

UPDATES FROM DOWNRANGE

CG visits SWA, opens new facilities

By Chuck Sprague

AFSB-SWA Public Affairs

CAMP ARIFJAN, KUWAIT -- The Army Field Support Command commander arrived from his Rock Island, Ill., headquarters June 26 for operations briefings and to officially recognize completion of several new facilities at Camp Arifjan.

Maj. Gen. Jerome Johnson cut ceremonial ribbons to begin operations at the Communication Electronics Command's Forward Repair Activity, an oil lab and calibration site and an Army Prepositioned Stocks (APS) vehicle maintenance facility for the Kuwait battalion.

"This is just the kind of thing we need to do at the Army Field Support Brigade, so that we can bring in other life cycle management commands, give them a

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U.S. Army photo by Charles Sprague

Maj. Gen. Jerome Johnson visits with 37th Transportation Group convoy drivers at a Camp Arifjan Forward Repair Activity .

Kuwait battalion tackles 6,000 dirty jobs

By Capt. Michael Hiatt

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CAMP ARIFJAN, KUWAIT -- The Army Field Support Battalion- Kuwait's mission to get more than 6,000 pieces of excess equipment from Operation Iraqi Freedom back to units in the U.S. continues in earnest.

After more than three years of heavy use in the harsh environment of Iraq, most of the equipment needs maintenance work. It is AFSBn-KU's job to make sure the equipment is brought back to high performance standards or shipped back to the U.S. for depot-level maintenance. About a third of the equipment received at Camp Arifjan is used for theater redistribution. AFSBn-KU repairs the vehicles, provides add-on armor, and tests the equipment to make sure it is fully mission capable.

The equipment returning stateside goes through

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U.S. Army photo

A worker cleans a HEMTT at the Army Field Support Battalion-Kuwait wash racks prior to customs inspection. The truck will then head to the sterile yard until it's shipped to the U.S.

On the Record: Maj. Gen. Jerome Johnson, CG AFSC

We live in dangerous times. The enemies of freedom are a ruthless and determined bunch, and they will attack us wherever and whenever they can. Given enough time, they will find any vulnerabilities we may have and exploit them, perhaps with tragic consequences.

In times like these, security and force protection become critical issues that demand our attention. When you're engaged in a fight against terrorists, implementing and following proper security and force protection practices truly can be a matter of life or death.

The terrorists themselves have said that they are out to kill us and destroy our way of life, so it's up to us to deny them success by protecting ourselves and securing our sites.

Throughout the Army, some of the world's leading experts in security and force protection are fighting this battle every day. These highly skilled, highly dedicated, highly motivated professionals are doing all they can to



prevent attacks and protect lives and property. Because of the nature of their business, most of their work goes on behind the scenes, so many of their accomplishments go unnoticed and unsung. But I know that our security and force protection professionals do an outstanding job, and I can assure you all that these critical areas are in very good hands.

While we're very fortunate to have such exceptional people on our side, the fact remains that they cannot go it alone. The individuals who provide us with security and

force protection services simply cannot be everywhere at once, nor can they spot everything that might make us more vulnerable. They rely on us to be alert, be aware, and be involved in our own security and force protection. We have a shared responsibility to support the security and force protection programs, and to assist those who are taking on some huge challenges in these areas.

It is everyone's responsibility to know what the rules are, understand why they are in place, follow them every day, and correct those who choose to ignore them.

It's also up to you to report suspicious activities to the proper authorities, identify and report any potential vulnerabilities, and fully cooperate with security and force protection measures.

When it comes to security and force protection, complacency and inattention could be hazardous to your health and well-being. Our enemies are counting on us to let our guard down. Let's not allow that to happen.

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AMC CG visits Arsenal, eyes ASC transition

By Nikki St. Amant
AFSC Public Affairs

ROCK ISLAND ARSENAL, Ill. — The Army Materiel Command's top leader visited Army Field Support Command headquarters July 19 to check on the status of AFSC's ongoing transformation to the Army Sustainment Command.

Gen. Benjamin S. Griffin spent about four hours at Rock Island Arsenal, a good portion of which was spent in the ASC transition briefing. Subject matter experts and AFSC Commanding General Major General Jerome Johnson spent more than three hours discussing the progress of the shift to ASC, emerging missions, bridg-

ing strategies for the interim and the overall organization of the new command.

