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### WORTH REPEATING

“The greatest memorial to our fallen troops cannot be found in the words we say or the places we gather. The more lasting tribute is all around us – a country where citizens have the right to worship as they want, to march for what they believe, and to say what they think”

— *President George W. Bush said during a commemorative ceremony for Memorial Day at Arlington National Cemetery, May 29.*



U.S. Army Image

The Warfighter Focus contract, a 10-year potentially \$11.2 billion deal, consolidates the live, virtual and constructive contracts that are currently held by three different companies and expire in October.

## PEO STRI AWARDS CONTRACT TO CONSOLIDATE LIVE, VIRTUAL AND CONSTRUCTIVE TRAINING DEVICES

By Kristen Dooley, *Public Affairs Specialist*

The U.S. Army's Program Executive Office for Simulation, Training and Instrumentation (PEO STRI) awarded the Warrior Training Alliance the largest contract to ever come out of the agency. Warfighter FOCUS, worth up to \$11.2 billion over the next ten years, fully integrates the live, virtual and constructive training services at Army installations worldwide under one contract.

“As world events shifted force readiness from the large-scale Cold War battlefield scenarios to more rapid mobilizations and deployments, a greater reliance on integrated live, virtual and constructive training is needed to adapt to the Global War on Terror,” said Russ McBride, PEO STRI Program Manager for Field Operations.

McBride stated that the Army is fielding more interoperable training systems and therefore “the Warfighter FOCUS contract will provide a fully integrated contractor workforce to operate and maintain them.”

In addition to increasing the efficiency of the production, fielding and sustainment of training devices, the contract will also yield a significant cost avoidance for the Army.

“The government will save approximately \$568 million over ten years. Army leadership will determine how best to apply the savings in support of the Soldier,” said McBride.

The contract cultivates the commonality of skill sets, a greater efficiency of program management, and the contractors' added purchasing power for parts and supplies. Furthermore, the contract will allow PEO STRI to provide a more rapid response to Department of the Army requests.

Consequently, PEO STRI's Program Manager for Field Operations will reorganize to align itself with the way in which the Department of the Army manages and funds simulations and training devices. McBride asserts “the reorganization will lead to more efficient management of

# Dietrick Pays Tribute to Orlando's Veterans and Fallen Warfighters

By Kristen Dooley, Public Affairs Specialist

Col. Kevin Dietrick participated in Orange County's Memorial Day ceremony May 28 to honor the nation's deceased veterans and two Orlando Soldiers who were recently killed in Operation Iraqi Freedom.

"As I am sure you all can imagine, this American holiday is one that I hold very close to my heart," said Dietrick in his address to approximately 100 onlookers. "It's an honor to stand before you today to commemorate the brave men and women of the United States Armed Forces who have died defending our country."

Dietrick also recognized the local Warfighters fighting the War on Terror.

"I am proud to acknowledge that there are many Central Floridians who represent all that is right and good about this nation. These men and women in uniform remain dedicated to something far greater than themselves; they remain committed to protecting our nation," Dietrick

commended.

He spoke of the realities of war; some would deploy and not make it back. This reality hit home when the 13th and 14th Orange County residents were killed in action during Operation Iraqi Freedom.

"Last year, Orlando was saddened when two upstanding Soldiers lost their lives combating terrorism."

The ceremony was dedicated to Sgt. Gene Hawkins and Pfc. Christopher Blaney. Their names were revealed on the Orange Country War Memorial that commemorates servicemen and women who died in combat since the 1800s.

Hawkins, 24, was assigned to the 14th Engineer Battalion, 555th Combat Support Brigade Maneuver Enhancement. He died Oct. 12 when an improvised explosive device detonated near his



vehicle. Hawkins was a religious man who enjoyed playing video games and watching cartoons.

Blaney, 19, was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 66th Armor Regiment, 1st Brigade, 4th Infantry Division. He died Sept. 29 in Taji, Iraq. Blaney, a Winter Park native, followed in the footsteps of his grandfather who is a retired Army major. He enjoyed art and loved animals.

