



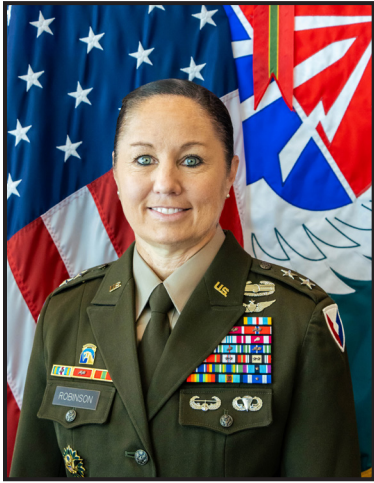
# U.S. Army Aviation and Missile Command FLIGHT

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## Get to know the new AMCOM commander



Growing up in Paterson, New Jersey, Lori Robinson wanted to be a librarian. A self-described introvert, she loved reading and excelled in school and sports. She was named valedictorian of her high school class and played basketball, volleyball and softball.

Her father worked in the lumberyard, and her mother spent 30 years with one of the major airlines. So how did the new commander of the U.S. Army Aviation and Missile Command become an Army aviator? Marketing.

“No one in my family was in the military, and I had never been on an Army post,” Robinson said. “I honestly saw a color, glossy brochure with a cadet from West Point on the front, and I was like, ‘What’s this? Can I go here?’ I brought the brochure home to my mother, and she said, ‘You want to do what?’”

The United States Military Academy was about an hour north of Robinson’s hometown. She went on a college visit, spending half a day touring the institution established by the founding fathers. She had toured other colleges, but Robinson said West Point “just felt good.”

She became the first person from her small Catholic high school to attend a military service academy. She studied mechanical engineering with an aerospace focus, and when it was time to pick an Army branch, she chose aviation because it allowed her to go to flight school. She learned to fly the CH-47 Chinook at Fort Novosel, Alabama, and never looked back.

“That’s the only airframe I’ve flown my whole career,” Robinson said. “It was the mission set — cargo, passengers, equipment, sling loads — the mission comes in so many forms and fashions, but in the end, the mission of the Chinook is to move heavy stuff to people on the ground who need it. It has taken me to so many different places around the world, and it’s been very rewarding.”

Robinson’s first assignment was the Republic of Korea, where she was stationed with one of her fellow West Point classmates, former AMCOM Commander Maj. Gen. Tom O’Connor.

Throughout her career, she served with the 18th Aviation Brigade, the 25th Combat Aviation Brigade, the 2nd Combat Aviation Brigade, the 10th Mountain Division, the U.S. Army Alaska... [READ MORE](#)



*While I have met many of you during the past couple of months and had an opportunity to introduce myself at the recent AMCOM Town Hall, I still look forward to meeting more of our great workforce during my time here. It is good to be back in the Army aviation community, and I am eager to continue learning more about our missile sustainment mission. My first two months have been a whirlwind for sure as I make the rounds throughout the organization, but I am met at each location by a dedicated workforce who roll up their sleeves and find solutions to problems. I am truly honored to be part of the AMCOM team, and I will empower each professional in this organization to be successful.*

*Throughout my career, I have often been on the receiving end of AMCOM support without understanding what occurred behind the scenes to make that action possible. Now I see what happens, and it is impressive. Whether it’s a crucial part needed to return an aircraft to fully mission capable, depot forward support, or daily maintenance around the world, this organization has relentlessly assisted our warfighters time and again. You can be confident that I am not only dedicated to ensuring this world-class support continues but that I am consistently looking for opportunities to improve decision-making through data-driven analysis.*

*I know this organization is centered on excellence, innovation and readiness. At the heart of our mission are the dedicated Soldiers, civilians and contractors who enable every AMCOM function. Together, we will ensure this organization remains at the forefront of aviation and missile defense for the future. I know we face unique challenges as we must maintain our enduring aviation and missile assets while also modernizing future capabilities rapidly. I also know you are all up to the task.*

*Thank you for your service and dedication to our mission. I am humbled by the opportunity to serve alongside each of you, and I look forward to my tenure as the AMCOM CG.*

*Tradition of excellence!*

*Maj. Gen. Lori Robinson  
Commanding General  
U.S. Army Aviation and Missile Command*

## AMCOM LAR named AMC LAR of the year, says safety is his top priority



About a month after 9/11, Chris Lanik joined the Army, a decision he said was equally rooted in service and opportunity.

