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WORTH REPEATING

“ I just have this fascination with Soldiers: their creed, their motto, their honor. That’s what I like, the history of it, the bravado of it all. If I’m not able to do any of this because of medical reasons, I got to do it now and that’s probably the best thing I could ever ask for. It gives me encouragement.”

— Christopher McNally, a 16-year-old battling osteosarcoma for a year, was enlisted at Fort Benning through a request granted by the nonprofit Make-a-Wish Foundation



U.S. Army Photo

Stability operations, like gaining the trust of the local populace as pictured here, is just one element that is key to successfully conducting Full Spectrum Operations.

TRAINING THE FORCE FOR A NEW WAY OF OPERATING

By Rick Gregory, APEO Business Operations Support Staff

“If you find yourself in a fair fight, you didn’t plan your mission properly,” said Col. David Hackworth, a highly decorated Vietnam War veteran who passed away at 74 years old in 2005.

Hackworth’s prophetic words resound quite often in today’s operating environment. Planning properly for future missions, whatever and wherever they may be, is exactly what the Army is striving for as it transitions from preparing the force solely for counterinsurgency operations to readying troops for Full Spectrum Operations. The transition will be a major training evolution for the majority of Soldiers and their leaders.

For the past eight years, Soldiers have predominantly trained for and executed counterinsurgency

(COIN) operations in carrying out the Army’s mission in Iraq and Afghanistan. It’s the only type of combat operations many of them know.

Lt. Col. Dave Lander, deputy director for the Training and Doctrine Command’s Capability Manager – Live, emphasized this point during the April 6 PEO STRI Full Spectrum Operations Industry Day.

“Of the 48,000 Soldiers assigned to Fort Hood, 36,000 of them joined the Army after Sept. 11, 2001,” he pointed out. “Within 90 days, many of them may have gone to war (after receiving training specifically for counterinsurgency).”

Taking a look at the ever-changing global unrest, the Army leadership knows that the next conflict will call on adaptive Soldier skills

to meet the specific challenges of each engagement. That’s where training for Full Spectrum Operations comes in.

Gen. Martin E. Dempsey, the new Army chief of staff, will be the driving force in the Army’s training transition that was started by his predecessor, retired Gen. George W. Casey, Jr.

“Well, we’ve been in an eight-year fight with adaptive adversaries and we have learned a great deal. And, we’ve acted on that learning,” Dempsey said in an interview with *Military Training Technology* magazine. “We’ve learned that we must be a force that’s grounded in fundamentals relevant to threats across the full spectrum of conflicts. We’re anticipating and now managing a

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General Dempsey Takes Reins as the New Army Chief of Staff

Article Courtesy of the Army News Service

Gen. Martin E. Dempsey was sworn in on April 11 as the new chief of staff of the Army, replacing Gen. George W. Casey Jr., who retired this month after serving as the Army's chief of staff since April 10, 2007.

Dempsey was previously the commanding general of the U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command at Fort Monroe, Va. He led TRADOC since December 2008. Before that, he was the acting commander of U.S.

Central Command, and from August 2005 to the summer of 2007, he commanded the Multi-National Security Transition Command-Iraq.

Dempsey is a 1974 graduate of West Point where he was commissioned an armor officer.

During testimony before the Senate Armed Services Committee March 3, Dempsey answered questions about how he would serve as the next chief of staff of the Army, a position he

was nominated for in January by President Barack Obama.

"I sit before you today with confidence that whatever challenges confront us in the future, your Army will respond with the same courage and resolve that has characterized it for the past 235 years," Dempsey said.

He told senators that he will work hard every day as chief of staff to earn the trust of Soldiers by ensuring they have what they need.

"I will work to match their drive, their sacrifice and their resolve," Dempsey said, "and I will partner with the Congress of the United States of America and this committee in particular, to ensure we remain worthy of the title 'America's Army.'"

Lt. Gen. Robert Cone, commander of III Corps and Fort Hood, Texas, has been nominated to take over for Dempsey as commander of TRADOC.



