Perna pushes accountability agenda at CECOM Update

ABERDEEN PROVING GROUND, Md. – During quarterly visits to the Communications-Electronics Command, Gen. Gus Perna, commanding general of the Army Materiel Command, stresses his priorities through an established lexicon: Accountability, Readiness, and Responsibility to the warfighter and to the American taxpayer. Perna deployed these maxims decisively during a briefing update May 14 in CECOM headquarters. “Two years ago, you couldn't see yourself,” Perna said. “Now you can. The whole team should be proud of that.”

Strategic Support Area: Soldier and Family Readiness

REDSTONE ARSENAL, Ala. – As the Army’s most important asset, Soldiers, and the families who support them, are the top priority in the mission to ensure readiness. Army Materiel Command is committed to ensuring Soldiers and their families are ready and resilient to address the challenges of the military lifestyle. “We cannot let them down,” Gen. Gus Perna, AMC commander, said. (Editor’s Note: This is the fourth in a series highlighting AMC’s seven focus areas that will enable the Strategic Support Area in the Multi-Domain Operations concept.)

321st Ordnance Battalion conducts annual training at Crane Army

CRANE, Ind. – Soldiers from the 321st Ordnance Battalion, West Virginia, conducted annual training at Crane Army Ammunition Activity May 6-15, focusing on essential Soldier tasks and supporting logistics operations. Soldiers worked alongside Crane Army’s civilian workforce and gained real-world experience in moving live ammunition. “There's specialized munitions here at Crane and our Soldiers have never seen or worked with some of those specialized munitions,” said Lt. Col. Thomas Kim, battalion commander for the 321st.

JMC recognized for effort to improve LAP technologies

ROCK ISLAND ARSENAL, Ill. – Joint Munitions Command was recognized recently for modernizing the wastewater treatment technologies of munitions production at load, assemble and pack operations. The new treatment, developed by the Army Engineer Research and Development Center Environmental Laboratory, the Iowa Army Ammunition Plant and McAlester Army Ammunition Plant, will impact government-owned facilities, and reduce treatment costs from $6 per gallon to $0.55 per gallon.

Veteran recognitions, new chief of staff top Month in Review

Families ‘pay it forward’ with input to improve Army housing

CAMP ZAMA, Japan – Current Army family housing residents on Camp Zama and Sagamihara Family Housing Area were able to provide direct input and ideas aimed at improving the quality of life for future residents. Camp Zama’s Directorate of Public Works invited residents to participate in the Army Garrison Japan Family Housing District area development plan, May 13-16, allowing them to discuss housing issues and ideas for improvements.

Tri-service team offloads Marine Corps cargo at Pearl Harbor

PEARL HARBOR, Hawaii – 599th Transportation Brigade personnel facilitated offload of Marine Corps helicopters and equipment from the M/V Green Lake here May 6-7. Members of the 599th joined Marines Corps and Fleet Logistics Center, Pearl Harbor teammates for the vessel discharge. “This was the Marine Corps rotation, MAG 24, equipment returning from a deployment to Asia,” said Jimmy Quilon, contracting officer representative for the move.

Tobyhanna, West Point team to Lean processes

WEST POINT, N.Y. – Army future leaders and depot personnel used the Lean Six Sigma problem solving methodology to develop a better way to fabricate cables and repair altimeters. Tobyhanna Army Depot partners with the Military Academy to provide a project for cadets to work on during their senior year. The teams streamlined processes in Systems Integration and Support Directorate’s Electronics Fabrication and C4ISR Directorate’s Avionics divisions.

West Point cadets study JMC’s industrial base

ROCK ISLAND ARSENAL, Ill. – For their senior capstone project, five Military Academy cadets studied Joint Munitions Command’s Government-Owned Contractor-Operated installations where munitions are produced, stored and demilitarized. The cadets visited several GOCO locations, including Iowa Army Ammunition Plant, Radford Army Ammunition Plant, Lake City Army Ammunition Plant and Scranton Army Ammunition Plant.

Procurement Day helps small business partnerships

FORT RILEY, Kansas – Fort Riley is partnering with state entities to make it easier for small businesses to receive government contract work. In partnership with the Kansas Procurement Technical Assistance Center, Fort Riley hosted the Small Business Procurement Day in Topeka, Kansas, recently, to get local business owners face-to-face with buyers for government agencies.

Security Assistance Command recognizes financial specialist

REDSTONE ARSENAL, Ala. – The Security Assistance Command has recognized Sheyla Ware as its Employee of the Quarter for the first quarter, fiscal year 2019. She distinguished herself by her outstanding performance of duties as a financial specialist. Ware is the team lead for the European Command/Africa Command region. Her team conducts financial review of basic letter of acceptance submissions, amendments and modifications.