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Army Aviation and Missile Command Creates a Team to Fight Corrosion

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The U.S. Army Aviation and Missile Command (AMCOM) spends \$1.6 billion annually on corrosion maintenance. Over the past three years, the DoD Corrosion Policy and Oversight Office and the Army have established clear policies to address corrosion prevention and mitigation throughout the life cycle of aviation and missile weapon systems.

To improve system readiness and reduce the cost of maintenance to the taxpayer, Major General James. R. Myles has directed Army corrosion experts to form a committee, known as a working integrated product team (WIPT), to address corrosion prevention throughout AMCOM. "It is my intent to establish an aggressive CPC (corrosion prevention and control) effort to reduce the maintenance burden on our soldiers, increase readiness, and reduce the drain on our critical funds," wrote Maj. Gen. Myles in a memorandum dated September 2, 2008.

Maj. Gen. Myles has appointed Steve Carr, the AMCOM corrosion program manager, to lead the AMCOM WIPT effort. The WIPT goal is to ensure that corrosion prevention and control are adequately addressed during the design, acquisition, and sustainment of aviation and missile systems. The WIPT will benefit AMCOM by providing a coordinated approach to assessing cost of corrosion issues, identifying technology solutions, and demonstrating and validating these solutions for implementation across weapon system platforms.

On the AMCOM WIPT, Carr will be joined by representatives appointed by the Program Executive Office for Aviation, the Program Executive Office for Missiles and Space, AMCOM G-3 Operations, AMCOM G-4 Logistics, the AMCOM Integrated Materiel Management Center, and the AMCOM Acquisition Center.

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