Although a ceremonial redesignation is set for late September, much of the ASC mission is already up and running. The number of Soldiers in the headquarters has noticeably increased, while internal reorganization is well underway.

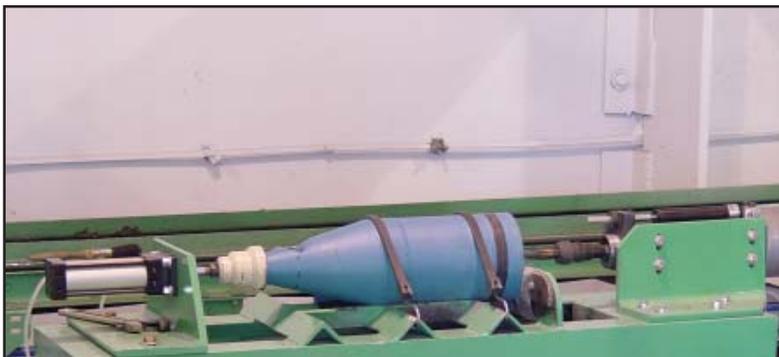
The Joint Munitions Command has operationally separated from AFSC and efforts are ongoing to move personnel to locations more central to their particular command, with JMC occupying most of Bldg. 350 and ASC occupying all of Bldg. 390 and the second floor of Bldg. 350.

Take one down, break open the round, 21,999 explosive shells on the wall...

Tooele Army Depot is currently performing a demilitarization operation on the 152 mm TP-T round fired from the Sheridan tank.

During the demilitarization process, TEAD is cutting the nitrocellulose case and propelling charge from the 152 mm round and sending the propellant to a recycling company. The Ammunition Peculiar Equipment Division at TEAD designed two pieces of automated equipment for this operation. First the retaining ring is cut from the base of the projectile to remove any excess pieces of the nitrocellulose case. Then a hole is cut into the projectile to ensure it is inert. Next, a piece of equipment drills out the spotting charge from the base of the projectile in a remote area.

This process recycles almost 96% of the round. The first half of the program consists of 22,000 rounds and the anticipated completion date is in August. A follow-on program will demilitarize an additional 22,000 rounds and is scheduled to start in the fall. This program will empty 11 earth-covered magazines at TEAD.



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JMC holds town hall meeting

By Melodie Busch
JMC

The commanding general of the Joint Munitions Command held a town hall meeting June 15.

Brig. Gen. James E. Rogers addressed about 70 employees during the afternoon session. Topics included: transformation to the Joint Munitions and Lethality Life Cycle Management Command, Lean Six Sigma, and safety.

Rogers said the JML/LCMC has been approved and will become effective Oct. 1. He stressed there are currently no plans to move either the JMC headquarters, or individual positions, to Picatinny Arsenal, N.J. There will be some relocation of JMC staff within Bldg. 350 and he said his top priorities for that movement are air quality, new furniture, relocation of the JMC command group and restrooms. Estimated costs for the project hover around \$8 million.

Rogers also said the implementation of LSS is on track. The George Group is currently conducting the green and black belt training. Walt Songaila has been selected as the full time LSS deployment director.

The results of the JMC headquarters safety survey are in. Rogers said employees reported driving to and from work is the most danger they face all day. One consistent issue reported by survey respondents was morale and motivation. Rogers challenged those concerned with morale to meet with him and, after the laughter died down, said the point was important and morale and motivation are things everyone should be focused on.

Rogers then opened the floor for discussion and fielded questions from the crowd.

A few of the highlights were:

Q: What is the status of the Ammo SES selection?

A: The selection process is ongoing and should be completed in about six months.

Robert Crawford is temporarily filling that position.

Q: Why was there a survey about Voluntary Early Retirement Authority and Voluntary Separation Incentive Pay?

A: Rogers felt it was beneficial to ascertain the level of workforce interest in these management tools.

RIF RUMORS

Rumors of a reduction in force (RIF) within the Joint Munitions Command, which stemmed from a question regarding a recent survey about VERA and VSIP at the JMC Town Hall June 15, are not accurate.

At this time, according to Mike Prock, JMC Deputy Chief of Staff for Human Resources (G1) there is no planned implementation of a RIF at any time in the foreseeable future.

