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## O'Connell kicks off command- wide tour at Crane

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CRANE, Ind. -- A full day of tours at the Crane Army Ammunition Activity made up Brig. Gen. Kevin G. O'Connell's first visit to a Joint Munitions Command's site following his change of command ceremony June 5.

The June 19 tour started with a command briefing led by CAAA Commander Col. Linwood Clark.

"Sir, we're glad you came to visit Crane. (Once the briefing is completed), our goal is to get you out in the field and see (some of Crane's missions)."

O'Connell noted the dedication of the Crane Army workers and the path forward.

"I appreciate being here and the formula of what you do," he said. "Your priorities and focus are right on track. I ask that you see yourself in my priorities."

O'Connell's top five priorities are: deployability, survivability, mission support, taking care of people, and having fun.

He also learned about the site's demil mission, as well

(Top) Navy Third Class Petty Officer Benjamin Hinrichs explains a manufacturing process to JMC Commanding General Brig. Gen. Kevin G. O'Connell during a tour of the Crane Army Ammunition Activity's machine shop during a June 19 visit. Hinrichs is a reservist assigned to Navy Operational Support Center Decatur, Ill.

as its continuous improvement programs.

O'Connell toured an ammunition operations center, surveillance workshop and a container complex in the depot mission area; he toured a machine shop, 60 mm production line and a 30 mm demil facility also.

Touring with the general included: Norman Thomas, CAAA's civilian executive assistant; JMC Command Sgt. Major Anthony Bryant; 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Daniel Midgett, CG Aide; Enlisted Aide Staff Sgt. Wally McFadden and Crane-Installation Advocate Jana Meyer.

For Bryant, it was his first visit to a government-owned, government-operated JMC site since becoming the new command sergeant major in April.

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ANNISTON MUNITIONS CENTER	HAWTHORNE ARMY DEPOT	CRANE ARMY AMMUNITION ACTIVITY
<p>ANNISTON ARMY DEPOT, Ala. -- Approximately 240 Army Reserve Soldiers trained at Anniston Army Depot for two weeks, beginning July 6, as part of Golden Cargo, a nationwide training mission.</p> <p>The 826<sup>th</sup> and 395<sup>th</sup> Ordnance Companies from Wisconsin as well as five transportation companies from Alabama, Georgia, Florida and Puerto Rico came together with their command battalion, the 828<sup>th</sup> Transportation Battalion, headquartered in Livingston, Ala., to transport 1,500 short tons of 155 mm. projectiles 450 miles to Crane, Ind.</p> <p>The Soldiers were supported while on duty here by another group of reservists, the 4224<sup>th</sup> U.S. Army Hospital of Iowa.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><a href="#">click here for more</a></p>	<p>HAWTHORNE ARMY DEPOT, Nev. -- For most of the 21 members of the 273<sup>rd</sup> TC DET Mission Control Team, who are completing annual training at Hawthorne Army Depot during Operation Golden Cargo, Spanish is their first language. But they are also fluent in English...and Army.</p> <p>Seventeen men and four women speak Army jargon, easily switching from Spanish to English and back again.</p> <p>The 273<sup>rd</sup> U.S. Army Reserve unit, 346<sup>th</sup> Battalion, is a brand new unit working out of Ceiba, Puerto Rico. Currently in "alert" status, they chose to do their annual two-week training working with ammunition, specifically with Operation Golden Cargo.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><a href="#">click here for more</a></p>	<p>CRANE, Ind. -- More than 240 Soldiers arrived at Crane Army Ammunition Activity July 8, to participate in the national military exercise called "Golden Cargo," taking place this month at the installation.</p> <p>Soldiers assigned to various transportation companies from across the country will test their mettle at the large Indiana base, as they pack, load and haul military ammunition. Golden Cargo is a joint exercise that links Reserve and Guard forces with real-world ammunition logistical operations and training opportunities.</p> <p>Loaded onto trailers, ammunition will be hauled from Crane Army Ammunition Activity to other ammunition sites across the country.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><a href="#">click here for more</a></p>

**Picatinny Arsenal**

PICATINNY ARSENAL, N.J. -- Two Soldiers and two Marines made their virtual debut last month while helping Picatinny engineers create a computer trainer for the M777A2 Lightweight 155mm Towed Howitzer. The new trainer will aid Soldiers and Marines by providing an interactive review of the ...

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**Hawthorne Army Depot**

HAWTHORNE, Nev. -- Hawthorne Army Depot dedicated its Building 4 to a deceased 43-year federal employee Monday. Until his retirement in January 2011, Raymond G. "Ray" Montoya had worked at the depot for its entire history as an Army installation.

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**Tooele Army Depot**

TOOELE ARMY DEPOT, Utah -- The new commanding general of Joint Munitions Command, Brig. Gen. Kevin O'Connell, recently paid his first visit to Tooele Army Depot, which is one of Joint Munitions Command's nationwide network of facilities where conventional ammunition is produced and stored. First, TEAD's team gave O'Connell an overview of...

