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AMCOM year-in-review: A silver anniversary, leadership changes and COVID's new normal



subordinate elements – Aviation Center Logistics Command, and Corpus Christi and Letterkenny Army depots – look ahead to 2023, we reflect on the highlights from this year.

Key personnel moves

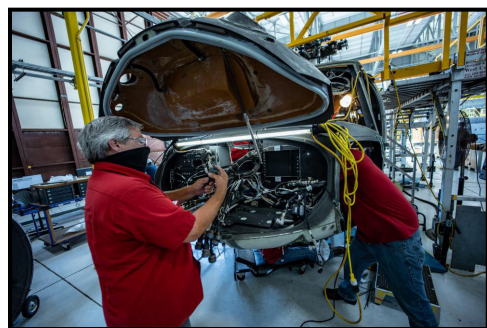
Heidi Lattuca was promoted to the G-8 position in April after serving as the chief of the Army Working Capital Fund Management and Resource Acquisition and Integrations divisions.

In May, Col. Gary Beard retired as the AMCOM G-3 exactly 25 years to the day of his commissioning in the U.S. Army. Col. David Bunker moved from the AMCOM Logistics Center to assume the role.

Chief Warrant Officer 5 Araceli Rial departed her position as AMCOM Missile Maintenance Officer in July and transferred to the 10th Army Air and Missile Command in Kaiserslautern, Germany.

Also in July, Col. Mathew Parker assumed command of the U.S. Army Aviation Center Logistics Command on Fort Rucker, Alabama. He replaced Col. Stephen Owen.

Maj. Gen. Tom O'Connor took over the role of AMCOM Commanding General on Aug. 12. He replaced Maj. Gen. Todd Royar, who retired from active duty – on the same day – with 34 years of service.



2022 was a banner year for the U.S. Army Aviation and Missile Command – one in which the organization celebrated its 25th anniversary, welcomed a new commanding general, and chief of staff and offered hybrid work schedules to employees still grappling with the COVID-19 pandemic.

As the staff of AMCOM and its



Col. Aaron Martin assumed the role of AMCOM Chief of Staff in August 2022.

Sgt. Maj. Devon Weber assumed the responsibility of sergeant major for the U.S. Army Aviation Center Logistics Command in August. He replaced Sgt. Maj. Nick Burney... [READ MORE](#)

Happy 2023 AMCOM!

For me, a new year presents an opportunity to take a fresh new look at everything. I'm hoping you will all join me in taking a fresh look at our priorities, as well as our systems and processes.



In some cases, we do things the same way, just because we've always done it that way. But every day we have new opportunities, challenges or lessons learned that can help improve the organization. For example, some of our equipment is getting old. Sometimes we need a part for a helicopter or missile system that is no longer in stock. We could pay a tremendous cost and wait months to get that part from the one company that can make it. Now, we're exploring advanced manufacturing techniques that will enable us to "print" that part and have it on the aircraft or missile system in a much shorter time. Capturing and using that sort of information – data – will enable our warfighters to better operate in a contested environment and prevail on future battlefields.

There's an old Army saying: Nothing happens until something moves. That's never been truer than now. Supply chain issues are a major concern across the globe and especially for AMCOM. We constantly battle to stay ahead of those challenges. I'm happy to report that AMCOM Logistics Center Director Brian Wood and his team are on the front lines and helping us win that battle ...

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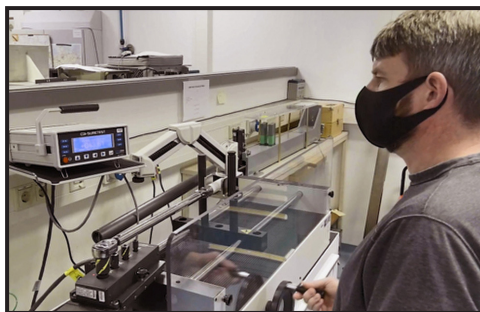
USATA Europe calibrates, repairs equipment, supports prepositioned stock mission

The U.S. Army Test, Measurement, and Diagnostic Equipment Activity Region Europe is responsible for providing TMDE calibration and repair support to U.S. Army Europe and Africa Command and CENTCOM.

Region Europe has three of the 42 USATA support activities located throughout the world. Support Operations Chief Eric Palmquist said his team includes more than 20 technicians — Americans and Germans, who have more than 500 combined years of experience.

“We support the Army prepositioned stock mission as a real-world mission,” he said. “We don’t set it up as needed; we keep the TMDE calibrated at [scheduled intervals] 100% all of the time. When a division comes over, they get issued prepositioned stock and it is ready to go for them.”

The Army prepositioned stock program is a cornerstone of the Army’s ability to rapidly project power and send a clear signal of U.S. commitment. [READ MORE](#)



AMCOM Ombudsman retires after rewarding career



With his retirement ceremony only days away, Eric Lampkin looked back fondly on a long career in military and civil service.

“It’s what I know,” he said while reflecting on his more than 40 years of

service to the country.

