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WORTH REPEATING

“The all-volunteer Army is ‘Army strong’ precisely because each American that joins our ranks chooses to do so. Enlistment is the first act of selflessness that develops young Americans into the courageous troops we all admire.”

— Lt. Gen. Michael D. Rochelle,
deputy chief of staff for personnel



Rockwell Collins Photo

The Helmet Mounted Display, an integral part of the Aviation Combined Arms Tactical Trainer, has been modified to create a more immersive training environment for Army pilots. The new generation of the technology will be fielded for Army aviation training in 2008.

Army Aviators to Receive New Display Technology for a Higher Training Fidelity

The AVCATT, formally called the Aviation Combined Arms Tactical Trainer, creates a virtual war-gaming world that provides an interactive and networked environment in seven helicopter configurations such as the AH-64A Apache, OH-58D Kiowa Warrior, UH-60 Blackhawk, CH-47D Chinook and AH-64D Longbow. The image generator produces a simulated battle space that pilots view through a Helmet Mounted Display (HMD) system.

By Kristen Dooley, Public Affairs

PEO STRI awarded a contract July 26 worth almost \$24 million for the replacement of the HMD technology within the AVCATT.

HMD, a high-resolution, full color, head-mounted display, is the primary interface between the AVCATT system and the users. The AVCATT is the first manned simulator to use HMDs as the primary display system.

The number one complaint in the Army's

aviation training community used to be the HMDs found in the aviation simulators, said Lt. Col. Gary D. Stephens, the product manager for Air and Command Tactical Trainers. Under the leadership of Stephens, the HMD technology will no longer be problematic for Army aviators as the new device has an improved fit, form and function.

The upgraded HMDs can boast a number of improvements over the last generation

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PEO STRI FAREWELLS RALPH

By Kristen Dooley, PEO STRI Public Affairs

The Program Executive Office for Simulation, Training and Instrumentation (PEO STRI) experienced a record number of retirements and change of charter ceremonies this summer, but perhaps the most monumental leadership change and retirement this year occurred July 31 when Col. Jim Ralph handed over the Project Manager Training Devices (PM TRADE) charter to Col. Fred Mullins. The ceremony, held in Warfighters' Park amidst the blistering summertime heat, was presided over by Dr. James Blake.

"Today, we recognize a change in leadership and the achievements of two accomplished Army officers," Blake said in his address. "Everyday should be a memorable day. But, today is a special day for Jim and Fred, and a very important day for PEO STRI."

The importance of the day for the greater organization resides in the fact that PEO STRI originated as PM TRADE. In the midst of the Vietnam War and in the face of a menacing Soviet threat, the Army recognized the need for new training technologies, and thus established PM TRADE in 1974.

"Our roots are found in PM TRADE," Blake emphasized. "And for more than 30 years PM TRADE has served as the foundation for the PEO."

Ralph's many achievements kept PM TRADE at the heart of PEO STRI. His efforts in overseeing the Improvised Explosive Device (IED) defeat team was conceivably his most valiant endeavor.

"Jim led a team that has literally saved a countless number of lives in theater," Blake asserted. "His leadership promoted the counter-IED team to rapidly field training devices enabling Warfighters to properly detect and react to IEDs in the contemporary operating environment. His commitment to overcome the threat of IEDs has provided critical training to our Soldiers and the joint community."

Again, Ralph's innovative leadership style prevailed when he advocated the commonality and interoperability of live training systems by mandating that all PM TRADE contracts incorporate the use of a common architecture.

"His cutting-edge acquisition tactic resulted in a significant reduction in sustainment and development costs for the Army," Blake said.

In addition, Ralph's keen cost avoidance tactics were found in two high-profile programs: the Multiple Integrated Laser Engagement System Combat Vehicle System

and the Military Operations on Urban Terrain. Not only was Ralph a good steward of taxpayer money and Army funds, but Blake noted the systems "provided critical urban training to thousands of Soldiers preparing to deploy."

Furthermore, Ralph's oversight aided the One Tactical Engagement Simulation System team to exceed milestones that will eventually provide Soldiers with a live, precision, combined-arms training capability for every weapon system in the Army.

