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Commander's View

Team Sierra,

Your contributions to Army Readiness this past Quarter are greatly appreciated. We have ongoing Presidential Directives in support of Ukraine and should expect more in the future as combat operations continue. Personnel from AMC and TACOM responsible for fleet management and divestiture visited SIAD in March and departed with a complete understanding of the readiness potential combat systems stored at SIAD provide to the Army and our allies and partner nations.

We have a new TACOM Chaplain, Michael DeRienzo, who visited SIAD on 1 March conducting a Prayer Breakfast at the Skedaddle Inn. Chaplain DeRienzo was thankful for the opportunity to engage with the SIAD workforce and was impressed by the pride put forth into our work across the Depot. Chaplain DeRienzo will schedule visits to SIAD quarterly to further engage and fellowship with Depot employees during his tenure. **You can reach Chaplain DeRienzo at (586) 282-5615, (586) 219-0759, or michael.a.derienzo.mil@army.mil.**

On 16 March, General Charles Hamilton as-



Lt. Col. Amy M. Cory

sumed Command of Army Materiel Command. GEN Hamilton addressed Commanders during the OIB CDR Summit held in late March stating that

the Organic Industrial Base would be the center of gravity for large scale combat operations. To that end, modernization efforts should focus on faster, safer production at increased capacity. SIAD's overarching Modernization Strategy is to develop quality, multi-functional facilities and infrastructure that support enduring mission requirements while preparing SIAD for new programs and meeting readiness demands globally. Major modernization projects for FY24 focus on upgrade of our rail infrastructure to heavy gauge enabling increased, safe shipment of combat vehicles.

Thank you for the exceptional quality of work you perform daily to the benefit of servicemen and women at home and abroad as well as your continued focus on process improvement and safety. I'm very proud of the effort put forth during the VSSTs for this fiscal year as well as SIAD's selection for the AMC Industrial Safety Award. Let's keep moving SIAD forward.

LTC Amy M. Cory
Commander



Photo by Doug Magill, Sierra Army Depot public affairs

Lt. Col. Amy Cory, Sierra Army Depot commander addresses the Susanville chapter of Rotary International, March 1, 2023. Cory spoke to attendees regarding current operations at Sierra Army Depot and significant achievements of the SIAD workforce, as well as her Army career.

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On the Cover: A UH-60 Blackhawk is hoisted onto a flatbed trailer for ground movement (photos courtesy Gary Chandler)

Centerspread: Sierra Army Depot briefs local elected officials on Army priorities (Photos by Doug Magill)

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Sierra uses unique capabilities to assist aviation unit



Photos courtesy Gary Chandler, Sierra Army Depot facilities, roads and grounds



Sierra Army Depot employees from multiple departments assisted an active duty aviation unit, February 2023, when a UH-60 made an unplanned landing on Amedee Airfield and required ground transportation.

Clockwise from upper-left: The aircraft is secured on Amedee Airfield and fuel is drained from the aircraft. A crane is brought in from Base Support, and the propeller blades and other components are then removed from the aircraft. The airframe is then hoisted by crane onto a lowboy trailer, and the aircraft is moved to the unit's home station via line haul.



Sierra Army Depot employees interview applicants during a job fair, March 2, at Skedaddle Inn. Sierra Army Depot received 1576 resumes from 395 applicants, through the fair. This includes 167 applicants that are not current SIAD employees.

Photos by Doug Magill, Sierra Army Depot public affairs

Sierra, TACOM leaders talk people, readiness, modernization with elected representatives



The U.S. Army Tank-automotive and Armaments Command command team joined Sierra Army Depot leaders in communicating how Sierra Army Depot contributes to the Army priorities of people, readiness and modernization, to local and federal elected leaders, March 14 at Sierra Army Depot.

Sierra Army Depot hosted California State Assembly and Senate representatives Brian and Megan Dahle, while district representatives of three members of the U.S. House of Representatives joined virtually via Microsoft Teams.

The engagement included an overview from Maj. Gen. Darren Werner, U.S. Army TACOM commanding general, of the TACOM footprint and the role it plays for U.S. Army Materiel Command and in the U.S. Army. The brief included current major efforts including how TACOM and Sierra Army Depot are contributing to efforts such as providing military assistance to Ukraine.

Sierra Army Depot leaders also gave an overview of Sierra Army Depot's current missions and future plans for the modernization of facilities. Depot leaders then took Senator and Assemblywoman Dahle on a tour of the depot, including long-term storage, AJ1 and OCIE areas.