Prock said, as part of a regular review process earlier this year, senior leadership discussed several avenues for addressing significant budget shortfalls and the expected human resources balancing which will be necessary with the split of JMC from the Army Field Support Command.

“We were facing a pretty significant budget problem,” he said. “As part of the review process, we looked at all possible solutions including a RIF, furlough and hiring freezes. The RIF was tabled immediately as not the thing to do.”

Prock went on to say that JMC employees should not be worried by the RIF rumors or the VERA/VSIP survey.

“The RIF was considered only as part of ‘what if’ drills: What if we don’t get any more money?” he said. “VERA and VSIP are regular management tools, not an employee entitlement.”



How to NOT drown, wrap the car around a pole, lose a finger, blow up your grill or set the dog on fire this summer

Commentary by
Nikki St. Amant

I know, I know! No one wants to have the rest of their summer fun ruined because some paranoid fanatic won't stop heckling them from an imaginary soap box about all the things that could go wrong on a given day in August. I feel your pain and promise to keep this short - relatively.

Most of us daredevils will go through our lives using gasoline to get our charcoal started, shooting four bottle rockets out of a glass beer bottle we are holding in our hand, swimming without a life jacket and driving too far, too fast without any serious incidents. I, for one, have done all of the above and have, so far, come out unscathed.

But I'm a parent now and anyone who has ever had kids knows that at some point, you have to grow up and start being responsible or else your offspring turn out like heathens. My two rugrats still look at me like I'm crazy when I tell them that jumping the five feet off their jungle gym into the two-foot-deep blow-up pool probably isn't a good idea. It takes vigilance, but, one day, they will learn.

But we are all grown up now and actually have to start using our own brains as we navigate the hazards 14 hours of sunshine a day can bring. The audience reading this probably knows everything I

am about to tell them, but we are all kids at heart and have to be told the same thing, over and over again, until it finally settles in. So, here we go...

Summer is like walking through a mine field.

There are, literally, hundreds of ways you could hurt or kill yourself or someone around you.

The sad thing is that most of those unfortunate "accidents" could be avoided.

Take a little common sense and throw it in with some good solid information. Stir in some easy safety precautions, and chances are, your summer will go off without a hitch. Throw caution to the wind, ignore the stats and cut corners in your haste to get the most out of every magical 90-degree moment, and what should have been a season of scrapbook-quality memories could turn into a nightmare you won't ever forget.



If you run the numbers on grilling, drowning, boating, fireworks, heat, drunk driving and tired driving, more than **25,000 people die** every year from these activities. More than 175,000 are seriously injured. What boggles my mind is how every year, people go out and do the same stupid things that killed so many people the previous year.

It's really easy to stay alive. Follow the instructions on the grill and you are almost guaranteed to not get hurt. Follow the instructions on the fireworks and you at least cut your odds of losing an eye or a finger. Hint: **THEY EXPLODE! DON'T HOLD THEM IN YOUR HANDS!!!** And for you Roman candle fans out there: the neighbor's dog is **NOT** a target. How would you like it if someone shot a ball at you that burns at 1200 degrees?

Wear a life preserver, swim only in posted areas, don't get drunk and go for a dip and, chances are, you won't end up a floater. Take a boating course, lay off the bubbly, follow speed limits and





U.S. Army photo by Darryl Howlett

Cindy Nicholson, left, and Debbie Andersen are two of a small group of Arsenal employees who participate in the Adopt-A-Platoon Soldier Support Effort. They pull together care packages for deployed service members of all branches.

For adoption:

Platoon to good home, must have snacks

By Darryl Howlett
JMC Public Affairs

Several employees located on the Rock Island Arsenal are doing more for Soldiers than what's listed on their job descriptions. They're adopting whole platoons.

Cindy Nicholson, Debbie Andersen, Denise Dietz and Chris Werkheiser all volunteer to collect "care packages" for deployed service members.

Nicholson and Andersen work for the Defense Finance and Accounting Service-Rock Island, while Dietz and Werkheiser work for resource management at the Army Field Support Command.

The seeds of the idea were planted by Nicholson, who volunteers for the American Red Cross.

"We first started collecting boxes in 2002. After 9/11 a lot of people wanted to send care packages to troops overseas. But due to security issues, the government wanted the packages to only go through certain approved organizations like the Red Cross. Then I browsed the internet and saw the Adopt-A-Platoon website," Nicholson said. "We just completed our latest batch of 19 boxes (in May)."