Growing up in the tiny town of Galesville, Wisconsin, Lanik had always considered following in the footsteps of his older cousins and joining the military. However, it wasn't until after graduating with

a degree in computer science right when the dot-com bubble burst, coupled with witnessing the terrorist attacks on his country, that he thought to himself, "This feels like the right time to serve."

Less than two years later, Lanik participated in the initial invasion of Iraq in March 2003, followed by the troop surge in 2007. [READ MORE](#)

## AMCOM commander talks military service, leadership to high school students

Choosing to attend a military service academy can invoke many questions, so to provide some answers, U.S. Rep. Dale Strong hosted an academy meet-and-greet event Aug. 17 in Huntsville, Alabama.

Strong, who represents Alabama's 5th Congressional District, hosted his first Military Service and Academy Day in 2023 to help students and families navigate the nomination

process. Due to its success, the event is now held annually in late summer. Representatives from each military service academy, along with other military service opportunities, such as the National Guard and the Coast Guard Auxiliary, set up booths, provide information and answer questions.

The event began with welcome remarks provided by District Director Dylan Smith... [READ MORE](#)



## AMCOM Employee Diversity Committee hosts mentorship seminar



The U.S. Army Aviation and Missile Command Employee Diversity Committee recently hosted a professional development seminar July 24 at Redstone Arsenal, Alabama focused on formal and informal mentoring within the workforce.

The event, presented as an interactive speakers series, brought together a diverse group of AMCOM employees, to include both civilian and military, to discuss the challenges and benefits of mentoring.

LaDonna McCann, AMCOM equity and diversity committee chairperson and G4 energy and program manager for AMCOM, highlighted the inspiration behind the seminar.

"The AMCOM EDC wanted to come up with ways to have the AMCOM workforce discuss challenges experienced in the workforce," she said. "The interactive discussion allowed employees to address a topic that..." [READ MORE](#)

**P2P** Performance-to-Promise is a measurement of how an organization holds itself accountable to the commitment to meet worldwide customer-required delivery dates.

**Letterkenny Army Depot**

**96.5%**  
As of September 2024

**Corpus Christi Army Depot**

**92.5%**  
As of September 2024

**Missile SA**

**75.04%**

Second pass  
As of September 2024

**Aviation SA**

**86.40%**

Second pass  
As of September 2024

**SA**

Supply Availability is defined as the percentage of demands placed on the wholesale echelon of supply that are not backordered, excluding future material obligations.

**Aviation Center Logistics Command**

Mission-capable aircraft

**49.2%**

**17.5%**

Non mission-capable supply

As of September 2024



## AMCOM hosts data analytics event, embraces AI

AI is the new buzzword, and it is seemingly everywhere. Some people are using it; others are scared of it. No longer constrained to the tech world, over the past couple of years, artificial intelligence has crept into daily life, including the U.S. Army Aviation and Missile Command.

To help the workforce better understand topics such as machine learning, data visualization and

data cleansing, the AMCOM Business Transformation Office hosted the second annual Data Analytics Day Sept. 10 in the Sparkman Center on Redstone Arsenal, Alabama.

AMCOM Chief Data and Analytics Officer Lisa Hirschler said the goal of the event was to open the minds of the workforce to the different ways data analytics can be applied daily throughout the command.

AMCOM commander Maj. Gen. Lori Robinson told the more than 200 attendees that technology is moving fast and will continue to move fast, so it is essential to embrace it, understand it and learn how to apply it to the work they do daily.



“As I think about data analytics from my perspective, I think about driving decision-making,” Robinson said. “This topic is important. It’s important for AMCOM, and it’s important for the Army.”

Robinson said events like Data Analytics Day are critical so the workforce can learn about the tools and products... [READ MORE](#)

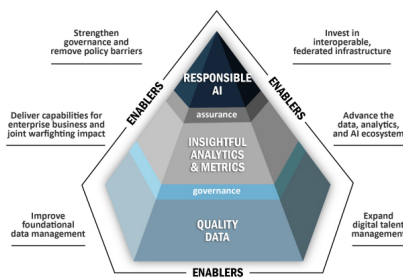


Figure 2: Strategic Goals and the AI Hierarchy of Needs

## LEAD spotlights first DOD firefighter and service animal team at the depot



CHAMBERSBURG, Pa. – For the first time in history, the Letterkenny Army Depot’s Fire and Emergency Services onboarded a firefighter and service animal team when Buddy Niner and his dog, Bea, joined LEAD on June 17.

