

**R**ussell Lenz, Army Chair, DAU Executive Institute, departed the university on Sept 20, 2003, to accept an Army senior executive reassignment as director, Simulation and Training Technology Center in Orlando, Fla. The organization is part of the Army Materiel Command's new Research, Development and Engineering Command (RDECOM). Lenz joined the DAU as Army Chair in November 2001. In that role he reported to Assistant Secretary of the Army for Acquisition, Logistics, and Technology Claude Bolton, as well as to DAU President Frank Anderson. Previously, he served as the senior executive service director of the Joint Program Office for Test and Evaluation. His career includes a variety of management and engineering positions at the Air Force Flight Test Center, the office of the director for test and evaluation in OSD, Martin-Marietta Corporation's Aerospace Division, and the Air Force Strategic Air Command's Space Systems Operations Group.



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## ARMY PRESENTS ANNUAL ACQUISITION COMMANDER & PROJECT & PRODUCT MANAGER OF THE YEAR AWARDS

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**F**ORT BELVOIR, Va.—The Honorable Claude M. Bolton Jr., the Army Acquisition Executive and Assistant Secretary of the Army for Acquisition, Logistics and Technology, and Army Lt. Gen. John S. Caldwell Jr., Military Deputy to the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Acquisition, Logistics and Technology, presented the annual Acquisition Commander and Project & Product Manager of the Year Awards at the 2003 Army Acquisition Corps Ball October 5<sup>th</sup> at the Grand Hyatt Regency, Crystal City, Va.

“These award winners have been selected from an elite group of nominees,” Bolton remarked. “The challenges and complexities faced by these awardees in a year characterized by change, deployments, unit rotations, and high operations tempo were truly amazing. It is a testament to both the Army and Acquisition Corps that so many excellent people and teams are nominated and recognized each year for remarkable service above and beyond the call of duty,” Bolton continued.

“This year's award winners are outstanding representatives of the Army Acquisition workforce whose collective expertise and abilities to research, manage, develop, test, evaluate, contract, field, and sustain our warfighting systems ensure that our soldiers have the materiel they need to fight with greater lethality, survivability, and sustainability—regardless of where the battlefield or mission takes them,” Bolton concluded.

### PROJECT MANAGER OF THE YEAR AWARD, COLONEL/GS-15

The Project Manager of the Year Award for Colonel/GS-15 level was presented to Col. David Ogg from the Interim Brigade

Combat Team, Program Executive Office Ground Combat Systems. The Interim Brigade Combat Team plans, manages, and directs the development, testing, production, fielding, and sustainment of a full range of systems, including 10 variants of the Stryker Family of Vehicles. Despite the complexity and requirement to meet tighter deadlines than in other more traditional Army Acquisition programs, Ogg's program exceeded a 90 percent Operational Readiness Rate, delivering products on time and meeting or exceeding Soldier requirements.

### ACQUISITION COMMANDER OF THE YEAR, COLONEL/GS-15

The Acquisition Commander of the Year for Colonel/GS-15 level was presented to Col. Mary Brown from the Army Test & Evaluation Command, Aberdeen Test Center. As the Aberdeen Test Center Commander, Brown manages 60-plus acres of test ranges and 73 major test facilities. She also oversees operations involving nearly 1,600 military, civilian, and contractor personnel and is responsible for developmental testing of combat and combat support systems; ammunition, including small rockets and missiles; and Navy ship structures. Brown's organization is committed to ensuring that the Soldiers receive the safest and best equipment available.

### PRODUCT MANAGER OF THE YEAR AWARD FOR LIEUTENANT COLONEL/GS-14

The Product Manager of the Year Award for Lieutenant Colonel/GS-14 was presented to Lt. Col. Dave Lockhart, Product Manager for Joint Tactical Radio Communications Systems (JTRS) Army-Ground and Air, from Program Executive Office Command, Control & Communications-Tactical. Lockhart and his team were able to identify and effectively minimize contractor cost and schedule overruns via aggressive program reviews and relentless application of earned-value management. He spear-headed streamlined, innovative measures that enabled the JTRS team to maintain objective sched-

ule momentum and deliver exceptional results for five JTRS clusters and responsibility for fielding more than 100,000 systems with a \$23 billion budget.