According to its website, the Adopt-a-Platoon Soldier Support Effort was founded in 1998 by volunteer mothers to ensure that deployed service members in all branches of the military are not

forgotten by providing needed mail support and to promote patriotism in schools and communities.

Nicholson said the latest batch of boxes were shipped out on June 13. They were packed with stuff including snack food and "beat the heat" items like baby wipes, lip balm, powdered drink mixes, sun block and eye drops.

"Our next round of boxes will center on entertainment items such as movies, DVDs and playing cards. We started in July and hope to build items up through August before we ship the boxes off in September," she said.

Nicholson said it usually takes about two weeks to a month for boxes to reach service members overseas.

"This is our sixth platoon (we've adopted)," she said. "Once the boxes reach the supply sergeant of the platoon, the items are distributed in Afghanistan."

Nicholson said all previously adopted platoons were located in Iraq. Nicholson's goal is to have other employees from Arsenal organizations adopt their own platoon.

Werkheiser is currently seeking permission from AFSC leaders to further promote the Adopt-a-Platoon program within AFSC headquarters.

"I know it's just a really great program," Werkheiser said.

Production line project nears completion

By Mark Hughes
MCAAP Public Affairs

MCCALESTER, Okla. -- One of the more complicated Lean Six Sigma projects that is streamlining how inert bomb bodies get to the production line is nearing completion, according to the black belt candidate conducting the study, production employee Ron Dusenberry.

"Just-in-time bomb delivery" is the project's unofficial name and involves not only McCalester Army Ammunition Plant but General Dynamics, who makes the bomb bodies, and the plant's customers, the U.S. Navy and Air Force.

The process to obtain the bombs from General Dynamics in Garland, Tex., and from shipping to production took 13 major steps. Those 13 steps involved significant movements of the bombs which increased the chance of forklift bomb damage.

For example, the team discovered that there were 63 total bomb rejects due just to excessive forklift damage out of 25,740 bombs produced. Each bomb had to be repaired or reworked.

Using Lean Six Sigma, the team leaned 13 major steps to just four.

The project's goals, according to Dusenberry, were: identify cost for movement of bomb bodies from rail car to storage and from storage to rail car to production; the cost to construct a new inert storage building at each production building; streamline deliveries of bomb bodies from General Dynamics to MCAAP to match plant's production schedule; reduce handling time, cost and



U.S. Army photo by Mark Hughes

Inert bombs like these can be damaged during handling by fork lift operators. A Lean Six Sigma initiative at MCAAP aims to reduce handling and damages.

defects and identify cost of transporting the bombs by current use of railroad vs. truck.

The team determined that in FY06 the plant spent \$323,548 in receiving MK-80 series bomb bodies; \$51,220 in inventory costs and \$444,586 in issuing costs.

The advantages that come with implementing Lean Six Sigma are: minimizing the cost to receive at storage locations, minimizing the cost to issue to production; minimizing inventory costs and use of plant box cars.

Other advantages include freeing up storage space; reducing damage to bomb bodies due to excessive handling; freeing up use of plant trains; reducing paperwork for receiving and issuing; acclimatizing bomb bodies for quicker production use and knowing exactly when bomb bodies arrive and where they are located.

The team's proposed recommendations are to receive bomb

bodies from General Dynamics to the plant by truck instead of rail; use a 40-foot military semi to transport the bomb bodies instead of rail; deliver bomb bodies straight to the production line, thus bypassing storage and double-handling; use military trailers at production buildings for temporary storage and keep a 30-day safety stock and match General Dynamics daily production to MCAAP's bomb production schedule.

Implementing these recommendations will have a projected first year savings of \$800,000, said Dusenberry.

"This is a great opportunity to apply Lean Six Sigma to make a critical production line more efficient and effective. McAlester, Department of Defense's premier bomb producer, and the customer will benefit from this supply chain integration," said Rich Turek, acting chief of the large caliber and bombs/energetics division at Joint Munitions Command.

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place to work, and make sure they have the things that they need in order to accomplish their jobs. Without the LCMCs, and what they bring to the table here in this theater, the brigade can't accomplish its mission. You all do great work over here and I thank you for volunteering to serve in Kuwait," said Johnson after his brief visit to the sites.

