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### WORTH REPEATING

“Hard is not hopeless. I pledge to do my utmost to lead our wonderful men and women in uniform and those of our coalition partners in Iraq as we endeavor to help the Iraqis make the most of the opportunity our Soldiers, Sailor, Airmen and Marines have given to them.”

— *Lt. Gen. David H. Petraeus, commander of the Multi-National Force-Iraq*



U.S. Army Photo/Chief Warrant Officer Rik Cox

The standard HMMWV Egress Assistance Trainer debuted at the annual Association of the United States Army's winter symposium and exhibition in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., March 7-9.

## Army's First Standard Egress Trainer Prepares Soldiers for HMMWV Rollover Situations

By Kristen Dooley, Public Affairs Specialist

The Program Executive Office for Simulation, Training and Instrumentation (PEO STRI) fielded the first standardized Army HMMWV Egress Assistance Trainer (HEAT) to Fort Carson, Colo., April 3.

“HEAT will provide the Soldiers of Fort Carson, and all follow-on fielding sites, with the ability to conduct realistic and relevant training related to the M1114 up-armored HMMWV,” said Lt. Col. Scott Pulford, product manager for ground combat tactical trainers. “It gives Soldiers confidence in their seat restraint systems and equipment, and demonstrates the importance of vehicle load plans and securing all on-board equipment to prevent injury during rollovers.”

In response to an Operational Needs

Statement from the U.S. Army Forces Command (FORSCOM), PEO STRI rapidly produced the training device to properly instruct Soldiers how to safely egress from a M1114 HMMWV.

“The HEAT is used to train soldiers how to react during a rollover incident and how to safely egress from a vehicle, which will increase the survivability of our Soldiers,” said Maj. Vernon Myers, assistant project manager for HEAT.

The device simulates a rolled-over HMMWV, in which the trainer is capable of rotating and stopping in various positions making it the only Army training device that allows Soldiers to practice a variety of egress techniques at different angles.

“During training, units will be able to provide Soldiers an understanding of how it

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# Army National Guard Soldiers Lend Expertise and Experience to PEO STRI

By Kristen Dooley, Public Affairs Specialist

Three Army National Guard (ARNG) Soldiers recently joined the Program Executive Office for Simulation, Training and Instrumentation (PEO STRI) as part of the Active Duty for Special Work program which is designed to fulfill units' and organizations' special needs through the National Guard Bureau. The qualified Soldiers are placed on temporary duty in order to perform a special function for the installation.

"This program is important to both PEO STRI and the ARNG because it affords both agencies the opportunity to learn and gain experience about each other while accomplishing important missions," said Maj. Ashleah Bechtel,

a STRI advisor to the Active Duty for Special Work program.

Each Soldier accepted a position within one of the three designated shops—Project Manager Field Operations (PM Field Ops), Project Manager Combined Arms Tactical Trainers (PM CATT) and Project Manager Training Devices (PM TRADE)—that best suited their professional and military expertise.

A fourth ARNG Soldier is scheduled to come on board at the end of May. He will directly support the program executive officer as the senior enlisted advisor. His main responsibility will be to identify what training the Soldiers in the field need in order to effectively

fight.

"ARNG sees value in having Soldiers gain acquisition experience especially as it relates to the development and fielding of training devices," Bechtel said. "It is my belief that PEO STRI recognizes the importance of ensuring all components of the Army are considered in its mission, and therefore also sees value in having these Soldiers on board."

## PM Field Ops: Staff Sgt. David Tuck

Staff Sgt. David Tuck accepted the position within PM Field Ops where he is responsible for coordinating, fielding, testing, maintaining and relocating any ARNG device.

"Here at PEO STRI, I am getting what I like to call a behind the scenes look at the ARNG training programs," Tuck said. "Most Soldiers don't get to understand how this side of the house operates; all they know is they get in a device and train. They don't get to understand where the device came from, how it is developed, and how it is maintained."

As a certified instructor for his military occupational specialty, Tuck comprehends the Army doctrine and understands the work it takes to continuously upgrade training techniques and procedures.