### ACQUISITION COMMANDER OF THE YEAR AWARD, LIEUTENANT COLONEL/GS-14

The Acquisition Commander of the Year Award for Lieutenant Colonel/GS-14 was presented to Lt. Col. Jack Cunnane, U.S. Army Contracting Agency, Southern Region. Cunnane's command was directly responsible to the U.S. Army III Corps for missions and quality of life support at Fort Hood and in supporting force projection and rapid deployment contingency operations. His support enabled III Corps to complete 100 percent of its mission requirements. Cunnane further demonstrated his dedication by volunteering to serve in Iraq to establish the joint contracting element that supported ongoing warfighter operations in theater.

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### ARMY PRESENTS ANNUAL RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT LABORATORY AWARDS (ARMY ACQUISITION SUPPORT CENTER NEWS RELEASE, OCT. 7, 2003)

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“All 15 Army labs competed in this year's competition and are to be commended for their outstanding research efforts and warfighter focus, as well as their support to Soldiers during Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom and national Homeland Defense,” Secretary Bolton remarked.

“The rankings were close and the selection committee had an especially difficult time choosing this year's winners,” Bolton continued. “This is a tremendous testament to the health and strength of the Army's labs and the significant contributions their people are making to Army transformation and readiness.”

### RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT LABORATORY OF THE YEAR (SMALL LAB CATEGORY)

The Research and Development Laboratory of the Year (Small Lab Category) Award was presented to the Natick Soldier Center (NSC) for technology generation, application, transition, and rapid fielding of equipment, and technology acceleration through strategic partnering and leveraging. NSC developed the Scorpion Soldier Platform achieving major breakthroughs in human factors engineering, biomechanics, anthropometrics, and technology integration into the human platform.

### RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT LABORATORY OF EXCELLENCE (LARGE LAB CATEGORY)

The Research and Development Laboratory of Excellence (Large Lab Category) Award was presented to the U.S. Army Armament Research, Development and Engineering Center (ARDEC) for its advanced warhead development. ARDEC created a single liner Explosively Formed Penetrator resulting in a 60 percent increase in armor penetration over current warheads. ARDEC also implemented Lean/Six Sigma processes that resulted in more than \$700 million in life cycle cost savings from completed projects.

### RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT LABORATORY OF THE YEAR (LARGE LAB CATEGORY)

The Research and Development Laboratory of the Year (Large Lab Category) Award was presented to the U.S. Army Aviation and Missile Research, Development and Engineering Center (AMRDEC) for one-stop life cycle engineering, technical and scientific support for aviation and missile weapon systems and their support systems, including Unmanned Aviation Vehicle platforms, robotic ground vehicles, and various other systems.

Specifically, AMRDEC's Low-Cost Precision Kill Advanced Technology Demonstration, a low-cost conversion, using commercially available components, transformed the current HYDRA-70 unguided rocket into a precision strike weapon providing HELLFIRE level of accuracy with a cost reduction factor of 86 percent.

In addition, AMRDEC's implementation of an innovative, highly responsive Prototype Integration Facility helped it quickly develop and rapidly exploit technology, transitioning to fielded solutions in hours, days, or weeks rather than years.

“The Army's labs are the enablers for the achievement of the Army Vision, its objectives and the Army's transformation to the Future Force,” Caldwell stated. “These exceptional research and development organizations, like those recognized here tonight, will continue to provide the unmatched technical advantage in support of our non-negotiable contract

with the American people to fight and win our Nation's wars," he concluded.

The RDL awards program was established in 1975 to honor Army research and development labs that have made outstanding contributions in science and technology, providing the Army's warfighters with the best capabilities in the world. The RDL awards recognize labs for their outstanding contributions and their impact on enhancing the capability of Army operational forces worldwide.