"The United States Army and city of Orlando lost Soldiers, friends and heroes," said Dietrick.

He also extended his gratitude and compassion to the families of the men. "Your Soldiers represent the finest of what this nation has to offer. Just as your fallen Soldier was committed to defending this country, we, the Army, are committed to serving you. Together, we are Army strong."

Additionally, Dietrick recognized a Soldier in the audience, Staff Sgt. Joe Beimfohr, who was severely injured by an improvised explosive device July 5, 2005 in Iraq.

Learning to walk on two prosthetic legs, Beimfohr said he hopes to continue to serve by becoming a Veterans Affairs representative and returning to Walter Reed Medical Center to give back. He said he feels obligated to help make other Soldiers' lives a bit easier.

Dietrick reminded the audience that the U.S. is still at war and "support of our Armed Forces affords those who lost their life in combat the proper respect and homage." ■



U.S. Army Photo/Staff Sgt. Carmen Burgess

Secretary of the Army Francis Harvey, Army Chief of Staff Gen. Peter Schoomaker, Sgt. Maj. of the Army Kenneth Preston and Military District of Washington Commander Maj. Gen. Guy Swan render honor at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington Cemetery. The senior leaders placed a wreath at the memorial to honor those who have given their lives in service to our country.



# STRI HELPS SOLDIERS REFINE INTELLIGENCE COLLECTION TECHNIQUES

*The Program Executive Office for Simulation, Training and Instrumentation (PEO STRI) fielded the first tactical questioning trainer to Fort Huachuca, Ariz., June 9. The device offers military intelligence units proficiency training in strategic examination skills in situations when an interpreter is required.*

By Kristen Dooley, Public Affairs Specialist

“As far as we know, this technology is the first of its kind,” said Linda Morris, PEO STRI project director for the Army’s Intelligence and Electronic Warfare Tactical Proficiency Trainer (IEWTPT). “Currently, Soldiers are not trained in using a translator before deployment.”

The Human Intelligence Control Cell (HCC), an auxiliary component of the IEWTPT, allows Soldiers to converse with non-English speaking avatars through a third-party.

“The important aspect is not the difference of languages, but rather the relationship with the translator and the foreign-speaking subject,” said Robert Gomez, PEO STRI’s lead engineer for the HCC.

The technology permits the Soldier to collect human intelligence through free-flowing conversation from a life-size virtual human projected on a portable screen.

For example, one avatar assumes the role as an Iraqi civilian who warily provides information on a weapons cache. The other avatar stands alongside the simulated Iraqi and translates the information into English. At that point, the Soldier and the avatars engage in conversation in which the Soldier is instructed to gather the desired information through tactical questioning.

The Soldier’s performance is monitored and recorded and he or she undergoes an after-action review to determine if the correct questions were posed to gather all the possible intelligence.

“That way, the commander can determine how well prepared the Soldiers are to gather intelligence and to ensure that each Soldier within the unit gets trained,” Morris said.

Currently, military intelligence personnel are the targeted trainees, however there are plans to expand the

instruction to additional units at corps level and below. Additionally, the HCC operates in Arabic and German, but a myriad of languages will be offered in the coming months with the implementation of added databases.

Gomez notes other projected advancements to the HCC, “As the system matures, we will include interrogation exercises, cultural awareness training and local populace interactions.”

“Eventually, we will require technologies that put the avatar in different moods that will affect his answers. Understanding and responding to certain body language will also become part of the training. All this technology is being developed,” Gomez said.

The Army’s Research, Development and Engineering Command’s Simulation and Technology Training Center, General Dynamics C4 Systems, and the University of Southern California’s Institute for Creative Technologies are working in collaboration with PEO STRI to execute the research, production and fielding of the IEWTPT’s HCC throughout the Army.

