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## **DAU Midwest Expands LOA and Strategic Partnerships to include Rock Island Arsenal, IL**



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Army Sustainment  
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Executive Director of  
Rock Island  
Contracting Center

### **Defense Acquisition University/Rock Island Arsenal Acquisition and Logistics Insight Day Conference and Rock Island Arsenal Learning Organization Agreement and Strategic Partnership Signing Ceremony, May 6, 2010.**

– The Defense Acquisition University/Rock Island Arsenal Acquisition and Logistics Insight Day Conference was held at the iWireless Center, Moline, Illinois on May 6, 2010 for approximately 250 Defense Acquisition Workforce professionals from the Rock Island Arsenal and the surrounding area, providing a one-stop opportunity for them to be updated on the latest Acquisition, Technology and Logistics hot topics, through workshops and training targeted to acquisition professional requirements. The keynote speakers were Brigadier General Larry Wyche, Commanding General, Joint Munitions and Lethality Life Cycle Management Command; Brigadier General Steven Feldmann, Deputy Commanding General for Operations, Army Sustainment Command; Mr. Michael D. Viggato, Deputy to the Commander, U.S. Army Tank-automotive Armaments Command Life Cycle Management Command; and Mr. John M. Dreska, Logistician of the Year 2008, Defense Logistics Agency Project Manager, Mine Resistant Ambush Protected Vehicles.

The conference opened with the video of Mr. Frank Anderson, Jr., President, Defense Acquisition University, interviewing General David Howell Petreus, Commander of the U.S. Central Command. After the keynote address, "Beyond the Call of Duty: Logistician of the Year 2008", by Mr. John M. Dreska, the participants attended the first breakout session. The breakout topics offered were: Life Cycle Logistics – Professor Mike Bayer, Contracting Officer Representative Course – Professor Lt. Col Jim Valley, Performance Based Life Cycle Product Support – Professor Barry Berty, Social Intelligence/Business Etiquette – Leah Hawthorn, Earned Value Management – Professor Jeff Tkach, DLA Support to MRAP – John Dreska, Senior Service College Fellowship Program – Professor Mike Roche, DAU Products & Services – Professor Bill Zimmerman, Life Cycle Logistics – Professor Mike Bayer, Role of the Life Cycle Logistician – Professor Ed Eden, Service Acquisition Workshop – Professor Jeff Tkach, Source Selection – Professor Karla Williams, and How Logistics impacts the Defense Acquisition Workforce across the World from a TACOM LCMC perspective – Michael Viggato. The breakout sessions were followed by a Town Hall.

The Rock Island Arsenal Town Hall Panel, "The Changing Face of Acquisition Logistics: Providing Warfighter Solutions in an Era of Persistent Conflict" was moderated by Mr. Joel Himself, Garrison Manager, U.S. Army Garrison, Rock Island Arsenal. Panel members were Brigadier General Larry Wyche, Commanding General, Joint Munitions Command; Mr. Hung V. Pham, Chief, Strategic Initiatives, U.S. Army Edgewood Chemical and Biological Center – Rock Island; Mr. Kraig S. Rauch, Chief, Office of Product Quality Management, Quality Engineering and System Assurance, U.S. Army Research and Development Engineering Center; Colonel Craig S. Cotter, Commander, Joint Manufacturing and Technology Center; Mr. James Loehrl, Director, U.S. Army Contracting Command, Rock Island Contracting Center; and Mr. Jerry J. Jackson, Site Manager, U.S. Army Tank-automotive Armaments Command Life Cycle Management Command, Rock Island.

