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## Secretary of the Army visits historic Arsenal

**ROCK ISLAND, Ill.**—The top-ranking civilian in the U.S. Army visited Rock Island Arsenal today.

During the visit, Secretary of the Army John M. McHugh, thanked Arsenal Soldiers and employees for their contributions to military operations in Iraq and elsewhere, and learned more about the missions and functions carried out on the Arsenal.

“Rock Island Arsenal’s future is bright,” McHugh said about Arsenal Island, “We can’t do this without them.” McHugh said he was amazed at the history of the island and its contributions throughout the years.

McHugh serves as the 21<sup>st</sup> Secretary of the Army, a position he has held since Sept. 21, 2009. As the Secretary of the Army, McHugh has statutory responsibility for all matters relating to the United States Army: manpower, personnel, reserve affairs, installations, environmental issues, weapons systems and equipment acquisition, communications, and financial management.

McHugh began his visit at a conference room at the Headquarters of the Army Sustainment Command. There, he received a series of briefings on critical missions and programs carried out by the command, including the management of conventional ammunition; the Logistics Civil Augmentation Program (LOGCAP), which provides contractor support in theaters of operation; and the prepositioning of weapons and equipment, which proved crucial to the rapid advance made by U.S.

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forces during Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Following the briefings and a luncheon, McHugh was taken on a tour of the Arsenal's manufacturing facility by Col. Craig Cotter, commander of Rock Island Arsenal's Joint Manufacturing and Technology Center. McHugh was accompanied on the tour by Gen. Ann E. Dunwoody, commanding general of the U.S. Army Materiel Command; and Maj. Gen. Yves J. Fontaine, commanding general of the ASC.

Prior to his departure of the Quad City area, McHugh, Dunwoody and Fontaine held a press conference highlighting McHugh's visit to Arsenal Island. During his remarks, McHugh said that lessons learned have proven a need for an organic industrial base to partner with the Army's contractors. He also recognized the excellent contributions and achievements of the men and women of Rock Island Arsenal.

"We brought the best, Major General Fontaine and Colonel Cotter, to Rock Island Arsenal," McHugh said. "Its workforce is talented and provides critical support to our Soldiers."

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