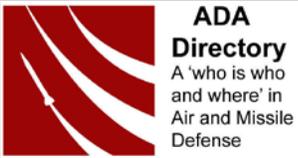




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[35th Air Defense Artillery Brigade Names 2009 Soldier, NCO and KATUSA of the Year](#)

While some say winning isn't everything, for the 12 competitors of the 35th Air Defense Artillery (ADA) Brigade's 2009 Soldier, Noncommissioned Officer (NCO) and Korean Augmentation to the United States Army (KATUSA) of the Year competition, winning meant everything. (By Sergeant Gretchen N. Goodrich, 35th ADA Brigade, Public Affairs Office.)



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[Short boom for defense after nuke, missile tests](#)

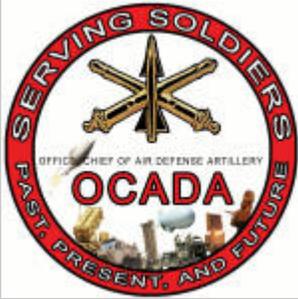
Share prices of South Korea's military suppliers and other producers of defense equipment exploded after North Korea conducted a second nuclear test.

[A Fast Way to Lose the Arms Race - The Opinionator Blog ...](#)

The Defense Department budget proposes major cuts in missile defense

[Let China Lead on North Korea - The Opinionator Blog ...](#)

Unfortunately, it is precisely American missile defense capabilities that the Obama administration is now cutting



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**ADA Regimental
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**32nd Army Air and
 Missile Defense
 Command Conducts
 Tactics Seminar**

The 32nd Army Air and Missile Defense Command (AAMDC) hosted an Army wide Tactics Seminar on 7 and 8 May 2009, at Fort Bliss, Texas, to assist in the development of new techniques to counter current and future air and missile defense threats and to maintain Army Air Defense Artillery's capability to deploy anywhere in the world against the full spectrum of air and missile threats. (By Specialist Cassandra Villezcas, 32d AAMDC, Public Affairs Office.)



**Alaska is 'front line
 of defense'**

Mark Begich is reminding people of just how strategic the state is for missile defense.

Japan Should Consider Pre-emptive Strikes, LDP Lawmaker Says

We must look at active missile defense such as attacking an enemy's territory and bases." One option would be to equip navy ships with cruise missiles

The Gathering Storm Missile defense experts have now concluded the North Korean missile launched in early April is capable of dropping a 650 pound warhead on Indiana and a 500 pound warhead on Florida.

Huntsville named 'Best City' by Personal Finance magazine

The magazine said it ranked Huntsville first because of its importance as an aerospace and missile defense hub

**Sat/Sun/Mon
 23 - 25 May 2009**

Ten facts about Memorial Day

Memorial Day is more than just a three-day weekend and a chance to get the year's first sunburn.

**Obama's Day:
 Honoring the nation's
 fallen troops**

President Barack Obama begins **Memorial Day** hosting a breakfast at the White House for families who

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ADA Command Sergeant Major's Professional Development Website for ADA NCOs

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Medal Citations Attest to the Bravery of ADA Soldiers Under Fire

[ADA Distinguished Service Cross Recipients](#)[ADA Silver Star Recipients](#)[News Media](#)[ARC News](#)[Air Defense Artillery School and 6th ADA Brigade Case Colors for Move from Bliss to Sill](#)

The Air Defense Artillery (ADA) School is packing its duffle bags and casing its colors after 41 years at Fort Bliss, Texas. On Wednesday, 6 May 2009, in a brief "color casing" ceremony ADA prepared its flags for movement to Fort Sill, Oklahoma. (By Kathleen Doyle, Staff Editor)

[Editor Corks His Inkwell and Puts Away His Quill](#)

William Blair Case "The Pen" of Air Defense Artillery for more than 30 years, retired on 30 March 2009. During his career, Mr. Case was the Editor-in-Chief of the ADA magazine (PB-44), the ADA Yearbook(s), many pamphlets and brochures and was the creator and manager of this web site. In 2007, Blair shared the honor of being named the Chief of Staff of the Army's Editor of the Year. Blair's historical knowledge, wonderful wit and unique writing style has kept us informed on ADA topics for



have lost loved ones.

[New missile program for American DARPA](#)

A new long-range missile program capable to strike down missiles, aircraft and air defenses is the new project being studied by the American DARPA

[Partisan Clouds Gather Over Missile Defense Plans](#)

When Democrats meet Republicans on the field of battle over missile defense, [Robert M. Gates](#) will be providing them cover from up above.

[Military members, vets to be honored](#)

The Sumter County Veterans Association will hold a Memorial Day Ceremony on Monday to honor all veterans and military members.