The HCC will be fielded to Fort Lewis, Wash.; Fort Hood, Texas; Fort Bragg, N.C.; and Schofield Barracks, Hawaii over the next few months.

“Our mission is to train the human component of the Soldier,” Morris said. “In executing our mission, we determined that the best way to do that was for the Soldier to interact with the virtual world.” ■



U.S. Army Courtesy Photo

The Human Control Cell, a subset of the Intelligence Electronic Warfare Tactical Proficiency Trainer, allows Soldiers to virtually interact with avatars in order to refine their intelligence collection techniques.

# PM ITTS Helps Air Force Outlaw Aerial Threats

By Leeza Torres, PM ITTS Business Manager

The Targets Management Office in Redstone Arsenal, Ala., a subset of Project Manager Instrumentation, Targets and Threat Simulators, supported the Air National Guard Air Force Reserve Command Test Center's (AATC) training exercise with their Outlaw, a remotely piloted vehicle target, in China Lake, Calif., May 7 through May 11.

Equipped with a beyond-visual-range payload that provides a GPS navigated autopilot capability, the Outlaw was launched and directed to the China Lake live-missile impact area. The Outlaw was selected and used by AATC and the U.S. Air Force due to its low radar cross-section signature and its ability to replicate a barely visible, slow and low flying unmanned aerial system.

The purpose of the exercise was to effectively counter asymmetric non-fighter threats. The asymmetric threat class—airliners, cruise missiles, and low radar cross section aircraft, or low infrared signature aircraft—travels at low altitudes and slow airspeeds.

The test presented TTPs to best employ air defense fighters to take down these targets. The Outlaw was designed as a low-cost multipurpose unmanned aerial vehicle. It



U.S. Army Photo/Sgt. Eishaw Meade

The Outlaw, a MQM-107 aerial target, provides a live and realistic target capable of simulating the performance of enemy aircraft. The semiconoque, swept-wing monoplane is capable of traveling at speeds from 250 knots to 525 knots at sea level with a maximum speed of 0.8 mach at 35,000 feet above sea level.

offers a tough, proven platform with extensive operational experience worldwide.

Primarily used as a live-fire training target for air defense systems, the Outlaw is also utilized as a reliable airframe to support

rapid development of emerging sensor and unmanned aerial vehicle payloads. It satisfies testing requirements for joint forces and foreign allies training against low-altitude, slow-speed threats. ■

## Army Buckles Down to Reduce Losses

By Lori Yerdon, U.S. Army Combat Readiness Center

Every year the Army loses Soldiers not only to combat-related injuries but also to vehicle accidents.

In an effort to reduce these losses, Army installations across the globe are joining state and local law enforcement and highway safety officials in the nationwide Click It or Ticket campaign.

The goal of the campaign is to raise awareness of the importance of wearing seat belts.

This year's initiative involves an aggressive seat belt enforcement mobilization that will crack down on low seat belt use and in an attempt to reduce highway fatalities with a new emphasis

on convincing more motorists to buckle up—day and night.

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, regular seat belt use is the single most effective way to protect drivers and passengers and reduce fatalities in motor vehicle crashes. In 2005, 77 percent of passenger vehicle occupants who were buckled up in a serious crash survived it.

When worn correctly, seat belts have proven to reduce the risk of fatal injury to front-seat passenger car occupants by 45 percent (by 60 percent in pickup trucks, sport utility vehicles and minivans). ■



Logo Courtesy of NHTSA

For more information on the National Click It or Ticket campaign visit <http://www.nhtsa.dot.gov>.





# ARMY TO CELEBRATE 232ND BIRTHDAY



By Tony O'Bryant, *Army News Service*

**I**nstallations and commands all over the world will celebrate the Army's 232nd birthday June 14.

With the theme "Call to Duty - Boots on the Ground - Army Strong," the celebration honors Soldiers answering the call to duty during one of the most dangerous periods in history.