"I'm also a combat veteran. I have seen a lot of need for training to better prepare Soldiers for combat," stated Tuck, who has been part of the ARNG for seven years.

"I joined the Guard because I wanted to carry the pride of serving my country. I wanted to be a member of a world class organization. And if the time came, I wanted to fight for my country, and I have."

Tuck's military experience makes him an integral asset to PEO STRI.

"I have the privilege of working with some great people and a great organization. I also enjoy being here at

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I joined the Guard because I wanted to carry the pride of serving my country. I wanted to be a member of a world class organization. And if the time came, I wanted to fight for my country, and I have.” — Staff Sgt. David Tuck



U.S. Army Photo/Staff Sgt. David Tuck

Staff Sgt. Tuck (left) worked in collaboration with Iraqi National Guardsmen during his deployment in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

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# LEGAL CORNER



## HOW TO LEAVE YOUR MONEY TO YOUR HEIRS: WILLS & OTHER WAYS

By Laura Cushler, Associate Counsel

When you think about leaving your money to your heirs, you may think that you have everything in your will. (You have a will, right?) However, there are a lot of other documents that could actually override your will. Believe it or not, the majority of your biggest pieces of property and money will probably pass outside of your will. This article will discuss what these documents are and how they work.

To begin, if you are a federal employee, you should have filled out four beneficiary forms, three of which go into your personnel file. Those forms cover the following:

**1) FEGLI** If you pay for Federal Group Life Insurance (FEGLI), you should designate a primary beneficiary and a contingent beneficiary. For example, if you are married and name your spouse as your primary beneficiary, you might name a child or another relative or friend as the contingent beneficiary. (The contingent beneficiary takes if the primary beneficiary is deceased or in the event that you and the primary beneficiary die at the same time.)

Be careful about naming a child under the age of 18 as a beneficiary, however, because that child cannot directly inherit the money. Instead, the insurance money will have to be deposited into a trust by the Probate Court. The court will appoint a trustee to manage the money. Usually courts name a law firm or a bank's trust department as the trustee. Such trustees must post a bond

and may charge a percentage of the trust fund as a statutory fee for their services. In addition, the trustee can charge every time the child's guardian asks for money. All of these charges and fees will reduce the money in the trust, and therefore, lessen your gift to the child.

If you want to leave money to a minor child (or name a minor child as an heir in your will or as a beneficiary), the best way is to set up a trust and name a trustee in your will. The insurance beneficiary form can then name the trust in your will as the beneficiary and the trustee will be someone you chose and who you trust. That trustee will not have to post a bond or take a statutory fee, thus preserving more money in the trust for the child.

**2) CSRS/FERS** The Civil Service Retirement System (CSRS) and Federal Employees Retirement Systems (FERS) allow you to designate a beneficiary to receive the money saved in the retirement plan.

**3) Last Pay and Leave** In the event that you pass away while still federally employed, you may also designate a beneficiary for any pay due and a lump sum for annual leave you accumulated.

**4) TSP** The Thrift Savings Plan (TSP) also allows you to designate a beneficiary for your TSP savings by filing a Form TSP-3 available on [www.tsp.gov](http://www.tsp.gov). This form does not go into your official personnel folder. You must mail it directly to the TSP Service Office in Birmingham, Ala.

If you jointly own a house, real estate, vacation house, car, boat, motorcycle or recreational vehicle with another person, the title will permit the joint owner to take title without the property passing through probate. Bank accounts and certificates of deposit held jointly with a right of survivorship or that have designated beneficiaries also pass outside of the will. Other life insurance policies through military organizations or other private policies allow you to name beneficiaries. Stock accounts, mutual funds, IRAs, and other investment accounts also permit the owner to name a beneficiary.

The key is to ensure that all of these forms are in harmony, or else the wrong person might inherit. Alternatively, an adult child might get less than the parents intended. Risks multiply with divorce and remarriage. An ex-spouse might still be named on an old insurance policy. A new spouse might inherit and cut his stepchildren out. Forget polite Thanksgivings and get ready for angry phone calls and lawsuits.