Gen. Martin E. Dempsey

A NOTE FROM THE CHIEF

I'm honored to be your 37th chief of staff. I want to assure you that I'm well aware of the challenges we face but equally aware of the opportunities we will have in the next four years to do a lot of good both for the Army and for the nation.

My transition team did a great job helping me "see" our Army, and I want to share two of their observations:

1. We are really good.

We've accomplished everything that's been asked of us. Our Soldiers and their families are proud, courageous and resolute. Our leaders are effective, engaged and innovative.

2. We are uncertain about the future. The missions in Iraq and Afghanistan appear to be stabilizing. The nation's economic condition appears to be declining. Senior leaders are questioning our role.

We have been here before, and as I like to tell those who are interested in our Army, "I like the problem we have." We've never been better organized, better trained or better equipped. Of course, that's at least in part because we've never been better resourced. As our resourcing changes, we'll change, but we'll be changing from a position of great strength. That's why I like the problem we have.

Over the next few months and in collaboration with our secretary of the Army, I'll share some thoughts with you about the role of our Army, how we will remain adaptable, how our Ac-

tive and Reserve components will contribute to maintaining our position as the nation's decisive land force, and how we will remain the nation's preeminent leadership experience.

The "talk on the street" is all about how resource constraints are coming and about how we must act to ensure a "soft landing." You won't hear that from me. I didn't take the job as your 37th chief of staff to orchestrate a "soft landing." I took the job as the 37th to team with an incredible group of senior military and civilian leaders to make our Army smarter, better and more capable—with the resources we are given—so that we provide the nation with the greatest number of options for an uncertain future.

We remain an Army at war. We will provide whatever it takes to achieve our objectives in the current fights. We will keep faith with our families and with our wounded.

One other thing you need to know about me—in my 37 years, I've been deployed several times to several different kinds of conflict. In each case upon notification to deploy, I was able to requisition nearly everything my unit needed. What I couldn't requisition was trust, discipline and fitness. These qualities have to exist in every unit and in every Soldier of our Army all the time. When I come to visit your organization—whether a tactical formation or part of our institutional Army—I'll want to know what you're doing to develop a climate of trust, to ensure the discipline of your Soldiers and to increase the fitness of the force.

I'm proud to serve with you.

Martin E. Dempsey
37th Chief of Staff



transition for our Army that must be better prepared for Full Spectrum Operations in an era of persistent conflict against hybrid threats and uncertain future challenges.”

Those lessons have been incorporated into the recently updated Army doctrine, Field Manual 3-0, which details the specifics for carrying out Full Spectrum Operations.

FM 3-0 defines Full Spectrum Operations as when the “Army forces combine offensive, defensive, and stability or civil support operations simultaneously as part of an interdependent joint force to seize, retain and exploit the initiative, accepting prudent risk to create opportunities to achieve decisive results.”

As an example, offensive operations will be used to dislocate, isolate, disrupt and destroy enemy forces while seizing key terrain to create a secure environment for stability operations. Defensive operations, on the other hand, will be used to deter or defeat enemy offensive operations so as to retain key terrain and protect the populace, critical assets and the infrastructure.

As learned in Iraq and Afghanistan, critical skills will be needed to provide stability operations geared toward providing a secure environment that will meet the needs of the populace and gain support for the host-nation government.

Simply put, the individual mission will determine the weight each effort is given. “During major combat operations, a division may attack in one area, defend in another and focus on stability tasks in a third. Offensive and defensive operations may be complemented with stability tasks and vice versa at any point of a campaign,” the operations field manual states.

For the home front, Full Spectrum Operations training will focus on civil support to restore essential services, maintain or restore law and order, protect infrastructure and property or maintain or restore local government during domestic disasters such as hurricanes, earthquakes or civil disturbances.

Dempsey said the key to Full

Spectrum Operations is the Army being able to “simultaneously conduct offense, defense and stability operations and to react to all forms of contact. When the unexpected occurs, good leaders will innovate and adapt. And their units, if grounded and extremely proficient in a select number of tasks, can and will adapt as well.”