Johnson also toured the Humvee Refurbishment Center and another new refurbishment facility for rebuilding equipment for Iraqi Security Forces through the Kuwait Battalion. The commander toured the Tank-Automotive and Armament Command's Forward Repair Activity where he was briefed on a new project to build 30 Humvee Egress Assistance Trainers (HEAT), which will soon be a training requirement for all Soldiers deployed to theater, and saw the Honeywell/Anniston Army Depot's new operations to rebuild M1A1 tank engines.



U.S. Army Photo by Chuck Sprague
Maj. Gen. Jerome Johnson, third from left, cuts the ribbon opening the new Army Prepositioned Stocks maintenance facility at Camp Arifjan, Kuwait.

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many steps before it's placed on a ship for the ride home. It starts when item managers at major commands determine that a piece of equipment is needed back in the States and issue disposition instructions. AFSBn-KU then initiates a long process to get it home.

First, the battalion removes all garbage from the vehicles, removes all armor put on by the units in Iraq, including "hillbilly armor,"

and then sends the vehicles to the wash rack for agricultural cleaning mandated by U.S. Customs Law, as it is illegal to import foreign soil, animals, or plants into the United States. This thorough wash rack cleansing can take several hours per vehicle. Navy units, whose job it is to ensure US Customs law is followed, inspect each piece of equipment after the cleaning process.

After the Navy inspection, the equipment is placed in one of the ster-

ile lots on Camp Arifjan, where it awaits a "call forward" to the seaport for the voyage home.

Every week multiple convoys bring equipment down from Iraq and every month a few ships load up with equipment and head to the States.

AFSBn-KU has shipped almost a thousand pieces to the U.S. to date and has another thousand pieces ready to go.



HOT OFF THE PRESS

The Global Line will be updating its design as AFSC transitions to the Army Sustainment Command this fall.

We want to know what you want to see! Please send comments and suggestions on design, content and story ideas to the editor at erin.stamant@us.army.mil.

Those trees will go down in history...



U.S. Army photo by Darryl Howlett

George Eaton helps Joint Munitions Command employee Kathy George-Reading go through her files as she prepares to move her office. Eaton is responsible for helping to ensure that all historically relevant documents are identified, preserved and archived as AFSC transitions to the Army Sustainment Command and the Joint Munitions Command transitions into the Joint Munitions and Lethality Life Cycle Management Command.

If you think you may have stumbled across some documents with historical value, give him a call at (309) 782-1450.

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drive defensively and chances are your summer fun won't sink with that 17-foot ski boat.

Drink lots and lots of water! Get in the shade if you are hot! Drink lots and lots of water! Your body is made almost completely of water and that water dries up really fast in 90-degree weather. Heat stroke can come on quickly and unexpectedly and it will kill you. One more time: Drink lots and lots of water! Don't let the sun be the end to your summer fun.

Drunk driving. It is just plain stupid. One is too much. Don't get behind the wheel. Act like the adult you are and plan ahead so that you don't need to get in the car when you are done partying. Get a designated driver, turn over your keys before you start drinking or call a cab. And it's true: friends don't let friends drive drunk. When Jim Bob has too much

Jim Beam, feel free to tackle him, if necessary, even if you don't really mind if he wraps his car around a pole. It isn't always the drunk driver that gets hurt – it's sometimes the family of four in the mini-van he plows into which you have a responsibility to protect.

Tired driving is just as dangerous. Take a friend on long road trips and trade off driving. Get out and stretch every few hours. When you are tired, stop and take a nap. If you doze off at the wheel, you are driving a 2,500-pound bomb blind, deaf and paralyzed. Not very smart is it?

Common sense, people. That's all it takes. Summer can be the time of your life, or the end of your life. For the most part, the choice is yours.

A bottle of water: \$1.29. A life jacket: \$19.99. A cab ride: \$7.50. Making it through the summer of 2006 alive: PRICELESS.

New ammo liaison ensures fellow Marines get high-quality ammo on time, all the time

By Darryl Howlett

JMC Public Affairs

Whether conducting live-fire training or engaged in actual combat, a Marine must trust his fellow Marines, have an operating weapon, and have plenty of ammunition.

The new Marine Corps ammunition liaison officer assigned to the Joint Munitions Command in Rock Island, Ill., is taking care of the ammunition.