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**2012 Safety Guide**

U.S. ARMY MILITARY DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON -- The Leader's Safety Guide for 2012 is now available online. The material was written to assist leaders and supervisors in preventing Army civilian employee accidents and injuries. Many of the techniques contained in this guide can, of course, also be used to prevent ...

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**Pine Bluff Arsenal**

PINE BLUFF ARSENAL, Ark. -- Beautiful sunny skies, warm, but mild temperatures and the sounds of happy children was the backdrop during the morning of June 26, as Pine Bluff Arsenal held a ribbon-cutting ceremony for a new Child Development Center Annex.

Missy Brodnax, director of Family Morale, Welfare and ... [click here for more](#)

**Lean Six Sigma**

ROCK ISLAND ARSENAL, Ill. -- Cindy Medinger, Process Improvement Specialist at Joint Munitions Command, recently completed a Lean Six Sigma Black Belt project designed to reduce the total costs of contract services at JMC headquarters. "The members of my group ...

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**Letterkenny Munitions Center**

LETTERKENNY, Pa. -- Sixty Army Reserve Soldiers from the 811<sup>th</sup> Ordnance Company recently received valuable training during a three-day field training exercise at the Letterkenny Munitions Center. The training is part of a developing relationship between the 811<sup>th</sup> and LEMC is one that...

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**O'Connell Whirlwind 2012**

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**Change of Command Hawthorne Army Depot**

HAWTHORNE, Nev. -- Under a sunny sky with Mount Grant and Walker Lake as the backdrop, the world's largest ammunition storage depot installed a new leader Tuesday morning. Lt. Col. Craig M. Short became the 39<sup>th</sup> commander of Hawthorne Army Depot, replacing ...

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**Hawthorne Army Depot**

HAWTHORNE ARMY DEPOT, Nev.--Hawthorne Army Depot, the Sacramento District Army Corps of Engineers, the Army Environmental Command and contractors from Northwind Inc., TLI Solutions, NAEVA Geophysics and the Munitions Management Group have partnered together to perform a partial cleanup...

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**M<sup>c</sup>Alester Army Ammunition Activity**

M<sup>c</sup>Alester native Col. Robert K. Byrd has returned to his hometown following completion of a 29-year career as a U.S. Army officer. Byrd, 47, was honored June 21 at a retirement ceremony held in the Lee V. Maxwell Center...

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**M<sup>c</sup>Alester Army Ammunition Plant**

M<sup>c</sup>ALESTER ARMY AMMUNITION PLANT -- M<sup>c</sup>Alester City Councilors toured the M<sup>c</sup>Alester Army Ammunition Plant (MCAAP) June 14 as part of the plant commander's quarterly Community Leader's Tour. Attending from the city council were Mayor Steve Harrison ...[click here for more](#)

**Pine Bluff Arsenal**

PINE BLUFF, Ark. -- Brig. Gen. Kevin O'Connell, commanding general, Joint Munitions Command and Command Sgt. Maj. Anthony Bryant, visited Pine Bluff Arsenal for the first time on June 21 as they become acquainted with the command in a whirlwind tour that will eventually include 14 sites.

Two distinct operations at PBA...

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**Lean Six Sigma**

ROCK ISLAND ARSENAL, Ill. -- Tracking down military ammunition that comes across law enforcement agencies' investigations constitute a victory for the Joint Munitions Command. Dave Barrington, senior criminal investigator, JMC, headed the 13-month-Green Belt Lean Six Sigma project designed to reduce duplication of effort in...

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# News at a Glance

**OPM: New hiring programs to start in July**

The Office of Personnel Management will officially launch new hiring programs for students and recent college graduates July 10.

The three-tiered Pathways Programs will consist of an Internship Program for current students, a Recent Graduates Program for people who have received a degree in the last two years or veterans who got a degree in the last six years, and the existing Presidential Management Fellows Program. [click here for more](#)

**West Virginia woman signs on as first female Bradley mechanic**

WASHINGTON -- Cicely Verstein didn't plan on breaking any new ground when she enlisted in the Army. But the job she selected at the recruiting station has thrust her into the military spotlight. At age 21, Verstein will be the first female 91M Bradley Fighting Vehicle System maintainer, one of six positions that in the past were restricted to men but are for the first time hiring women.

Originally from Pennsylvania but now residing in West Virginia, Verstein has been wanting to join the Army for the last five years, but waited until she spent some...

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**Landscapers 'Give Back' to Vets, Fallen at Arlington**

ARLINGTON, Va. -- More than 400 volunteers from children to adults descended on the grounds of Arlington National Cemetery today for the 16<sup>th</sup> annual Renewal and Remembrance, to honor the nation's veterans and fallen service members by sprucing up the landmark's grounds. Members of PLANET -- the nonprofit Professional Landcare Network -- brought out 82 professional lawn care and landscape companies from around the country for this year's ...

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