To prevent all of that, it is a good idea to look at all of these documents once a year and ensure that the people you named are still those you intend to inherit from you. Review your will, trust, beneficiary forms, life insurance policies, bank accounts and investment statements. If necessary, ask for advice from a lawyer who specializes in estates or estate planning. In the end, good planning will keep your memory on the "sainted" list. ■



# PEO STRI Brings Realism to Simulated Battlefield

By Kristen Dooley, Public Affairs Specialist

The U.S. Army Program Executive Office for Simulation, Training and Instrumentation fielded the first Battlefield Effects Simulator (BES) to Fort A.P. Hill, Va., March 9-12, 2007. The system enables the realistic battlefield conditions to be replicated on the training range and enhances the Army's operational readiness to succeed on tomorrow's battlefield.

The first Army BES fielding consisted of 24 Omega-60 launcher devices installed in fixed and mobile target positions, in addition to the pyrotechnic cartridges for new equipment training, site integration and acceptance testing. During the three day fielding activity, five Soldiers from Fort A.P. Hill were trained in the proper operation of the BES system, 24 launchers were installed and the complete system was integrated with the training range control system.

PEO STRI worked with Titan Dynamics Systems Inc. to develop and field the BES. The devices bring added realism to Soldiers training in a combat environment. ■



Courtesy Photo/Titan Dynamics Systems Inc.

The installation of the BES system to the Army's Fort A.P. Hill consisted of 24 Omega-60 launcher devices and pyrotechnic cartridges for training and testing.

## ARMY ACQUISITION AUTHORITY



U.S. Army Photo/Doug Schaub

Maj. Gen. Jeffrey A. Sorenson, deputy for acquisition and systems management for the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Acquisition, Logistics and Technology), spoke at the National Defense Industrial Association (NDIA) breakfast March 21 about the current situation facing the Army's acquisition community. After attending the Central Florida NDIA function, Maj. Gen. Sorenson attended briefings at the Program Executive Office for Simulation, Training and Instrumentation.

# ITTS Project Exceeds Army's Expectations

*The Range Digital Transmission System (RDTS) Digital Installation is a range-wide fiber optic based infrastructure program designed to provide data, voice, telemetry, and video transmission capability to test support personnel throughout the 3,600 square mile Yuma Proving Ground (YPG) test range.*

By Ralph Holweck, Deputy Director, PM ITTS IMO, Darryll Mathias, Senior Project Coordinator RDTS, and Rick Drapala, Director of Information Management, Yuma Proving Ground

After seven years worth of efforts, the Program Executive Office for Simulation, Training and Instrumentation (PEO STRI) handed-off the RDTS Digital Installation to YPG Jan. 31. Col. David Lockhart, Project Manager for Instrumentation, Targets and Threat Simulators (PM ITTS) and Col. Johnny R. Bullington, commander of YPG, signed the agreement denoting the formal transition.

The project was initiated in fiscal-year 2000 and concluded in fiscal-year 2006 with a \$49.8 million budget. It remained on schedule, within budget, exceeded performance, and met Army comptroller goals for both obligation and disbursement of funds.

To manage and execute the RDTS, an

extended Integrated Products Team (IPT), TEAM RDTS, was assembled consisting of team members from the Project Manager for Instrumentation, Targets and Threat Simulators Instrumentation Management Office in Orlando, Fla., the Information Systems Engineering Command in Fort Huachuca, Ariz., YPG in Fort Huachuca, Ariz., and several support contractors.

During the planning phase, the government decided to accept the risk as the system integrator. From a cost estimate perspective, this reduced the dollars required to execute RDTS by 25 percent to 30 percent.

They "subcontracted" work out via competitive contracts as necessary to telecommunications hardware vendors

while simultaneously utilizing a systems engineering contract to support TEAM RDTS. The benefits of this approach were greater flexibility to adapt to rapidly changing telecommunications products, market conditions, and test range mission requirements. All resulted in more bandwidth per dollar spent.

