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Team – Spring has arrived...bringing lower than normal temperatures and some very unpredictable weather. The weather has brought us many challenges, from the flooding of the Mississippi River to the devastating tornados at Ft. Bragg and Ft. Campbell. But, as always, this great team has come together to overcome Mother Nature's obstacles.

As I discussed in our January town hall, we have a number of construction improvements being made around the headquarters as we continue to improve your working conditions. In late May, we will begin construction outside and inside of Building 390. We will start at the entrance of the building by replacing the steps leading to the front door. You may have noticed that years of salt and water penetrating the concrete has resulted in their deterioration. Plans also include providing a wheelchair accessible access ramp at the entrance as well as a passenger unloading area to mitigate a safety risk for drop-off of employees on the adjoining streets. During the construction we will be required to close off pedestrian traffic in front of the building. We will also improve the first floor hallway and stairwells incorporating several safety improvements including upgraded lighting and replacing stairwell treads.

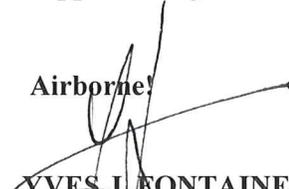
From my foxhole, we are moving forward on all cylinders.....We continue to make great progress in demonstrating to the Army our ability to be the executing agent for the Lead Material Integrator (LMI) mission. We will conduct the second Pilot 16-20 May with a four star level out brief at its conclusion. The focus of the pilot is to exercise the strategic goals and the efficiencies LMI can accomplish for the Army. This Pilot, led by our DMC, is a critical event in demonstrating to the Army what we already know; executing LMI results in improved readiness. We are also achieving success on another key transformation initiative in conjunction with FORSCOM: Leveraging Sustainment Organizations in CONUS (LSOC) allows our DMC to partner with other sustainment organizations that provide material management functions to our customers. We anticipate a MOA being signed by AMC and FORSCOM in May formalizing this collaborative effort. Finally, transfer of DOLs is on track. In April the USAREUR DOLs came under our operational control finalizing the transfer of all 77 worldwide DOLs. Anticipate full transfer in FY 13. Great work by all!!!

We continue to tell the story of the importance of Rock Island Arsenal and of our global mission to numerous visitors and engagements with community leaders. I believe it is important that our Island neighbors understand the critical role we play in support of our national security. It is truly all of our jobs to educate our communities, our congressional representatives, and our external partners on this national treasure in the middle of the Mississippi River and of our global mission.

One way we are telling our story is through the Arsenal wide open house we're hosting on 22 May. This is an outstanding opportunity to bring the community to the Island and showcase all the important work being performed here. There are numerous activities planned throughout the day which include a parade, displays, tours of the factory and Quarters One. You can find the agenda on the home page of the ASC website. This will be a great event and I encourage for those of you in the area to attend with your families and neighbors.

Thank you for all you do every day to support this great Nation and our Command.

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