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Communities Spread Wreaths Across America

ABERDEEN PROVING GROUND, Md. – Wreaths Across America ceremonies occurred in veterans and private ceremonies across the Nation, Dec. 14, including in the historic cemetery of St. Mary Anne's Episcopal Church in North East, Maryland, where APG Senior Commander, Maj. Gen. Mitchell Kilgo, was the guest speaker. Hosted by the Rev. John Schaeffer, the ceremony included a symbolic wreath-laying inside the church where wreaths were dedicated to the branches of the armed forces as well as the Merchant Marines, Prisoners of War, and Missing in Action.



Depot Bids Farewell to Sergeant Major Eric Cherry

TOBYHANNA ARMY DEPOT, Pa. – Sgt. Maj. Eric Cherry can sum up his time at Tobyhanna Army Depot in one sentence: "Time flies while you're doing good work." Cherry will relinquish his responsibility as the depot's senior enlisted advisor on Dec. 4. He says he's doing so with a heavy heart and a sense of wonder about how fast his 16-month assignment flew by. "This was the quickest assignment I've ever had—and certainly one of the most enjoyable," he said, adding that his entire family enjoyed being a part of the depot community.



Enhanced AIE Being Tested at APG

ABERDEEN PROVING GROUND, Md. – The newest iteration of Automated Installation Entry, or AIE, now being tested at Aberdeen Proving Ground, brings features aimed to improve visitor access and the ability for guards to control multiple gate lanes at one time. The new functionality would allow for visitors to obtain an installation access pass at a kiosk or via a web-based platform. It also has the ability for visitors to be vetted in an access control lane at the gate.



ISEC Serves as the Army's Distributed Testing Lab

FORT HUACHUCA, Az. – The U.S. Army Information Systems Engineering Command, one of the five subordinate elements of the U.S. Army Communications–Electronics Command, serves as the U.S. Army distributed testing lab to ensure the warfighter's communication needs are met with a functional, secure network infrastructure. In 2008, there was a backlog of commercial off-the-shelf products seeking placement on the Department of Defense Information Network Approved Products List.

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Depot's Past Performance Leads to Bright Future

TOBYHANNA ARMY DEPOT, Pa. – Continued success has led to several exciting new opportunities, strengthening its grasp on future Department of Defense maintenance requirements. The depot recently welcomed its newest workload, the U.S. Navy RIM–7 Sea Sparrow, a ship–borne anti–missile weapon system. The Sea Sparrow is considered a critical component of naval defense systems and is valuable against sea–skimming missiles.



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CECOM squashing Y2K bug
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 SMC
 In the movie "Starship Troopers," giant bugs from outer space threaten to destroy mankind by hauling huge city-destroying fireballs at the Earth.
 In our "real world" an insidious "bug" is threatening Army communications and information systems worldwide: the dreaded Y2K bug.
 Fortunately, Army leadership, including Lt. Gen. William Campbell, Army director of information systems for command, control, communications and computers (C4I) and Lt. Gen. James Link, deputy commander of AMC have made it a number one priority that Army systems that provide the warfighter a seamless link from the sustaining space to the battlespace will be certified Y2K compliant by Sept. 30 (or, in Y2K-speak, by 19990930).
 grams don't fit the easily footed mold of easily-accessible software code.
 This posed challenges in Y2K compliance issues such as testing, system categorization, and most notably, reporting. Working in tandem with the CECOM PM Y2K, ERM established these processes to make the systems compliant before the Y2K bug could strike.
Which project first?
 SMC had to determine which of its systems or networks would be considered infrastructure. Infrastructure systems are managed in a different manner than other systems.
 The certifying process was organized through a series of milestones to higher levels of the command.

Y2K: Where Are You Now?

ABERDEEN PROVING GROUND, Md. – Do you remember where you were 20 years ago? If you were like many on New Year's Eve 1999, you were anxiously waiting to see what would happen when the year kicked over. The year was about to be Year 2000, or then known as "Y2K." Expansive efforts were underway, ensuring computer and technology systems were capable of handling the switch of calendars from 1999 to 2000. There were significant projects for the U. S. Army Communications–Electronics Command.



Ensuring Mission Readiness through Engagement and Innovation

ABERDEEN PROVING GROUND, Md. – The Army established the Army Reprogramming Analysis Team – Program Office in 1991 to fill a significant gap in Army readiness identified during the Cold War and amplified during Operation Desert Storm. When the Army could not rapidly adjust its Aircraft Survivability Equipment and approach to Air Electronic Warfare to changes in the Operational Environment, something had to change.



Workforce Stands to Benefit from Compact Computing Technology

TOBYHANNA ARMY DEPOT, Pa. – A new pilot program at Tobyhanna Army Depot is making it possible for employees to access online information without using a desktop computer. Information specialists are testing the capabilities of virtualization technology before transitioning the installation's computing environment to a virtual desktop infrastructure (VDI). VDI refers to the process of running a user desktop inside a virtual machine that lives on a server in the data center.



N-CFT, Harford County Team Up to Provide New Space

ABERDEEN PROVING GROUND, Md. – The U.S. Army Network Cross–Functional Team (N-CFT) has partnered with the Harford County Office of Economic Development to set up an outreach office for the N-CFT at the Harford Business Innovation Center (HBIC). Starting this week, the N-CFT will staff the office each Thursday, giving the community a chance to interact with one of the newer additions at APG. The HBIC is located in the Swan Creek Village Shopping Center on Pulaski Highway.



Team C5ISR Holiday Dinner and Dance

ABERDEEN PROVING GROUND, Md. – Guests listen to a speaker during the Team C5ISR Holiday Dinner and Dance at the Water's Edge Event Center in Belcamp, Maryland, Dec. 6, 2019.

Upcoming Events in January

- 15th – MLK Observance
- 30th – CECOM Town Hall and Awards Ceremony