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AMCOM hosts annual forum, showcases opportunities for industry partners

The Aviation and Missile Command held the 2023 Advanced Planning Briefings to Industry at its headquarters March 21-23.

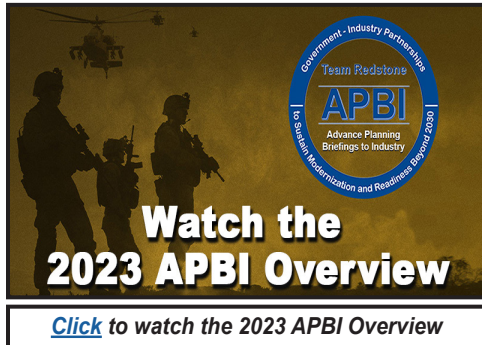
The annual event is an information exchange and discussion between industry, academia, and Team Redstone government partners. APBI focuses on Team Redstone's core technical capabilities, acquisition needs and future opportunities. This year's event was hybrid, held both in Bob Jones Auditorium as well as virtually – allowing participants



options for attending.

“APBI is a forum in which we can share and partner with industry,” AMCOM Ombudsman Terri Schwierling said. “AMCOM hosts it, but it really is a Team Redstone event. It provides an opportunity to share information and transparency of our requirements and future opportunities, as well as what we are looking for in the future with upcoming contracts.”

The first day included overviews of many of the organizations on Redstone Arsenal and focused... [READ MORE](#)



AMCOM commander discusses modernization, readiness, force capabilities during AUSA



remarks during a Warriors Corner event titled, “Integrating the Sustainment Digital Thread to 2040.”

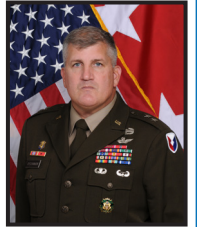
“Global Force is a tremendous forum,” O'Connor said of the annual event. “It gives us all the opportunity to collaborate, network, and look for those opportunities to build capabilities and share ideas and understanding of where we are in our fight.”

O'Connor told the Von Braun Center audience, which consisted... [READ MORE](#)

The AUSA Global Force Symposium was held in Huntsville March 28-30 and the Aviation and Missile Command was there to provide insight into Army modernization, readiness and force capabilities.

Maj. Gen. Tom O'Connor, AMCOM commander, delivered

April marks the annual Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month (SAAPM), a time to highlight our commitment to the Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Program (SHARP). Additionally, it provides a great opportunity to raise awareness and promote the prevention of sexual assault through special events throughout the month. This year, AMCOM will participate in several SAAPM events in support of the 2023 campaign: “Culture of Trust. There is US in Trust. Build TrUST Together.”



April also marks the annual Mission Solutions Summit sponsored by the Army Aviation Association of America. This year's summit carries the theme of the 40th Anniversary of the Army Aviation Branch – Honoring the Past and Transforming for the Future! Coincidentally, the branch will celebrate the anniversary with a dedicated week of events in mid-April.

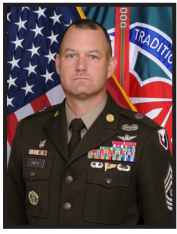
This is an exciting time for AMCOM with lots happening across the spectrum of modernization and systems sustainment. We are tied in with our teammates from Army Futures Command and the teams from the PEOs as we inform the future of the Army.

Lastly, we will be hosting GEN Hamilton this month for his first of several visits around to the various MSCs. This is a great opportunity to showcase our amazing workforce and the incredible work that you all are doing to make our key initiatives become a reality.

Thank you for who you are and what you do!

Be All You Can Be! Army Strong!

*MG Tom O'Connor, Jr.
AMCOM Commanding General*



I was invited to be the guest speaker at Lake Hamilton High School's 2nd Annual Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corp Military Ball in Percy, Ark., February 25, and I

gladly accepted, as events like this align with helping the Army with recruiting and sharing my Army story.

On the day of the event, I arrived early to help with the final set-up of the military ball and meet some of the staff and, most notably, the cadets in the JROTC program. I was very impressed by the energy and respect the cadets displayed as I walked around and assisted as much as they would let me. Before the event started, I was asked to be in the receiving line with some of the school's local and state leaders, and I eagerly accepted. Being in the receiving line was a true honor and privilege as I met and shook hands with every JROTC program cadet, guests they brought, and their family and friends. This took a few minutes, but it was an awesome experience to engage even for a few minutes with future leaders.

Upon completion of everyone going through the receiving line, I was asked to take my seat as the color guard was ready to post the colors. The professionalism and sharpness of the color guard were comparable to something you would see from a color guard from the Military District of Washington. The structure and events of the JROTC Military Ball was very similar to that of a typical military ball, which I am sure most of you have attended or have heard of.

When it came time for me to speak, I reminded myself that I had seven to 10 minutes to hit all my talking points. I explained my story from graduating high school to joining the Army and quickly, without trying to bore them, about how I...

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Army corrosion program lead visits AMCOM to discuss funding, identify service-wide issues



Tim Goddette, deputy assistant secretary of the U.S. Army for sustainment, visited the U.S. Army Aviation and Missile Command headquarters on Redstone Arsenal, Alabama, March 20 to discuss nondestructive testing and corrosion program efforts.