Capt. William "Bill" Lanham reported for duty at JMC on July 5, replacing outgoing liaison officer Lt. Col. Richard A. Ratliff.

Liaison officers serve as an interface between their services' acquisition fields and JMC, and with the Program Executive Office for Ammunition (PEO-Ammo) located Picatinny Arsenal in New Jersey. They also assure the intentions of each service branch are represented at JMC.

A Baltimore native and 16-year-veteran who served in Operations Desert Storm and Iraqi Freedom, Lanham understands how important ammunition is for troops on the ground.

"It's vital. I'm here to look after the best interest of the Marine Corps when it comes to ammunition," he said about his three-year tour. "It's my job to make sure we get the best product for what we're paying."

Lanham possesses a deep understanding of Marines on the ground. Being a former enlisted Marine who served as a drill sergeant at Parris Island, S.C., Lanham has served with both Sailors and Marines.



U.S. Army photo by Darryl Howlett

In his position as the Marine Corps ammunition liaison officer, Capt. William "Bill" Lanham serves as the interface between his branch's acquisition communities and the Joint Munitions Command and PEO-Ammo.

"Before coming here, I served as a company commander at Camp Pendleton for an ammunition company of 240 Marines," he said. "Our company deployed twice to Iraq during my tour and half of them are in Iraq now."

Some of Lanham's other assignments include service at the Naval Weapons Station, Yorktown, Va. He also served in Hawaii and Japan, where he met his wife, Maki.

Along with his wife, Lanham also has a son, Nick, 6, and a daughter, Carley, 2.

Providing ammunition for Marines so they can carry out their mission successfully will forever be on Lanham's mind.

"Serving in this position, I get to see the big picture and the overall ammunition process and how that all works. It will help me with other assignments in my career in helping Marines," he concluded.

First AMC Lean Six Sigma black belt accepts four-star honors July 19 at Rock Island

By Rhys Fullerlove
AFSC Public Affairs

Mary Nelson is one of a kind. She was the first employee to receive her black belt through the AMC Lean Six Sigma program. On July 19, Nelson was honored to have Gen. Benjamin S. Griffin, commanding general of Army Materiel Command, present her black belt certificate. "It has been a long road," she said, "but it was well worth it."

Nelson has been involved in the Lean Six Sigma process for more than five years. She spent four years working Lean initiatives in the Army Field Support Command Resource Management Productivity and Value Creation office.

AMC has taken a unique approach by creating its own Lean Six Sigma program to train its personnel instead of hiring a contractor. "By organically growing your experts in-house, you achieve self-sustainment much faster than by using a contractor," said Nelson.

On top of being the first AMC black belt, she is also one of 11 candidates for AMC's master black belt program. Working toward the master black belt, Nelson has had an additional five weeks of training and has taught a wave of green belt, black belt and master black belt classes. To satisfy the requirements, she must also mentor two black belts through the completion of their projects.

"I hope to be able to help grow more black belts for AFSC so we can have more expertise," Nelson said. After becoming a master black belt she can participate in AMC-wide initiatives, as well as mentor and teach.

Nelson has already taught 28 green belt candidates in Seckenheim, Germany for the Army Field Support Brigade-Europe. She teamed with an employee from the Communications and Electronics Command to teach the group and was excited to work with a Lean Six Sigma trainer from another AMC element. "It is nice to be part of a group effort with other commands," said Nelson. The green belt session was AFSB-Europe's introduction to Lean Six Sigma. Most of the personnel had heard of it, but knew virtually nothing about the concept.

AFSC plans to develop more black belts and



U.S. Army photo

Gen. Benjamin S. Griffin presents commander's coins to AFSC employee Mary Nelson, who was the first person to earn a black belt through AMC's Lean Six Sigma program.

continue completing Lean Six Sigma projects like the ones Nelson has worked on. For example, Nelson led a U.S. Transportation Command Lean Six Sigma event, resulting in cost savings and avoidances between \$300,000 to \$1.2 million.

The Lean Six Sigma office plans to implement a program allowing people to rotate through the office so they can gain experience on projects and the program.

AMC started the Lean Six Sigma program to train their own headquarters personnel and has opened the program up to their subordinate commands. Employees who wish to enroll can apply through a self-nomination process on AKO or through their supervisor.