[Sea-Based Missile Defense Moves Forward Under President Obama's Administration](#)

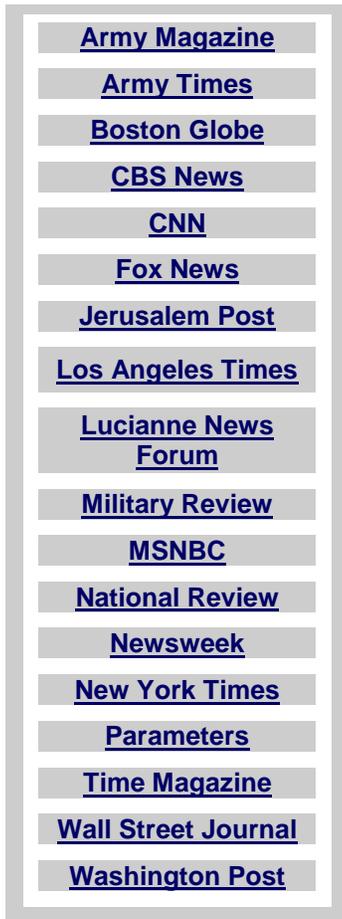
A new U.S. Navy command that will support our nation's missile defense program

[Air Defense Wasn't Sergeant's Preference](#)

Air defense artillery wasn't Sgt. Justin Yepez's first career choice.

[Crowding in the Nuclear Neighborhood](#)

It is Article One of the Obama Doctrine: America must take the lead in traveling the "road to zero," eliminating nuclear weapons worldwide.



several generations. We thank him for his dedication, diligence and patriotism. (By Kathleen Doyle, Staff Editor)

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[Some Air Defenders Still at Fort Bliss](#)

Although the Army's air defense artillery command is moving to Fort Sill, Okla.

[GF Native Heads Missile Defense Brigade](#)

A Grand Forks native is commanding the nation's only missile defense brigade.

**Friday
22 May 2009**

[Prisoners of History: Missile Defense, EMP and America's Security](#) Americans are concerned with the accuracy of the news they digest on a daily basis. And most Americans believe the media in general is biased toward the left.

[Shield of Dreams](#)

The shift in the Obama administration's policy suggesting a freeze in deployment of the ballistic missile defense system in Poland and the Czech Republic.

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[Gates defends U.S. missile defense cuts](#) Defense Secretary Robert Gates on Wednesday defended cuts to U.S. missile defense programs, saying Washington ...

[Deployment of U.S.-Based Missile Interceptors Cut Off at 30](#) The head of the U.S. Army's Space and Missile Defense Command said yesterday that it "makes sense" to deploy no more than 30 missile interceptors in silos on U.S. soil.

[Missing Weapons: The Nation's Great Threat](#) The recent foiling of a terrorist plot to attack a New York City synagogue has caused some to question the wisdom of Obama's decision.

[Latest Missile Plot had Little Chance of Success, but 'Stinger Stings' are Valuable Tools](#) On Wednesday, the FBI thwarted an alleged terrorist plot to shoot down a military cargo plane with a Stinger missile.

[Northrop Grumman-Led Team Submits Bid for Phase II](#) This month Northrop Grumman Corporation submitted its Phase II bid for the prime contractor role for the U.S. Army's Integrated Air and Missile Defense Battle Command System.

Thursday, 21 May 2009

[Missile Defense Debate](#) The Obama administration plan to freeze the number of missiles at Fort Greely was based on a risk assessment, not on economics, according to Defense Secretary Robert Gates.

[Missile Defense Agency Faults Raytheon on Warhead](#) Warheads produced by Raytheon Co. for the US missile defense system were delivered as much as 50 days behind schedule last year because of poor management, the head of the Missile Defense Agency said.

[6-52 ADA Leaves Fort Sill for New Permanent Home at Suwon](#) The newest Patriot missile battalion to move to Suwon Air Base, South Korea, will be stationed there permanently, rather than the one year on station rotation of previous Air Defense Artillery units.

[Russia Could Deploy Missiles Near Poland](#) Russia could deploy its latest Iskander missiles close to Poland if plans to install U.S. Patriots on Polish soil go ahead.

[Arrow Missile System to be Funded](#) Israel was worried that cuts to the U.S. defense budget could jeopardize funding for the joint U.S.-Israel project, but the Post reported the United States will fully fund the development and production of the Arrow 3 ballistic missile defense system.

[Gates Counters Criticism of Missile Defense Spending Reduction](#) The Obama administration's missile defense budget includes adequate funding to strengthen counter-measures against long-range missiles despite significant spending reductions.