Secretary of the Army John McHugh, when recently speaking before Congress on the posture of the U.S. Army, stressed the importance of transitioning from COIN to Full Spectrum Operations.

“We remain in an era of persistent conflict facing an uncertain and increasingly complex strategic environment. Hybrid threats made up of conventional, irregular, criminal and terrorist capabilities will continue to test our forces,” he reported. “These threats will avoid our strengths and attack us asymmetrically. Therefore, we must continue to organize our formations, update our doctrine and prepare our forces

for the full spectrum of operations.

“As we continue to build dwell and increase the time Soldiers have at home, more units will conduct full spectrum training rotations at the Combat Training Centers increasing our ability to hedge against the unexpected and restoring strategic flexibility to the force,” McHugh added.

Dempsey said he strongly believes virtual and constructive training needs to be strategically woven into the learning requirements inherent in the move to Full Spectrum Operations.

“The era of the sage on the stage bludgeoning a student population with PowerPoint is over, so we better figure out how to enrich our Soldiers’ learning experiences in a way that challenges them and is consistent with who they are and what they expect,” he said. “The challenge is to leverage the value of virtual, constructive and gaming environments so we don’t disenfranchise them by applying stale or

outdated learning models.”

Dempsey cautioned, though, that training needs to be a well thought out blend of technology and live, hands-on experiences.

“We cannot become so enamored with technology that we lose sight of the importance of live training experiences where physical and interpersonal skills are honed through direct feedback from quality facilitators,” he explained. “The challenge is to use virtual, constructive, gaming and distributed learning technologies where they will have the greatest impact in taking our Soldiers from novice to expert at the point in time where learning is needed.”

Hackworth would probably stand and salute those sentiments.

“That’s what supporting the troops is really all about—making sure American grunts get the right stuff,” Hackworth once said. The tenets of Full Spectrum Operations will ensure today’s Soldier gets the right stuff.

STRI BIDS FAREWELL TO HR DIRECTOR



U.S. Army Photo/Doug Schaub

Program Executive Officer Dr. Jim Blake presented PEO STRI’s former Personnel Resources Manager Mae Hazelton with the Career Service Award during her retirement ceremony April 7. The ceremony, held in Partnership III, marked 30 years of government service for Hazelton. Among her contributions to PEO STRI, Hazelton reduced the average personnel action processing time from 55 days to 27 days, resulting in a Department of Defense allocation of \$1.9 million to support near and long-term personnel management requirements. For her many contributions to the organization, Blake also presented Hazelton with the Meritorious Civilian Service Award during the ceremony. Lisa Taylor, the new personnel resources manager, reported to PEO STRI April 25.

PM ITTS Conducts Integrated Threat Force Demo

By William Bonner, PM ITTS Project Director

PM ITTS' Threat Systems Management Office (TSMO), along with its supporting industry partners, conducted a successful Initial Operational Capability (IOC) demonstration of the Integrated Threat Force (ITF) Jan. 20 at Redstone Arsenal, Ala.

"The ITF demo was a great

against which U.S. military systems and system-of-systems are tested during their operational evaluation events. The ITF is adaptable and provides a comprehensive threat capability by employing intelligence community approved tactics, techniques and procedures combined with

computers and intelligence of an integrated realistic Army threat force under one live, virtual and constructive umbrella. The ITF is invaluable to test officers for test planning, execution and analysis and is one of ATEC's highest priorities within PM ITTS," Zarbo acknowledged.

The IOC demonstration consisted of 11 mock-threat test vignettes focused on demonstrating the integration, collaboration, visualization and Command, Control and Communications (C3) of the ITF with four of its threat systems. The scenarios exercised the test and evaluation processes and test event flow by demonstrating the four phases of the operational testing process: strategic planning, operational preparation, tactical execution, and after-action review and analysis.

