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WORTH REPEATING

“The men and women of the Army acquisition workforce continue to make me proud to serve as the Army acquisition executive. They tirelessly expend their time, energy and expertise to ensure our Soldiers remain Army Strong.”

~ The Honorable Heidi Shyu, Army acquisition executive, remarks in a question and answer interview with KMI Media Group, Feb. 4, 2015

PEO STRI's Contracting Center Begins Transition to Army Contracting Command

By Rick Gregory, PEO STRI Strategic Communications Support Staff

Based on the recommendation of the Army Contracting Study released in October 2013, Ms. Heidi Shyu, assistant secretary of the Army for Acquisition, Logistics and Technology, has directed the official transition of PEO STRI's Contracting Center to the Army Contracting Command (ACC), effective Feb. 9, 2015.

In the memorandum directing the change, the Head of Contracting Activity (HCA) for PEO STRI was transferred from the Program Executive Officer Maj. Gen. Jon Maddux to Gen. Dennis Via, commander of the Army Materiel Command, to which the ACC is a subordinate command.

The action is also part of the Army-wide effort to consolidate all HCAs under one command.

The former PEO STRI Contracting Center is now officially operating as the Army Contracting Command – Orlando (ACC-Orlando) with Mr. Joe Giunta serving as the executive director/principal assistant responsible for contracting (PARC).

While the leadership change has taken place, Giunta said the complete transition to the ACC will occur over the next 12 to 18 months. He said the primary focus of his team remains providing PEO STRI with world-class contracting support, and they are committed to that end.

One of the first missions of the newly established ACC-Orlando is to develop the follow-on contracting strategies for the requirements being transferred from the Warfighter FOCUS (WFF) contract and PEO STRI to ACC. Many of these tasks would have been competed on the previously cancelled TEACH draft solicitation but now they will be executed by



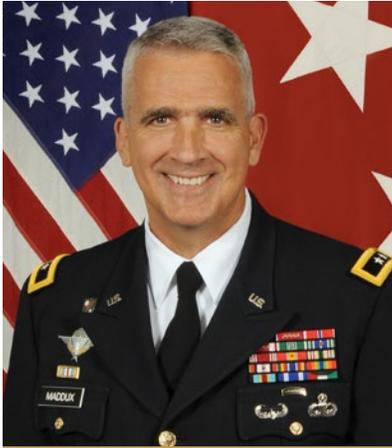
The Army Contracting Command's logo carries the words "Armati, Comparator, Custos" which translates to "Soldier, Emptor, Guardian."

ACC-Orlando on behalf of the Army through a number of new contract vehicles.

According to the ACCs website, "ACC ensures contracting support to the Soldier as mission requirements emerge and as the Army transforms and operates within the continental United States and throughout the globe.

"An international business enterprise, the command awarded nearly 190,000 contracts in fiscal year 2013 valued at more than \$61 billion, which is equal to 70 percent of the Army's contract dollars and 13 percent of the total dollars spent on contracts by the entire federal government. ACC accomplishes this with more than 6,100 military and civilian employees at more than 100 locations worldwide."

PROGRAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER



MG JON MADDUX



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— MG Jon Maddux

To The PEO STRI Workforce,

As you will see throughout this issue of Inside STRI, we ended 2014 with a memorable visit with some wonderful veterans at an assisted living home and jump started 2015 with more activities that go a long way in building camaraderie within our PEO STRI family.

The visit with the veterans and their spouses was a moving and personally rewarding experience for the group of us who participated. As you can see in the photos, they were truly touched that we made the trip to honor and thank them for their service to our country. What a wonderful group of patriots! I encourage you to include such a visit on your “things to do” list this year. You will be glad you did.

Another event that I feel is very important are the regularly scheduled town hall meetings. If you weren’t able to attend the 22 January town hall, please visit the PEO STRI intranet to view the video. These meetings provide an excellent two-way communications forum between you and PEO STRI’s leadership team. Please do not hesitate to use this forum to openly discuss your concerns during the question and answer sessions.

Closing out the month of January, a hardy group of PEO STRI members participated, on the very cool early morning hours of 30 January, in a triathlon event, dubbed STRIathlon, that included running, bicycling and swimming. If that doesn’t sound like fun, I will let the photos on pages 8 and 9 speak for themselves!

