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AMCOM shines at prominent aviation summit

Leaders from the Aviation and Missile Command attended the 2023 Army Aviation Mission Solutions Summit held in Nashville, Tennessee April 26-28.

The annual event is hosted by the Army Aviation Association of America and is the only opportunity for the entire Army aviation community to gather in one place, at one time, to focus solely on Army aviation issues.

This year's theme was the "40th Anniversary of the Army Aviation Branch: Honoring the Past and Transforming for the Future."

Maj. Gen. Tom O'Connor, AMCOM commanding general, was a key participant in numerous forums throughout the event. During his presentation to National Guard aviators, he explained limitations can persist without proper and accurate upkeep.

"We can't do all the operational stuff without maintenance and sustainment," he said.

He also focused on readiness, supply availability and the overall capacity to resolve unforeseen issues. He said AMCOM is constantly looking at ways to leverage technology in order to be more precise in their sustainment capabilities across the board, and he assured them that AMCOM is doing all it can to keep them operational. [READ MORE](#)



AMCOM 101 for Missiles showcases people, readiness and logistics



The U.S. Army Aviation and Missile Command hosted the annual AMCOM 101 for Missiles April 12-13 on Redstone Arsenal, Alabama.

The event brings together the Army's missile community to discuss how to better support warfighters on every front. Maj. Gen. Tom O'Connor, AMCOM commander, delivered

opening remarks and stressed the importance of the event.

"The missile community has bared a significant burden over the last 20-30 years, with all of the deployments and all of the actions they do," O'Connor said. "It's the number one and number two priorities for our Army to invest in and build additional capabilities to ensure that we have what we need to be successful."

AMCOM 101 for Missiles has been held annually since 2014. Topics this year included systems sustainment, force capability, asset recognition and an overview of AMCOM's operational support. [READ MORE](#)

Summer is in Sight

For those who are parents, you know the school year is rapidly coming to a close and teachers are trying to squeeze as much into the month of May as possible. It feels much the same here at AMCOM.



This month we host AMCOM 101 Aviation May 3-4, our next quarterly town hall May 30, and you'll start seeing the Federal Employee Viewpoint Survey emails around May 15. All the while we honor our Asian American Pacific-Islander brothers and sisters this month. Finally, we pause to reflect as a nation on May 29 for Memorial Day.

During the month of May, we honor Americans of Asian and Pacific Islander descent for their military and civilian service. These individuals have historically served in the Army with valor and distinction and continue to be critical members of the Army team. The month of May marks the anniversary of the first Japanese immigrants arriving in America on May 7, 1843 as well as the completion of the transcontinental railroad on May 10, 1869 by predominantly Chinese workers. The Federal Employee Viewpoint Survey (FEVS) opens mid-May. Approximately 20% of all Army employees are civilians and Army civilians are crucial to supporting Army Readiness. What you do matters, and what you think matters. Each year, the Office of Personnel Management seeks the opinion of the federal workforce. The FEVS is a critical tool in measuring work-life balance, employee engagement, satisfaction, and retention. It also helps senior leaders gain valuable insight to identify challenges and areas for improvement. You should receive email notifications for the survey starting around May 15. Please take time to share your thoughts and recommendations. Once again, thank you for what you do to support our warfighters!

Summer is in sight! Be all You Can Be!

Maj. Gen. Tom O'Connor Jr.,
AMCOM Commanding General

Leaders update AMC commander on efforts, initiatives across AMCOM

Leaders from throughout the Aviation and Missile Command gathered April 7 to provide an update to Army Materiel Command's Commander Gen. Charles Hamilton.

AMC major subordinate command updates occur quarterly to inform the commander about ongoing initiatives and priorities, as well as to seek his guidance and assistance. This marked the first MSC update Hamilton received from AMCOM leaders since he took command last month. It was also the first update since AMCOM commander Maj. Gen. Tom O'Connor took command in August.

Modernization, funding, readiness and talent management were among the main topics discussed by each of the leaders throughout the command.

Prior to the update, Hamilton and O'Connor recognized and presented awards to Ombudsman Terri Schwierling, Missile Director Tara Bell, Chief of the Applied Physics Standards Lab Greg Boggs, Advanced Manufacturing Lead Andrea Benson and Chief of Data and Analytics Lisa Hirschler. They also recognized the Corpus Christi Army Depot UH-60V team and the Letterkenny Army Depot Patriot team.

O'Connor spoke about the impacts the AMCOM workforce has made across the force with respect to improving readiness and enabling warfighters to have the materiel and systems in place where they need it, when they need it. He highlighted the AMCOM campaign plan, which is nested with the AMC initiatives and efforts. He then turned the floor over to members of the AMCOM team to dive deeper into some of those initiatives.

AMCOM G-4 Craig Northridge provided an overview of the current status of the Organic Industrial Base modernization efforts across AMC. [READ MORE](#)



AMCOM leaders share mission, career opportunities during Stillman College visit



Leaders from the Aviation and Missile Command visited Stillman College in April to share information about AMCOM's mission and available opportunities within the organization and the federal government.