Lampkin has served as the U.S. Army Aviation and Missile Command Ombudsman since 2019. The ombudsman is an independent official, responsible for receiving, and acting upon industry inquiries and complaints concerning AMCOM. Lampkin’s job is to serve as a neutral party and an advocate for fairness and ethical standards, as well as serve as an impartial problem solver by recommending corrective actions where needed.

“It’s very fulfilling and rewarding,” he said of the crucial role the ombudsman plays at... [READ MORE](#)

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... by revamping the ALC structure to optimize supply chain operations. ALC is adding two new directorates.

The first, the Supply Chain Management Directorate, will include a Supply Planning and Distribution Management Division and the Demand Planning and Order Fulfillment Division.

The other new directorate is the Sourcing Directorate, which will include the Acquisition Planning Division and the Supplier Performance Management Division. Restructuring a directorate the size of ALC is no small feat. But Brian and his team have spent a lot of time doing just that, so they can make sure they have the right people in the right jobs to maximize our efforts and output. This effort will not be without some growing pains, but with everyone’s support, this will yield great dividends.

Another AMCOM initiative we are pursuing is to combat climate change.

One example of this is our command is trading in the gas-fueled government vehicles for hybrids and electric vehicles. In fact, in the next couple of months, AMCOM G4 will install EV charging stations in the Sparkman Center parking lots to accommodate the EVs that we’ll be adding to our government vehicle inventory.

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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
99.0% \uparrow 1.5%

Corpus Christi Army Depot
95.7% \uparrow 1.7%

Missile SA
76.1% \downarrow .5%
Second pass

Aviation SA
89.3% \downarrow 1.7%
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
72.6%

6.3%
Non mission-capable supply

Nov. 17 - Dec. 17

CCAD hosts 17th Luther G. Jones Army Forum



Corpus Christi Army Depot Commander Col. Kyle Hogan’s opening remarks touched on the importance of networking and emphasized the significance of relationships that are developed among the very best in Army aviation.

Corpus Christi Mayor, Paulette Guajardo, welcomed attendees and affirmed... [READ MORE](#)

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We all know that nothing really happens without our incredible workforce. So, as we go into a new year, thank you for all that you do to support the warfighter, each other and the AMCOM mission. I wish each one of you a happy and prosperous 2023.

Army Strong!

MG Tom O’Connor, Jr.

AMCOM Commanding General

Management assistant retires after 36 years

Congratulations to Sheila Crutcher who is retiring from the U.S. Army Aviation and Missile command after more than 36 years of Federal service. Crutcher started her career in the AMCOM Resource Management Directorate before moving to her current assignment as the Management Assistant to the AMCOM Command Sergeant Major. For more than 20 years, Crutcher has served with six AMCOM senior enlisted advisors. In September, Crutcher received the 2022 Department of the Army Civilian of the Year Award for Supporting Staff, presented by the Redstone-Huntsville Chapter of AUSA. It was one of many awards Crutcher received during her distinguished career.



This month in history



Jan. 2, 1918: President Woodrow Wilson authorized the Distinguished Service Cross. Taking inspiration from awards given out to European service members, Gen. John J. Pershing recommended that an award be given out to service members who display extraordinary heroism in combat, but didn’t meet the criteria for the Medal of Honor. Congress would establish the award in July 1918.



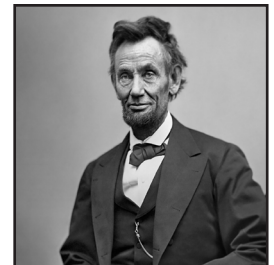
Jan. 17, 1991: Operation Desert Storm’s air campaign kicked off. Task Force Normandy, consisting of nine AH-64 Apache helicopters from the U.S. Army 101st Aviation Regiment, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), accompanied by four U.S. Air Force MH-53 Pave Low’s knocked out Iraqi radar sites and anti-aircraft guns. This opened a 20-mile gap in the Iraqi air defense network opening a corridor for U.S. and allied forces to move into Iraqi airspace virtually unopposed.



Jan. 18, 1991: Two days into Operation Desert Storm, the Patriot missile system registered its first “kill” in combat. Positioned near Dhahran Airport in Saudi Arabia, the Soldiers of Battery A, 2nd Battalion, 7th Air Defense Artillery responded to an incoming Iraqi Scud missile. At approximately 4:30 a.m., the Patriot missile intercepted and destroyed the Scud missile.



Jan. 27, 1973: Officials from the United States and North Vietnam signed the Paris Peace Accords, formally ending U.S. military involvement in Vietnam. Peace talks had begun in 1968, but it was a tumultuous four years before an agreement would be reached. The accords called for a cease-fire, with the United States pledging to remove all forces from South Vietnam within 60 days of the agreement. The North Vietnamese promised to return all U.S. prisoners of war in the same 60 days.



Jan. 31, 1865: Congress passed the 13th Amendment to the Constitution, abolishing slavery in America. The amendment passed the Senate in 1864, but died in the House of Representatives. The reelection of Abraham Lincoln later that year brought the needed votes in the House in 1865. The amendment was ratified by the States later that year in December.



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