Then there was the Ragnar Race. The organizers describe it as “You and 11 of your craziest friends pile into two vans for tag team running 200(ish) miles, day and night, relay-style.” See page 10 for more details and who from PEO STRI participated in this overnight run from Miami to Key West.

Throughout the rest of the year we will be holding more team-building events like these. I encourage you to participate in as many of them as you can. They are a great way to get to know your fellow team members.

Regards from your program executive officer,

Defense Secretary Stresses Importance of Stemming Sexual Assault in the Military

By Amaani Lyle, Department of Defense News

Efforts to eliminate the baneful issue of sexual assault “must be personal,” former Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel said in closing remarks at the Air Force Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Summit last month.

Hagel said the military community is unique in its raised standards and the expectation that service members will commit to each other both on and off the battlefield.

“We should fundamentally begin taking care of each other in personal relationships and wherever else,” Hagel said. “If we don’t understand that dimension of this crime, then we will miss the whole point.”

The former secretary noted that absent personal accountability and responsibility, sexual assault will persist no matter how many laws, restrictions, directives or resources are created.

“It won’t be an Air Force or a military free of sexual assault unless we come at it from a basis of the humanity and the health of the force,” Hagel said. “We have to trust each other.”

While he cited “encouraging progress” in stanching the issue over the last year, Hagel acknowledged more can be done, particularly in areas such as social retaliation, which he said stems from the overall environment.

“You cannot take the responsibility and the accountability for this out of the chain of command,” Hagel asserted. “If you see something, if you sense something, it’s your responsibility to step in and deal with it; stop it, or if you can’t stop it, get somebody who will stop it.”

Hagel praised the military as a whole for its transparency and recognition of the problem, but said awareness is just the starting point.

SHARP TRAINING
Sexual Harassment/Assault Response Prevention

- L LOYALTY**
➤ NO always means NO
- D DUTY**
➤ Set the Standard of Conduct
- R RESPECT**
➤ Silence doesn't mean Consent
- S SELFLESS SERVICE**
➤ Assess, Discern and Mitigate
- H HONOR**
➤ Without Consent, it is Sexual Assault
- I INTEGRITY**
➤ Sexual Assault is a Crime
- P PERSONAL COURAGE**
➤ Be a Leader, not a Passive Bystander

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SEXUAL HARASSMENT, ASSAULT: SEE IT! REPORT IT! STOP IT!

“College campuses, other areas that are dealing with this issue, are looking to the military for help because we have institutionalized this as a huge challenge and a priority for who we are,” Hagel said.

Ultimately, Hagel said, members of all services are building a legacy as role models and leaders with a tremendous effect on the future.

“We have a unique opportunity because of how we are structured, how we are organized. That gives us possibilities and avenues of approach to this that no other institution or community of families has,” Hagel said. “We’ve got to fix this problem – it won’t get fixed in Congress, in the White House or anywhere else.”

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Deputy Program Executive Officer Bids Farewell to PEO STRI

By Rick Gregory, PEO STRI Strategic Communications Support Staff

PEO STRI's Deputy Program Executive Officer (DPEO) Mr. Rob Reyenga was recently awarded the Superior Civilian Service Award during a ceremony marking his departure from PEO STRI to pursue a new opportunity.

Cherie Smith of ASA(ALT) will be filling the position as acting DPEO for an interim period while recruitment efforts are underway.

Reyenga assumed the role of DPEO in November 2009 along with his appointment to the Senior Executive Service. Prior to his appointment, he served as PEO STRI's business operations executive.

The outgoing DPEO had also served 26 years in the Army, retiring in May 2004 as a colonel while serving as the project manager of PM TRADE.

Prior to his departure from PEO STRI at the end of January, Reyenga sent a message to the workforce thanking them for their support during his time with the organization.

"Over the past decade, I've been fortunate to have had the opportunity to see how diligently our workforce and our teams have worked to



U.S. Army Photo

MG Jon Maddux, program executive officer, presents the Superior Civilian Service Award to Rob Reyenga, outgoing deputy program executive officer, during a recent ceremony.

deliver on all that we have been asked to do," he wrote. "Whenever and whatever was asked, you accepted the challenge and delivered our best.

