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ON THE COVER: Crane Army Ammunition Activity is pushing the use of technology in order to be more efficient and effective. Field crews use Toughbooks to keep track of what is in a magazine when they enter, what is taken out, and where the crew will take the ammunition once it's removed. Crew members can use the tablet to access planographs, dirty sheets, and a map of the base, all useful out in the field. They can even digitally sign documents and send them back to the office once they are within Wi-Fi range. (Photo Credit: Ms. Raeanna Morgan, Crane Army)

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Senior Executive Service leader retires

A Senior Executive Service leader, D. Scott Welker, retired as the deputy to the commander, Joint Munitions Command Headquarters, during an official ceremony held July 27, after serving more than 32 dedicated years for the Department of Defense. Brig. Gen. Richard B. Dix, commander, Joint Munitions Command and retired Maj. Gen. Yves Fontaine, former commander of Army Sustainment Command, served as the official retirement ceremony hosts. Dix spoke of...



JMC Commander recognizes teammates efforts

Brig. Gen. Richard B. Dix, JMC and JM&L LCMC Commander, recognized headquarters employees for their 3rd Quarter, Fiscal Year 2016 efforts. Awards included: length of service; special recognition from other Army commands; recognition for volunteering or planning JMC's organizational day; Army Achievement Medals and one-star notes. All August 1st images are posted at JMC's Flickr page and can be viewed or downloaded at this hyperlink.



Coordinator organizes, gives blood as last official action

In one of his final official acts at McAlester Army Ammunition Plant here, the substance abuse program assistant who coordinated the annual American Red Cross blood drive for the workforce the past five years, rolled up his sleeve and made his first donation. "After all the disasters going on and the police shootings, I thought it would be good to help," said Joshua Stout. "I usually work the whole time and am too busy, but there was a 10- or 15- minute break..."



Crane Army introduces Toughbooks to Depot Operations

Advances in technology can greatly enhance a depot's efficiency and effectiveness, but integrating those advances can take pioneering and innovation. Last April, Jonna Gerkin jumped at a chance to advance the use of technology at Crane Army Ammunition Activity when she learned it was not possible for the Manufacturing and Engineering Directorate to use a set of tablets because of safety restrictions on production lines. Gerkin asked...



Army reaches \$1 billion in energy-saving projects

In less than five years, the Army has engaged in 127 energy-saving projects with the private sector that now exceed \$1 billion in investments, announced Secretary of the Army Eric Fanning. Fanning made the announcement Aug. 11 at the Department of Energy Training and Trade Show in Providence, Rhode Island. He explained that these projects were undertaken in response to a challenge from President Obama. The president challenged all federal agencies...



Vermont and Mass NG conduct live-fire of Picatinny howitzers

Working with Picatinny Arsenal, Vermont and Massachusetts National Guard Soldiers fired live rounds with new M777A2 and M119A3 Howitzers at Joint Base McGuire-Dix on July 27. The live-fire exercise marked the conclusion of an 18-day training, in which new equipment training (NET) instructors taught members of both National Guards how to use these howitzers. All the work associated with delivering the M119A3 Howitzers is done at Picatinny, including...



Strategy Notes:

JM&L's Enduring Priorities



- SHARP
- Support to Global Operations
- Ammunition Enterprise Collaboration
- Safety
- Continuous Process Improvement
- Invest in People
- Modernize
- Business Development
- Optimize Ammunition Industrial Base
- Audit Readiness
- Cyber Defense
- Physical Security





Picatinny Arsenal delegation visits Chile

A delegation from Picatinny Arsenal met with Chilean Army leaders during the week of July 12-15 during which the visitors from Picatinny toured facilities and identified areas of mutual interest with their Chilean counterparts. The Picatinny delegation represented the U.S. Army Armament Research, Development and Engineering Center (ARDEC), as well as two organizations that are part of the Program Executive Office Ammunition: Project Manager Combat Ammunitions... 



Summer interns say Arsenal has ways to apply classroom lessons

Emerging from their work stations, more than 40 interns participated in a summer hire tour on July 12 at Picatinny Arsenal, New Jersey. The installation tour was hosted by one of the Arsenal's main organizations, the U.S. Army Armament Research, Development and Engineering Center, or ARDEC. During the tour, students received an overview of ARDEC, its Gaming Interactive Technology and Multimedia Team, as well as its Remote Weapons Technologies. The students also... 



983rd Battalion Annual Training Improves Crane Army

The 983rd Engineering Battalion based out of Monclova, Ohio, completed its annual training at Naval Support Activity Crane July 18-Aug. 14. Crane Army Ammunition Activity provided the reserve unit with housing facilities at the Crane Ammunition and Logistics Center, material handling equipment and construction materials to enable hands-on-training opportunities. The 983rd's annual training served a dual purpose. CAAA's infrastructure was improved and while that was... 



Department of Army working group synchronizes ammo requirements

The Joint Munitions Command's Demand Planning Directorate hosted a semi-annual Total Army Ammunition Authorization and Allocation Committee working group meeting here, Aug. 16-18. Senior leaders from Department of the Army Headquarters co-chaired the three-day TA4C working group, which included personnel from JMC, the Program Executive Office Ammunition and other Army commands involved in the various aspects of managing ammunition. 



Lean Training at LEMC empowers employees

In August, approximately 45 Letterkenny Munitions Center (LEMC) leaders and employees increased their knowledge of Continuous Process Improvement (CPI). LEMC established a partnership with Tobyhanna Army Depot (TYAD), Tobyhanna, Pennsylvania and hosted two Process Improvement Specialists from TYAD's CPI Directorate. TYAD's subject matter experts instructed LEMC leadership on Lean and 6S concepts. The Lean process seeks to identify and eliminate waste in... 



Army Reservists Unit Returns for unique Ordnance Training at BGAD

When they arrived in late July at Blue Grass Army Depot (BGAD), the 163rd Army Reserve Ordnance Company out of Tustin, California, may have been expecting a little cooler weather than the normal summer heat they are used to in the greater Los Angeles area. As we all learn in life, sometimes you just have to temper your expectations. What awaited them in Kentucky's Bluegrass Region were near record high temperatures and humidity. However, one expectation they... 



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