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WORTH REPEATING

“Imaginative scientific research and engineering enables seemingly pedestrian technologies to become disruptive ones. Through imagination, the impossible becomes possible. With it, new discoveries fuse with existing knowledge to build new tools and more precise applications.”

— Honorable Nelson M. Ford,
Under Secretary of the Army

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U.S. Army Releases Revised Training Manual

Sgt. Roy Moreland stands next to a "fallen" enemy combatant during a platoon-level situational training exercise Nov. 3, 2008, as part of the 3rd Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division's preparation for deployment to Iraq next year.

By John Harlow, U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command and News Service

The Army released the new field manual FM 7-0, Training for Full Spectrum Operations, at the Training General Officer Steering Committee conference at Fort Leavenworth, Kan., Dec. 15.

Lt. Gen. William B. Caldwell IV, commanding general of the U.S. Army Combined Arms Center, introduced the new manual that replaces the 2002 edition of FM 7-0, Training the Force.

"Today's full-spectrum operations environment demands more from our men and women in uniform than ever before, and nothing is more important than training to ensure their success," Caldwell said. "This manual will have a direct impact on our Soldiers—codifying our current doctrine directly into training the full breadth and complexity of today's missions, to include offensive, defensive and stability operations."

This is the first time the Army has synchronized the manuals for operations and training, officials said.

"Now is the right time to release the new training manual," said Brig. Gen. Robert B. Abrams, director of the Combined Arms Center-Training. "We've been at war a little more than six years, and our last training manual

was published just after 9/11. A lot has changed since then. The operational environment has changed, and we now have a force that is the most combat-experienced in the history of the country. There are many factors that went into the need to update FM 7-0."

In 2008, the Army has released three important field manuals:

- ★FM 3-0, Operations, changed the way the Army operates with the focus of the Army being on offensive, defensive and stability operations.
- ★FM 3-07, Stability Operations, went into detail on how the Army will perform its mission when called upon as a stabilizing force.
- ★FM 7-0 provides training guidance to prepare the Army to train the way it will fight.

"FM 7-0 is almost entirely driven by FM 3-0," Abrams said. "This is the first time in recent doctrinal history that our Army's capstone operations manual FM 3-0 has been at the forefront of our training manual. They have been related before, and FM 7-0 has embraced the operational concepts in some degree or another, but in this particular case, the starting of FM 7-0 was about six months behind FM 3-0."

"The two writing teams have been nested

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A Holiday Message from Army Leaders

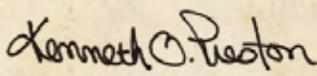


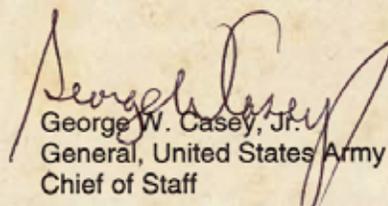
2008 Holiday Season

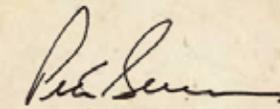
This holiday season, we recognize the noble sacrifices of our Soldiers, Families, and Army Civilians who bear the burden of safe guarding our freedoms. On the frontlines in Iraq and Afghanistan, far from home in Asia, Africa and Europe, and across the Americas, Soldiers tirelessly defend freedoms while helping others to secure their own. In this season of joy and hope, this selfless service continues to inspire countless acts of generosity, both here at home and overseas.

America has long been a beacon of hope for people around the world- and our Soldiers are daily ambassadors representing-and fighter for - ideals affirming life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. As Americans, we have diverse heritages and backgrounds and we celebrate many traditions this season. Whether at home with family and friends or deployed this holiday season, know that each member of our Army Family is valued - and together, we remain Army Strong.

As we reflect on this past year and look forward to 2009, we are confident that we will continue to meet the challenges ahead and work toward a better future for all of us. Know that you have the appreciation-and prayers of a grateful Nation.