"Jim made managing a wide variety of complex, high-dollar, high-visibility programs look easy. His steadfast commitment to our Soldiers, unwavering leadership to the TRADE team and command of the acquisition field was very apparent in his day-to-day operations," Blake said.

And with that, Blake, on behalf of the entire PEO, bid Ralph final departing words: "Jim, this farewell is bittersweet. You will be profoundly missed, but I won't have to look very hard to find the many contributions you have made to this organization."

"You have much to be proud of as you have left the PEO better than you found it. You were relentless at providing unrivaled support to our uniformed men and women in theater. And even though you're leaving us, I

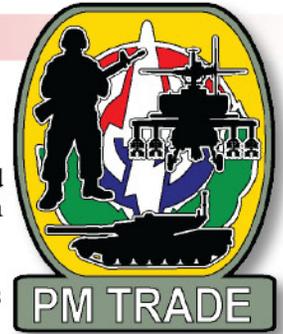
know that your support of our Warfighters and our great nation will endure," Blake said.

With Ralph's departure from the organization and retirement from the Army, PEO STRI welcomed Mullins, PM TRADE's new project manager.

"Fred, I eagerly welcome your return to the PEO STRI family, and in fact, your return to the PM TRADE team—this time as its leader," Blake said. "An immense responsibility lies ahead of you as our organization's heart and soul resides in your PM shop."

Blake affirmed his trust in Mullins: "I am ever confident in your abilities to meet any challenge that may arise. I am certain you will do everything in your power to ensure our troops are the best trained force in the world. I look forward to working with you and taking PM TRADE to the next level."

"Fred, you have my support and I entrust you to carry out the roles and responsibilities of the charter bestowed upon you today," Blake closed. ■



U.S. Army Photo/Doug Schaub

Col. Fred Mullins (right) assumed leadership of Project Manager Training Devices from retired Col. Jim Ralph (center) in a July 31 ceremony presided over by Dr. James Blake (left).

M&S Named a National Critical Technology



By Kristen Dooley, PEO STRI Public Affairs

The House of Representatives unanimously passed legislation July 16 declaring modeling and simulation a national critical technology because it promotes homeland security and national defense, and brings technologically advanced jobs and economic prosperity to many U.S. regions.

"As a member of the House Modeling and Simulation Caucus and representing one of the larger modeling and simulation clusters in the United States, I urge the House to pass this resolution in order to help retain America's lead in this high-technology field," said Rep. Tom Feeney in his petition to the House to pass the resolution.

"Substantial amounts of simulation and training come from my congressional district where representatives of all service branches collaborate with the University of Central Florida and private contractors of all sizes to produce these training systems," asserted Feeney, whose congressional district includes Central Florida's Research Park.

Following Feeney's floor speech, members of House unanimously passed the bipartisan legislation by voice vote.

The legislation formally recognizes the contribution of modeling and simulation technology to the security and prosperity of the U.S. by acknowledging the significant impact it has on an array of fields including defense, space, national disaster response, medicine, transportation and construction.

"This resolution is important because although modeling and simulation contributions date back to World War II, the modeling and simulation industry is still relatively new and there are roles policymakers and the government ought to fill so the technology can further benefit our country," said Pepper Pennington, Feeney's press secretary.

The ruling also urges Congress to place an emphasis on math and science as key disciplines in elementary and secondary education, and encourages the expansion of modeling and simulation

within higher education.

"This resolution encourages funding science, math, engineering and technology education," Pennington said. "It clarifies the classification of modeling and simulation technology and occupations, and recognizes that this is an industry in which we should have a domestic capability that does not rely on international partners."

Rep. J. Randy Forbes, chairman of the Modeling and Simulation Caucus, introduced the resolution last month as bipartisan legislation to formally recognize the contribution of modeling and simulation to our nation's economic prosperity and national security.

"I'm thrilled that the House has recognized the importance of modeling and simulation," Forbes said.

Eight Members of the Modeling and Simulation Caucus, Reps. Mike Conaway, Jo Ann Davis, Tom Davis, Thelma Drake, Tom Feeney, Ric Keller, Solomon Ortiz, and Heather Wilson, have joined as cosponsors on this legislation. ■

WHAT IS THE M&S CAUCUS?