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## INTERMEDIATE FACILITIES ENGINEERING COURSE (FE-201)

**D**AU has tentatively scheduled release of the new FE-201 Intermediate Facilities Engineering course for late November 2003. Watch the DAU Web site at <http://www.dau.mil> for information on when the course will actually be available for enrollment.

## CON-100 NOW REQUIRED FOR AIR FORCE 64P OFFICERS AND 6C0 ENLISTED CONTRACTING MEMBERS

**P**er SAF/AQC memorandum, dated Sept. 16, 2003, 64P officers and 6C0 enlisted contracting members are required to complete CON-100, Shaping Smart Business Arrangements, or complete a fulfillment package prior to applying for Level I Acquisition Professional Development Program (APDP) certification. Students must complete CON-100 or fax a copy of the approved DD Form 2518 (fulfillment) to DSN 487-1348 prior to applying for CON-104A. To review the memorandum, visit <http://www.safaq.hq.af.mil/contracting/newevents/pdf/con100.pdf>. For questions, please contact your unit or major command training manager.

## ACQUISITION COMMUNITY CONNECTION AND COMMUNITIES OF PRACTICE

**T**he Defense Acquisition University has been working hard to establish Communities of Practice (CoPs) and collaborative knowledge areas centered on AT&L career fields and business processes. CoPs are a key component of DAU's Performance Learning Model and offer a way for DAU to be more actively engaged in supporting the AT&L workforce on a real-time basis. A huge step in moving toward this goal took place on March 1, 2003, when DAU took over full responsibility for the operation of PM CoP, now known as Acquisition Community Connection (ACC). Since that time, DAU has established over 50 collaboration workspaces supporting a variety of groups and projects; launched two new

career field CoPs, Logistics Management and Facilities Engineering; and introduced two new special interest areas, Acquisition Research and Clinger-Cohen Act Implementation. In that same period of time, the registered membership of Acquisition Community Connection has grown from 2,259 to 4,000 plus (a 56 percent increase), and contributions have grown by 68 percent.

To support the community of practice building effort, DAU's e-Learning and Technologies Center has developed the *DAU Community of Practice Implementation Guide* to support the operation of communities, and the *ACC Users Guide* to assist users with basic tool functionality. The Implementation Guide provides an important foundational piece for communicating how DAU will operate and foster CoPs, special interest areas, and collaboration workspaces for the AT&L community, using a collaborative tool to facilitate the capture of community knowledge, and community collaboration and interaction. The Implementation Guide is intended for those individuals or groups interested in standing up knowledge bases and collaborative environments, and will assist individuals in working through the steps of launching a viable community, creating relevant knowledge, building a knowledge base, and providing for the "care and feeding" of communities.

To view the *DAU Community of Practice Implementation Guide*, the *ACC Users Guide*, or the Acquisition Research and Clinger-Cohen Act Implementation special interest areas, visit the ACC Web site at <http://acc.dau.mil/simplify/ev.php>.

## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE NEWS RELEASE (OCT. 16, 2003)

### FLAG OFFICER ANNOUNCEMENT

**N**avy Rear Adm. (lower half) Charles S. Hamilton II, has been nominated for appointment to the rank of rear admiral. Hamilton is currently serving as deputy Program Executive Officer for Ships, Naval Sea Systems Command, Washington, D.C.

## AIR FORCE 2004 ACQUISITION TRAINING MANAGERS CONFERENCE

**S**AF/AQXD will be sponsoring the 2004 Acquisition Training Managers Conference on March 23-26, 2004, at the Southbridge Hotel & Conference Center in Southbridge, Mass. This conference is a chance for all Air Force acquisition training managers to get hands-on computer training on all of the acquisition tools available to Air Force acquisition training managers and to the acquisition workforce. This year's conference will focus on Continuous Learning. Please check the Conference Web site at [http://www.safaq.hq.af.mil/acq\\_workf/training/conference/index.htm](http://www.safaq.hq.af.mil/acq_workf/training/conference/index.htm) for more information and updates.