[Russia's Warning on Missile Defense](#) Russia's foreign minister warned yesterday that Moscow would demand that US plans for a missile defense system be on the table during nuclear arms control talks.

[Lawmakers Expected to Ask O'Reilly to Defend Move to 30 GBIs](#) When Missile Defense Agency Director Lt. Gen. Patrick O'Reilly testifies on Capitol Hill this week on the agency's fiscal year 2010 missile defense budget.

[Missile Defense Agency to Submit BMD Accountability Report in June](#) Next month the Missile Defense Agency plans to submit a report to Congress covering cost baselines for all of the agency's programs.

[Iran Says It Tests Missile, Israel Within Range](#) President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad said Iran test-fired a new advanced missile Wednesday with a range of about 1,200 miles, far enough to strike Israel and U.S. bases in the Persian Gulf region.

[Oil and Warfare Mix](#) Oil is not just any commodity. It is a strategic commodity. Our military can't move without it. Our economy can't function without it. Regimes that have large amounts of oil lying under the lands they rule enjoy unearned wealth and power.

Wednesday, 20 May 2009

[Patriot Battery to Arrive This Year, Poland Says](#) A senior Polish defense official said today that the United States is likely to field a Patriot battery in his nation this year.

[India Test Fires Nuclear-Capable Missile](#) India test-fired a nuclear-capable missile on Tuesday with a range of up to 3,000 kilometers, a defense ministry official said.

[Boeing to Move Missile Defense Division Headquarters to Alabama](#) Boeing will relocate the headquarters for its Missile Defense Systems Division from Arlington, Virginia.

[U.S. Defense Official Confirms Iran Missile Launch](#) Iran has successfully launched a missile with a range of 2,000 to 3,000 km (1,200-1,900 miles) and a configuration that appears consistent with its Ashura models.

[US-Europe Missile Defense Won't Work: Think Tank](#) A planned U.S. anti-missile system, hotly opposed by Russia, to defend Europe against the threat of missile attack from Iran would not work, a new study by a U.S.-based think tank said Tuesday.

[Underhill Leaves 108th](#) Colonel Jeff Underhill, who oversaw the move of the 108th ADA Brigade from Fort Bliss, Texas, to Fort Bragg, North Carolina, relinquished command on Friday.

Tuesday, 19 May 2009

[Army Air Defense Unit to Activate at Fort Sill](#) The Army announced today the planned activation of the 4th Battalion, 3rd Air Defense Artillery Regiment (Patriot) at Fort Sill, Oklahoma.

[Russia Sees No Problems on Air Defense System Sale to Belarus](#) There are no problems with the sale of Tor-M2 and Buk-M2 air defense systems to Belarus, with only technical issues under discussion, the head of the Russian state-run arms exporter said on Tuesday.

[Raytheon Gets \\$260M More in Weapons Work](#) Defense contractor Raytheon Co. has been awarded two modifications worth more than \$265 million to its existing contract to upgrade Phalanx weapons systems...

[Soldiers Released From Hospital After Accident](#) Three Soldiers from 5-7 ADA were released from a German hospital following an accident Saturday afternoon west of Mannheim, Germany, officials said Monday.

[Fire Ruins Soldiers' Home](#) Two Soldiers from 2-1 ADA, 69th ADA Brigade, lost many of their possessions and were displaced due to a fire that ravaged their rental home while they were on were on post.

[Army Air Defense Artillery Command Begins Move From Fort Bliss](#) Army Air Defense Artillery Soldiers are spread around the world, but, for the last 40 years they have had a place to call home - Fort Bliss.

[Army Service Can Be Much More Than Wearing of Uniform](#) The military is a profession of Americans who are very noble and selfless in character, and I am very proud to be associated with that."

Thursday, 7 May 2009

[17-Billion Dollars in Cuts to Budget](#) The proposal reportedly includes cuts in weapons systems to clean up of abandoned mines, missile defense spending and wiping out multi-billion-dollar weapons programs.

[Anti-Missile System Details Sold on eBay](#)

In today's episode a used computer bought off eBay, It is reported that one disk contained details of test launch procedures for the Terminal High-Altitude Area Defense (THAAD) ground-to-air missile defense system.

[Cutting for Counterinsurgency](#) Gates added \$700 million to existing theater defense systems while terminating longer term programs and cutting the overall Missile Defense Agency budget by \$1.4 billion.

[Russian Foreign Minister Meeting With Obama](#) Washington and Moscow appear divided on how to rein in Iran's nuclear ambitions. And while the United States has put its contentious missile defense plans in Europe under review, that disagreement has not been resolved.