During the strategic planning phase, the ITF demonstrated its power to leverage collaboration tools and processes to streamline initial planning for threat deployment, identify gaps in test plans and outline the threat operational orders needed to support testing. The ITF successfully demonstrated the ability to provide this unique support across live, virtual and constructive test entities.

Next, during the operational preparation phase, the ITF used command and control applications to develop and deliver operational orders via threat faithful communications to the ITF threat systems.

Upon receipt of the operational orders during the tactical execution phase, the threat electronic warfare and threat computer network operations

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success. It gave us our first glimpse of the true value that ITF brings to the table for the test community's major test events," Col. Mike Zarbo, PM ITTS' leader, said after attending the demonstration. Rob Reyenga, PEO STRI's deputy program executive officer, and Mark Tutton, the director of TSMO, also attended the test event.

TSMO manages the Army's total life cycle of threat systems for testing in the live, virtual and constructive environments. As a result, the office supports the entire Department of Defense to include the intelligence community, and international partners.

The IOC event was an integrated and collaborative threat system demonstration held in collaboration with some of PM ITTS' industry partners. "I'm extremely impressed with the great job and partnership between the TSMO team and industry in fielding this capability to the Army," Zarbo noted. "The demonstration was a resounding success and shows the increased TSMO capability available to customers in the test and evaluation community."

ITF provides the Army Test and Evaluation Command (ATEC) a scalable threat force

threat faithful systems representative of potential opposing forces.

"I look at the ITF as the mother ship for a threat common operating picture with command, control, communications, com-

AN EARLY FALL FOR PEO STRI



Courtesy Photo/Scott Pulford

The torrential downpour and gusting winds March 30 forced a large tree down in front of the Annex building. The tree fell around 5 p.m., blocking all of those wanting to exit the parking lot stuck in place. A forklift came to remove the planters around the Annex building so people could exit through the roundabout driveway.





BENEFITS WOUNDED WARRIORS

By Megan Jeffers, PEO STRI External Affairs Specialist

While watching the “The Bravest Families in America” episode of the Oprah Winfrey Show with his wife, José García-Aponte of PM CATT had his own aha moment. Having been mulling for months over a way to honor our Soldiers and their sacrifices, it was during Oprah’s show that García-Aponte found his answer.

“It just struck me,” he said. “My wife and I had been looking for a way to raise awareness for our armed forces members who either gave their life or came back severely injured. This was just a perfect way to recognize that sacrifice.”

At the time “The Bravest Families...” episode aired, García-Aponte, a retired command sergeant major, and his wife had a family member away at war, making them a Blue Star family. Understanding the hardships our Warfighters often face, García-Aponte and his wife came up with the idea to start an organization aimed to help those wounded in action and their families.

Dubbed Operation Giveback, the organization, which is currently under the umbrella of the non-profit Association of the United States Army, plans to host fundraising events with all proceeds going to fellow organizations aimed at supporting service men and women injured in war.

“The inaugural event will be a Walk.Run.Roll 5K/10K held at the University of Central Florida’s Veterans Memorial,” García-Aponte said. “Proceeds will go to fund the Wounded Warrior Project.”

Also a nonprofit organization, the Wounded Warrior Project is headquartered in Jacksonville, Fla., and is dedicated to raising awareness of our injured service members and their needs.

The money raised from the road race, which will be held Saturday, May 14, at 7 a.m., is not just to support the Army, García -Aponte said. “It will support Warfighters from all services.

“I’ve noticed there are so many people who want to do something to help our Soldiers, but they don’t know what do,” he said. “And if we don’t help, then who? If we don’t help now, then when?”

Since the event is a walk, run and roll road race, those in wheelchairs and families with young children requiring strollers are encouraged to participate.

There will be several wounded warriors with varying injuries present at the event who are unable to run in the race, García-Aponte said. “That’s why we added the ‘roll.’”