During the project planning phase, it was also noted that technology advances in the telecommunications commercial market sector were occurring every six to eight months and that this was the most effective way for the government to get direct access to industry and mitigate the risk of installing obsolete technology solutions.

TEAM RDTS did an exceptional job at forecasting future technology trends for the commercial telecommunications industry and was able to effectively adapt the RDTS solution on a modular basis and mitigate technology obsolescence while maintaining cost, schedule and enhancing performance. The prime factor in making this possible was the integration of key players into the day-to-day project efforts to ensure that those solutions that were installed had scalability, modularity and affordability over the life cycle.

During the digital installation effort, many day-to-day innovations were utilized to enhance the team's ability to get the job done. The extensive use of GPS-based surveying equipment, along with all terrain vehicles, reduced the time required to site survey, design and engineer a given fiber link by as much as two-thirds. The output of the surveying equipment was fed directly into the AutoCAD® drawing system, thus reducing both the labor and the potential for error.

The efforts of TEAM RDTS and PEO STRI are at the forefront of transforming and modernizing the Army's training and testing community. ■



Courtesy Photo

Col. David Lockhart (left), Project Manager for Instrumentation Targets and Threat Simulators, and Col. Johnny R. Bullington, YPG, signed the agreement Jan. 31, 2007, to formally transition the lifecycle management of Range Digital Transmission System Digital Installation to Yuma Proving Ground, Fort Huachuca, Ariz.

PEO STRI because I am contributing to the entire National Guard across the board, and not just one single unit," said Tuck, whose nine-month tour concludes in September.

"I enjoy being a member of the ARNG because of the experiences that I have been able to take part in and also the people I have been given the opportunity to help and meet, but most of all the pride that I carry on my shoulders everyday that I put this uniform on," said Tuck.

### PM CATT: Sgt. Robert Briar

Sgt. Robert Briar joined the PM CATT team Feb. 1 as the master gunner subject matter expert. His main responsibility is to assist in the fielding of the National Guard's Conduct of Fire Trainer (COFT) XXI, but has also worked with the HMMWV Egress Assistance Trainer program and the Conduct of Fire Trainer—Enhanced Project.

"I came to PEO STRI because I love to train Soldiers and if by my being here can assist in that effort, I will do everything I can," Briar said. "My main focus is on programs that the National Guard uses, however as a Bradley master gunner and an infantryman, I will help out wherever I can."

Serving nearly 10 years on active duty, Briar has only been an ARNG Soldier since April 2006.

"In the short time I have been in the ARNG, I have been given opportunities to do things I never would have been able to do on active duty," Briar stated. "I have learned more about the acquisition process in two months than I ever thought I would, and I have a lot more to learn."

Alternatively, Briar's background offers a world of experience for the advancement of PEO STRI. As a Bradley master gunner, he was inventive and creative with his own training.

"Just because I am a Bradley master gunner does not limit my knowledge to just Bradley simulators. When I had to develop advanced infantry tables, part of the training [for the infantrymen] involved using equipment such as the Laser Marksmanship Training System and the Engagement Skills Trainer. I had to be familiar with the systems to

ensure the company and battalion met their training gates prior to individual and crew qualification," Briar said.

Realizing the expenses associated with range and live fire training, Briar said he believes one of the best ways to train crews for gunnery is to use the COFT and other devices such as the Multiple Integrated Laser Engagement System and the Precision Gunnery System.

His tour ends in July, but said he hopes to extend his orders.

"I love it [at PEO STRI]. I am a part of things here I never dreamed about. Now I am seeing the bigger picture and getting a look behind the scenes at what actually happens. When a simulator showed up at our [training center], I never thought about how that device got there. The acquisition process is an eye-opener."



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— Sgt. Robert Briar



U.S. Army Photo/Heather Kelly

Sgt. Robert Briar, a Bradley master gunner, currently works as the master gunner subject matter expert for PEO STRI.

### PM TRADE: Sgt. Dennis Godfrey

Sgt. Dennis Godfrey came to PEO STRI March 8, 2007, as part of PM TRADE to assist their Counter-Improvised Explosive Device (C-IED) team. His military background includes experience in electronic warfare.

