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Leader Note: AMCOM's Operational Story Shows Contributions To Soldier Readiness

by Julie Frederick, Acting Director, AMCOM Public Affairs

AMCOM has an important story to tell, and Public Affairs has been charged by Maj. Gen. Gabram to lead that effort. As we work with our leaders to further define the Commander's overarching key messages in support of our mission, we are asking you to help us identify what is happening in AMCOM in order to tell our story.

So what does Operationalizing AMCOM mean? Every day our workforce is engaged in supporting the Soldier in the field. Whether it is a logistician ordering a specific part for an aircraft in theater, a technician completing a Reset or Recap on an aviation or missile system, the engineer or contract specialist making sure requirements are right and schedules are met, or a resource manager ensuring everyone else has the money available to accomplish their goals; we are having a direct impact on Army readiness. This is operationalizing AMCOM, whether we realize it or not.

In the early years of the war effort, a previous AMCOM commander talked about our workforces' importance to the Soldier by defining where he thought our proximity to the battlefield fell ... he would have placed the AMCOM team five miles outside of Baghdad, Iraq.

While our Theater of Operations has shifted many times over since then, the importance of the day-to-day activities of the AMCOM workforce to the fight has not. Those are the stories we want to know about, and share.

The Public Affairs office is working to proactively set the stage for sharing operational AMCOM stories. We have multiple avenues that we can leverage; this newsletter, the Redstone Rocket, social media, and many external Army/trade publications we can tap into.

So how can you help us tell our story? Be a part of the process. You are involved in a part of the AMCOM team that is supporting the Soldier! Write your story and submit it to us, or send us your story idea so we can author it. Let us know of upcoming meetings or events that are key to the business of AMCOM, and where we can plug in to best support you and the Command.

Even though you may not always have the opportunity to see the end result of your daily efforts, the work you do every day is vital to the success of the Soldier in the field. When they are successful, it is because AMCOM is successful. Help us communicate your story and how our team is continuing to make a positive, lasting impact on Soldier readiness.



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Featured Article

Alabama Governor Visits AMCOM Site Location



In the Army, the phrase, “Where the Rubber meets the Road,” takes on additional meaning with the Aviation and Missile Command’s Logistics Support contract.

Specifically, the former Dunlop tire manufacturing facility has been transformed into a state-of-the-art Army aviation customer requirements-meeting location. The refurbished facility offers the potential of 1.1 million square feet of space available to support the Army’s needs, proving that “Readiness is a Team Sport.”

Wednesday the Alabama Governor visited the AMCOM-managed location for a first-hand look at the facility and the work being accomplished that is critical to the fight in Afghanistan.

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What's New

AMC Deputy Commander and Redstone Senior Commander

Pinning on his third star, Lt. Gen. Edward Daly assumed duties as the 46th deputy commander of Army Materiel Command, Aug. 7. The ceremony took place at AMC headquarters surrounded by his family, friends and colleagues.

He will also serve as senior commander for Redstone Arsenal, where his responsibilities include overseeing base operations support and serving as the senior installation representative in surrounding communities’ activities and events.

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Attorneys Recognized for Dedication and Expertise



Attorneys from the AMC Legal Center-Redstone Arsenal, supporting HQ AMCOM and HQ ACC, were recognized for their dedication and expertise at the 2017 AMC Continuing Legal Education Program held in Atlanta Aug. 7-10. This event is held bi-annually, and provides legal education specific to the Army’s mission to both Judge Advocates and civilian Army attorneys across the AMC footprint worldwide. One half of the 350 AMC attorneys participate in this event. Speakers from HQDA, HQ AMC and other agencies provided timely information addressing the worldwide Army mission.