For participants who register before May 7, the cost for the 5K is \$25, while participation in the 10K is \$40. From May 7-13, the cost is \$30 and \$45, respectively, while day-of registration is \$35 and \$50, respectively. Cost for participants 18 years and under is \$20 for either race and \$25 on race day.

All walkers, runners and rollers will receive a jersey T-shirt for their participation. Running Zone, a company from Melbourne, Fla., has been hired to time the races. Awards for top finishers will be given out after the race.

When the 5K and 10K are complete, there will also be a kids’ fun run, García-Aponte said. The “Warrior Kids” race for children

ages 10 and under is \$5 and will only be a short distance.

Monetary donations and volunteers are welcome, García-Aponte added. “For those who cannot physically participate in the race, we need people to help with both the set up and dismantling of the event.”

Proceeds from the race will be posted online to provide transparency, García-Aponte said. This is a volunteer effort, he added, and we want the public to know that their money is going to a worthy cause.

One person who personally recognizes the value of such a cause is retired Army Sgt. Noé Santos Diloné.

A wounded warrior himself, Santos Diloné lost his left leg in 2005 when an IED blew up while he was in his vehicle near Taji, Iraq.

He has since become involved in events such as the University of Central Florida’s baseball game

for Military Appreciation Night on April 30, and said that for him, participating in events that support our wounded warriors, such as walking in the Walk.Run.Roll event, is a “no-brainer.”

“I love and support the troops and wounded warriors, so I immediately made up my mind that I was going to walk it,” he said. “I just want our community to know how many Soldiers, wounded or not, live in our community and how many of them have sacrificed either time and/or limbs for our country.

“A simple ‘thank you’ might make one of these Soldier’s day a whole lot better,” he said.

“We are still a country at war,” García-Aponte added. “And it’s important for people to recognize that.”

For more information on Operation Giveback or to sign up for the Walk.Run.Roll event, visit www.operation-giveback.com.



Courtesy Photo

Wounded warrior and retired Army Sgt. Noé Santos Diloné stands with University of Central Florida (UCF) ROTC cadets at the Central Florida Navy League’s Wounded Warrior Lone Sailor 5K March 19 in Baldwin Park. Santos Diloné, who lost his left leg during a 2005 IED explosion in Iraq, will also walk in the Operation Giveback race May 14 at UCF.





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The Engagement Skills Trainer Goes Mobile

By Lt. Col. Jay Smith, PEO STRI's Army National Guard Advisor

PM CATT's Product Manager for Ground Combat Tactical Trainers (PM GCTT) is following up its successful initial fielding of the Engagement Skills Trainer 2000 (EST 2000) with a mobile "proof-of-principle" effort, specifically designed for the Army National Guard, Army Reserve and Reserve Officers' Training Corps.

The idea is simple: mount a five-lane EST 2000 on a mobile, self-powered semi-trailer and bring it to remote armories and readiness centers to support weekend battle assembly training. The mobile EST 2000 will also come with an instructor/operator who will ensure the system is set up to meet the unit's training plans before the battle assembly starts and will then transport the system to its next scheduled location.

The EST 2000 has three modes of training: marksmanship, collective tasks and judgmental use of force. This provides Soldiers an opportunity to practice with their weapons individually and as a team.

Lt. Col. Charles Stein, who oversees PM GCTT, said, "We're looking forward to jump-starting this proof-of-principle initiative. It's based on the old saying in the Reserves, 'Bring the training to the troops, not troops to training.'"

"The whole idea is to provide this simulator to units that currently don't have EST 2000s, and allow them to accomplish training objectives that they'd normally have to drive for several hours to accomplish," he continued.

Stein initially observed a mobile EST 2000 being used by the Israeli Defense Forces, who are heavily reserve-based, and said he was impressed by what he saw. "Even though Israel is a relatively small country, they value the efficiency of not having to relocate entire units to train on a system they don't normally have at their local reserve centers."

