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AMC marks new chapter, changes command



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AMC change of command

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REDSTONE ARSENAL, Ala. -- Gen. Ann E. Dunwoody relinquished command of Army Materiel Command during a ceremony at AMC's headquarters at Redstone Arsenal, Aug. 7, 2012.

Chief of Staff of the Army Gen. Raymond T. Odierno hosted the time-honored change-of-command ceremony.

"It's great to be here on a day of celebration, a celebration honoring the accomplishments of Army Materiel Command. A unit that has frankly changed the dynamics of logistics for the United States Army," said Odierno.

U.S. Army Materiel Command, or AMC, has a complex mission ranging from development of sophisticated weapon systems and cutting-edge research, to maintenance and distribution of spare parts. If a Soldier shoots it, drives it, flies it, wears it, communicates with it or eats it, AMC provides it.

Odierno credits Dunwoody's vision and determination as the key factors

in transforming AMC into the Army's Lead Materiel Integrator and joint logistics supplier, all while streamlining efficiencies and caring for the Soldiers, civilians and their families.

"Ann has been, and is today a Soldier first, always leading by example" said Odierno.

Considered throughout her career as a trailblazer for women in the Army, Dunwoody was the first female four-star general, assuming command of AMC

(Below) Army Materiel Command changes leaders with the ceremonial passing of the guidon. Gen. Ann E. Dunwoody receives the flag for the last time from Command Sergeant Major Ronald T. Riling, AMC command sergeant major, during the change-of-command ceremony, Aug. 7, 2012. Newly promoted Gen. Dennis L. Via assumed the role of commanding general of the AMC.

in November 2008 and was the 17th commander in AMC's 50 year history.

During her tenure Dunwoody oversaw the transition of AMC through the 2011 Base Realignment and Closure from Fort Belvoir, Va., the Army-wide synchronization and integration of the Directorate of Logistics and the draw-down of equipment in Iraq, all while providing uninterrupted support to the warfighter.

After affectionately thanking her husband for his many years of support, Dunwoody took a moment to acknowledge the AMC workforce.

"To the 69,000 Soldiers and civilians of Army Materiel Command, you have made today and every single day of the last four years very special to me. I have watched you bear so much of our nation's burden over the last four years" said Dunwoody

In 37 years she has commanded at every level. As a senior leader, she commanded the 10th Division Support Command at Fort Drum, N.Y.; the 1st Corps Support Command at Fort Bragg, N.C.; the Military Traffic Management Command/Military Surface Deployment and Distribution Command in Alexandria, Va.; and the Combined

Arms Support Command at Fort Lee, Va.

She reflected on her time at AMC and the organizations' impact on the Army.

"I've had the privilege to go to Iraq and Afghanistan many times and I got to meet with leaders one on one, and they all told me the same thing, they told me they never worried about logistics and I can't imagine a better compliment," said Dunwoody.

The change-of-command ceremony also ushered in the leadership of Gen. Dennis L. Via. Via is no stranger to AMC's daunting task of equipping the force, as he has served as the AMC deputy commanding General since May 2011.

All AMC photos by Cherish Washington



Picatinny Arsenal

PICATINNY ARSENAL, N.J. -- Why would the U.S. Army want to fire a 155 mm projectile into 540 feet of steel catch tubes and then recover the projectile at the other end?

The answer is actually quite simple: It saves time, money and helps to develop better products. First, the forces the projectile experiences from being fired from...

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**Army Materiel Command
AMC Celebrates 50 Years**

REDSTONE ARSENAL, Ala. -- As the U.S. Army Materiel Command begins celebrating its 50th Anniversary this August, many leadership changes are taking place. Redstone Arsenal's first four star change of command ceremony Aug. 7 at AMC Headquarters.

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Milan Army Ammunition Plant

MILAN, Tenn. -- At 9:43 a.m. on June 28, 2012, a sparse crew of American Ordnance production workers loaded, assembled, and packed the last M888, a 60 millimeter mortar round, ever to be produced at Milan Army Ammunition Plant.

The 60mm mortar round was ...
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QASAS News

BAGRAM AIRFIELD, Afghanistan -- The 11-person Operation Ammunition Clean Sweep 2012 team inspected and condition coded more than 2,500 short tons of ammunition in about six months.