Currently, Godfrey is attending the master gunner conference at the Joint Forces Training Center, Camp Shelby, Miss., to evaluate the effectiveness of their IED training devices. His main responsibility is to educate and instruct Soldiers about C-IED techniques, tactics and training. ■

### PEO STRI welcomes each Soldier to the simulation and training family!

# CITIZEN STRI



"WHAT IS THE BEST PRANK YOU HAVE EVER PULLED?"



"Snipe hunting with my youngest brother - I had him sitting in the woods for almost three hours waiting on me to 'flush' out the mythical snipe bird, which when scared, likes to hide in small dark holes. To simulate a small dark hole, my brother squatted between two fallen tree trunks with an empty dog food bag, and was as quiet as possible. I can't remember exactly how long he was out there, but I believe I watched almost two Indiana Jones movies before he came out of the woods. He was a little miffed."

- Paul Clingan, PM ITTS in El Paso, Texas

"After luring Kathleen into the PM ITTS area with the best chocolate and coffee cake ever, I convinced her PM ITTS had a 'stress release area' complete with relaxing music and a special chair. That afternoon she came over with a cup of coffee asking if our 'special area' was available for all PEO STRI employees who felt stressed. I never expected her to actually believe me! As she followed me to the back, I directed her to a typing chair and told her to have a seat. I told her to relax as I shook the chair to give a vibrating effect and hummed ocean sounds into her ear. I still can't believe she fell for it (and neither can she)!"

- Sandi Ritzer (top), PM ITTS and Kathleen Klaeser, PM ConSim



"At one point in my career as a SETA employee, I decided to change companies. There was a relationship between those companies, so I was sensitive in how I had to treat the situation. I couldn't tell my co-workers where I was going, only that I was resigning from my present position. I had worked with them for a number of years and I was pleasantly surprised at their concern about where I was going. They seemed sorry to see me leave on a Friday. Their reaction was much more pleasant when I showed up for work - to do the same job - the following Monday."

- Mike Kochmann, PM CATT

feels when a vehicle is on the verge of rolling over," Myers said. "This will allow them to react quicker in a rollover situation."

During an incident, Soldiers are instructed to yell: "Rollover, Rollover, Rollover!" as the HMMWV rotates 360 degrees in either direction.

If a gunner is in the hatch, Soldiers are responsible for pulling him or her back into the HMMWV once the rollover has occurred. Since the gunner is in the most vulnerable position in the vehicle, the gunner's cage allows him or her to be trained to respond effectively.

"Soldiers, including the gunner, will be properly trained to open safety restraints and they will learn how to exit the vehicle through doors in a variety of rotated positions," Pulford said.

Once the vehicle comes to a complete stop, Soldiers are instructed to assess their situation and report to the leader. Then, they must place their arm above their head, firmly fixed against the roof of the vehicle to brace the weight of their body. At that time, the Soldier reaches across his or her body with the free arm and unbuckles the seatbelt.

"Really, the first task is to gain orientation [when you are upside down] and identify any Soldiers having issues removing their seatbelts," Myers asserted.

The Soldiers then identify the easiest and quickest means of escape.

"External door locks allows the instructor to simulate obstructed doors which provides training flexibility and causes trainees to think about actions to take if they face a blocked door in a real rollover," Myers said.

As soon as an exit is identified, the Soldiers yell: "Right rear door open!" Finally, each Soldier exits the HMMWV, establishes security and administers first aid.

"We need to make sure that a Soldier knows what it feels like to rollover in the event of an actual occurrence. A Soldier needs to know how to egress from a fully rolled over vehicle," Pulford stated.

Currently, 53 systems are scheduled for production and fielding to stateside and worldwide locations.

FORSCOM developed the initial egress trainer that led to the Coalition Forces Land Component Command in Kuwait building 31 HEATs for training in theater.

"To date, thousands of Soldiers have already trained on the first generation HEAT," Myers said.