The proof-of-principle is an experiment to document the viability and versatility of making these kinds of big, complex simulators mobile. The U.S. Military Academy's engineering psychology program is assisting PM GCTT by helping to collect and collate training statistics and document the usefulness of the mobile EST 2000. The first mobile EST 2000 will be based in the central U.S. starting May 2011, and will be available to Guard, Reserve and ROTC units in Arkansas, Oklahoma, Missouri, Kansas, Iowa and Illinois.

For more information on the mobile EST 2000, call the PM GCTT Army National Guard advisor at 407-384-5116 or 407-384-5139.



U.S. Army Photo/Doug Schaub

PM CATT oversees the production, fielding and sustainment of the Engagement Skills Trainer (EST) 2000. The EST 2000 enables Soldiers to go through initial and sustainment marksmanship training.

CONFERENCE GETS THE WORD OUT ABOUT GAMING

By Megan Jeffers, PEO STRI External Affairs Specialist



LT. GEN. MICHAEL A. VANE

U.S. Army Photo/Doug Schaub

The boom of the gaming industry was well recognized at the fourth annual Defense GameTech Users' Conference, held March 22-25 at Orlando's Caribe Royale Hotel.

Setting an all-time attendance

record of 776 participants, this year's conference highlighted the advancements of gaming technology within the Department of Defense and drew attendees from across the globe.

"The conference has shown continued growth and exceeded every metric we put out for ourselves in terms of attendance," Pete Marion, assistant program executive officer for PEO STRI's Customer Support Group, said.

Held in conjunction with the Army Games for Training Conference, the week focused on virtual worlds and gaming technologies

and how they enhance training for our Warfighters by providing simulated exercises and battle scenarios.

The conference, which was hosted by Team Orlando, conveyed the evolution of gaming technology and its associated applications, citing that the systems may be tailored to the individual user and that much of the technology re-creates and reflects specific circumstances our Warfighters may encounter while in theater.

With a showroom floor of exhibit booths representing 70 different companies, GameTech participants also attended presentations, panels and tutorials, and saw firsthand the gaming and virtual world systems with which our Soldiers interact and train.

The conference's four keynote

speakers were also a big draw for GameTech registrants.

Lt. Gen. Michael A. Vane, deputy commanding general for Futures and the director of the Army Capabilities Integration Center at the Training and Doctrine Command, focused on the importance of training the joint force in which Warfighters at all levels are engaged in the training process. He stressed that gaming technologies were a key tool in creating this dynamic.

Another Army general, Brig. Gen. Harold J. Greene, deputy commanding general for the U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command, spoke to the audience about the importance of forums such as GameTech and how they provide an opportunity

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Windows 7 is Coming to a Computer Near You!

By Kristen A. McCullough, PEO STRI Public Affairs Officer



The PEO STRI Corporate Information Office (CIO) is transitioning the organization's computer operating systems April 21 to May 31 from Windows XP to Windows 7 as mandated by the Army. The transition is occurring to ensure PEO STRI meets the latest computer security requirements and postures the organization for future Army initiatives, like enterprise email and incorporation into a single domain network.

"When your computer is migrated from Windows XP to Windows 7, you will move up to the latest, most easy-to-use and most stable Windows operating system available," Tom Petrillo, PEO STRI's deputy CIO, said. "As with any upgrade, there remains the possibility that minor disruptions will occur. We are planning the rollout in a way that minimizes downtime and eases the transition for everyone."

Employees—all of whom will migrate to Windows 7 in a grouped, systematic fashion—will receive several email notifications of their scheduled transition date. The first email will go out 14 days before the move, then seven days out, and finally the day before the actual migration.

Some action is required from each PEO STRI employee to ensure the transition between operating systems appears seamless. First, all users who encrypt data on their computers must decrypt the data otherwise the information will be lost.

Second, all desktop and laptop computers on the PEO STRI network should remain on during non-duty hours because the migration will occur overnight. Employees should either log off or restart their computers, but they should

not shut down their system.

If the equipment will be out of the office in the event the employee is on travel or on leave, the user must notify the Help Desk at 407-380-4832 before their scheduled migration date to arrange a later time to transition to Windows 7.

