

Quoting Dr. Jacques S. Gansler, Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology and Logistics), Coyle said that Gansler's words, although directed to the test and evaluation community, apply equally to the training community.

"We'll begin to think of test as an integral part of the procurement process ... We realize that if we can begin operational user test much earlier, we can drastically shorten our weapon cycle times. Also, because of the rapid evolution of

modern technology, we must be prepared for frequent and continuous updates for our existing systems. Finally, we must consider the fact that many of our systems will contain commercial elements. Each of these changes is a critical challenge to the test and evaluation community."

New DoD 5000 Series

Part of the new DoD 5000 series deals with making it possible to bring technology from the laboratory to the

warfighter much more rapidly. This, Coyle said, is going to have a big impact on how DoD does test as well as training, and when it will be done.

Ending where he began, Coyle said, "Test and training, while they have lots of challenges, are partners for the future. We're doing tests on training ranges and training on test ranges virtually every day; we are, at least in OSD, rediscovering each other and the strengths that our partnerships can bring."

MILITARY RESEARCH FELLOWS UPDATE

2000-01 Report to Focus on Outsourcing

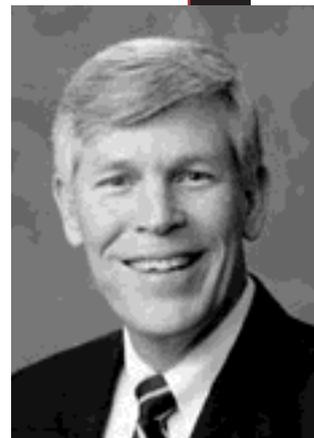
The 2000-01 Defense Acquisition University, Defense Systems Management College (DAU-DSMC) Military Research Fellows came on board in August 2000. This group of three military O-5s will remain at DAU-DSMC, Fort Belvoir, Va., until June 2001.

During their tenure, they will seek answers to the topic of the effectiveness of DoD's implementation of outsourcing. The purpose of their study is to provide a strategic approach to assessing the effectiveness of outsourcing throughout DoD. This Fellows report is scheduled to be released during the Summer of 2001.

(To view previous Military Research Fellows reports, visit www.dau.mil/news/whats-new.htm on the Internet.)

MESSAGE FROM SENATOR CONNIE MACK ON LIVE FIRE TEST AND TRAINING PROGRAM

"As a member of the United States Senate, I have the opportunity to review many worthy defense programs, all competing for funding. One worthy program under review and germane to this conference is the Live Fire Test and Training Program. This program, currently funded by Congress in FY2001 for \$7.5 million, combines efforts in the live fire test community with those of the training community in raising readiness to unprecedented levels. It uses impressive modeling and simulation technologies, examines casualty treatment issues, battle damage assessment repair, firefighting improvements, and many other solutions to problems such as gravitational loss of consciousness.



This outstanding program is conducted from military training commands in Orlando under the capable leadership of Jim O'Bryon of the Pentagon's office of Live Fire Test and Evaluation. As Jim will attest, I continue to encourage the Department of Defense to support this outstanding program.

I think this work is so important that I believe the Department of Defense should permanently incorporate the program into its budget to provide continuity and stability. But I'm pleased that Congress has once again funded the Live Fire Test and Training program for fiscal 2001. This is a highly successful program, building and enhancing new test relationships and partnerships between modeling and simulation companies, academia, and the federal government today and beyond."

—Connie Mack

(In a show of bipartisan support, Democratic Congresswoman Tillie K. Fowler and Democratic Senator Bob Graham, both representing Florida, also support continued funding for the Live Fire Test and Training program.)