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AMC recognizes staff with highest annual personnel award

REDSTONE ARSENAL, Ala. – Ten Army Materiel Command employees have received the highest performance award given annually in recognition of innovation, leadership and dedication to the mission. The employees received the 2020 Louis Dellamonica Award for Outstanding U.S. Army Materiel Command Personnel of the Year. “These employees exemplify high standards of performance and dedication, and represent the best of AMC employees around the world who exhibit the Army values daily,” said AMC Chief of Staff Brig. Gen. Walter Duzzny.



AMC employee shares 9/11 survival story

REDSTONE ARSENAL, Ala. – An Army Materiel Command employee remembers his experience on Sept. 11, 2001, like it was yesterday, knowing that it is by chance he is alive today to share his story. Kirk Hamlet serves as AMC's division chief for information management in the deputy chief of staff G-2/6. “I take on every single day as though, ‘what can I do to make it better?’ ... 9/11 just gave me a new sense of purpose in life. In reality, I shouldn't be here,” he said about his lifetime of service.



Strong relationships best defense against risk of suicide

REDSTONE ARSENAL, Ala. – Most often, and particularly during September's national observance as Suicide Prevention Month, numbers are used to convince Americans that suicide is a major public health concern. But, for Skip Johnson, the Army Materiel Command's Suicide Prevention Officer, the bigger story involves more than numbers.

[Related content](#) – One spouse's experience with mental health in the military.



902nd Contracting Battalion joins Talisman Sabre exercise

JOINT BASE LEWIS-MCCHORD, Wash. – The 902nd Contracting Battalion's Contracting Detachment A deployed to Australia to participate in the Talisman Sabre 2021 Combined-Joint Training Exercise. CONDET A provided essential contracting support for the Talisman Sabre Combined-Joint Task Force to conduct multi-echelon training across all domains throughout eastern Queensland and the Northern Territory in Australia. Talisman Sabre is the largest bilateral combined training activity between the Australian Defence Force and U.S. military.



NGOs at Fort Lee have donations to sustain Afghan families

FORT LEE, Va. – The State Department and Non-Governmental Organizations here say they have enough donations to sustain the Afghans and their families for some time, and won't be accepting any more starting Sept. 13. The Fort Lee Religious Support Office assisted in the collection of donations, but they will no longer be receiving drive up donations.

[Related content](#) – Fort Lee chaplains a key participant in Operation Allies Welcome.



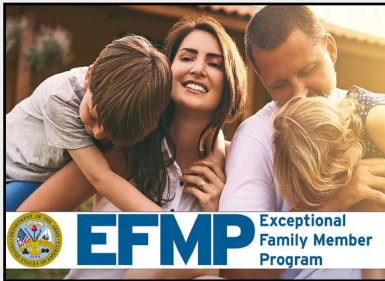
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Army tests new EFMP system, targets assignment process

WASHINGTON – The Army is piloting a new Exceptional Family Member Program online enrollment process to improve the assignment research and selection process for EFMP participants. Close to 300 Soldiers and family members are participating in the initial test of the integrated Army Enterprise EFMP system, or E-EFMP, from Aug. 27 through Sept. 30, said Paul Grossman, EFMP lead for Soldier and Family Readiness, Army G-9. The new system should reduce the time Soldiers and families dedicate toward investigating care and support options.



Presidio of Monterey 'goes vertical' on family housing area

PRESIDIO OF MONTEREY, Calif. – Junior enlisted service members and their families are one step closer to moving into 108 brand new homes after Col. Varman Chhoeung, commander of U.S. Army Garrison Presidio of Monterey, and Ted Lim of The Michaels Organization LLC, raised the first wall of the Lower Stilwell housing development. The 44-acre, \$80 million housing development includes environmentally friendly features that will save energy and water, spacious floorplans, a big playground for children and more.



New barracks project, funded in fiscal year '20, continues

FORT MCCOY, Wis. – The construction of a second transient training troops barracks, which is an Army Corps of Engineers-managed project, has steadily made progress into August here. The \$18.8 million barracks project was awarded to L.C. Black Constructors, which is also the contractor building the first barracks building, said Ken Green with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Resident Office at Fort McCoy. The new contract was awarded in September 2020. The contract duration is scheduled for completion in 780 calendar days.