PEO STRI worked in collaboration with the U.S. Army Tank Automotive Research Development and Engineering Center and Red River Army Depot for their support in engineering and manufacturing capabilities respectively. Project Manager for Light Tactical Vehicles is the customer who came to PEO STRI with a requirement and the resources to execute a standard solution.

"The team has taken lessons from systems designed and built in theater, as well as other locations to create a 'best of breed' design that satisfies all of the user's requirements," Pulford said. ■

Want your opinion heard? Answer May's Question! **In honor of Memorial Day, who do you think was the greatest military leader?** Send your response to [kristen.dooley@us.army.mil](mailto:kristen.dooley@us.army.mil) and put Citizen STRI in the subject line.

U.S. Army Photos/Doug Schaub

# ATM & CREDIT CARD SKIMMING

The next time you walk up to use an ATM, take a closer look at it. Whether you are stateside or traveling overseas, you can easily fall victim to criminals who want to get rich at your expense. As early as August 2004, the American Embassy in Kiev warned travelers of these scams taking place in the Ukraine and other overseas locations. Several months ago the local media reported a variation of these ATM scams in which bogus faceplates were placed over credit card readers at gas stations in Central Florida. However, ATMs seem to remain the favorite for thieves.

## Things to Look for Before Using an ATM



Would you use this ATM?



This ATM has a false cover affixed to the original card slot. It contains an additional card reader to copy your card information and duplicate your card.



A micro-camera affixed to the pamphlet box can view the KEYPAD and monitor and transmit the data up to 200 meters away.

U.S. Army Photos

By Bill Osborne, Chief Security Officer

One customer was preparing to make a withdrawal from an ATM when he noticed a slight gap behind the metal faceplate of the ATM. Looking closer, he noticed double-sided tape was all that was holding the faceplate in place. After a small yank, the bogus faceplate came off in his hand. The customer found a skimming device. If he had slid his ATM card into the machine, the skimmer would have read the black magnetic strip. This strip electronically holds information including an enciphered Personal Identification Number (PIN), country code, currency units, amount authorized, subsidiary account information and other restricted data.

A skimming device can either store information electronically, like a thumb-drive, or allow thieves to download it wirelessly from a short distance away.

A crime ring recently installed more than 20 skimmers on ATMs in New York. They compromised over 26,000 transactions and thousands of cards from more than 1,400 people. The associated losses were over \$3.5 million. Skimmer thieves also use small wireless pinhole cameras to steal information. They place them in ATM envelope holders, aimed at the keypad. As you type in your

PIN, they record it. While identity thieves and skimmer thieves are getting more high-tech these days, they still shoulder-surf (steal information by looking over a victim's shoulder) because it still works.

## Steps to protect your ATM cards and information:

- Always protect your PIN.
  - Don't write it down, memorize it
  - Cover the keypad while you enter your PIN
  - Don't give your PIN to anyone

◆  
Be aware of your surroundings and be wary of anyone who offers to help you, tries to look over your shoulder, or is taking pictures in the area.

◆  
Be suspicious of an ATM that has different signs than you are used to seeing or if there is a sign indicating you should use a specific machine.

◆  
Use a machine at a different location if you feel uncomfortable about the ATM instructions.

◆  
Report anything suspicious or strange about the ATM to your financial institution.

◆  
Call your financial institution right away if a machine holds your ATM card.

◆  
Review your monthly statement closely and be alert for the presence of any fraudulent charges or withdrawals.

Consider how often you may have handed your credit card to your server at a restaurant. He or she runs the card through the restaurant's credit card reader and brings you your receipt to sign. Did he scan your card for your meal and one more time for his personal use? Pocket skimmers can be purchased online for \$250. There are many internet sites where you can download plans to build mini-skimmers. Recently, two restaurant servers were accused of skimming over 650 credit cards from patrons and selling the information for \$25 a card. If it took approximately two

seconds to scan each card, they made about \$32,500 for close to 22 minutes of work.