"By organically growing your experts in-house, you achieve self-sustainment much faster than by using a contractor."

Mary Nelson, AFSC black belt

Livorno battalion passes colors to new CO

By Margaret Browne
AFSC Public Affairs

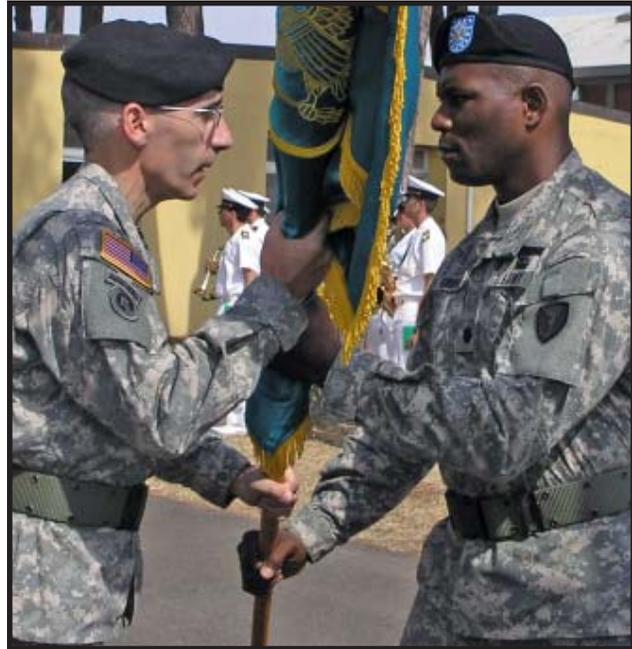
CAMP DARBY, ITALY -- Lt. Col. Harvey R. Robinson has been installed as the commander of the 3rd Battalion, Army Field Support Brigade-Europe. Brigade Commander Col. (P) Xavier P. Lobeto presided over the change of command ceremony that took place June 26 at Camp Darby, Livorno, Italy.

"He is ready for this assignment," Lobeto said of Robinson. "And we are ready for him." He added that there are many challenges at Livorno, "but you have a great team behind you that can get things done and get them done right."

Robinson, a native of Cartersville, Ga., comes to Livorno from Headquarters, Defense Logistics Agency, Fort Belvoir, Va.

In 1986 he was commissioned as second lieutenant in the Infantry and, in 1990, transferred to the Quartermaster Corps. He has served in a variety of leadership and staff positions and holds a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from Jacksonville State University and a Master of Administration from Central Michigan University. His military education includes the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College.

His decorations and awards include the Defense Meritorious Service, Meritorious Service, Army Com-



U.S. Army photo by Chiara Mattiolo

Army Field Support Brigade-Europe Commander, Col. (P) Xavier P. Lobeto passes the colors to new 3rd Battalion Commander Lt. Col. Harvey R. Robinson.

mendation, Army Achievement and Humanitarian Service Medals.

He and his wife, Astrid, have two children, Devin and Mariah.

CG pays visit to Kansas ammunition plant

By Darryl Howlett
JMC Public Affairs

PARSONS, Kan. -- Joint Munitions Command chief Brig. Gen. James E. Rogers toured Kansas Army Ammunition Plant July 10.

KSAAP, located in southeast Kansas, is a government-owned, contractor-operated facility. The installation is a subordinate of JMC and is operated by Day and Zimmerman, Inc.

Rogers received briefings from senior staff on the latest plant safety initiatives and base realignment and closure (BRAC) issues. The Kansas plant was identified for closure by the 2005 BRAC commission.



U.S. Army photo by Darryl Howlett

JMC commander Brig. Gen. James E. Rogers, and JMC Command Sergeant Major Norberto Osbourne observe mortar production at KSAAP June 26.

Rogers also took the time to tour ammunition production facilities for the 155 mm artillery, 60 mm mortar rounds, and Sensor Fused Weapons.

"Thanks for all your hard work," Rogers told several employees while presenting them with a commander's coin for their outstanding performance.

Paul Bryan, Day and Zimmerman general manager at KSAAP, and Donald Dailey, KSAAP commander's representative, led the tour.

"Here at Kansas we stress diversity – diversity of opinions. We value everybody's opinion when it comes to safety," Bryan said. "We've kept our (safety) vigilance very high."

He said the employees take pride in producing ammunition that saves servicemembers' lives.