Kenneth O. Preston
Sergeant Major of the Army


George W. Casey, Jr.
General, United States Army
Chief of Staff


Pete Geren
Secretary of the Army



Soldiers Receive Contributions through Web-based Program

By U.S. Army Public Affairs

The “Gifts to Army” Web site, launched earlier this year, is an online resource developed to streamline and process gifts to the Army that benefit Soldiers and their Families.

Citizens often ask Soldiers, their Family members, and Army civilians how they can support their Army. They want to know how they can help men and women in uniform. This Web site provides the public an online resource to answer the question: “How can we help?”

“Many individuals have asked how they can help the Army,” said Joyce Morrow, administrative assistant to the secretary of the Army. “We appreciate how generous the public is and the concern they have for the welfare of our Soldiers and Families. We’ve developed this Web site to provide information on how to contribute money, goods or services to benefit Soldiers and their Families.”

The launch of the site centralized the many venues and paths for the public whose offers of support fall within the Army’s overall Gift Program, which is managed by the Office of the Administrative Assistant to the Secretary of the Army. Contribution options addressed on the site include support for the Army, Soldiers and their Families, wounded warriors, Army installations and more.

“This Web site is not intended as a solicitation, but merely as a way to provide information on the options and programs

available to those who have expressed a desire to make a contribution,” said Morrow.

The Army Gift Program has existed for many years under the authority of Title 10 United States Code, Section 2601. On Jan. 28, 2008, President Bush signed into law, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2008 (Public Law 110-181, Section 593), that expanded the Army’s gift acceptance authority to include acceptance of gifts on behalf of wounded Soldiers, wounded civilian employees, and their Families.

America’s support of its military is not new. During World War II, tin drives, support for food rationing, and canteens were common. At a train depot in North Platte, Neb., a small group of volunteers in a city of no more than 12,000 provided food, magazines, and conversation to the hundreds of troop trains that stopped in their town. This major undertaking went on for the duration of the war and was done without government support.

The people of the United States carry on the tradition of caring for and supporting their men and women in uniform.

The “Gifts to Army” Web site provides a central source of information to refer those interested in contributing to and supporting Soldiers and Army Families and offers ways for them to express that support, should they choose. ■



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— **Joyce Morrow**
Administrative Assistant
to the Secretary of the Army



For more information, visit the
“Gifts to Army” Web site at
<http://giftstoarmy.army.mil/>.



I/ITSEC 2008: Mission Complete!



By Kristen Dooley McCullough, PEO STRI Public Affairs Officer

The U.S. Army Program Executive Office for Simulation, Training and Instrumentation (PEO STRI) was the lead service for the 2008 Interservice/Industry Training, Simulation and Education Conference, the world's largest symposium for military simulation and training professionals, hosted Dec. 1 through Dec. 4 in Orlando, Fla.

The importance of simulation and training to national defense was clearly reflected in the increase in the number of conference attendees and exhibits from years past. The 2008 conference hosted more than 450 exhibits and 17,900 attendees of which 2,154 were international visitors representing 50 different foreign countries. Comparatively, the 2007 I/ITSEC had 440 exhibits and 16,700 attendees.

As part of the 450 exhibits on the show floor, PEO STRI displayed a wide array of training systems, many of which are devices that Soldiers use before and during their deployments to Iraq and Afghanistan.

For example, these cutting-edge systems that were displayed train Soldiers to use the new gunnery system on the Stryker vehicle, operate a route clearance vehicle to locate and neutralize possible roadside bombs, safely egress from a rolled-over Humvee, defeat unmanned aerial targets, perform combat casualty care, and effectively question suspects for valuable information. These trainers, among many others, represented the conference's theme: "Learn. Train. Win!"

Additionally, many other conference events displayed the 2008 theme, especially the keynote address by the outgoing commanding general of the U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command, Gen. William Wallace.

"I could have not asked for an I/ITSEC keynote speaker who exudes those 'learn, train, win' qualities better than Gen. Wallace," Dr. Jim Blake said in his introduction of the general during the conference opening ceremony. "He is responsible for recruiting, training and educating Army Soldiers, developing leaders, supporting training in units, developing doctrine, establishing standards, and building the future Army—clearly an enormous task."