Founded in 2005 by Rep. J. Randy Forbes of Va., the Congressional Modeling and Simulation Caucus serves as a national venue to discuss issues pertaining to modeling and simulation. The committee showcases modeling and simulation training initiatives of the military and is a forum to disseminate the importance of such training to battlefield success. Historically, the caucus has been focused on modeling and simulation as it relates to the defense industry, but has broadened its focus to include modeling and simulation applications across all fields. The caucus has grown to 21 members representing 12 states.



Courtesy Photo

Rep. Tom Feeney spoke on the House floor in support of House Resolution 487 that recognizes the importance of modeling and simulation to the U.S.

STRI Employee Wins 5K

By Kristen Dooley, PEO STRI Public Affairs

Edgar Rodriguez, the Program Executive Office for Simulation, Training and Instrumentation's (PEO STRI) audio-visual specialist, was recently named the USA Track and Field's national champion in the 5K race-walk competition for 40- to 44-year-olds at the Masters Outdoor Track and Field Championships held Aug. 2 to Aug. 5 at the University of Maine. He also placed second in the 10K race-walk for his age group.

During a race-walk competition, contenders are to stay in contact with the ground at all times. Additionally,

the advancing leg must be straightened from the moment of first contact with the ground until in the vertical upright position. As such, running constitutes disqualification.

Rodriguez began race-walking competitively in college.

"I started out in cross country, but I was always in the back of the pack," Rodriguez said. "After so many times coming in last, I started to race-walk instead."

Rodriguez's success in race-walking covered his tuition at Glassboro College, now Rowan University, in N.J.

"My college was an NCAA Division



Courtesy Photo

The 2007 USA Masters Outdoor Track and Field Championships was held Aug. 2 to Aug. 5 at the University of Maine.

EQUIPPING IRAQ



U.S. Army Photo

At the request of the Multi-National Security Transition Command - Iraq, a team of Program Executive Office for Simulation, Training and Instrumentation employees traveled to Baghdad and Taji to discuss and demonstrate training support systems to enhance the Iraqi Warfighting capabilities. Col. Craig Langhauser, project manager for Combined Arms Tactical Trainers, Col. Chris Oliver, product manager for Live Training Systems, and John Daniele, deputy of the Customer Support Group, participated in this event that focused on the potential foreign military sales of the Laser Marksmanship Training System, Engagement Skills Trainer and Multiple Integrated Laser Engagement System.

III school in race-walking and I always placed in the top three," Rodriguez said.

Still today, Rodriguez ranks among the best in nearly all of the national race-walk competitions to include the Florida National Championships, the South Regional Track and Field Championships and the Pan American Cup.

Perhaps Rodriguez's many victories can be attributed to his lucky shorts, or as he describes them, "bluish, all-worn-out, 10-year-old shorts."

More likely, his success can be credited to the preparation he puts forth—30 minutes to an hour of training a day and eating lots of carbohydrates.

"I did eat lobster before this race, though," Rodriguez jokingly confessed.

Rodriguez said he hopes to compete in many future race-walk competitions. "I really like it, but I hope to get a sponsor pretty soon. The races and traveling to the races can get pretty expensive," Rodriguez said. ■

ConSim Recognizes CBS, JNEM Support Team at Leavenworth

By Dave Zedo, PM ConSim Project Director

Members of Project Manager for Constructive Simulation (PM ConSim) presented awards of appreciation to the contractors who sustain the Corps Battle Simulation (CBS) and the Joint Non-kinetic Effects Model (JNEM) at Fort Leavenworth, Kan., July 18.

JNEM replicates civilian actions to train Soldiers how to deal with the local populace while deployed in a hostile theater of operation. Soldiers must take into account the population's feelings toward security, quality of life and religious issues. Furthermore, Soldiers are instructed to consider the consequences of military actions and their effects on the local populace's beliefs.

The CBS system portrays ground battle scenarios—including psychological operations, rotary-wing and fixed-wing maneuvers, logistics and multi-sided play—for theater, corps and division-level training exercises. CBS is linked with other constructive simulations to provide a realistic presentation of joint battlefield operations.