Employees' hard work, innovative ideas win Army awards for Sierra Army Depot

By Laurence Rose, Strategic Planner

SIAD has had the honor to win the Army Award for Maintenance Excellence (AAME), Army Depot-Level Competition twice (Fiscal Years (FY) 2018 and 2022) and has entered the competition for the FY23 award.

The Chief of Staff of the Army (CSA), AAME Program was established in 1982 by the Department of the Army to recognize exceptional accomplishment in maintenance operations and provide added incentive to the competitive programs of Major Army Commands. The program is conducted each year and units/participants are evaluated on their effectiveness ensuring that Soldier competency is maintained. The CSA presents the AAME plaques to the category winners in a yearly ceremony, typically in the Fall.

SIAD entered the AAME competition for the first time in 2018 and won the award for its foam tire removal process. (The video of the process has more than nine million views on YouTube – be sure to check it out if you haven't yet!) The process was an innovative solution to the problem of removing foam filler from a worn out and useless tire. The foam filler makes a flat nearly impossible, but it also greatly complicates removing a dead tire from an expensive wheel. It was a slow and difficult operation. Until some employees in garrison had the innovative idea to modify a tire mounting machine with blades. This has saved the Army millions of dollars in tire costs, vehicle downtime and labor costs – and it won the depot its first AAME.

The depot employees' dedication towards responsive materiel readiness during the many challenges of FY21 earned us our second AAME. Two significant accomplishments were recognized with this award. First, SIAD was designated in April 2020 as the US Army's Storage and Distribution Center for Test Kits and Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) in combating the novel Coronavirus 2019. The depot provided direct support to the Warfighter by receiving, storing and shipping millions of pieces of COVID-19 and PPE. The mission included shipments to CONUS-based Operation Allies Welcome reception sites – the Department of Homeland Security and Department of State's mission to relocate Afghan evacuees. This had a direct positive impact on the Department of Defense and the US Army to support the National Security Strategy and prevent the spread of COVID-19 throughout its ranks.

The second accomplishment recognized with the FY22 AAME was SIAD's parts harvest project. It provides secondary items to support depot and Non-Mission Capable Supply (NMCS) repair programs for critical readiness drivers. The parts harvest ensures assets are available to start repair programs promptly at the beginning of the year; allows the customer to increase the repair program above forecasted annual demands; and provides parts not available in the supply system. The harvest has also opened doors to minor repair programs, combined DEMIL prep, and kitting.



Photo by Doug Magill, Sierra Army Depot public affairs
Sierra Army Depot material handlers prepare Improved Outer Tactical Vests for shipment in support of Presidential Drawdown Authority orders for military support.

Encouraged by these successes, SIAD nominated itself for the FY23 AAME. One of the mission accomplishments highlighted in this year's nomination package was the implementation of an in-house pickling and passivation capability for stainless-steel tanks. SIAD is the Center of Industrial Technical Excellence (CITE) for Petroleum and Water Storage and Distribution Systems. Critical equipment repair/reset operations of water systems include the pickling and passivation of stainless-steel tanks. Pickling is the removal of any high temperature scale and the low chromium layer of the steel surface by a chemical treatment such as nitric or hydrofluoric acids. Passivation is a chemical treatment to the surface of stainless-steel that removes contaminants such as free iron and helps form an oxide layer that protects the steel from corrosion. Following a Value Stream Analysis (VSA) on Petroleum and Water Systems (PAWS), specifically on HIPPOs, a Value Engineering (VE) project was initiated in order to perform pickling and passivation in-house instead of using a contractor. The new capability decreased Process Lead Time (PLT) from 30 to one day; increased throughput from two to eight assets per month; and reduced CO2 emissions by not shipping the assets to the contractor. SIAD employees also found cost-saving solutions that avoided unnecessary facility upgrades and large purchases of chemicals. Finally, our weld shop fabricated four adjustable height cantilevered platforms out of scrap metal to safely enter and exit the interior of tanks, avoiding more costs to the depot. This new in-house pickling and passivation process can be duplicated to other water systems and allows for increased capacity and future workload growth.

Other initiatives emphasized in the submission



Photo courtesy Jason Haggerty
SIAD working on an M2A3 at Fort Irwin, California, Aug. 25-31, 2022.

- Providing emergency pre-deployment maintenance support at Fort Irwin National Training Center and at Fort Riley;
- Directly supporting contingency operations in Europe/Ukraine in response to multiple Presidential Drawdown Authority (PDA) requests for M113 parts, NMCS parts and Organizational Clothing & Individual Equipment (OCIE);
- Supporting sales of US Military equipment to nations around the world by conducting elaborate Joint Visual Inspections of vehicles with customers of Foreign Military Sales.