[European Missile Defense](#) If the European-based missile defense agreement fails now, it will be devastating to US-European relations.

[FACTBOX - Major Weapon Changes in 2010 U.S. Defense Budget](#) Cuts of \$1.2 billion in funding from the missile defense program, with the lion's share of the cuts coming from the Ground-based Midcourse Defense (GMD) system built by Boeing, and the Patriot PAC-3 missile program run by Raytheon and Lockheed.

Wednesday, 6 May 2009

[Army Awards \\$115M Missile Contract to Raytheon](#) Raytheon's Integrated Defense Solutions division has landed \$115 from the U.S. Army to upgrade radar components on four Patriot missile systems.

[Australia Breaks with US on Missile Defense](#) The Australian government expressed its categorical opposition to national ballistic missile shields that represents a break from the United States and put Australia in the same camp as China and Russia on the question of missile defense.

[Fort Bliss Project: Major Benefits for El Paso](#) A new \$200 million federal project (mostly housing) called "The Villages at Beaumont," just outside the gates of Fort Bliss, will provide El Pasoans a myriad of economic and quality-of-life benefits.

[Army's Air Defense School Starts Move to Oklahoma](#) After 41 years at Fort Bliss, Texas, the Army's Air Defense Artillery School is packing up and heading for Fort Sill, Oklahoma.

[Missile Defense Agency Launches Satellite](#) Yesterday, the United States launched a satellite intended to detect and track missile flights.

Tuesday, 5 May 2009

["Regional Peace" -- A New Idea for the Middle East!](#) If you thought that after all these years there could not possibly be a new idea for making peace between Israel and the Palestinians, well, as the cliché goes, think again.

[Launch Today: Delta 2 Rocket to Loft Missile Defense Craft](#) A United Launch Alliance Delta 2 Rocket is poised and ready for launch at Vandenberg AFB, CA. It will carry the Missile Defense Agency's Space Tracking and Surveillance System (STSS) Advanced Technology Risk Reduction (ATTR) payload into orbit.

[Murtha's Nephew Got Defense Contracts](#) Millions in work came without competition - Murtech received its contracts primarily from the Army Space and Missile Defense Command in Huntsville, Alabama.

Monday, 4 May 2009

[All American Building Systems Signs Contract to Build Barracks for U.S. Army](#) All American Building Systems, LLC, announced today it has signed a contract to build housing for the United States Army at Fort Bliss, located near El Paso, Texas.

[Sea-Based Missile Defense Moves Forward Under President Obama's Administration](#) Riki Ellison, Chairman and Founder of the Missile Defense Advocacy Alliance (MDAA), told the MDAA membership last week of the establishment of a new U.S. Navy command that will support our nation's missile defense program.

[DPRK Accuses U.S. of Trying to Suffocate Its National Defense Industry](#) The Democratic People's Republic of Korea accused the United State of trying to "suffocate its national defense industry," the official Korean Central News Agency reported.

Sunday, 3 May 2009

[Soldier Held in Shooting Comes From 'Good Family'](#) A close-knit border town, Del Rio, Texas, questions how one of its own came to be accused in a Fort Bliss shooting that took the life of a high-school student and wounded a soldier.

[Israeli Calls Up Missile Reservists](#) Israeli air force reservists are sharpening their missile defense system skills amid fears of a long-rang missile attack from Iran.

[Navy Air and Missile Defense Command Established](#) The Navy Air and Missile Defense Command (NAMDC) was established 30 April 2009 in a ceremony at Naval Support Facility Dahlgren, Virginia. NAMDC is the lead organization for the Navy, joint and combined Integrated Air and Missile Defense (IAMD).

[Patriot and Arrow Operators Prepare for Iranian Threat](#) Operators the Arrow and Patriot missile defense systems have recently begun spending one day a week on duty to sharpen their skills, amid fears that in a conflict with Iran, dozens of long-range missiles would be fired at Israel.

Saturday, 2 May 2009

[Lawmaker: More Need Stress Help in Military](#) Soldiers suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder who never fired a weapon in combat still deserve the full array of treatment and compensation options offered by Veterans Affairs.

[Obama Aide Admits Missile Shield Should Worry Russia](#) Some of Russia's concerns over a proposed missile defense shield in Eastern Europe are "legitimate".

Friday, 1 May 2009

[El Paso Weathers Storm as Flu Panic Grips Mexico](#) It is often said of U.S. cities bordering Mexico that if one city gets a cold, the other sneezes, because their economies are so closely linked.

[U.S. Official Expects North Korean Nuclear Test](#) A senior Obama administration official said he expects that North Korea will test a nuclear weapon before it is forced back to international disarmament negotiations.