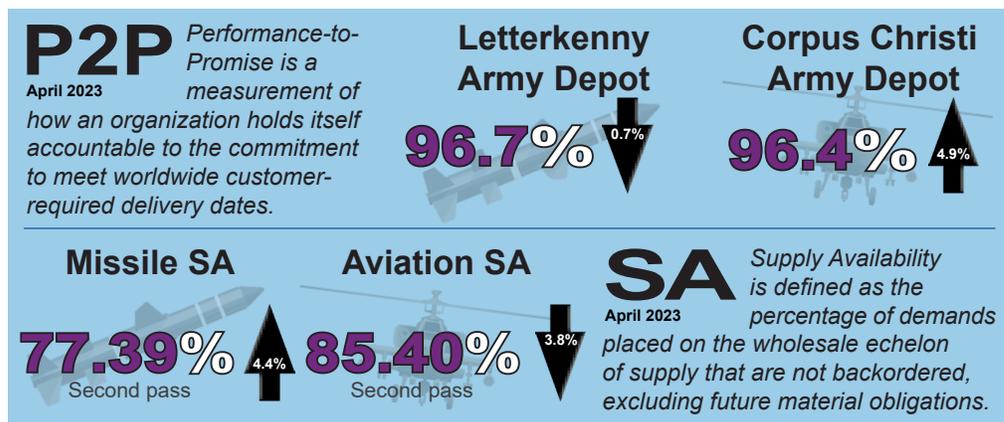
AMCOM Logistics Center Director Brian Wood and AMCOM Deputy Chief of Staff for Human Resources Carlen Chestang Jr. provided students with valuable insights into the types of federal employment opportunities available to graduates. They also discussed the application process for the federal government, as well as AMCOM internships and job opportunities.

Stillman College President Dr. Cynthia Warrick organized the visit after meeting Wood at the Department of Defense's Diversity Management Operations Center's "Taking the Pentagon to the People" summit at Tuskegee University and Alabama State University in February.

Attendees included undergraduate students in various majors and faculty members.

Wood provided the students with an overview of AMCOM with a detailed focus on logistics, including the DA and local ALC Logistics Fellows and Internship Programs. In contrast, Chestang focused on DA and AMCOM-specific opportunities, and some of the benefits of working for the federal government.

"We want students to know that we have opportunities for them to serve and support our country in a... [READ MORE](#)



AMCOM commander addresses Redstone Arsenal CGSOC graduates

The Command and General Staff School Satellite Campus, located on Redstone Arsenal, Alabama, welcomed 53 new graduates from the Command and General Staff Officers' Course during a ceremony held April 21 in Heiser Hall.

The graduating class included mid-career officers from throughout the Army representing both active and reserve components, and more than 20 military occupational specialties.

Maj. Gen. Tom O'Connor Jr., commander, Aviation and Missile Command, delivered the commencement speech, highlighting key points for the graduates as they embarked on their new roles — transitioning from company to field grade officers.

O'Connor encouraged the officers to enjoy this phase in their careers and to enable and enhance their teams by collectively working together toward common tasks and goals.

"You are part of the leadership team and charged with running your organization. Coach, mentor, and develop your subordinates and peers, and enable them to be successful," he said. "This is a team sport. Our Army is stronger and better because of the support we provide each other."

The general also emphasized the importance of speaking truth to power and ensuring that risks, costs and responsibilities are fully understood. He closed by urging the graduates to go back to their units and make a difference by improving processes and systems and reinvesting in the future.

"Make sure every member of your team has the opportunity to grow, serve and contribute," O'Connor said... [READ MORE](#)



This month in history



May 1, 2011: Titled Operation Neptune Spear, highly modified MH-60 Black Hawks were employed during a special operation conducted by Navy SEALs that resulted in the death of Osama bin Laden. During the operation, one of the Black Hawks was damaged beyond repair due to a hard crash-landing. Due to the nature of the operation and the helicopter being labeled as "stealth," the team destroyed the wreckage before they departed.



May 8, 1945: Victory in Europe was declared as Germany surrenders to Allied Forces. VE Day marked the end of more than five years of constant conflict in Europe that began with the German invasion of Poland Sept. 1, 1939.



May 10, 1869: The Transcontinental railroad is completed unifying the United States. Presidents of the Union Pacific and Central Pacific railroads met in Promontory, Utah to drive in the ceremonial last spike to complete the project. For three years, workers endured numerous adversities to lay nearly 2,000 miles of tracks. Their work would have an immediate impact with expansion of the western United States.



May 15, 1942: Spurred on by the attack on Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941, Congress approved the creation of the Women Army Auxiliary Corps (WAAC) on May 14, 1942. On May 15, 1942, President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed the bill into law. The WAAC was established "for the purpose of making available to the national defense the knowledge, skill, and special training of women of the nation."



May 23, 1962: A predecessor to what is today known as The U.S. Army Aviation and Missile Command (AMCOM), the U.S. Army Missile Command (MICOM) is formally established at Redstone Arsenal. MICOM would become one of the original major subordinate commands under the U.S. Army Materiel Command. The command, however, would not formally activate until August 1, 1962.



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