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## Leader Note: Planning Ahead Leads To Quicker Recovery From Disasters

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AMCOM Protection Division (G-34), Emergency Management Continuity of Operations, is in the third week of a month-long awareness campaign promoting workforce preparedness and community resilience to improve the readiness posture of the command before, during and after emergencies.

Each year, the U.S. President signs a proclamation declaring September as National Preparedness Month (NPM) to bring attention to the importance of readying ourselves for disasters, both natural and man-made. Over the past decade, Department of the Army Headquarters G-34 has invested heavily in resources (Mass Warning Notification Systems, Common Operating Picture software, first responder's equipment etc.) improving response and recovery capability. It also provides assistance in providing early warning and emergency notification to the workforce and continuity of our mission.

The 2017 NPM theme is "Disasters Don't Plan Ahead. You Can!" The EM COOP office provides weekly tips and information to assist AMCOM employees with emergency planning using four simple preparedness tenets:

- Be informed
- Make a plan
- Build a kit and
- Get involved.

The hurricane devastation in Texas and Florida, and the massive earthquake in Mexico are sober reminders of how unpredictable disasters can be. We cannot overstate the importance of advance planning to secure your family's safety, community resilience and mission continuity.

For additional information or pamphlets on emergency planning, contact the EM COOP Office at 876-5662, 842-7945 or 842-3108.



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## The Top Three



**Green Platoon Concept Reaps Training Dividends for Contracting Center**

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**Resilient Texans Return Operations at CCAD Days After Harvey Hits**

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**'Open Doors' Have Led Army Chaplain Through Career of Ministering to Soldiers**

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## Featured Article:

### Managing Technology Acquisitions Wins AMCOM Employee a Top Army Honor [--Full Article](#)



Behind every hardware upgrade and software update that pushes through on Aviation and Missile Command computer systems, there's a team of information technology specialists working to ensure employees have the desktop capabilities they need to succeed on the job.

Among those specialists is Bill Steely, whose work with AMCOM's Information Management Directorate (G-6) recently earned him recognition as an Army Materiel Command Employee of the Quarter for the Third Quarter 2017.

"I was really surprised to receive an honor like this," said Steely, whose cubicle on the third floor of the Sparkman Center's Building 5301 is home central to several IT projects in various stages of completion.

"But, I don't look at anything as a solo effort. There's a team of employees here who are backing me up and covering for me and giving me opportunities to work on projects. We have a team environment here. I don't think one person can do anything without a team behind them."



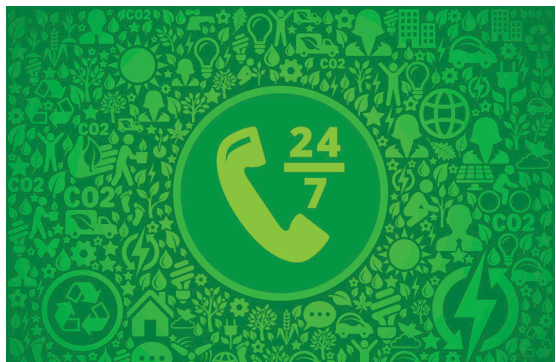
## Around AMCOM

### Chaplain Retires

Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Adolph DuBose receives his certificate of retirement from the Aviation and Missile Command's Maj. Gen. Doug Gabram during a retirement ceremony at the Sparkman Center Friday. DuBose also received a meritorious service medal and other honors for his 35 years of Army service. "Thank you for what you did for our civilian workforce," Gabram told DuBose. "We all are what we leave behind. Our names fade but the impact that you have had on people and the people you've touched will be what is remembered."



### Hotline Takes On Environmental Questions Regarding Aviation And Missile Systems



Concerned about obsolete missile equipment that is in storage? Curious to know if there are new technologies for helicopter maintenance that are more environmentally friendly? Wanting to find out about approved aviation or maintenance materials that can be substituted for current materials?

The Aviation and Missile Command Environmental Hotline is just a phone call or email away. You can reach the hotline 24/7 at 256-313-1711 or [usarmy.amcom-environmental@mail.mil](mailto:usarmy.amcom-environmental@mail.mil).

The AMCOM Environmental Hotline is designed to answer aviation and missile system questions related to environmental issues. The

Environmental Hotline staff can identify currently approved substitute maintenance materials and provide expertise in materials and processes associated with Depot Maintenance Work Requirements (DMWRs) and Technical Manuals (TMs). The Hotline also serves

the purpose of resolving issues involving product obsolescence, hazardous material alternatives, regulatory guidance and alternative technologies needed to reduce the environmental burden placed on AMCOM maintenance organizations. AMCOM then works with the AMCOM Logistics Center (ALC) to integrate these changes into all relevant documentation.

Contact the AMCOM Environmental Hotline with any questions or requests related to aviation and missile assets. The Hotline is available for immediate response during normal business hours. Voice messages and/or email requests received after normal business hours will be responded to the same or next business day. Note: For Emergency Hazardous Spills or Releases, always call the local 911.