SIAD has consistently answered the call by showing how a depot can save precious resources and increase overall readiness for the Army. We are in great shape to win our third AAME and get recognition at Army Enterprise level yet again. The winners of the FY23 AAME will be announced this Summer.

Pride in Excellence

SIAD Employees receive awards for length of service, outstanding performance and retirements.



Michael Vaquera, Performance



Keegan Williams, Performance



James Jenkins, Service



Doug Magill, Performance



Ryan Dalton, Performance



Janet Bennett, Performance



Blake Marsters, Retirement



Sgt. Mykael Turnage, Performance

Army honors senior sustainers in change of command

By Alyssa Crockett, U.S.

Army Materiel Command

REDSTONE ARSENAL,

Ala. – Army Materiel Command commemorated the change in the Army's senior sustainer during a March 16 change of command ceremony at AMC headquarters at Redstone Arsenal, Alabama.

Army Chief of Staff Gen. James McConville led the ceremony that marked the passing of the command colors from Gen. Ed Daly to Gen. Charles Hamilton. Hamilton was promoted to four-star general prior to the ceremony.

"You all deliver across the world, and we couldn't be the Army we are without AMC. It's the incredible work done by each and every one of you," said McConville. "Our forces are ready to deploy, they're ready to fight, and they're ready to win because

of you. Your hard work is what makes this command and our Army great."

AMC is one of four Army Commands delivering precision sustainment and materiel readiness to an expeditionary global force from the Joint Strategic Support Area to the tactical point of contact.

"We have the best logisticians in the world. The feedback I get from our top generals from around the world is that they could not be successful without logistics – and specifically without AMC," McConville said.

McConville noted that Hamilton has the skills and ability to lead AMC into the future.

"Charles has the full trust and confidence of our leadership, and we know that AMC is in great hands. I have no doubt – we have no doubt – that AMC will continue



Photo By Eben Boothby, U.S. Army Materiel Command
Gen. Charles Hamilton, Army Materiel Command incoming commander gives remarks during AMC's change of command ceremony March 16 at Redstone Arsenal, Alabama. Hamilton replaced Gen. Ed Daly who served as the commander since July 2020.

to exceed our expectations and lead through our future challenges because of your outstanding leadership," he

said.

Hamilton rejoins his battle buddy, AMC Command Sgt. Maj. Jimmy Sellers. The

two were previously together at the Army G-4 where Hamilton served as director and Sellers was sergeant major.

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AJ1, Performance



Amanda Farley, Length of Service



Gayle Myerdick, Retirement



Kimberly Crittenden, Performance



Linda Gunn, Performance



Megan Shipman, Performance



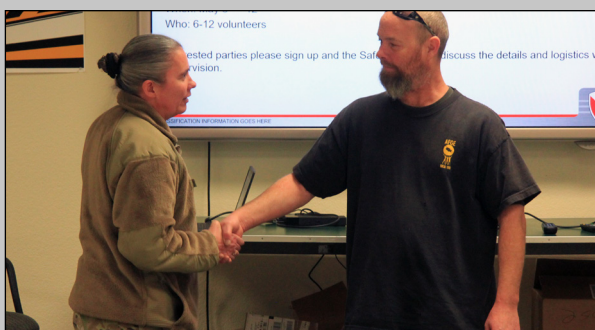
Robert Ausmus, Length of Service



Alesha Lindsey, Performance



Lu Peterson, Performance



Lawrence Rude, Performance



David Crespo, Length of Service



William Harris, Length of Service



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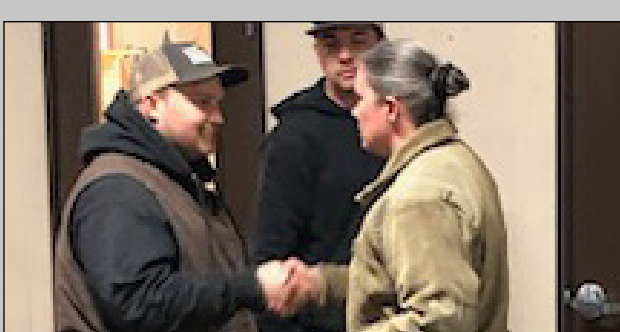
Jaylin Ford, Performance



Vicki Berridge, Performance



Lindsey Robertson, Performance



Cheyenne Von Tour, Performance



Andrew Soares, Performance