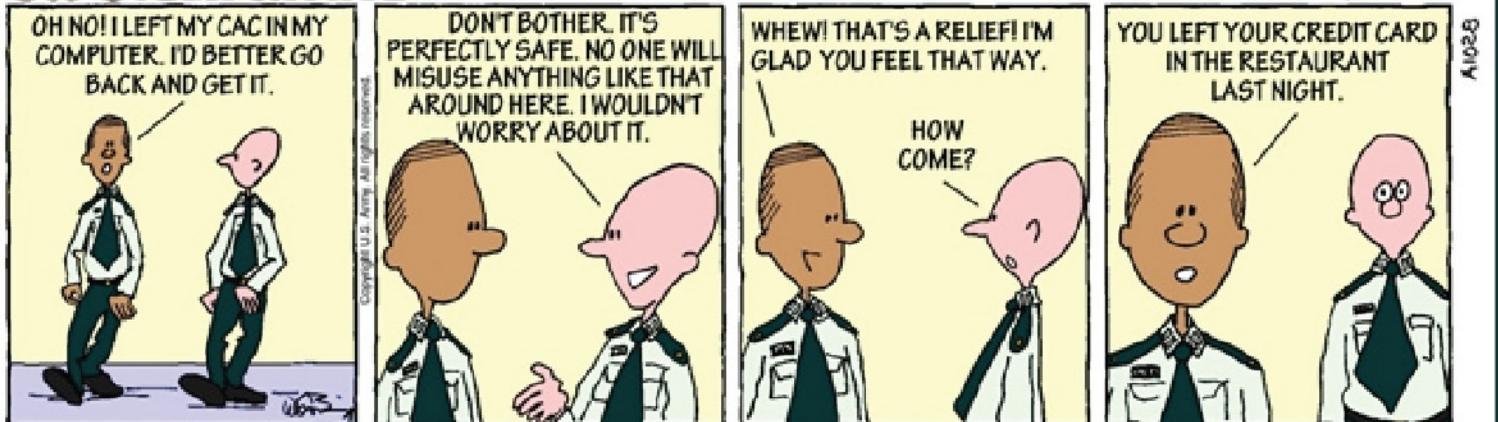
The team, comprised of contracted personnel from General Dynamics Corp. and L3 Communication Corp., is responsible for sustainment activities, software maintenance and exercise support for both systems. Their efforts have resulted in a 98 percent availability rate for exercises worldwide. ■



U.S. Army Photo

The CBS and JNEM sustainment team includes employees from the Program Executive Office for Simulation, Training and Instrumentation's PM ConSim, General Dynamics Corp. and L3 Communication Corp. From left to right: Dave Zedo (PM ConSim), David Huddleston, Allen Walker, Garland Shepard, Mike Kaminski, Tim Burke, Dianne Duncan, Roy Whitehead (PM ConSim), Gary Phillips, Krissy Krueger, Mike Eastman, and Steve Sanders.

ON CYBER PATROL





NGAUS
The National Guard Association of the United States



STRI Looks to Guard for Expanded Opportunities



By Kristen Dooley, PEO STRI Public Affairs

The Program Executive Office for Simulation, Training and Instrumentation (PEO STRI) will participate in the 129th National Guard Association of the United States (NGAUS) conference in San Juan, Puerto Rico Aug. 25 through Aug. 27. This venue will provide PEO STRI with the opportunity to reach out to the National Guard and create awareness of the organization's military training capabilities.

"Our mission is to deliver the best possible training solutions to our country's Warfighters. NGAUS provides us with the opportunity to expand our area of expertise to meet the National Guard's requirements," said Pete Marion, PEO STRI customer support executive.

NGAUS, a nonpartisan organization founded in 1878, hosts the annual conference to provide the 50 U.S. states, three U.S. territories, and the District of Columbia with an opportunity to hear the latest news from key decision makers, view the latest in military equipment and technology, and learn of the accomplishments of the National Guard.

According to the conference website, "NGAUS is committed to creating and maintaining an effective means for telling the National Guard story and providing for united representation before the Congress. NGAUS is focused on procuring better equipment, standardized training and a more combat-ready force by petitioning Congress for resources."

National Guard Soldiers, defense officials, congressional liaisons and industry representatives will be able to experience much of what PEO STRI already offers the active component of the Army and joint community to include training in tactical questioning, decision-making, Improvised Explosive Device defeat, combat medical care, and safe egress

from a rolled-over Humvee.