"Today's Soldiers symbolize the nobility of selfless service," said Sergeant Major of the Army Kenneth O. Preston, reflecting the Army's heritage. "Today's Soldiers are motivated by an unwavering belief that they will be victorious on the field of battle, because we have fought this way since 1775 and always will."

Special birthday events will begin on June 9 and run through the following week, with a cake-cutting ceremony at Walter Reed Army Medical Center June 12 and a Twilight Tattoo June 13 at the Washington Monument.

Major League Baseball will pay tribute to the men and women in uniform by hosting birthday activities during several of its games. A veteran of the War on Terror will throw out the first pitch of a Florida Marlins vs. Cleveland Indians game in Miami June 14. New recruits will also be inducted into the Army during a pre-game ceremony.

Similar events are scheduled for a Tampa Bay Devil Rays' home game June 13, and a member of the Army Ground Forces Band will lead "Take me out to the ball game" during an Atlanta Braves game June 10.

The Army's precision parachute demonstration team, the Golden Knights, will jump June 14 into Camden Yards, where a Soldier will throw the first pitch of an inter-league game between the

Washington Nationals and the Baltimore Orioles.

Lt. Gen. John Brown III will host U.S. Army Pacific's Birthday Ball in Waikiki on June 9. The U.S. Army Band's Strolling Strings will perform during the event to an expected crowd of nearly a thousand Soldiers and civilians.

On June 14, Acting Secretary of the Army Pete Geren, Army Chief of Staff Gen. George W. Casey Jr. and SMA Preston will participate in the annual wreath laying ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery's Tomb of the Unknowns.

Department of Army-level birthday events will continue June 15 with a Birthday Run that starts at Fort Myer, Va., and culminate with the Army Birthday Ball on June 16 in Washington, D.C.

"The U.S. Army is a brotherhood of warrior leaders dedicated to the cause of freedom. To me, celebrating the Army's Birthday is celebrating my freedom and brotherhood," said Capt. Chris Joyner, North Carolina National Guard public affairs officer.

A full list of Army birthday events and birthday messages from Army leaders are available at [www.army.mil/birthday/232](http://www.army.mil/birthday/232).



*U.S. Army Photo*

Installations and commands worldwide celebrate the 232nd birthday of the U.S. Army. The U.S. Army Drill Team performs at the Army Ball in Tampa on June 9, 2007.



# NEW ACQUISITION CENTER OPENS MANY DOORS FOR STRI

By Kristen Dooley, *Public Affairs Specialist*

As a result of Dr. James Blake being named the Head of Contracting Activity (HCA) for the Army's Orlando-based agency, the Program Executive Office for Simulation, Training and Instrumentation (PEO STRI) stood up an Acquisition Center where the management and execution of all contracting functions will take place. The development of contracting and acquisition polices also fall within the Center's realm.

PEO STRI's newest organization, housed the Partnership II building within Central Florida's Research Park, will foster the expansion of mission requirements, offer increased employment opportunities in Central Florida and integrate PEO STRI's solutions into the Army's contracting community.

"Our reorganization is driven by changes in the contemporary operating environment to get products and services into the hands of the Warfighter faster," said Blake, program executive officer for the agency.

The restructuring allows PEO STRI to better accomplish its three core competencies: program management, acquisition support and lifecycle management.

"In addition to our program management responsibility, we are now responsible for the contracting authority functions required to procure simulation, training and instrumentation products and services," Blake said.

The additional responsibility yielded the creation of a new component to the existing organization—an acquisition center of excellence. Kim Denver oversees the new center in which Blake designated him the Principal Assistant Responsible for Contracting (PARC).

"The PARC is my lead for contracting functions while the deputy PEO is my lead

for the programmatic functions," Blake explained.

Under the revised organizational structure, Blake said he believes that PEO STRI can provide increased support to the Army and also lend its expertise to the Department of Defense.