The QASAS (quality assurance specialists/ammunition surveillance) arrived at the end of the worst winter in Afghanistan in...

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But when firing the Army's new precision-guided cartridges...

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**AMC Change of Command
Images**

The U.S. Army Materiel Command hosted a change of command ceremony, Tuesday, August 7. Gen. Ann E. Dunwoody relinquished command to Gen. Dennis L. Via. Gen. Raymond T. Odierno presided over the ceremony.

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Anniston Munitions Center

ANNISTON ARMY DEPOT, Ala. -- Lt. Col. David L. Schmitt assumed command of Anniston Munitions Center July 26 during a ceremony at Anniston Army Depot's Physical Fitness Center.

The ceremony was presided over by Blue Grass Army Depot Commander Col. Brian Rogers.

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Lean Six Sigma

ROCK ISLAND ARSENAL, Ill. -- The Joint Munitions Command headquarters has recently completed a Green Belt Lean Six Sigma project designed to improve the Below-the-line (BTL) billing efficiencies of the Foreign Military Sales (Special Assignment Airlift Mission) transportation process.

Jamaal Bibles, a budget analyst...

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Antiterrorism**Awareness Month**

Antiterrorism awareness empowers the entire Army (units, leaders, Soldiers, DA civilians, families and contractors) to take prevention measures and encourages each individual to serve as a sensor -- continuously aware of and reporting suspicious activity. This year AT awareness month focuses on high priority areas ...

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Hawthorne Army Depot

HAWTHORNE ARMY DEPOT, Nev.--While standing in line to enter the post exchange on base in Logar Province, Afghanistan in 2010, Spc. Tim Hall was hit by a mortar.

When he regained full consciousness in a hospital, he realized he had lost both of his legs. Understandably, he also had lost a great deal of independence.

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Promotion Ceremony

MADISON, Ala. -- Army Chief of Staff Gen. Raymond T. Odierno and Vice Chief of Staff Gen. Lloyd Austin, were in attendance at the promotion ceremony for Lt. Gen. Dennis L. Via, U.S. Army Materiel Command's deputy commanding general, at the Bob Jones ...

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**McAlester Army Ammunition
Plant**

McALESTER ARMY AMMUNITION PLANT, Okla. -- Bow and arrow enthusiasts from as far away as Missouri, Arkansas and Texas joined about 500 archers in the 26th Southwest Traditional Archery Shoot being held today and tomorrow at McAlester Army Ammunition ...

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HQ Joint Munitions Command

ROCK ISLAND ARSENAL, Ill. -- Most Joint Munitions Command employees learned that the general's aide-de-camp was a combatives fighter after turning on their computers in the morning. Once the computer completed its loading, an Army Knowledge Online page would have displayed a photo with the following caption:

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News at a Glance

**First female four-star retires
from Army**

WASHINGTON -- The first woman to serve as a four-star general in both the Army and the U.S. armed forces, Gen. Ann E. Dunwoody retired today after nearly 38 years in uniform.

"Ann is a leader who lived our Army values, who always led from the front, who dedicated herself to the profession of arms," said Chief of Staff of the Army Gen. Ray Odierno, who hosted the retirement. "In my mind, Ann Dunwoody is the epitome of the Army professional." [click here for more](#)

**McHugh: Army's success
depends on civilian workforce**

SOUTH BEND, Ind. -- The last 11 years of conflict have once again given the nation reason to be proud of American Soldiers' incredible achievements: the sacrifices they've made, the flexibility and skill they've shown, and the strategic capabilities they've brought during a challenging time.

"This Army has not just succeeded, but it has excelled, and has done so magnificently," said Secretary of the Army John McHugh, addressing a group of the most senior career civilians during a recent professional education program.

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**DOD increases hiring of
people with disabilities**

WASHINGTON -- The Defense Department's hiring of wounded warriors and others with disabilities is on an uptick, the Pentagon's director of disability programs said today. Stephen M. King, whose office is part of diversity management and equal opportunity, spoke with American Forces Press Service about a recent Office of Personnel Management report that said 14 percent of the Defense Department's civilian employees have disabilities ... [click here for more](#)