"The Guard has two unique missions—a federal, go-to-war mission and a homeland security mission," said Maj. Ashleah Bechtel, a National Guard liaison to PEO STRI. "These two missions represent distinct

any support to the Guard's state mission—natural disaster relief, border security, or counter-drug operations, for example.

"The National Guard's need for training in their state mission definitely represents an opportunity for STRI," Bechtel said. ■

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— **Maj. Ashleah Bechtel,**
a National Guard liaison to PEO STRI.

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Currently, PEO STRI provides a number of training devices to meet the needs of the National Guard's federal mission, namely training in convoy operations, maneuver operations, and marksmanship.

The organization does not, however, provide

ARNG 101

The Army National Guard (ARNG) is one component of the Army, which consists of the Active Army, the Army National Guard and the Army Reserves. ARNG is composed primarily of traditional Guardsmen—civilians who serve their country, state and community on a part-time basis. Each state, territory and the District of Columbia has its own National Guard as provided for by the Constitution of the United States.

The National Guard has a unique dual mission that consists of both federal and state roles. For state missions, the governor, through the state adjutant general, commands Guard forces. The governor can call the National Guard into action during local or statewide emergencies, such as storms, fires, earthquakes or civil disturbances.

In addition, the President of the United States can activate the National Guard for participation in federal missions. Examples of federal activations include Guard units deployed to Kosovo and the Sinai for stabilization operations, and units deployed to the Middle East and other locations in the War on Terror. When federalized, Guard units are commanded by the combatant commander of the theater in which they are operating.

Information provided by www.arng.army.mil.

Professional Development: A Priority for STRI

By Mae Hazelton, Personnel Resources Manager

In order to improve personnel leadership skills, the Program Executive Office for Simulation, Training and Instrumentation (PEO STRI) offers instructional opportunities to develop leaders at all levels of the organization.

PEO STRI's leadership program is anchored by the Civilian Education System (CES), the cornerstone for Army civilian leader development. The program consists of four courses: foundation, basic, intermediate, and advanced.

The foundation course is for civilians entering the Army with various levels of previous experience. The course is conducted entirely through distributed learning. Students will learn to understand and appreciate Army values and customs, develop effective communication skills, and become competent to assume their first leadership role.

The basic course is for leaders who exercise direct leadership. It is a combination of distributed learning and a two-week resident phase at the Army Management Staff College's Fort Leavenworth, Kan., campus. Students will understand and learn how to apply basic leadership skills to effectively lead and care for small teams, apply effective communication skills, and develop and mentor subordinates.

The intermediate course is for leaders who exercise direct and indirect supervision. The

course is a combination of distributed learning and a three-week resident phase at either the Fort Leavenworth, Kan., or Fort Belvoir, Va., campuses. Students learn skills to manage human and financial resources, direct program management and systems integration, display flexibility, resilience and focus on the mission.

The advanced course is for leaders who exercise predominately indirect supervision. It is a combination of distributed learning and a four-week resident phase at the Fort Belvoir, Va., campus. Students become skilled in leading a complex organization, managing human and financial resources, leading change, displaying flexibility and resilience, and inspiring vision and creativity.

Additionally, PEO STRI offers a substantial number of on-site and resident courses in career management, communications, presentation skills, time management, leadership, creativity, and technical courses.

PEO STRI's on-site leadership program includes a professional development program where upon completion of all requirements, individuals receive their MBA degree. The organization also hosts various leadership education and development courses throughout the year.

All executives, managers and supervisors are responsible for ensuring that subordinate personnel understand that leader development plays a key role in their professional



Mae Hazelton,
Personnel Resources Manager

U.S. Army Photos/Doug Schaub

development. All employees must have an Individual Development Plan. Additionally, all managers and supervisors are to provide career counseling to their respective subordinates as part of a semi-annual performance review.

Rob Reyenga, the business operations executive, who oversees the leadership efforts at PEO STRI, said he believes that PEO STRI's leadership consistently and effectively supports our Warfighters worldwide and this kind of success exemplifies the level of commitment PEO STRI places on CES and the organization's leadership programs.