"The HCA allows the PEO to provide responsive acquisition support to the Army and other government agencies," said Pete Marion, customer support executive for PEO STRI. "Certainly, we welcome all external agencies who desire to use our expertise in satisfying their training procurement needs, but the HCA allows us to continue to meet the Global War on Terror requirements in a responsive manner."

"For more than 40 years, the Army has turned to the Navy to provide contracting support for training aids, devices, simulations and

simulators. Over the past five years, we have seen a divergence in the mission requirements of the Navy's contracting office here in Orlando and the mission requirements being levied on the Army," Marion noted.

While the relationship between the Orlando-based Army and the Navy installation in Central Florida remains strong, PEO STRI has been experiencing heightened mission requirements that have resulted in an increased workload.

"The HCA authority by itself does not bring any additional business to PEO STRI; however, it does require additional personnel in order to manage and execute contracting functions in accordance with contracting and acquisition law, regulations and policies," said Denver. Currently, the acquisition center and legal department are filling positions to accommodate PEO STRI's added responsibilities.

PEO STRI will continue to employ

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**Kim Denver,**  
*Principal Assistant Responsible  
for Contracting*

the STRICOM Omnibus Contract and Warfighter Field Operations Customer Support Contract; however Denver stated that, "We will continue to explore other contracting vehicles as needed to support the mission of PEO STRI and its customers."

"Meeting the Army's small business goals is a continued focus of ours," Denver stressed.

PEO STRI key leaders said they acknowledge the tremendous role that their industry partners play in fulfilling mission requirements.

"Our objective is to provide a portfolio of contract vehicles that can be expeditiously used to satisfy mission requirements. We recognize that industry can flex and adapt to changes in the military often times more quickly than we can change our operating paradigm," Marion stated.

With their industry partners' assistance, PEO STRI's efforts will keep the Soldier, and all Warfighters, at the heart of their mission.

"The way I see it is if there is a need to provide support to a Soldier or Warfighter and we have the expertise to satisfy it, we will," Blake said. ■





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Daughters and  
Sons  
to Work Day  
2007*





# WHAT ARE YOUR SUMMER PLANS?



"My summer plans include a lot of big changes: my daughter starts college, my oldest son will get married, and my wife and youngest son will move to the area in July. We are really excited about living in the Orlando area and look forward to working with everyone at PEO STRI."

- Bruce Mulkey, PM Field OPS

"To be honest, I didn't make plans for the summer except to spend more time with my kids and do something special with them on the weekends."

- Tamara Truong, PSG



"My summer plans are to familiarize myself with the Medical Simulation Training Centers, attend the AUSA Medical Symposium, move my family from Virginia to Florida and become a Certified Medical Resource Professional."

- Maj David Thompson, PM CATT

Want your opinion heard? Answer July's Question! ***In honor of the fourth of July, what's best about being an American?*** 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

## PEO STRI AWARDS LARGEST CONTRACT... *Continued from front page*

training services."

Together, the Department of the Army, PEO STRI and industry partners are evolving to better meet the needs of the Warfighter.

"Over the past 15 years, we have transitioned from many contracts to fewer consolidated contracts. This method realized savings and efficiencies to the government. PEO STRI, in collaboration with our industry partners, came to the conclusion that a totally consolidated contract was the best way to support the Warfighter. And, that is what's most important," McBride said. ■

## HOLIDAYS Events

June 12-14

TSIS

June 14

Army's 232nd Birthday

June 14

Flag Day

June 16

Army Ball

June 17

Father's Day

## Protocol TIP OF THE MONTH

By Marge Hadbavny, Protocol Officer

**Q.** Are civilian and non-military persons supposed to salute military personnel?

**A.** Only military members salute each other as a courtesy and a greeting. Civilian and non-military personnel do not salute, but shake hands as a greeting.