While these are only two of the more common methods used by thieves to gather your personal credit card or ATM information, there are many, many more. Use OPSEC to protect yourself whether at work, home, shopping or just out for a bite to eat. Security awareness is the key. ■

# TEAM ORLANDO IN PICTURES



U.S. Army Photo/Doug Schaub

Gen. William S. Wallace (left), commanding general of the United States Army Training and Doctrine Command, visited the Research, Development and Engineering Command's Simulation and Technology Training Center March 3. Dr. James Blake (center), program executive officer (PEO) for the Army's Simulation, Training and Instrumentation office, and Col. Kevin Dietrick (right), deputy PEO, met with Gen. Wallace during his trip to Orlando, Fla.



Courtesy Photo

Charles W. Farris, a Mississippi State University alumni, was recently honored for outstanding continuing service to the university. He received a 2007 Distinguished Service Award from the MSU Alumni Association. Farris, a 1982 finance graduate, is the Business Management Division Chief for the Targets Management Office of the U. S. Army's Redstone Arsenal.



U.S. Army Photo/Doug Schaub

Brig. Gen. Thomas C. Maffey (right), director of training under the Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff, visited the Program Executive Office for Simulation, Training and Instrumentation (PEO STRI) March 16 where he received an overview and live demonstration of the Counter-Improvised Explosive Device by Maj. Frank Bridges, PEO STRI product manager for live training systems.



Courtesy Photo

The Army and Air Force basketball team defeated the Navy and Marine Corps 52-31 during their annual championship game. This is the second consecutive win over the Navy for the Army team. Hooah!



U.S. Army Photo/Doug Schaub

After speaking at the National Defense Industrial Association breakfast and attending a variety of briefings at the Program Executive Office for Simulation, Training and Instrumentation, Brig. Gen. John R. Bartley, program executive officer for combat support and combat service support, tested out the Common Driver Trainer at Science Applications International Corporation March 21.

# HOLIDAYS & Events

April 3

Passover

April 6

Colors (All Military)

April 8

Easter

April 13

Organizational Day

April 22

Earth Day

April 23-27

ITEC

April 25

Administrative Professionals Day

April 26

Bring Our Daughters & Sons to Work Day

## Protocol TIP OF THE MONTH

By Marge Hadbavny, Protocol Officer

The art of etiquette really comes down to being thoughtful of other people you encounter in your everyday life. We all tend to associate "proper behavior" with formal social events, but true etiquette involves behaving with respect and considerations for others in everything that you do, from attending a high-society soiree to simply hanging out around the house.

*From the book, Essential Manners for Me,  
by Peter Post; 2003.*



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*Janine Daniels*  
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By Kristen Dooley, Public Affairs Specialist

When asked to describe Dr. James Blake in one simple word, she decisively responded: "Dedicated." After all, she would know being that on a daily basis she provides administrative support to the program executive officer for the Army's Simulation, Training and Instrumentation office.

"Basically, it's my job to ensure the boss doesn't have to worry about the small stuff—phones, calendars, travel, meeting preparations and special projects," said Janine Daniels, executive assistant to Dr. Blake.

In executing her daily tasks, Daniels tends to keep work simple. She said she believes complicated processes create unnecessary work.

When asked to complete a challenging assignment, Daniels merely breaks it into smaller, manageable tasks and works toward the desired outcome.

"Dr. Blake is super to work for—you know up front where he stands and once he tells you what he wants, he gives you the room to do your job," Daniels complimented.

Other than working directly with Dr. Blake,

the aspect Daniels enjoys most about her job is interacting with many different people, both internally and externally, on a daily basis.

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— Janine Daniels

and training. It's a great benefit for both the Army and its personnel.”

Daniels said she intends to take advantage of the Army's education incentives and plans to go back to school.

"I'm still trying to figure out what I want to be when I grow up," Daniels joked. "I'd like to put my new knowledge and degree to use in a career field that has a positive impact on our mission."

In her free time, Daniels spends time with her husband,

two-year-old daughter and 95-pound lap dog, Gracie. She also enjoys studying genealogy and researching her family's history.

As for guidance for the workforce on working with Dr. Blake:

"Dr. Blake is all about doing things smartly, and making sure that what we are doing has a positive impact on the Warfighter," Daniels advised. ■

## Hails and Farewells

### Hails

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