For additional information, contact Tony Tolbert, PEO STRI's functional acquisition specialist, at Tony.Tolbert@us.army.mil or (407) 384-5308. ■

MORE MRAPS SHIPPED TO MIDDLE EAST

By Sgt. Sara Wood, American Forces Press Service

U.S. troops serving in Iraq will have a little more protection soon as two of the military's newest armored vehicles are on their way to the theater.

Two Buffalo Mine Resistant Ambush Protected vehicles, known as MRAPs, were loaded onto C-5 Galaxy aircraft Aug. 16 at Charleston Air Force Base, S.C., to be shipped to Iraq. This latest shipment is part of the Defense Department's push to get as many of the new vehicles to troops in combat as quickly as possible.

Defense Secretary Robert M. Gates has been pushing the production and delivery of MRAPs, which boast a V-shaped hull that

deflects bomb blasts and protects troops inside better than the military's current vehicles. The Defense Department awarded two more contracts for the vehicles the week of Aug. 10, which brings the number of vehicles on contract to 6,415. An estimated 3,500 MRAPs are expected to be shipped to Iraq by Dec. 31.

MRAPs come in three categories. Category I vehicles are designed for urban combat operations and can transport six people. Category II vehicles have multi-mission capabilities, including convoy lead, troop transport, ambulance, explosive ordnance disposal and combat engineering, and can transport up to 10 people. Category III vehicles



U.S. Army Photo/Staff Sgt. Jason Robertson

A Mine Resistant Ambush Protected (MRAP) vehicle is loaded onto a C-5 Galaxy aircraft Aug. 16 at Charleston Air Force Base, S.C.

perform mine and IED clearance operations and explosive ordnance disposal and can transport six people, or five with additional equipment. The Buffalos that were shipped Aug. 16 fall under Category III. ■





What do you like most about working for PEO STRI?



“The mission at PEO STRI is great! Being able to serve my country and the Army in this capacity is both an honor and privilege. The people at PEO STRI are friendly and extremely professional in how they serve their country. I appreciate the complexities of the various programs and the team work involved in producing an excellent end product.”

- Col. Fred Mullins, PM TRADE

U.S. Army Photos/Doug Schaub

“What I like most about working for PEO STRI is the extremely friendly and welcoming work environment. This would not be possible, however, without the people that make it up. Everyone here is wonderful to work with.”

- Chris Landers, Acquisition Center



“PEO STRI is a great place to work because the workforce is professional, our line of business is important, and most importantly, we provide support to our nation’s Warfighters.”

- Melissa Ruping, BOO

Courtesy Photo

Want your opinion heard? Answer September’s Question! *Since Sept. 23 marks the first day of fall, what do you enjoy most about the season?* Send your response to kristen.dooley@us.army.mil and put Citizen STRI in the subject line.

HOLIDAYS Events

August 25-29

NGAUS Conference

August 28-30

ADL Co-Lab

Implementation Fest

September 3

Labor Day

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Protocol TIP OF THE MONTH

By Marge Hadbavny, Protocol Officer

Anatomy of a Business Card

Items should include:

Name

(Don't use Ms., Mr. or Mrs. unless you have a name that could be female or male, such as Ms. Sam Johnson.)

Company name

Company address

Job title

Direct phone number

Email address

Card color

(Match company's stationary.)

Size: Always 3.5"x2"

Type: Block or Roman



Source: Orlando Sentinel/ Career Builder

TEST YOUR SECURITY AWARENESS

By Bill Osborne & Donnette Hart, PEO STRI Security Office

Badges Help Speed the Right People In & Keep Others Out

- Visible Inside the Area
- Above the Waist
- Not Faded, Torn, etc.
- No Alterations
- Not Readable in Photographs
- Taken Off Outside the Area
- Report Immediately if Lost or Stolen

Always Wear Your Badge Properly

Badges

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Do Not Leave Your Badge Unattended in Any Public Place, the Gym, on Clothing Taken to the Dry Cleaners, or in an Unlocked Vehicle.

TRUE OR FALSE?

