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AMCOM industry event connects small businesses with prime contractors

The Aviation and Missile Command hosted the Team Redstone Advance Planning Briefings to Industry March 5-7 on Redstone Arsenal, Alabama, and for the first time since 2020, the event did not include a virtual option.

AMCOM welcomed more than 600 registered attendees to the annual event. Organizer and Ombudsman Terri Schwierling said APBI is a forum for information exchange and discussions, which are best conducted face-to-face.

“This event provides small and large businesses an opportunity to hear what’s coming up regarding technology and potential contracts,” she said. “They can engage in networking discussions and understand where the Army is going.”

Schwierling said that in addition to the formal presentations and informal networking, small business attendees also benefit significantly from the matchmaking sessions.

Similar in concept to speed dating, ABPI matchmaking facilitates connections and relationships by pairing small businesses with large corporations in 10-minute increments. Due to its popularity, this year’s event included 50% more opportunities, with the time block expanding from four hours... [READ MORE](#)



AMCOM leaders stress obsolescence, supply chain risks, partnerships during industry briefings



Leaders from throughout Team Redstone spoke directly to industry partners during the Advance Planning Briefings to Industry event held March 5-7 on Redstone Arsenal, Alabama.

APBI provides a forum for information exchange and discussion between industry, academia and government participants. It is also a platform for the more than 70 tenant agencies on the arsenal to forecast

their anticipated acquisition needs and future opportunities.

Hosted by the Aviation and Missile Command, the three-day event featured 28 guest speakers who spoke directly to the theme: “Building partnerships to deliver ready combat formations.”

AMCOM Commander Maj. Gen. Tom O’Connor welcomed the more than 600 registered attendees to AMCOM headquarters. He said he looked forward to the transparent and open dialogues to resolve some of the problems he is currently facing, calling Redstone a “nexus of opportunity for business.” [READ MORE](#)

It’s hard to believe we are already halfway through the fiscal year. In the last few months, we provided support the joint warfighter and our foreign partners without fail. Recently, the Army announced major changes to its modernization efforts. The Army’s decisions don’t significantly change our mission here at AMCOM but require the sustainment of some of our enduring weapon systems longer. No matter what, we will continue to provide the greatest support to the aviation and missile enterprise.



As we look forward to spring, I ask that you take time to look for opportunities to grow and improve our organization. As a learning organization, it is imperative that we look at our systems and processes, find efficiencies and learn from our mistakes. We must also continue to invest in each other, as our people are our most important resource.

During the last few months, AMCOM had the opportunity to celebrate both Black History Month and Women’s History Month. It is with extreme pride that we not only celebrate the great achievements of these groups but get to see a new history being made every day within our workforce. I encourage everyone to continue attending our monthly observances to celebrate our diversity, to learn about each other, and to experience and support our AMCOM team.

As we look towards the upcoming quarter, there are a few things I would like us to keep in mind: April is the...

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AMCOM talks supply chain resiliency, partnerships at aviation summit

Aviation and Missile Commander Maj. Gen. Tom O'Connor was one of the keynote speakers at the Military Aviation and Air Dominance Summit held Jan. 31-Feb. 1 in Huntsville, Alabama.

The annual event gathers experts and decision-makers from across the Department of Defense and industry to discuss initiatives and strategies needed to best equip and sustain the aviation force of the future. This year's summit focused on modernizing and enhancing military aviation platforms and systems to ensure air dominance for the future fight.

O'Connor spoke about supply chain resiliency, strengthening the defense industrial base and leveraging the organic industrial base through public-private partnerships.

"We all know we are in some challenging strategic times," he said. "We have challenges across the entire global supply chain, we have challenges in the geopolitical environment, and we have mounting U.S. national... [READ MORE](#)



Commander discusses national defense industrial strategy with industry, academia partners



Aviation and Missile Commander Maj. Gen. Tom O'Connor visited an industry partner in Decatur, Alabama Jan. 29 to meet with the leadership and discuss the importance of a strong defense industrial base.

Joining O'Connor in a fireside chat at the event was former commander of the Army Materiel Command Paul Kern, who opened the informal discussion with his thoughts about the newly published Department of Defense National Defense Industrial Strategy.