The CIO technical staffers have developed an application that will automatically transfer data on every employee's computer, like "My Documents," "Favorites," "Desktop" and others. If employees have any other files they would like saved, they should transfer them to their assigned network drive.

Once Windows 7 is loaded, employees must adhere to a new login procedure. They must press Ctrl+Alt+Delete and then click "Switch Credentials" to get to the CAC card input screen.

CIO senior leaders said they encourage employees to review Windows 7 training guides. Windows 7 training videos that demonstrate some of the basic features of the operating system are available on the Windows 7 Migration SharePoint portal located at <https://portal.peostri.army.mil/sites/windows7/>.

A Windows 7 Quick Reference sheet will be distributed to each mi-

grated user, and can also be found at <https://portal.peostri.army.mil/sites/windows7/>.

In addition to the Windows 7 Quick Reference sheet, a Quick Reference Guide will be distributed to each migrated user, and can be found at <https://portal.peostri.army.mil/sites/windows7/>.

The SharePoint site also has a discussion thread, much like a blog, for employees to send ques-

tions, share lessons learned and provide feedback to the CIO on their transition experience.

For technical support with computer issues due to the Windows 7 migration, contact the Help Desk at 407-380-4832. Questions concerning Windows 7 migration requirements and policies should be directed to Tom Petrillo at 407-208-3367 or thomas.petrillo@us.army.mil.

PEO STRI's Sgt. Maj. Pat Ogden will host a **FREE** three day

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at the outdoor basketball courts located by the deFlorez building

The three-day class is designed to teach women and men survival tactics in the event they are attacked.

To register, send your name, office code and phone number to SHAPE@peostri.army.mil.

This is a SHAPE sponsored event.
All military, civilian and in-house support contractors are welcome to attend.

A stylized illustration of a woman with long black hair, wearing a black dress and high heels, performing a high kick. She is positioned on the right side of the seminar advertisement, with her leg raised high and foot pointing towards the top right corner. The background is a dark green with a jagged, starburst-like shape behind her.

CITIZEN STRI

“WHAT WAS YOUR FAVORITE PART OF PEO STRI’S NINTH ANNUAL ORG DAY?”



“I selected to sing ‘Letters From Home’ during STRI Idol. I know Soldiers can’t have beards, so shortly before STRI Idol, I snuck away and completely shaved for the first time since 1988. I enjoyed performing, and for a moment, representing the Soldier who is in harm’s way.”

- Chris Catotti, PM TRADE



“When I arrive at 6:30 a.m. at the peacefully empty park and watch it transform with that rush of energy. It’s PEO STRI’s workforce demonstrating in mass the teamwork values that make it the world class organization that it is.”

- Walt Pezzolo, BOO



“My favorite part of Org Day had to be the Acquisition Center’s rendition of Purple Rain. A piece of artistry like that on YouTube would get a million hits.”

- Randy Edney, PEO Staff



“The Extreme Engineering event was my favorite. I was responsible for one corner of the tent and remember seeing this large team, with all of our management offices represented, working frantically together and having great fun doing it.”

- Jerry Sirmans, PM ITTS



“My favorite part of Org Day was the fact that everyone that said they were going to help me with the food prep and service DID! Providing food to more than 700 people is a very hard job and it could not have been accomplished without the help and support of a great team.”

- Toni Fiorenza, CSG



“I liked STRI Idol. It lets you see the creativity of the team!”

- Sgt. Maj. Pat Ogden, PEO Staff



“It was definitely watching Mr. Joe Giunta’s defeated face as we ran the Acquisition Center team off the volleyball court. Sweet!”

- LTC(P) Gordon Graham, PM TRADE



Want your opinion heard? Answer May’s Question! The question is open to the entire workforce.
“Summer’s right around the corner! What’s your best piece of summer safety advice?”
Send your response to Kristen.McCullough@us.army.mil and put Citizen STRI in the subject line.



systems executed their missions. At this time, the threat computer network operations toolset conducted computer network exploitation and computer network attack missions on representative blue force wired and wireless targets.