- _____ We are issued facility access badges on the condition that each of us uses it to access only those areas for which we have been authorized.
- _____ We should never use our badge as an additional form of identification outside of work or for any purpose other than gaining access to Team Orlando facilities.
- _____ Badges must always be displayed above the waist with the picture facing outward.
- _____ If you like the CAC picture better than the facility access badge picture, it's okay to display your CAC instead of your facility access badge.
- _____ If the clip on the badge might cause a wrinkle to form on your shirt, dress or blouse, it's okay to display your badge on your belt or on the bottom of your blouse.
- _____ The reason badges should be displayed as specified is so that employees can discreetly identify persons who might be unfamiliar to them personally but might still be authorized/entitled to be in the area.
- _____ You should use badge holders with clips attached to the collar or lanyards in order to display your badge properly.
- _____ By signing our badge application, we agree to surrender the badge to the Army/Navy security manager upon termination of employment or when we no longer require access.
- _____ You may loan your badge to a co-worker so long as you won't need the badge anytime soon.
- _____ Loss/theft of your badge must be reported to your security manager within 24 hours. The report must be in writing (an e-mail will suffice).
- _____ At a minimum, the report of a lost or stolen badge must state the last time/date you remember having the badge in your possession, the first time/date you noticed it missing, and that you have made a complete search with negative results.
- _____ All facility badge application forms (including renewals and replacements) must be signed by the Security Office before Pass & ID will issue you a badge.

LEGAL CORNER



The Three-Day Cooling Off Rule

By Laura Cushler, Associate Counsel

I recently had a client whose relative had agreed to buy a security system and services from a door-to-door salesman and have it installed in her home. The salesperson told her that it was going to be “the law” in the near future that everyone had to have a security system and she could get a deal if she signed on the dotted line that day. She agreed reluctantly and the company installed the system the very next day. Fortunately, the client immediately came to me to ask if there were any options. The relative did not want the system and wanted to cancel the contract.

I advised the client about the Federal Trade Commission’s “Three-Day Cooling Off Rule.” This article contains information about the Three-Day Cooling Off Rule in Florida.

Types of Purchases Subject To the Cooling-Off Rule

In Florida, if you contract for services to be rendered in the future on a continuing basis, you are entitled to a three-day cooling-off period. You are also entitled to cancel a contract for future services if you can no longer physically receive the services or the services are no longer available as originally offered.

Likewise, if you purchase goods or services during the course of a “home solicitation sale,” you maintain a three-day right to cancel. A sale is considered a “home solicitation sale” if it takes place in your home, or at a location that is not the main or permanent place of business for the seller so long as the purchase price is in excess of \$25.

There are certain exceptions to these general rules. If you are in doubt as to whether you have the right to cancel, you should contact consumer agencies such as the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, the Attorney General’s Office or your local consumer agency.

Your Cancellation Rights Must Be Provided To You in Writing

The law requires both a seller of future consumer services and a home solicitation seller to provide written notice of a buyer’s cancellation rights at the time of the sale. In the case of a sale of future consumer services, the consumer’s notice of cancellation rights must appear immediately next to the space for the buyer’s signature on the contract. Every home solicitation seller is also required to provide a written contract to the buyer that includes an explanation of the buyer’s right to cancel.

How to Cancel

The buyer can cancel a sale for future services by notifying the seller within three business days from the date the buyer signs the contract. There is no requirement that the notice be made in writing, however it is a better practice for the buyer to send written notice to the seller by certified mail. Cancellation of a home solicitation sale must be made in writing to the seller by no later than midnight of the third business day after the day the buyer signed the contract. A written notice sent by mail must be postmarked by no later than midnight of the third business day after the contract date. Refunds for cancelled contracts for future services must be received within twenty days after the seller receives the notice of cancellation. In the case of a home solicitation sale, a refund must be mailed within ten days after the sale has been cancelled.

Additional Information

If you wish to file a complaint against a seller, contact the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services at either (850) 488-2221 or (800) 435-7352. ■

TEAM ORLANDO IN PICTURES



U.S. Army Photo/Doug Schaub

Lt. Col. Craig H. Carson (left) handed over the Product Manager for Warrior Training Integration charter to Lt. Col. Keith A. Flail (center) July 20 in a ceremony presided over by Col. Ken A. Wheeler (right).