"It has been a distinct pleasure to have had the opportunity to work with the superb workforce we have here at PEO STRI. I am thankful to have such a professional team providing training products and services to our Army. I wish each of you the very best in your future, both personally and professionally."



U.S. Army Photo

Rob Reyenga, outgoing deputy program executive officer, speaks to the leadership group at his award ceremony last month.

Local Hero, Friend of PEO STRI Acknowledged at Awards Ceremony

By Rick Gregory, PEO STRI Strategic Communications Support Staff



U.S. Army Photo

Mr. Earle Denton and Col. Vince Malone hold the certificate awarding Denton the Order of Saint Maurice medal while Sgt. Maj. Alan Higgs looks on.

In defining the word hero, Gen. Norman Schwarzkopf once said, "It doesn't take a hero to order men into battle. It takes a hero to be one of those men who goes into battle." Or, he could have simply said, "Read about Earle L. Denton. His actions define what it takes to be called a hero."

Denton, an Orlando resident, is a true American patriot and hero who served his country with distinction as a combat infantry leader in both the Korean War and the Vietnam War.

His heroic actions while serving as a second lieutenant with the 7th Infantry Division in the Korean War in 1953 were chronicled in historian S.L.A. Marshall's famous book that

became a top-rated movie, "Pork Chop Hill: The American Fighting Man in Action." While defending his position from the command post (CP) on Pork Chop Hill with only 11 other Soldiers against a swarm of Chinese soldiers, one Soldier lamented that the only thing left to do was pray.

Denton, courageously, had another idea. He called for artillery backup – right on his bunker. "Can you give it to me now – all the fire that you've got – put it right over the CP roof," Marshall wrote about the battle. Denton received the Silver Star, the third highest decoration for valor, for his actions that day.

Thirteen years later, as a battalion commander, Denton found himself in the

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Training Shift Increases Importance of Simulations for Army Aviators

By Kelly Pate, Public Affairs Specialist, Fort Rucker, Ala.

Under the Army Force Generation cycle, deployments to Iraq and Afghanistan revolved around unit training events designed for a specific mission.

As deployments decrease, and the focus shifts to home station training, simulations play a major training support role to meet the demands of a wider array of potential missions.

In the past, the U.S. Army Aviation Center of Excellence (USAACE) Directorate of Simulation (DOS) hosted culminating training events, known as aviation training exercises, to train deploying combat aviation brigades. Now, the focus of the DOS has shifted to training students in various courses, according to Col. Stephen Seitz, director of simulation for USAACE.

“The USAACE now conducts a dozen simulation-based exercises that recur on a weekly, bi-monthly or quarterly cycle. The result is that aviation officers, warrant officers, non-commissioned officers and enlisted Soldiers are all being challenged with dynamic and interactive course capstone exercises, in accordance with the Army Learning Model, and they’re being exposed to training enablers and examples of how they can be employed at their home stations,” Seitz said.

Students who are exposed to Army simulations while attending courses at the USAACE gain a better understanding of what they can do at home station to support an array of possible missions, according to Seitz.

Recent technology upgrades to the Aviation Combined Arms Tactical Trainer (AVCATT), including Aircraft Survivability Equipment upgrades, improve the fidelity and scope of collective training capabilities.

The AVCATT, which is aviation’s collective training device, can link to the Live, Virtual, Constructive-Integrated Training Environment at home stations to provide interoperability with other training systems to include virtual tank simulators.

Students gain exposure to the AVCATT’s home station training capabilities during the aviation leadership exercise, which is the culminating exercise for student pilots who are earning their aviator wings.

The AVCATT is used to conduct the capstone exercises for the Aviation Warrant



U.S. Army Photo/Kelly Pate

Students from the Noncommissioned Officers Academy, Fort Rucker, Ala., train in the Universal Mission Simulator.

Officer Advanced Course, the Aviation Mission Survivability Officer’s Course, and the Aviation Master Gunner’s Course.

Development efforts for the AVCATT focus on concurrency — matching the cockpits, including hardware and software, with the current fleet fielded at each home station, according to Seitz.