Concurrently, threat signals intelligence and direction finding systems conducted electronic support using signal intercept and direction finding to provide target data to the ITF for situational awareness and visualization, and direct follow-on jamming of blue command and control networks.

Also, the constructive threat electronic attack system provided visualization and constructive jamming of blue receivers within OneSAF as directed by the ITF C3 systems.

Using its 9C2 command and control software interface, the ITF directed the threat electronic attack systems in jamming missions against blue force tactical radios.

Throughout each phase, the ITF provided a system-of-systems, real-time visualization for a collaborative command and control common operating picture. During the last phase, the ITF demonstrated its test and evaluation after-action review



U.S. Army Photo/PM ITTS

The ITF, with its integrated threat systems, brings the power of scalability to Army testing by representing multiple levels of threat Command, Control and Communications (C3). The ITF's C3 suite includes a threat higher headquarters vehicle for threat liaison to test control, while the command post vehicles, tactical command vehicles, tactical network vehicle and global systems mobile trailers provide the scalable C3.

and analysis capability by displaying collected test event data and initial data analysis, and made it readily available for inclusion into test reports and follow-on evaluations.

“Although built to fulfill a test community requirement, the ITF design incorporating live, virtual and constructive environments makes it compatible with existing distributed training systems.

The ITF system's mobility, integrated mission planning capabilities, data capture and playback makes it ideal to support future distributed training scenarios,” Tuten emphasized.



A HINT ABOUT A U.S. SOLDIER'S UNIFORM

“U.S. Army” is worn on a Soldier's uniform over his or her heart signifying loyalty. His or her name is worn opposite “U.S. Army” so it's easily in eye view, especially when shaking hands.

HOLIDAYS & Events

- Mother's DayMay 8
- Operation Giveback RaceMay 14
- Town Hall MeetingMay 17
- Armed Forces DayMay 21
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for dialog and the development of ideas. He said that gaming provides our Warfighters with an engaging way to achieve necessary training.

Meanwhile, Mark Long, chief executive officer of Zombie Studios, reflected on the importance of transmedia, citing that imagination and cross-media interaction is key to pushing the fictional world in a new direction.

Expanding on the success of the gaming industry, David A. Smith, chief innovation officer at Lockheed Martin Global Training and Logistics, espoused the benefits of three-dimensional technology and its interactive capabilities.

With the development of serious games and virtual worlds on the rise, this generation of Soldiers that grew up texting and gaming is well-versed in instantaneous, interactive communication. While virtual worlds, such as Second Life, extend gaming to a greater number of users, the tailored scenarios and instantaneous results reflected in today's gaming technology provide Warfighters an additional level of training unavailable a generation ago.

The real-world training displayed during GameTech offered insight to where gaming is and the endless possibilities of where it could go.

With another successful conference under his belt, Marion summed up the event by saying, "This has been a really great year, and as we bring in more expertise from around the county, it will only get better."

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James Sutton (left), the U.S. Army's deputy assistant secretary for services, receives a demonstration of PM CATT's Common Driver Trainer from Darryl Williams during his March 24 visit to PEO STRI. The trainer, which consists of reconfigurable simulated vehicle cabs such as the M1A2 Abrams tank and MRAP vehicle, trains Soldiers to drive various vehicles while also monitoring and providing feedback of Soldiers' performance during exercise scenarios.



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Jim Crabtree (right), PEO STRI's technical lead for the planning and execution of testing for PM FFS' Brigade Combat Team Modernization products, retired March 31. The ceremony, held in Partnership III, was officiated by the Joe Giunta, the director of PEO STRI's Acquisition Center.



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Ralph Holweck (right), the former deputy director for PM ITTS' Instrumentation Management Office, is presented a retirement certificate during his retirement ceremony April 1. PEO STRI Program Executive Officer Dr. Jim Blake presided over the ceremony, held at Warfighter Park.