Fort Campbell's Spouse Employment Center offers workshops

FORT CAMPBELL, Ky. – The Spouse Employment Center helps military spouses with obtaining a job in several ways. "Whether a spouse has never worked before, has gaps in employment, encounters obstacles to employment, or is a licensed professional seeking employment after a permanent change of station move, counselors at the Spouse Employment Center can help spouses find resources to achieve their career goals," said Holly Nusom, employment services counselor.

Volunteering bolsters resumes, closes gaps in employment

FORT CAMPBELL, Ky. – Gaps in employment are common for military spouses who change duty stations frequently and can be frustrating to explain to potential employers. Volunteering is an important addition to a resume, especially during periods of unemployment, said Kristen Geist-Hodgkins, Army Volunteer Corps coordinator. "Including your volunteer experiences on your resume demonstrates to a potential employer you are proactive, passionate and have a growth mindset," Geist-Hodgkins said.



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JMC develops demilitarization campaign plan

ROCK ISLAND ARSENAL, Ill. – As part of the drive to become a multi-domain operations capable force in keeping with the National Defense Strategy, the Joint Munitions Command's demilitarization campaign plan seeks to modernize its key capabilities to create a resilient and agile logistics system for munitions. The resiliency of JMC's system is built on the health of the munitions stockpile and the ability to effectively outload during contingency operations.

New record, three medals for Paralympic Soldier-athlete

TOKYO – Sgt. 1st Class Elizabeth Marks, an Army medic, adds to her list of achievements after breaking the world record for women's 100-meter backstroke, S6 classification, and winning gold, silver and bronze Paralympic medals at the 2020 Summer Games Aug. 24-Sept. 5.

[Related content](#) – Army marksmen compete at Paralympic Games.

Community partnership creates new purpose for old facilities

TOOELE, Utah – Tooele Army Depot and Five Star General Industrial, Inc., celebrated the transfer of a former depot warehouse as part of a six-year divestiture plan. Four more buildings are scheduled for repurposing as part of the plan. The 90,000-square-foot warehouses, essential to the depot's World War II mission, are no longer needed. They will be converted to industrial space owned by Five Star, a locally owned company.

Tobyhanna partners with Air Force to forecast requirements

TOBYHANNA, Pa. – A plan to end delivery delays for Air Force-managed parts paved the way for material forecasts that will stabilize the supply chain for range threat systems repaired at Tobyhanna Army Depot. Depot employees partnered with Air Force officials to develop a method to identify, analyze and stabilize the material ordering process to increase the operational readiness of the service's weapon systems.

Army looking into commercial solution for Cloud purchasing

ROCK ISLAND ARSENAL, Ill. – Army Contracting Command-Rock Island contracting experts are supporting a revolutionary change to the Army's Cloud purchasing that will have a wide-reaching impact on the Army's commercial Cloud procedures. Stephanie Wilson, Agreements Officer, and Jason Caulkins, Agreements Specialist, have worked on the Enterprise Cloud Management Agency's Cloud Account Management Optimization prototype since May 2020.

405th AFSB Project Inclusion initiative continues

KAISERSLAUTERN, Germany – The 405th Army Field Support Brigade continues its ongoing Project Inclusion initiative, and this month the brigade welcomed a special guest to discuss women's roles in the workforce. Motivational speaker and veteran Moniek James joined the 405th AFSB virtually for a women's mentorship program seminar online Sept. 9 titled 'How Confident Women Navigate Conflict in Leadership.'

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MICC members dominate contracting excellence awards

Spouses Club answers call, leads Afghan donation drive

Employee Services Center offers counseling, resources

Labor advisor provides host nation labor law support

NEWS AROUND THE ARMY



Army implements mandatory vaccines for Soldiers

Army may face hard choices in future budgets, secretary says

Army to create independent entity to oversee sexual assault cases

Esports tournament returns for third Soldier Showdown