*If you have an etiquette question, submit your request by email to Marge Hadbavny.*

# DOES IT AFFECT MY SECURITY CLEARANCE IF...?

*This is the first of a two part series that addresses situations and events many of us encounter in our daily lives. This article serves to remind us that some of these occasions might obligate us to make a voluntary self-report of our experience to the Security Office.*

By Bill Osborne & Donnette Hart, PEO STRI Security Office

A security clearance is a privilege, not a right. When you accept the privilege of having access to classified information you also accept a number of obligations and responsibilities. It doesn't matter if you access classified information every day or on a very infrequent basis, we must comply with all the rules and regulations at all times if we expect to maintain our clearances and access to classified information.

An often overlooked responsibility imposed on persons with security clearances is the obligation to self-report changes that could affect our lives. These changes could involve potentially derogatory or non-derogatory information. While the decision to self report may appear to be simple, you should consult with the Security Office staff if you have questions.

Let's discuss non-derogatory information. Since you maintain an active security clearance, changes in personal status must be reported. This is especially important for persons who have been granted Top Secret or higher access. If you become engaged, get married, or divorced, you should report this information to the Security Office. Ordinarily, these changes won't affect your security clearance especially if you only have a secret security clearance. However, if you become engaged to or marry a foreign national or dual citizen, this change in your marital status needs to be reported to the U.S. Army Central Clearance Facility (CCF). If your level of access is Top Secret or higher, a spouse-check investigation will likely be initiated by CCF in order for them to determine if you can maintain your access.

Within the Program Executive Office, there is a process in place to ensure persons traveling overseas on official business receive the required travel briefings. If you are planning to make a personal trip to an overseas location, you will need to notify the Security Office yourself. Based on your call, the Security Office conducts

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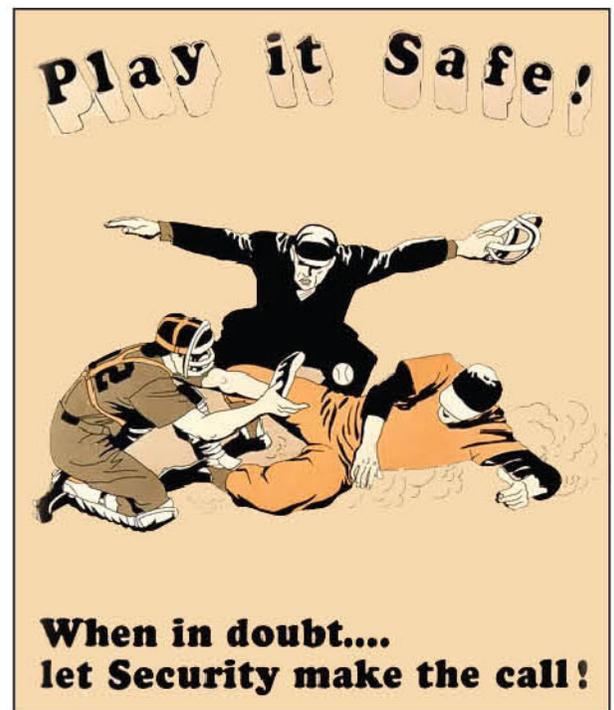
an all source intelligence search for your destination and will schedule you for an appointment to review pertinent classified threat data. In the absence of classified threat data, you will be provided with information regarding accessing the Consular Information Sheet for your travel destination on the State Department website. Persons who have access to Top Secret Sensitive Compartmented Information (TS-SCI) must report their planned overseas travel to the NAWCTSD Special Security Officer (SSO), Ms. Jen Breiner.

Suspicious contacts should be reported to the Security Office. By "suspicious" we mean a stranger who approaches you and attempts to elicit classified or sensitive unclassified information from you. While we tend to think of the threat as foreign, it could just as easily be domestic. Be aware of the conversations you have with strangers and the requests you receive for information. Understand how easily information can be elicited from anybody. If you feel you have been the target of an

elicitation attempt; if you have been asked for information from an unauthorized person; or you unintentionally released information, either orally or in document form to a person not otherwise entitled to have that information, report the details to the Security Office immediately.