The Army’s Aviation Restructure Initiative (ARI) is also driving changes to simulation-based support requirements by adding Shadow Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) to restructured attack reconnaissance troops and squadrons. The plan is for these units to use a combination of AH-64 Apaches and Shadow UAS to conduct missions formerly executed by OH-58D Kiowa Warriors, which are being phased out of the Army’s inventory.

USAACE is also developing the Aviation Reconnaissance Leader’s Course with UAS simulation integrated throughout each phase of the exercise. The course will be driven by use of the Army’s new gaming-based training system, Virtual Battlespace 3, and the AVCATT. Efforts are also under way to make the AVCATT interoperable with the

Longbow Crew Trainer and the Universal Mission Simulator, which is the high-fidelity Shadow/Gray Eagle UAS simulator.

The Kiowa aircraft divestiture brought another change to the simulations scene. As Kiowa training is no longer conducted at Fort Rucker, the aircraft and supporting cockpit procedure trainers and flight simulators have been taken out of service.

The ARI includes transition to a replacement helicopter for the TH-67A Creek trainer. The first UH-72A cockpit procedure trainer is now in service at Fort Rucker. The plan is for the new cockpit procedure trainers and simulators to be phased in to support training of instructor pilots initially and later student pilots.

The simulator fleet in Warrior Hall is also being transformed to meet new throughput requirements. The plan is for CH-47D full-motion simulators to be replaced by more CH-47Fs, since the majority of the Army’s fleet has been upgraded. As Black Hawk training transitions to a hybrid course with students flying L models and M models, the UH-60A/L full-motion simulators will be replaced by UH-60Ms.

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PEO STRI Team Members Brighten the Holidays for Veterans in Assisted Living Facility

By Rick Gregory, PEO STRI Strategic Communications Support Staff

Putting their own Christmas Eve plans on the back burner, 12 members of PEO STRI jumped in a van for the drive to an assisted living facility in Viera, Florida to add some holiday cheer to military veterans and their spouses living there.

Led by Maj. Gen. Jon Maddux, program executive officer, the group of well-wishers included Col. Ron Gaddy, Lt. Col. Greg Gatrell, Lt. Col. Corey Hemingway, Lt. Col. John Watwood, Maj. Tom Monaghan, Maj. Guillermo Santiago, Maj. Keisha Teixeira, Capt. Erica Chin, Sgt. 1st Class Laura Royster, Sgt. 1st Class Patricia Ward and Ms. Helen Angell.

Chin said she felt immensely privileged to have the honor of visiting heroes from various components of the military.

“Many shared stories of their time in the service. Their sacrifice validates their heroism and shows how lucky we are to enjoy the freedoms they fought for,” she said. “All the veterans I spoke with expressed how thankful they were that we came to visit them and wanted us to come again.”

Gatrell expressed similar sentiments about the visit.

“I couldn’t think of a better activity at Christmas than to visit some wonderful American patriots who served our country so admirably,” he said. “The home’s staff coordinator said our visit sparked the heart of the ever-aging veterans and placed a renewed, proud gleam in the eyes of the veterans’ spouses who have already lost their warriors.

“I have to say, though, that it was we who walked away with our heart’s flame ablaze, ever more proud to be serving today, because of the paths they forged. I was humbled by their stories of hardship, warfront and home front, as we compared our experiences of past and present, all the while smiling in our triumphs. HOOAH, PEO STRI, HOOAH!”





PEO STRI Builds Teamwork Through Its First STRIathlon

By Rick Gregory, PEO STRI Strategic Communications Support Staff

While the majority of PEO STRI team members were either on their way to work or still in bed enjoying a compressed work schedule, in the chilly early morning hours of January 30, another group, led by Maj. Gen. Jon Maddux, program executive officer, were already in the middle of a “STRIathlon” event.