During the lunch hour of the conference, a signing ceremony was held for the Rock Island Arsenal Learning Organization Agreement and Strategic Partnership Agreement, consisting of nine Rock Island Arsenal acquisition organizations and five local colleges and universities from the Rock Island/Quad Cities, Iowa and Illinois community. The Learning Organization Agreement (LOA) is a memorandum validating their commitment to provide learning support and knowledge to the acquisition, technology, and logistics community within Rock Island Arsenal, IL Community. The organizations apart of the Rock Island Arsenal Cooperative Learning Organization Agreement are U.S. Army Sustainment Command, Joint Munitions and Lethality Life Cycle Management Command and Joint Munitions Command, Rock Island Contracting Center, Rock Island Arsenal Joint Manufacturing and Technology Center, USACE – Rock Island District, TACOM-RI, TACOM LCMC, U.S. Army Garrison – Rock Island Arsenal, U.S. Army Edgewood Chemical and Biological Center – Rock Island, U. S. Army Research and Development Engineering Center. Flags from each organization that participated were used as a background for the signing ceremony and conference. The Learning Organization Agreement was signed by Mr. Carl D. Hayden, Associate Dean of Academic Affairs, Defense Acquisition University Midwest Region; Major General Yves J. Fontaine, Commanding General, U. S. Army Sustainment Command; and Lieutenant Colonel

Jared L. Ware, Deputy Commander, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, as well as each of the leaders who participated in the Rock Island Arsenal Town Hall Panel.

The local universities and colleges who signed the Strategic Partnership were Western Illinois University, St. Ambrose University and the member colleges of the Eastern Iowa Community College District (Clinton, Muscatine, and Scott Community Colleges). A strategic partnership is an agreement that formally recognizes and establishes formal relationships with universities and colleges. The partners of the strategic partnership agreement will cooperate in providing educational opportunities for currently enrolled and potential students of their institutions. This agreement requires a commitment by all institutions to facilitate the transfer of DAU course credits (credit equivalencies) that have been certified by the American Council on Education (ACE) toward CSCC College degree or certificate programs without jeopardizing the intended mission and stated goals of either institution.

After lunch Mr. Joel G. Himsl, Garrison Manager, U.S. Army Garrison, Rock Island Arsenal addressed the attendees before they moved on to the afternoon breakout session offerings. The closing speaker was Brigadier General Steven J. Feldmann, Deputy Commander for Mobilization and Operations, U.S. Army Sustainment Command who spoke on "The U.S. Army Sustainment Command's Role in the Material Enterprise."

Colleges and Universities that provided booths at the DAU/RIA Acquisition and Logistic Insight Day Conference were DAU Midwest Region, Western Illinois University, St. Ambrose University, Eastern Iowa Community College District (Clinton, Muscatine & Scott Community Colleges), Black Hawk College, and Bellevue University.

The Defense Acquisition University/Rock Island Arsenal Acquisition & Logistics Insight Day Conference is the second conference for the Midwest Region in 2010. These conferences are a means by which the Midwest Region provides additional value to our customers and stakeholders. Over 1000 Defense Acquisition Workforce members have attended these conferences this fiscal year.

DAU's Midwest Campus in Kettering, Ohio serves 13 states and holds learning organization agreements with more than 30 Department of Defense (DoD) and other federal organizations, as well as strategic partnerships with 25 civilian universities throughout the region.

**PHOTOS FROM THE DAU/RIA ACQUISITION & LOGISTICS INSIGHT DAY  
CONFERENCE HELD ON 6 MAY 2010 IN MOLINE, IL ARE BELOW:**



Learning Organization Agreement Signing – Top Row L-R – Brigadier General Larry Wyche, (Joint Munitions Command) Christopher Rittenhouse, (DAU Step-Student) Carl Hayden, (DAU Associate Dean of Academics), James Loehrl, (Rock Island Contracting Center) and Brig General Larry Wyche



Carl Hayden, (DAU Associate Dean of Academics), Joel Himsl, (US Army Garrison) Hung Pham, (US Army Edgewood Chemical and Biological Center) Kraig Rauch (US Army Research and Development Engineering Center) and Debbie Gomez, (DAU)



Strategic Partnership signing, bottom row L-R – Carl Hayden, (DAU Associate Dean of Academics) Dr. Alvin Goldfarb, (Western Illinois University) Dr. Paul Koch (St. Ambrose University) Dr. Tom Coley, (Eastern Iowa Community College District)



**iWireless Center arena – approximately 250 attendees**