Many of us spend an entire career and never once become an intelligence collection target. Yet, there are others who may have already been targeted or will be in the future. If you feel you have been targeted but are not sure, report your suspicions. Also remember, your obligation to report suspicious contacts does not end when your affiliation with the Department of Defense ends. When you retire or leave Government service you are still expected to report suspicious contacts and attempts to elicit unauthorized information.

If you are in doubt, simply call or stop by the Security Office. ■



# Army Humbles Navy in Annual Golf Championship

By Walt Pezzolo, Business Operations Manager

The Army Team, led by Jim Godwin of the Customer Support Group and Maj. Marc Dorrer of Project Manager Combined Arms Tactical Trainers, defeated the Navy by 39 strokes in the annual golf classic. More than 40 Team Orlando golfers participated in the event, in which all Department of Defense military, civilian and contracted employees in Central Florida's Research Park were welcome to participate.

The scoring is determined by averaging the ten lowest scores on each team. Overall, the Army's average score was 87.2 as compared to the Navy's 91.1 average. Other notable scores of 77 and 82 were posted by Doug Hayes and Jim Newkirk respectively.

A special thanks to all those who participated in the championship and helped to make the Army victorious! ■



**Dusty Woodlee**  
**Jim Newkirk**  
**Walt Pezzolo**  
**Jim Godwin**  
**Claude Abate**  
**Mike Garretson**  
**Kristy Murray**  
**Todd Pesicek**

**Wayne Golon**  
**Marc Dorrer**  
**Milt Cates**  
**Charles Sansbury**  
**Rob Reyenga**  
**Ray Karnaz**  
**Bob Verica**  
**Dan Wolfe**

**Jim Fleming**  
**Mac Baker**  
**Floyd Chambers**  
**William Rodriguez**  
**Jerry Gout**  
**Daniel Santiago**  
**Larry Knapp**

## Nineteen STRI Employees Earn MBA Degree

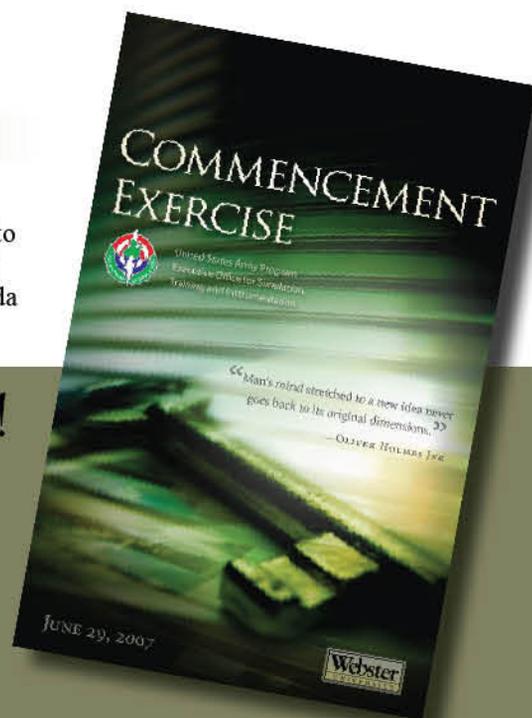
Congratulations to the Program Executive Office for Simulation, Training and Instrumentation's most recent graduates of the Professional Development Program who successfully

earned their MBA from Webster University. All personnel are welcome to attend the graduation ceremony June 29 from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Florida Mall Hotel. ■

### CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES!

**ROBERT BURCH**  
**LINDA COMFORT**  
**KATHRYN DILLON**  
**HERBERT MCDUFFIE, JR.**  
**CORRETTA MCGRIFF BENTON**  
**STEVEN OGRAYENSEK**  
**JUAN OROZCO**

**DONNIE PALMER**  
**LOVISA PARKS**  
**DANIELLE SELLARS**  
**DAVID SELLARS**  
**RAFAEL SOBERAL**  
**TAMARA TRUONG**



# TEAM ORLANDO IN PICTURES



U.S. Army Photo/Doug Schaub

Lt. Col. Russell A. Hinds, product manager for Special Operations Forces Training Systems, retired May 24 in a ceremony presided over by Col. Craig G. Langhauser, project manager for Combined Arms Tactical Trainers.