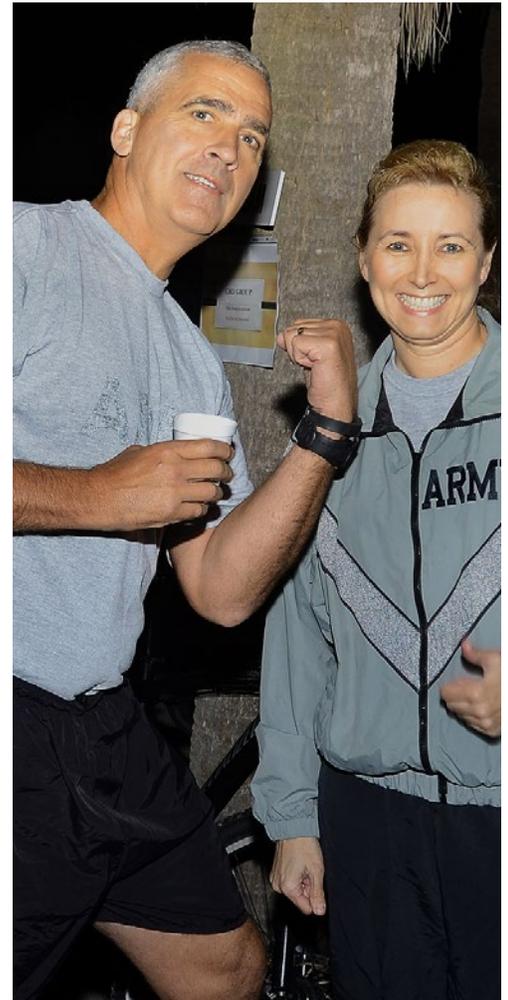
Organized as a team-building event for PEO STRI’s military members and volunteers from the organization’s government employee workforce, the event included a one-mile run, a four-mile bicycle race and a 250 meter swim.

Competing as teams were members from each project managers group and a team from the headquarters staff.

Coming in first place overall with the fastest time was the headquarters staff comprised of the PEO, Col. Sharlene Donovan, Maj. Tom Monaghan, Maj. Mike Ramsay and Sgt. Maj. Alan Higgs. They were followed closely for second and third place by two teams from PM CATT.

Continuing with the camaraderie, the PEO met with team members at a Patrick Air Force indoor weapons range for re-familiarization on the M-4 rifle and the 9mm pistol.

To cap off the day’s excitement a Hail and Farewell was held for incoming and outgoing members of PEO STRI. At the event, Monaghan, who had served as PEO STRI’s executive officer since last May, was presented the Meritorious Service Medal.





PEO STRI Members Participate in Relay Race From Miami to Key West

By Rick Gregory, PEO STRI Strategic Communications Support Staff

It's called the "overnight running relay race that makes testing your limits a team sport." The motto of the annual relay is, "Run. Drive. Sleep. Repeat."

It's the annual Ragnar Relay Series that is selling out across the nation in 15 locations from Key West to Blaine, Washington. A portion of the proceeds go to various charities at each location.

According to the Ragnar Relay website, the idea to run an overnight 24-plus hour running relay across the mountains of Utah was a lifelong dream of Steve Hill. The dream became a reality in 2004 when Steve, his son Dan and Dan's college roommate, Tanner Bell, organized the first Wasatch Back Relay, spanning 188 miles from Logan to Park City, Utah. Starting small, the Ragnar Relay Series has grown from a single relay in Utah to the largest overnight relay series in the nation.

Several members of PEO STRI joined other stalwart runners to form a team representing Operation Giveback (OGB) at the Key West event held Feb. 6 – 7, for the 200-plus mile, 6,000-plus person relay from Miami to Key West. They were Maj. Tom Monaghan, Capt. David Light, Sgt. Maj. Alan Higgs and Command Sgt. Maj. (Ret.) Jose Garcia Aponte. A special team member joining them was local U.S. Army wounded warrior, Sgt. Cam Molina.

It wasn't the thrill of competition that kept the Army team running throughout the night. Rather, it was a sense of patriotism and support for America's fallen warriors, wounded warriors and their families.

"Operation Giveback participated in the Ragnar Relay to help raise funds for our local unit of OGB," Light explained. "The event served as a method for us to publicly show our organization in a competitive endurance race while representing the character and physical stature of our nation's heroes and their families."

He said their group consisted of a fallen Soldier's wife and their daughters, athletes and non-athletes, wounded warriors, veterans, family members and adult volunteers.

