the 15-year OIB modernization strategy initiated by the commanding general of Army Materiel Command... [READ MORE](#)



## Looking back and moving forward

*As we get further into the holiday season, it’s a good time to reflect on this year and think about what we want to achieve in the coming year.*



*November was packed with successful engagements for AMCOM. We participated in the AAAA Cribbins Army Aviation Readiness Conference, held here in Huntsville. AMCOM had an active role in the conference, which was a great professional development opportunity for Army Aviators. In fact, AMCOM used the conference as our launchpad for this year’s AMCOM 101 for Aviation. All of our 101 participants were able to attend some of the Cribbins professional development sessions, and then spend the second day on AMCOM-specific topics here at the headquarters.*

*Planning and executing these events are no small feat. Most of the AMCOM staff who made the Cribbins Conference and the AMCOM 101 a success are people working behind the scenes. I’d like to take this time to thank those of you who worked tirelessly to make these events a success, members of the G-3 and Protocol teams in particular.*

*Even though we’re nearing the end of the year, we’re...*

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## 'Tis the season for giving through the Combined Federal Campaign



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Donate today at [givecfc.org](http://givecfc.org)

Every fall, federal employees are invited to participate in the Combined Federal Campaign — a philanthropic event benefiting more than 20,000 charitable organizations worldwide.

The annual campaign allows federal

federal employees to contribute money toward a charitable organization of their choice via payroll deduction. Contributions can be made as a one-time donation or recurring, monthly donations. In addition to monetary donations, many CFC organizations also accept volunteer time pledges.

Maj. Joseph Carter is leading the campaign for the U.S. Army Aviation and Missile Command this year. He sends weekly spotlight emails to highlight different organizations and causes, reminds the workforce about the on-going campaign and answers questions about registration and logistics.

The campaign has... [READ MORE](#)

## AMCOM encourages safety throughout the holidays

From late November to mid-January, when many families gather, parties are attended and travel increases, safety should be on everyone's minds. The U.S. Army Aviation and Missile Command Safety Office, along with the National Safety Council, offer tips to help ensure you and your family remain safe throughout the holidays.

### TRAVEL SAFELY

If traveling during the holidays, be sure your vehicle is in good condition and be prepared for emergencies.

- Prepare your car for winter and keep an emergency kit with you.
- Get a good night's sleep before departing and avoid drowsy driving.



- Leave early, planning ahead for heavy traffic.
- Make sure every person in the vehicle is properly buckled up, no matter how long or short the distance traveled.
- Put that cell phone away; many distractions occur while driving, but cell phones are... [READ MORE](#)

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*...not letting up on the throttle. I'm looking forward to visiting the artisans who make things happen at Corpus Christi Army Depot and participating in the AAAA Luther G. Jones Army Aviation Depot Forum that will be held in Corpus Christi this month. This forum is an opportunity for the Army Aviation community to exchange ideas and solutions while also recognizing the hard work of our CCAD artisans.*

*AMC recently announced their employees of the quarter, which included AMCOM's own Ms. Debra Richey, a financial systems specialist in AMCOM. If you have ever had issues with ATAAPS or payroll problems, then I bet you know Debra well. The AMC Employee of the Quarter award recognizes personnel whose outstanding and innovative contributions made a direct impact on the command's mission. Debra has been doing that for AMCOM for 13 years. Congratulations, Debra! Thanks for all you do for AMCOM!*

*During the holiday season, we tend to reflect and give thanks for our families, friends, and our good fortune. Please take a moment to think of those who are not so...*

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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.

**Letterkenny Army Depot**

97.5% 1.6%

**Corpus Christi Army Depot**

94.0% 3.8%

**Missile SA**

76.6% 4.5%  
Second pass

**Aviation SA**

91.0% .8%  
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.

**Aviation Center Logistics Command**

Mission-capable aircraft  
**72.7%**

**6.3%**  
Non mission-capable supply



## AMC recognizes outstanding performance at AMCOM



Debra Richey, a financial systems specialist at the U.S. Army Aviation and Missile Command, was recently named Employee of the Quarter for the U.S. Army Materiel Command. The award recognizes AMC civilian and military personnel whose outstanding and innovative contributions make a direct

positive impact on the command's mission.

In addition to recognizing Richey's outstanding performance, the award recognizes employees who progress a culture of achievement and productivity, contribute to a positive work environment, increase retention and improve employee engagement in order to improve overall morale.

While the award goes to Richey individually, she made it clear the work couldn't be done without her teammates.

"It's an honor. But this really should be a... [READ MORE](#)

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*...fortunate and keep in mind that the Combined Federal Campaign is underway. This year, the campaign represents 20,000 charitable organizations worldwide. Whether you are passionate about a certain type of medical research, animal rights, or improving the quality of life for children, I'm sure you can find an organization that supports your cause. You can be the face of change and make a difference in the world.*

*As we close out 2022, I'm looking forward to 2023 and all that we will accomplish together. We may not always see the fruits of our labor, but those we support do. The Warfighters in the field benefit from what you all do each and every day.*

*Thank you for what you do to support the mission. Go Army!*

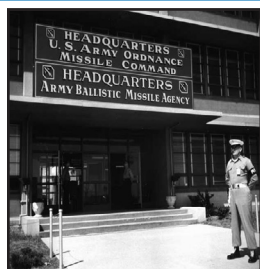
*Army Strong!*

*MG Tom O'Connor, Jr.  
AMCOM commanding general*

## This month in history



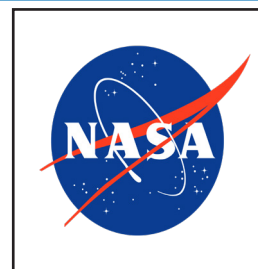
Dec. 11, 1961: The first U.S. Army helicopters arrived at Tan Son Nhut Airport in South Vietnam. Assigned to the 57th and 8th Transportation Companies, the CH-21C Shawnee helicopters, nicknamed "Flying Bananas," were used primarily for medical evacuations, resupply, and mail service for the U.S. Military Assistance Advisory Group, and to transport Army of the Republic of Vietnam troops around the battlefield.



Dec. 11, 1961: Army Ballistic Missile Agency and Army Rocket and Guided Missile Agency were abolished, and their functions and personnel were merged with Army Ordnance Missile Command Headquarters. The new structure was short-lived, however, because the army-wide restructuring of 1962 resulted in the creation of Army Missile Command in May 1962.



Dec. 12, 1957: The first NIKE HERCULES (MIM-14) missile was delivered in December 1957. NIKE HERCULES was a surface-to-air missile used by U.S. and allied armed forces for long-range air defense. It was normally armed with the W-31 nuclear warhead, but could also be fitted with a conventional warhead. The last NIKE HERCULES missiles were deactivated in Europe in 1988, having never been fired.



Dec. 16, 1959: The Army-NASA Transfer Plan established a civilian space vehicle research and development effort at Redstone Arsenal, Army Ordnance Missile Command relinquished all space-related missions, along with about 4,000 civilian employees and \$100 million worth of facilities and equipment at Redstone Arsenal and Cape Canaveral, Florida. These resources became part of the Marshall Space Flight Center.



Dec. 19, 1960: The Redstone Arsenal developed Mercury Redstone MR-1A was successfully launched after the failure of the Mercury Redstone 1 in November. Development began in Huntsville, Ala. in 1950. Derived from the Hermes C-1 project and building upon German experience with the V-2, the Redstone MR-1A was designed as a surface-to-surface ballistic missile, with an original range of 500 miles that was later reduced to 200 miles.



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