U.S. Army Photo/Doug Schaub

Col. Craig G. Langhauser, project manager for Combined Arms Tactical Trainers, officiated the promotion ceremony June 1 for Lt. Col. Kevin D. Mobley, acting product manager for Special Operations Forces Training Systems.



U.S. Army Photo/Doug Schaub

Col. Christopher M. Oliver, product manager for Live Training Systems, was promoted June 5 by Brig. Gen. Robert M. Brown, program executive officer for Soldier and commanding general for the Soldier Systems Center.



Introducing  
**Sandy Morrison**  
 the  
**PEO STRI**  
**Employee Spotlight**



U.S. Army Photo/Doug Schaub

By Kristen Dooley, Public Affairs Specialist

Sandy Morrison could easily be regarded as the renaissance-man of Program Manager Field Operations (PM Field OPS) as his duties and responsibilities encompass all that goes into ensuring situational awareness for all the Program Executive Office for Simulation, Training and Instrumentation's (PEO STRI) field operations in Southwest Asia.

"My paramount and first goal is to support the Soldier. Having led Soldiers under fire, this goal motivates me to give my best effort everyday," said Morrison, lifecycle project developer for PM Field OPS.

Having spent more than 34 years involved with training Soldiers, Morrison has much insight to offer PEO STRI. Furthermore, he worked with the agency in one capacity or another for 17 years.

"This first started when I managed PEO STRI's budget as a lieutenant colonel in the Pentagon in 1990 during Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm," said Morrison. He also worked in business development for the defense industry and spent two years as a lobbyist on Capital Hill.

Morrison said he hopes to further his professional career at PEO STRI by increasing his knowledge of logistics through completing the Level III certification of the Department of Defense's procurement training instruction.

"The best thing about PEO STRI and

the Army continues to be working with intelligent and highly qualified professionals to resolve complex and difficult issues," Morrison said.

Morrison recalled the camaraderie of his colleagues in completing the most difficult challenge presented to him at PEO STRI—managing PM Field OPS' first "bottom-up" budget.

"I completed it with the cooperation of the project directors in PM Field OPS who provided direction, policies, and procedures. The bottom-line is nothing gets done without the help of a lot of good people."

As versatile as Morrison's talents are within the office, his extracurricular activities are arguably even more multifaceted. He's a scuba diver, art collector, china buyer, yoga student, prayer giver, movie-goer and Cape Canaveral's subject

matter expert in physical security and anti-terrorism. And as if that's not enough, he is the husband to the first women certified in scuba diving.

"My wife and I love the outdoors here in Florida. We bird watch at the Merritt Island National Wildlife Refuge during the winter. We are also members of the Sea Turtle Preservation Society. We snorkel with the manatees at Homosassa Springs at least once each year and hold season passes to Sea World. When we get good waves, we boogie-board on the beach." ■

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 — Sandy Morrison,  
*Lifecycle project developer,  
 PM Field OPS*

## Hails and Farewells

### Hails

Bruce Mulkey	PM Field OPS
Jeffrey Stahl	PSG
Helen Angell	PEO Support
Katherine Doyle	Contracts
David Yarde	Contracts
William Monroe	CSG
Aurelio Maldonado	CSG
Lovisa Parks	Contracts
Clifford Wienk	PSG
Maj. David Thompson	PM CATT
Christie Martinez	Contracts
Tamara Truong	PSG
Richard Clark	Contracts
Willie Bass	Contracts
Patricia C. Soucy	Contracts
Debra Leuschel	Contracts
LeMarle McKee	Contracts
Karina DaCosta	PSG

### Farewells

Maureen Molz	PM FF(S)
John Schafer	PSG



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