"When we collected our team to cross the finish line as a team, the feeling of accomplishment and pride in each other was overwhelming," Light said. "The Operation Giveback Ragnar team didn't just give me a physical workout; it renewed and reminded me of the strength of the human spirit and the breadth of the human heart. The experience was one that will not be forgotten."



Sgt. Cam Molina, a local wounded warrior, gives the thumbs-up sign as he competes in the Ragnar Relay.

Plans for PEO STRI Organizational Restructure Taking Shape

By Rick Gregory, PEO STRI Strategic Communications Support Staff

As announced by the Program Executive Officer Maj. Gen. Jon Maddux during recent town hall meetings, PEO STRI leadership has been reviewing necessary adjustments to the organizational structure to account for the loss of one Command Select List project management position as part of the mandated reduction in uniformed personnel throughout the Department of Defense.

Currently, PEO STRI's organization reflects four project management positions – Training Devices (TRADE), Combined Arms Tactical Trainers (CATT), Constructive Simulations (ConSim) and Instrumentation, Targets and Threat Simulators (ITTS).

With the loss of the one project management position, the restructure will include TRADE, ITTS and a newly named team called Project Manager Integrated Training Environment (ITE). Each of the three PMs as well as the Director Field Operations, will absorb assets from the retirement of the charters of CATT and ConSim.

The new PM structure and their subordinate teams will include:

PM TRADE

Assistant Project Manager Training Devices (APM TRADE), Product Manager Live Training System (PdM LTS), Product Manager Combat Training Instrumentation Systems (PdM CTIS), Product Manager Medical Simulation (PdM MedSim), Product Manager Ground Combat Tactical Trainers (PdM GCTT), Project Director Digitized Training (PD DT) and Assistant Project Manager Foreign Military Sales (APM FMS).

PM ITTS

Product Manager Special Operations Forces Training Systems (PdM STS), Director Instrumentation Management Office (D IMO), Director Threat Systems Management Office (D TSMO), and Director Targets Management Office (D TMO).

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Jose Garcia Aponte, founder and president of the local Operation Giveback and a member of PEO STRI, gives a pep talk to the runners.

“Over the last fiscal year, USAACE aviators and student pilots conducted more than 114,000 simulated flight training hours using crew and collective flight simulators,” Seitz said.

Simulation support continues to evolve to meet training requirements.

“Using the Army Learning Model Concept, we have developed more interactive training and executed 89 exercises in support of more than 2,400 students during the last year,” said Maj. Steven Waldrop, DOS exercise branch chief and simulation operations officer.

The goal is to keep Army Aviation on the cutting edge through simulations training.

“We are improving an array of simulation-based exercises to train future leaders to exploit home station training capabilities,” Seitz said. “These efforts enable the aviation branch to lead the Army in executing innovative simulation-based training.”

ORGANIZATIONAL RESTRUCTURE

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PM ITE

Product Manager Warrior Training Integration (**PdM WTI**), Product Manager Air and Command Tactical Trainers (**PdM ACTT**), Assistant Project Manager Synthetic Training Environment (**APM STE**), and Project Director Constructive Simulation Support (**PD CSS**).

DIRECTOR FIELD OPERATIONS

Assistant Director Soldier Systems (**AD SS**), Assistant Director Sustainable Range Programs (**AD SRP**), Assistant Director Combat Training Centers (**AD CTC**), Assistant Director Support Mission (**AD SM**).

While some movement of employees will be taking place in the near future to set conditions for this new organization, the new structure is scheduled to be in place and active by the end of May.

Team Orlando Hosts Small Business Information Forum

By Rick Gregory, PEO STRI Strategic Communications Support Staff

Eager to learn more about how they can work with local Department of Defense (DoD) and other government organizations, small-business representatives packed the room in Partnership 3 on Feb. 10, for a Small Business Information Forum Initiative hosted by members of Team Orlando.

During the forum, the attendees heard firsthand from Team Orlando’s leadership about how small businesses could work with their organizations in achieving their objectives.

PEO STRI’s Program Executive Officer Maj. Gen. Jon Maddux stressed to the attendees that his organization remains focused on opportunities for small businesses.