In addition to Wallace, the conference was attended by many other senior Army leaders to include Gen. Peter W. Chiarelli, U.S. Army vice chief of staff, Lt. Gen. Rick Lynch, III Armored Corps and Fort Hood commanding general, and Lt. Gen. N. Ross Thompson III, military deputy to the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Acquisition, Logistics and Technology).

Furthermore, Lt. Gen. Thomas F. Metz, Joint Improvised Explosive Device Defeat Organization director, hosted a panel that covered the importance of training combat Soldiers to detect and defeat the "homemade bombs" and sought solutions to existing IED training gaps.

"Our most important resource is the Warfighter," Metz noted. "He needs to be

fully trained and properly equipped for [counter]-IED operations. IEDs continue to threaten the safety and long-term strategic interests of the United States and its allies. We, as a Department of Defense organization, have not provided the ground combatant the same level of simulation training as we have for pilots and other skills."

In addition to the IED panel, I/ITSEC offered a general and flag officer panel, two medical simulation panels, and a handful of other special events that hashed-out the past, present and future of simulation and training.

One of the special events that highlighted the present of military simulation and training was Warfighter's Corner in which Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Marines described their operational experience in the Global War on Terrorism and how simulation did, or could have, helped them in their mission.

"The great thing about simulators is that I can take my whole company to a tank simulator and do all the training we need to do with relatively no cost to the unit, or the taxpayer, and still complete our mission," explained Army Capt. Timothy Migliore of the 1st Cavalry Division who deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom IV as the executive officer of his armor company.

Next year, I/ITSEC will be hosted Nov. 30 to Dec. 3 in Orlando, Fla., by the sea services, the U.S. Navy and Marines Corps. ■



MRAP Training Vehicle Comes to PEO STRI

By Kristen Dooley McCullough, PEO STRI Public Affairs Officer

One of the Army's newest and most capable Mine Resistant Ambush Protected (MRAP) vehicles was located in the parking lot of the Naval Air Warfare Center Training Systems Division right behind the Annex building for approximately one month since Nov. 18. This specific MRAP vehicle was modeled after the JERRV, short for Joint Explosive Ordnance Disposal Rapid Response Vehicle (Surrogate), and is used only for training.

The actual vehicle, however, is the Army's answer to helping the Soldier stay alive when faced with ballistic and mine-blast threats.

The mock-up training vehicle was brought to PEO STRI so that Project Manager Constructive Simulation's newly-formed Joint and Coalition Simulation

Systems team could work on developing interactive multimedia instruction for the JERRV. The instructional material will provide maintenance officers, as well as sergeants, a web-based program that teaches them about vehicle capabilities through simulated vignettes.

This project is one of several that the Joint and Coalition Simulation Systems group is working on to provide Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Marines a more coherent and cohesive training approach prior to deploying to their respective areas of operation.

Currently, the team is lead by Lt. Col. Robert Hribar, and his deputy, Rick Dunlap. Also on team, and responsible for the JERRV interactive multimedia instruction, is Linda Yeakle, Mac McDonald and Steve Hicks. ■



U.S. Army Photo/Doug Schaub

Mac McDonald, Lt. Col. Robert Hribar, Linda Yeakle and Steve Hicks (from left to right), all part of the new Joint and Coalition Simulation Systems division of Project Manager Constructive Simulation, stand by the Joint Explosive Ordnance Disposal Rapid Response Vehicle (Surrogate) training vehicle Nov. 18. The vehicle was located on the installation for approximately one month and was used to create part of the multimedia instruction on vehicle capabilities for maintenance officers.

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from the beginning so that for the first time all the operational concepts and the most important concept, that we are a full-spectrum Army, means that offense, defense and stability operations are our core concepts as an Army," Abrams continued. "These concepts are now nested throughout our training manual so that we train to be a full-spectrum Army, not just in name, but in reality."

FM 7-0 challenges leaders to train as they will fight—train as a full-spectrum force, but not lose sight of the first priority of the Army, which is to fight and win the nation's wars.