A highlight of the program is the AMC Command Counsel Awards Program. This year the AMC Legal Center-Redstone Arsenal came away with three of these prestigious awards. Sharon Patterson received the Frank J. Buckley Managerial Excellence Award. For more than 30 years, Patterson has been a dedicated, motivated and results driven acquisition attorney. She currently is the Acquisition Law and Operations Division Chief and supervises more than 30 attorneys providing contracting and adversary proceedings support to the AMCOM mission. Within Patterson’s area of responsibility is the Adversary Proceedings Team, which is supported by Wes Smith, Team Lead; and members Sylvia Wilmer, Bob Ledyard and Alexa Bryan. This year the



Adversary Proceedings Team won the coveted Robert J. Parise Team Project Award. Among the team’s superior accomplishments was their ability to not just successfully defend a \$31 million claim against the Army, but also demonstrate the claim was overstated and recovered \$16 million for the Army. The Kathryn T. Szymanski AMC Editor’s Award was won by Melissa Lloyd, a Senior Acquisition Attorney working with the HQ ACC Business Law Branch. Melissa routinely contributes to Command Counsel and ACC publications by providing well-reasoned articles impacting government contracting. Congratulations to all these attorneys for their dedication to service and mission! Job well done!

Around AMCOM

Redstone Explorer App Continues to Grow in Value to Workforce

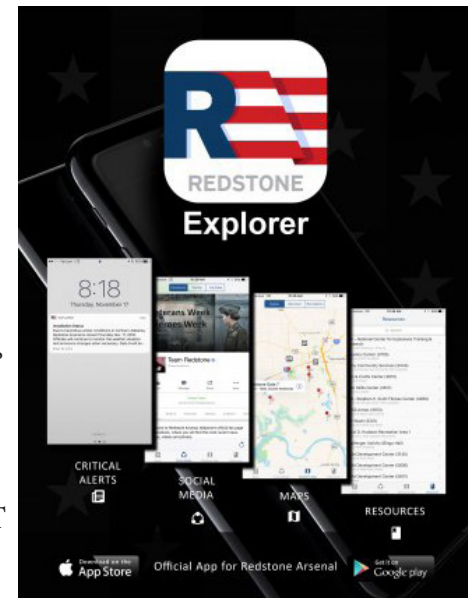
Just nine months into launch and the Redstone Explorer app for cell phones is winning accolades for providing timely and up-to-date information for Redstone Arsenal employees and their families.

Currently, nearly 8,500 Arsenal employees have downloaded the mobile application. That number is growing daily. Redstone Explorer, which is available for free download via the App Store or Google Play, provides notifications on cell phones for everything from weather emergencies to family weekend activities on post.

“About one-fourth of the installation now has the Redstone app on their phones,” said Allen Wampler, an Aviation and Missile Command G-35 employee who was the deputy project manager for the Redstone Explorer development project as a member of AMCOM’s 2016 Advanced Leader Investment for Tomorrow program.

“We launched the app at about the same time we graduated from Advanced LIFT in December. It’s really taken off since then and exceeded all our expectations.”

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ACC-Redstone Offers Another Tool to Positively Impact Environment

Army Contracting Command-Redstone employees have another way to share their ideas for improvements in the workplace thanks to an employee group that will help to strengthen communication between managers and employees.

The ACC-Redstone Employee Advisory Council was recently established to provide employees a forum for the discussion of ideas, concerns, initiatives and best practices. In late 2016, the Army Contracting Command mandated that each of its major subordinate commands and brigades along with its six contracting centers, including the center located at Redstone Arsenal, establish an Employee Advisory Council.



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Screaming Eagles Hosts Family

North Alabama Screaming Eagles officers Joseph Crocitto, fourth from left, and Larry Spring II, fifth from left, greet Staff Sgt. Delna Mailos of the 101st Airborne Division, third from left, and her family at the beginning of Family Space Camp at the U.S. Space and Rocket Center. Mailos and her family were treated to the weekend of science and space adventures thanks to a generous donation from the North Alabama Screaming Eagles Chapter of the 101st Airborne Division Screaming Eagles Association. Mailos’ family was selected for the trip after Mailos wrote an essay about her family and Space Camp. Crocitto is NASEC’s vice president and Spring is NASEC’s chairman of Membership and Public Affairs.



Backflow Runs Smoother After Corpus Christi Army Depot Team Tackles Constraints

Corpus Christi Army Depot’s Cleaning Shop is running much more smoothly this summer thanks to a small team of shop floor professionals focused on process improvement.

This talented team of experts developed three solutions to improve backflush operations to keep the T700 Engines program on schedule for its customers.

Subject matter experts Ruben Rodriguez, Robert Vargas and Rene Hernandez collaborated to improve the current process while Carlos Medina documented the project.

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