“We are focusing on making sure that we have the checks and balances in place to ensure we are doing the right thing for small businesses,” he said. “We want to make certain that we are opening the right doors for our small business partners who are out there.”

Capt. Wes Naylor, commanding officer of the Naval Air Warfare Center Training Systems Division, called the nation’s small businesses “the engine of America.” He encouraged the audience to learn how to interface with the Team Orlando members because of the potential for growth in the military’s modeling and simulation activities.

“If you are going to be in one sector in the Department of Defense, modeling and simulation is the sector to be in,” he said. “Our senior leadership has said that modeling and simulation is the key to our training efforts.”

“WE ARE FOCUSING ON MAKING SURE THAT WE HAVE THE CHECKS AND BALANCES IN PLACE TO ENSURE WE ARE DOING THE RIGHT THING FOR SMALL BUSINESSES.”

**- MG JON MADDUX,
PROGRAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

Throughout the session, other Team Orlando leaders shared with the audience how their organizations interact with small businesses, stressing the significant role they play in fielding their modeling and simulation devices and systems.

Just how important are small businesses to the DoD?

According to a DoD Oct. 14, 2014, news release, small business is big business. It made up 23 percent of the department’s prime contracts in fiscal year 2014, receiving about \$53 billion in work.

In the release, Andre Gudger, DoD’s director of small business programs, said small businesses are critical to dominance on the battlefield.

“The department is very interested in technology innovation capability,” he said. “Traditionally, small business is the hub for innovation in technology. Small companies are typically very agile and nimble. They are very responsive to new and emerging threats, new and emerging technologies and new and emerging capabilities, so being nimble and agile, they can bring and deliver products to the market faster.”

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middle of another war where he was leading search and seal missions in Vietnam that resulted in the capture of numerous North Vietnamese personnel, weapons and supplies. Prior to his retirement from the Army as a lieutenant colonel in 1973, Denton served as the Head of Army Requirements, U.S. Army Training Devices Agency (now PEO STRI).

Since his retirement from the Army, he continued to be actively engaged in the modeling and simulation industry to ensure Soldiers receive the most up-to-date, high-tech training devices to prepare them to be second to none on the battlefield.

Earlier this month, PEO STRI spearheaded an effort to recommend Denton for the distinguished Order of Saint Maurice medal which is awarded by the National Infantry Association to individuals who have made a significant and lasting contribution to the entire Infantry.

In a ceremony at the Rio Pinar Country Club, on Feb. 11, 2015, Col. Vince Malone, project manager Training Devices and himself an infantryman, presented the award to Denton. As well, he was inducted into the National Center for Simulation’s Modeling & Simulation Hall of Fame at the ceremony.

Editor’s note: Mr. Denton passed away on March 1.

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MG Jon Maddux, program executive officer, speaks to employees at the January 22 Town Hall.



U.S. Army Photo

Mark Bailey, a member of PM CATT, poses for a photo for being named the Employee of the Quarter for the 4th quarter of fiscal year 2014.



U.S. Army Photo

Members of the PM CATT administrative team pose for a photo for being named the Team of the Quarter for the 1st quarter of fiscal year 2015 at the January 22 Town Hall. From left are Molly Graham, Susan Kay, Claudette Tyler, Jane Knapp, Gil Ramos and Erika Webb. Not pictured are Shelia Rodriguez and Elizabeth Thompson.



U.S. Army Photo

Members of the PM ITTS towed targets team, located in Redstone Arsenal, Ala., pose for a photo for being named the Team of the Quarter for the 4th quarter of fiscal year 2014 at the January 22 Town Hall. From left are Lisa Fink, Brian Nalley, Shawn Ikard, Tony Still, John Allen and Chris McCravy. Not pictured are Michael Francis, Amybeth Hoffman and Demetrius Lee.



U.S. Army Photo

John Allen, a member of PM ITTS in Redstone Arsenal, Ala., poses for a photo for being named the Employee of the Quarter for the 1st quarter of fiscal year 2015.



U.S. Army Photo

Sgt. Maj. Rory Malloy (center), the senior noncommissioned officer at the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Acquisition, Logistics and Technology, meets with PEO STRI's noncommissioned officers during his visit on January 9.