FM 7-0 sets out to change the Army mindset. The manual states that the Army cannot return to its pre-9/11 focus of training for offensive and defensive operations in major combat operations. Army leaders must think differently about training and leader development in an Army that must be capable of conducting simultaneous offense, defense and stability or civil-support operations.

The manual's four chapters address the breadth and depth of Army training concepts: the "what" of Army training. The Web-based Army Training Network addresses the "how" of Army training. It provides examples of concepts in FM 7-0; for example, training lessons, examples and best practices for implementing the 7-0 concepts, and solutions to training challenges.

"We are using emerging technologies and leveraging the power of the Web. We are going to take what has been previously published in FM 7-1, Battle Focused Training, and we're going to take those concepts and put them on the Web as the Army Training Network," said Abrams. "It is going to have the same format and same fundamentals you would see in FM 7-1 in terms of techniques for conduct of training management. What we want to show with the power of the Web is that we can get constant updates from the field and input on best practices."

The operational concept requires the Army to be ready to conduct simultaneous offense, defense and stability or civil-support operations anywhere along the spectrum of conflict, from general war to stable peace.

FM 7-0 is designed to help develop an expeditionary Army, composed of Soldiers and civilians, experienced and knowledgeable enough to be comfortable with operating anywhere along the spectrum of conflict in any type of operation, under any conditions, U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command officials said. They said its principles and concepts are intended to produce agile leaders who can rapidly and easily adapt to changing, ambiguous situations. ■



TEAM ORLANDO IN PICTURES



Dr. Jim Blake recognized the PEO STRI government employees and in-house service support contractors Dec. 12 who supported I/ITSEC 2008 by helping out with the operations center, exhibit booths, VIP transportation and media room.

U.S. Army Photo/Doug Schaub



Lt. Col. Scott Pulford addressed the graduates of the University of Central Florida Army R.O.T.C., otherwise known as the Fighting Knights Battalion, at the Dec. 16 commissioning ceremony.

UCF Army R.O.T.C. Photo



Lt. Col. Gordon Graham, Lt. Col. Rod Aleandre, Sgt. Maj. Jose Garcia-Aponte (pictured above) and Maj. Yolanda Frazier spoke to fifth grade students Dec. 16 at Lancaster Elementary School in Orlando, Fla. Lt. Col. Scott Pulford, Sgt. Maj. David Lanham and Sgt. Maj. Garcia-Aponte participated in the same event Nov. 18.

Courtesy Photo



The PEO STRI football team defeated the Naval Air Warfare Center Training Systems Division team 17-14 in overtime at the annual Army-Navy flag football game Dec. 16 at the University of Central Florida.

U.S. Army Photo/Doug Schaub



HOLIDAYS Events

January 1

New Year's Day

January 19

Birthday of

Martin Luther King, Jr.

January 21-23

TechNet Conference

February 3-5

**Capitol Hill
Demonstration**



Remember to Sign Your E-mail

Does each of your outgoing e-mails end with your name and contact information? If so, great! If not, standard e-mail protocol emphasizes the use of signature blocks. So, if you have not done so already, update your Microsoft Outlook account to include your name, address, phone number and any other pertinent contact information at the close of each outgoing e-mail. ■



PEO Staff Team Wins STRI Golf Championship

By Walt Pezzolo, PEO STRI Deputy Business Operations Executive for Support

PEO STRI's Business Operations Office won the fifth annual PEO STRI Team Golf Championship with a record score of 59.5.

With Colonel Wheeler bombing the tee ball and Rob Reyenga, team captain, providing strategic guidance and leadership, remaining teammates Walt Pezzolo and Christopher Pezzolo only needed to make a shot or two to garner the win.

For the second straight year, the pre-tournament favorite—the Customer Support Group team—placed second with a score of 60.25. Adding Mark Russell and Don Schlomer to team mainstays Jim Godwin and Dusty Woodlee were apparently not enough as the team faltered under the heavy pressure down the stretch.

On the heels of the Customer Support Group was the third place finisher Project Manager Constructive Simulation where hopes ran high with the addition of top ranked Don Stewart, Rick Copeland, Keith Flail and Wayne Golon. Despite their respectable 61.25 score, this might be the beginning of the end for the Project Manager

Constructive Simulation golf dynasty.