U.S. Army Photo/Doug Schaub

Maj. Frank Bridges (left), project director for the Program Executive Office for Simulation, Training and Instrumentation's (PEO STRI) counter-Improvised Explosive Device (IED) program, showed Brig. Gen. Anthony Tata, deputy director of operations for the Joint IED Defeat Organization, the advancements PEO STRI is making in IED-defeat training. Tata's July 26 visit also included a PEO STRI overview briefing.



AVCATT HMD... Continued from front page

of technology. The new device will have an increased display resolution which will add realism to the visual scene.

Additionally, the upgraded solution will attach directly onto the aviators' flight helmet as opposed to the latter technology that used a modular binocular display that fastened to a custom helmet.

"The majority of the aviators prefer the new mount due to their familiarity with the flight helmet and attaching night vision goggles to it," Stephens said.

Furthermore, the new HMD weighed 2.5 pounds whereas the older technology weighs approximately six pounds.

"Excessive head-supported weight contributes to a pilot's head and neck fatigue and can have an adverse impact on training," Stephens stated.

In addition, the newest version of HMD technology will have no latency or lag time, otherwise known as the interval when

the user moves his or her head to when the imagery catches up.

Another unique feature of the revamped technology is the "cockpit masking" characteristic, or a visual representation of the cockpit that is anchored within the visual scene displayed. The mask allows the user to see around cockpit obstructions by moving his or her head.

If there is no obstruction between a crewmember's line-of-sight and the window, then an out-the-window scene is drawn. If there is something in the crewmember's line-of-sight, then the obstruction is represented in the visual



Courtesy Photo

The former generation of HMD technology, pictured above, will be replaced by a new device that will offer Army aviators a more realistic training capability.

scene with transparent black polygons.

The improved HMD technology, produced by Rockwell Collins Simulation and Training Solutions, will be fielded starting in fall 2008. ■



Introducing
Jovanna Nelson
 the
PEO STRI
 Employee Spotlight



U.S. Army Photo/Doug Schaub

By Kristen Dooley, PEO STRI Public Affairs

Jovanna Nelson, in collaboration with a team of individuals from the Customer Support Group, coordinates and manages the Program Executive Office for Simulation, Training and Instrumentation's (PEO STRI) exhibits, tradeshow and conferences. As part of the Events Management Team, she is responsible for promoting the organization's mission and portraying a unified message to highlight PEO STRI's support to the Warfighter.

"It is a huge accomplishment to see all the high-level military VIPs coming through [the exhibits] and take the time to touch, feel and experience PEO STRI," Nelson said. "Also, it is an accomplishment to see the Soldiers completely mesmerized when they figure out PEO STRI is behind the systems they train on."

Her connection to the Soldiers that visit the exhibit booth is a personal one. She is also a U.S. Soldier.

"Ever since I could remember, I wanted to fly helicopters," said Nelson, a Blackhawk pilot.

After graduating from the University of Central Florida, Nelson was commissioned through the ROTC and headed to flight school at Fort Rucker, Ala.

Her military experience includes aircraft maintenance, test flights and National Training Center instruction, as well as high-altitude, dunker and mission training.

"The majority of my flight time has been

at night which is an amazing feeling. I wouldn't trade it for the world," Nelson said. "Being an Army aviator was the best honor I could ever have in the military."

Nelson is not the only Army aviator in her family however. Her husband, Capt. Jim Nelson, recently returned from Iraq where he was the company commander of a convoy security company.

"As a Soldier, I related to his excitement of taking command in combat. There is no honor as a captain in the Army greater than commanding your Soldiers in combat," Nelson affirmed. "As a wife, however, I held my breath in between calls or e-mails."

"I am extremely proud of my husband," she said.

When asked how she manages to juggle her professional, military and family duties, Nelson clearly said she does not look at her responsibilities as a burden, but rather a blessing.

"I love my family. The Army has been in my life since I was born. And, the work I do for PEO STRI is part of my passion. I truly

feel blessed," she said.

Aside from her many obligations, Nelson enjoys swimming, cooking, playing soccer, going to amusement parks and watching movies with her friends and family. Additionally, Nelson said she enjoys riding her Harley, running in 5K races, competing in triathlons and participating in a variety of charity events throughout the year. ■

“It is a huge accomplishment to see all the high-level military VIPs coming through [the exhibits] and take the time to touch, feel and experience PEO STRI.”

— Jovanna Nelson
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