Niner enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps in 2007 and deployed to Afghanistan for over nine months from 2009 to 2010. “I specifically chose the U.S. Marines because my dad was a Marine, and he was someone I always looked up to my entire life,” he said.

Determined to continue serving his country, he joined the Air National Guard for a four-year term in 2015, where he served as a firefighter after departing the Marine Corps. Despite having no prior experience, he quickly grew to love the role and said it was one of the best decisions he had ever made.

After 12 years of combined military service, Niner continued his career as a DOD firefighter.

Encouraged to receive a service animal by a therapist, Niner connected with Warrior Canine Connection, a mission program that trains puppies

from birth to assist veterans in coping with past experiences.

Niner decided to contact WCC after learning that a service dog had the same name as his Marine friend who had passed away in his unit. Upon meeting the puppy, he remarked, “The puppy has big shoes to fill,” in tribute to his friend. Niner began volunteering with WCC, meeting several veterans who were receiving service dogs, and eventually had the opportunity to receive his dog, Bea.

WCC names each service dog after a significant figure in military history. Bea’s named in honor of U.S. Navy Lt. j.g. Beatrice Bouchard McLogan. McLogan was known for intercepting and decoding Nazi war plans, resulting in saving many members of our military. [READ MORE](#)

## Celebrating another modernization milestone in groundbreaking style



CORPUS CHRISTI ARMY DEPOT, TEXAS- Senior leaders and stakeholders symbolically broke ground for Phase IV of Corpus Christi Army Depot's (CCAD) Aviation Multipurpose Production Facility during a ceremony on August 26 at Naval Air Station Corpus Christi.

Corpus Christi Mayor, Paulette Guajardo; Rep. Michael Cloud, 27th

Congressional District of Texas; Mr. Don Nitti, Deputy to the Commander General for U.S. Aviation and Missile Command; Capt. Jeremy Adams, Naval Facilities Engineering Systems Command (NAVFAC) Southeast Executive Officer and Capt. Ty Jurica, Commanding Officer for Naval Air Station Corpus Christi, were among the dignitaries and elected officials in attendance. [READ MORE](#)

## LEAD employees brief Forward Repair Capability in Guam

Letterkenny Army Depot employees, Kate Williams, Strategic Management director, and Ashley Filling, Process Engineering Branch supervisor and cold spray lead integrator, made significant steps in advancing LEAD's forward repair capabilities during a recent visit to Andersen Air Force Base, Guam, July 22-25, 2024.

The team visited the military installation to identify a site for depot operations, beginning with a Pop-Up Cold Spray unit, that will accommodate Air and Missile Defense systems as well as construction and other equipment utilized by the joint services.

"We visited with the intent to deliver sustainment solutions at the point of need starting with a technology that will have the most immediate impact to the joint force," said Williams. "This was an excellent opportunity to inform stakeholders of the pop-up cold spray application and other sustainment support efforts the depot can provide."

Cold spray is a process using compressed gas to accelerate powder material through a supersonic nozzle resulting in consolidation through high velocity particle impact and severe plastic deformation.

Letterkenny trained technicians can apply this non-structural repair on ground equipment for both... [READ MORE](#)



## On the Road to Revolution: George Washington, John Adams and the First Continental Congress



The colonial response to Parliament's passage of the Coercive Acts between March and June 1774 (see AMCOM Flight, 2Qtr 2024) was almost immediate. Although leery of following Boston's proposal to cease all trade with the mother country, the other British colonies on the Atlantic seaboard agreed upon a united course of resistance

similar to the joint effort in 1765 known as the Stamp Act Congress. Held in New York City from Oct. 7-25 to protest Parliament's initial attempt to levy a direct revenue tax on them, only nine of the 13 colonies actually sent delegates to this precedent-setting meeting at the start of the escalating confrontation with the imperial government.

The Stamp Act Congress's deliberations concluded with... [READ MORE](#)

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