In all, 13 teams competed in the fifth annual running of this event that also provided some surprise upsets in the individual long-drive and closest-to-the-pin competitions. ■

Congratulations to the following individuals:

Long Drive Champion (Red):
Barbara Essery (CSG)

Long Drive Champion (White):
Claude Abate (PM CATT)

Long Drive Champion (Blue):
Kenny McMillian (PM FF(S))

Closest to the Pin (Red):
Barbara Essery (CSG)

Closest to the Pin (White):
Bob Lowell (PM TRADE)

Closest to the Pin (Blue):
Jim Godwin (CSG)



U.S. Army Photo/Walt Pezzolo

Mark Russell, Jim Godwin and Don Schlomer (left to right) look on as Dusty Woodlee attempts to sink the putt on the final hole at the PEO STRI Team Golf Championship Dec. 23 at the Stoneybrook East Golf Course in Orlando, Fla. The Customer Support Group team, pictured above, placed second in the tournament.

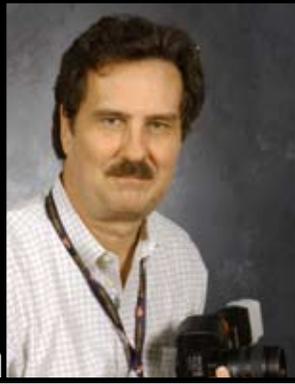


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EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

By Kristen Dooley McCullough, PEO STRI Public Affairs Officer

The PEO STRI photographer, Doug Schaub, has captured images of nearly every memorable happening around the organization for the past four-and-a-half years. Everything from four-star generals to holiday parties, Schaub has ensured that every important PEO STRI event was documented through photographs.

When asked just why he likes to be the man behind the camera flash, Schaub responded, "to put it simply, not only do I get invited to every event, but I also get a front row seat."

In addition to supporting special events, Schaub handles the day-to-day tasks of a command photographer, like Department of the Army photos for military personnel, passport photos, conference photo support and the YMCA SHAPE identification cards.

"As the PEO grows, the requirements grow also. And, that's good. It makes my days go by faster and I'm all about the fast speed," Schaub said. "As the photographer, I ultimately end up meeting everyone, and I really enjoy that too."

Schaub has supported PEO STRI as an in-house service support contractor for nearly five years. Before coming to STRI, Schaub worked for a company that

produced fine art photography for local Orlando artists.

He left that position and took the current one as he and his wife, currently a contracting officer and division head for the PEO STRI Acquisition Center, started to look toward retirement.

“ I thought it would be good for me to end my career just the way it started. In 1976, I began my career as a Navy photographer, and I’m ending my career in support of the military. ”

- Doug Schaub
PEO STRI Photographer

"I thought it would be good for me to end my career just the way it started. In 1976, I began my career as a Navy photographer, and I'm ending my career in support of the military," said Schaub, who also supports PEO STRI's installation host, the Naval Air Warfare Center Training Systems Division.

"And, it's nice to take my honey to lunch every now and then," half joked Schaub about being able to spend his lunch break with his wife every now and then.

In his free time, Schaub enjoys spending time with his son, working on projects around his house, fishing and auto repair work.

As for the future, Schaub noted, "I want to continue working here until I retire. Upon retirement, I plan to travel, collect antiques, do a lot more fishing and visit people I haven't seen in a while. As for now, though, it's a pleasure and an honor to do what I do." ■

Hails and Farewells

Hails

- Kimberly Callard**
Acq. Center
- Steven Harris**
PSG
- Jose Rivera-Cotto**
CSG
- Trudy Ryan**
PSG
- Sylvia Salinas**
PM Field OPS
- Janio Sanchez**
PSG
- Joan Sherry**
PSG
- Patrick Sincebaugh**
PM FF(S)

Farewells

- Michael Ferber**
CIO
- Geoffrey Jean**
PSG
- Charlene Loper**
PM ConSim



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