Goddette serves as the lead for the Army's Corrosion Protection Program. He is responsible for defending the dollars associated with corrosion in the budget. The purpose of the visit was to fully understand AMCOM's process when it comes to training Soldiers and identifying systemic issues that lead to corrosion.

Corrosion defects undetectable to the untrained eye, are made visible by special testing methods known as nondestructive testing, which uses technology such as ultrasound.

"The NDT team and corrosion team usually travel together," said Dave Ware, AMCOM G-3 Quality Support branch chief. "It's a corrosion program. We don't separate NDT from corrosion; it's one program. Their whole focus is corrosion and when they aren't in the field doing corrosion training and..." [READ MORE](#)

HHC AMCOM hosts change of responsibility ceremony

The U.S. Army Aviation and Missile Command hosted a change of responsibility ceremony for Headquarters and Headquarters Company, March 27 in the Bob Jones Auditorium on Redstone Arsenal, Alabama.

During the ceremony, 1st Sgt. Erika Vargas passed the guidon to 1st Sgt. Michael Mills, signifying his new role as the senior noncommissioned officer for HHC AMCOM. The first sergeant is responsible for instilling discipline and assisting the commander with daily unit operations. HHC AMCOM is responsible for all active-duty Soldiers on Redstone Arsenal.

Vargas held the role of HHC first sergeant for three years... [READ MORE](#)



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

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Letterkenny Army Depot

96.7%

0.7%

Corpus Christi Army Depot

96.4%

4.9%

Missile SA

77.39%

Second pass

85.40%

Second pass

Aviation SA

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

66.6%

7.5%

Non mission-capable supply

Feb. 17 - March 17

...have had the excellent opportunity to serve in my current position. I emphasized hard work, taking a chance, and always taking advantage of a good opportunity. One of the main focuses of my speech was service — whether it was to the local community, the state, or the nation — the importance of serving and giving back and serving something bigger than oneself. I shared with them that every day that I wake up, I look into the mirror and challenge myself to be better today than I was yesterday. As the event ended, it was time to say goodbye and leave. It was an honor to shake the hands of some of the cadets and family and friends that came to the event and wish them well, as I hope some of them heard my message and will go on to serve in some compacity bigger than themselves.

CSM Bradford Smith

AMCOM Command Sergeant Major



Corpus Christi Army Depot participates in AMC's OIB War Games

Corpus Christi, Texas — Historically, military war games are used to train leaders in tactical and strategic decision making, as well as help predict trends in future battles. The 2023 Army Materiel Command War Games were held Jan. 24-26 at Redstone Arsenal, Alabama for basically the same objective, but applied to the Organic Industrial Base's modernization investments.

CCAD's Deputy and Chief Operations Officer, Roderick Benson, along with Thomas Sandoval, director of Production Engineering, represented CCAD at the war games while other CCAD team members held a virtual presence.

AMC's OIB consists of multiple depots, arsenals, and ammunition plants, which manufacture and reset Army equipment, generating readiness and operational capability around the world. CCAD is listed among the depots and is the world's premier helicopter and component repair and remanufacture facility.

Marion Whicker, executive deputy to the commanding general and Timothy Goddette, deputy assistant secretary of the Army for sustainment, said the key takeaways to the OIB entities were improved collaboration... [READ MORE](#)



This month in history



April 6-8, 1968: Units from the 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile) ended the 77-day siege of Khe Sanh, Vietnam. On April 8, 1968, the 3rd Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division, used CH-47 Chinook and UH-1 Iroquois helicopters to airlift its brigade headquarters into Khe Sanh and assumed the mission of area security from the 26th Marine Regiment.



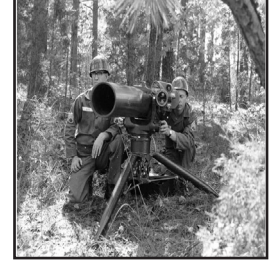
April 7, 1983: American astronauts Don Peterson and Story Musgrave took the first spacewalk outside of a space shuttle. The spacewalk mission was in support of NASA's deployment of the first tracking and data relay satellite and occurred on the maiden voyage of the space shuttle Challenger.



April 12, 1983: Secretary of the Army John O. Marsh Jr. approved the formation of a separate Army Aviation Branch, and this date is celebrated as the birthdate of the aviation branch. Today, the mission of Army aviation is to find, fix and destroy any enemy through fire and maneuver and to provide combat support and combat service support in coordinated operations.



April 17, 1941: Igor I. Sikorsky equipped a VS-300 helicopter with pontoons and executed several takeoffs and landings on both water and dry land. His demonstration was the first time a direct-lift aircraft was proven to work in an amphibious environment.



April 1972: The 1st Combat Aerial Tube-launched, Optically tracked, Wire-guided Missile Team was designated and deployed to Vietnam. The team consisted of XM26 TOW sub systems mounted on UH-1B Iroquois Helicopters. The team's name of "Hawk's Claw" reflected the May 2, 1972, first-time use of the airborne TOW missile system in combat against an armored enemy during the Battle of Kontum.



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