## Touring Harvey's Destruction

AMCOM's Maj. Gen. Doug Gabram speaks with a recovery team that has been hard at work repairing Corpus Christi Army Depot's main maintenance facility after Hurricane Harvey's wrath, Sept. 6. The Category 4 hurricane tore through Hangar 8, which has withstood every hurricane since the early 1940s. The hangar, usually filled with UH-60 helicopters, now stands empty as it undergoes repair. During his tour, CCAD commander Col. Allan Lanceta and other leaders guided Gabram through the depot's most damaged areas and discussed their ongoing recovery efforts. Lanceta told Gabram that CCAD did not lose any aircraft to Harvey thanks to the workforce's hurricane preparedness efforts before the storm. 6. "The prep we did saved aircraft," Lanceta said, although the hurricane destroyed two clamshell structures that housed helicopters before the storm. (Photo Credit: Ms. Brigitte Rox (AMC))



## OPSEC Training Available for Employees

AMCOM employees can still complete their Operations Security training for fiscal year 2017 through an online training site. They can access the training at <https://jkodirect.jten.mil/Atlas2/page/login/Login.jsf>.

Those who would like to take their Operations Security training a step further by being Level 2 certified can take advantage of four training opportunities in fiscal year 2018. Level 2 certification is designed for those employees administering an organization's OPSEC Program, and advising the commander and employees on OPSEC matters. The Department of the Army will provide Level 2 classes at Redstone Arsenal's Toftoy Hall. The FY 2018 dates are Jan. 24-26 and Aug. 21-23. To register for the class, contact AMCOM OPSEC Officer Paul Quintel at [paul.g.quintel.civ@mail.mil](mailto:paul.g.quintel.civ@mail.mil). The Department of Defense OPSEC training for FY 2018 will be offered by the Interagency OPSEC Support Staff on Oct. 30-Nov. 2, 2017, and April 23-26. Register at <https://www.iad.gov/iOSS/index.cfm>.

For more information on training opportunities, contact Paul Quintel at [paul.g.quintel.civ@mail.mil](mailto:paul.g.quintel.civ@mail.mil).



## Army Contracting Officer's Journey Celebrated at Promotion Ceremony [--Full Article](#)



The journey of an Army officer was celebrated Sept. 8 by the Redstone Arsenal contracting community as the insignia of a full-bird colonel was placed on his uniform's shoulder boards.

Col. William Trimble, the military deputy director for the Army Contracting Command-Redstone, was surrounded by family and friends along with ACC-Redstone co-workers as he was promoted, taking yet another step in his career as an Army leader.

"This is a career milestone for Will to achieve," said officiate Col. David Hosna, the former commander of the Defense Contract Management Agency-Huntsville, who worked with Trimble at the 903rd Contracting Battalion in Germany. "Will started his journey toward this milestone in

1990 when he joined the Army Reserve."

A native of Clanton, Alabama, Trimble began his 27-year career with the Army when he joined the Army Reserve as a Materiel Storage and Handling specialist.



## Hispanic Heritage Month Observance

All Team Redstone employees are encouraged to attend the 2017 Hispanic Heritage Month observance on Monday, September 25, 2017, from 1:00-2:00 P.M., at the Bob Jones Auditorium, Sparkman Center.

The theme for this year is "Embracing, Enriching, and Enabling America." We celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month, whose roots go back to 1968, by recognizing the contributions made and the important presence of Hispanic and Latino Americans to the United States. September 15th was the anniversary of the independence of Costa Rica, El Salvador, Honduras, Guatemala, and Nicaragua. Mexico and Chile share their independence during this month, and of course we celebrate Columbus Day on the second Monday of every October.

Our keynote speaker is Mrs. Christine Chavez. The commemoration will also include Hispanic Heritage music by the AMC band, a dance display by Mr. Jose Matienzo and Hispanic authentic food catered by Dolce Pan Bakery. The U.S. Army Materiel Command is hosting this month's observance.

Come out and enjoy yourself by taking in the Hispanic culture.



## Featured Employee: 1st Sgt. Lachelle Wiggins --[Full Article](#)



1st Sgt. Lachelle Wiggins keeps an insignia in the drawer of her coin stand that she aspires to wear someday on her uniform.

It is the insignia of a command sergeant major, given to her by retired Command Sgt. Maj. Angel Clark.

"It's a symbol of people who have paved the way for you to move forward. She has definitely strived to pay it forward and she's still giving back," Wiggins said of Clark, who today works in Executive Services at the Army Materiel Command.

Clark is one of several mentors and role models who have encouraged Wiggins in a career that has nearly paralleled the acceptance of women

in increasingly expanded roles in the military. As a supply sergeant, Wiggins was the first female in the 1/16 Cavalry Regiment Fort Knox, Kentucky to earn the unit's coveted spurs.

Today, Wiggins is the first female first sergeant to lead Headquarters and Headquarters Co., Aviation and Missile Command, and the first female first sergeant of an active duty component to win the 1st Sgt. John Ordway Leadership Award presented by the Redstone/Huntsville Chapter of the Association of the U.S. Army.

"There's still a lot of firsts for us. The Army has done a great job integrating women in all the military occupational specialties. We have definitely made great strides. I'm excited to see younger female Soldiers getting the opportunities," Wiggins said.

## AMCOM Events --[Full Calendar Details](#)

### September:

18: Home Buying Topic for RSA Real Estate Lunch and Learn

20: Genomic Medicine: Today and Tomorrow

25: Hispanic Heritage Month Observance

### October:

2-3: AAAA Luther G. Jones Aviation Sustainment Summit/Forum - CCAD

## Community Events

### September:

21-23: Annual Soldier for Life-Retiree Appreciation Day

22: Corpus Christi Quad-A Fishing Tournament

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25: Intelligence University Meeting



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