Published Jan. 11, the strategy will guide the DoD's engagement, policy development, and investment in the industrial base over the next three to five years. It also identifies challenges, solutions and risks of failure. Kern said the intent of the document is to ensure the commercial and... [READ MORE](#)

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...month of the Military child and May is mental health awareness month. The Army has recently embraced holistic fitness, which expands beyond working out to include several facets of well-being, such as mental health. I ask that you all take care of yourselves and those around you. If you need support, we have resources to assist you through all of life's challenges, big and (seemingly) small.

Our team is incredibly strong because of our workforce. You all make a difference every day to the Soldiers and their families who rely on our performance to keep them safe and postured for success. No matter your role within AMCOM or how long you've been on this team, I am grateful for your service, I am proud to work with you, and I look forward to our continued success.

Be all You Can Be!

*MG Thomas O'Connor
Commanding General
U.S. Army Aviation and Missile
Command*



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
97.8%

Corpus Christi Army Depot
94.4%

Aviation Center Logistics Command
Mission-capable aircraft
72.6%

Missile SA
69.2%
Second pass

Aviation SA
85.5%
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.

6.3%
Non mission-capable supply

Redstone Value Engineering saves \$217M in fiscal year



The Aviation and Missile Command held a ceremony Jan. 9 to recognize individuals who worked collaboratively to improve Soldiers' lives through projects utilizing value engineering or funded through the Army Working Capital Fund investment program.

Value engineering is a methodology that uses a function-analysis approach to get the optimum solution for the lowest number of life-cycle resources. Teams throughout Redstone Arsenal worked together to seek solutions to reduce costs and mitigate obsolescence and other issues adversely impacting readiness. The Army Working Capital Fund is a revolving fund used to procure spare and repair parts for Army weapons systems. The fund sets aside yearly money to finance projects focusing on obsolescence mitigation, reliability improvement or cost reduction. Value Engineering Manager Tom Reynolds said VE is a tool in a toolbox and is best used for complex issues. [READ MORE](#)

AMCOM industry partnerships strengthen supply chain

In today's rapidly evolving military landscape, Aviation and Missile Command senior leaders' routine engagements with original equipment manufacturers have become increasingly important to ensuring the readiness and modernization of fleet weapon systems. These engagements provide a valuable platform for collaboration between the military and industry, facilitating the exchange of ideas, technologies, and best practices that are essential for maintaining a competitive edge on the battlefield.

"Through our discussions with industry partners, we have been able to identify trends and discuss engineering issues that are pivotal to fortifying our readiness efforts," Brian Wood, the executive director of AMCOM Logistics Center, said. "These engagements are key to sustaining our legacy fleets and ensuring that our weapon systems continue to evolve with cutting-edge advancements." [READ MORE](#)



This month in history



31 Mar. – 2 Jun. 1774: The British Parliament passed the Coercive Acts.

During this period, Parliament passed, and George III signed, the Boston Port Act, the Massachusetts Government Act, the Administration of Justice Act, and the Quartering Act, which the British referred to collectively as the Coercive Acts. One purpose of the new legislation was to punish the Massachusetts Bay Colony for the destruction of private property by the Sons of Liberty during the Boston Tea Party of 1773. The acts also were meant to rein in the increasingly rebellious actions of all those colonists opposed to Parliament's direct efforts to tax the American seaboard colonies in 1765 and 1770. Separate from but within the same time frame, Parliament also passed the Quebec Act in order to settle issues regarding the governing of Britain's new territory in formerly French Canada.

The mother country's attempt to impose greater imperial authority over Massachusetts failed miserably. By the time details of the legislation reached the colonies, the Whigs (as the later Patriots were known originally) had lumped together the new laws into the "Intolerable Acts," meant to destroy the colonies' right to be governed and taxed by their own elected officials. According to this interpretation, the Parliamentary usurpers' ultimate goal was to replace the colonists' traditional English and natural rights with coercive controls based on the French model. Contrary to their intent, Parliament's actions did not intimidate the colonists into greater submission to imperial authority. Instead, they aroused the colonies to unify in opposition to Parliament, leading to the convening of the First Continental Congress in September 1774.



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