

Russell 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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FORT 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 5th 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-