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Army Senior Leaders Attend Acquisition Forum in Louisville, KY

Louisville, KY, August 12, 2004 — The 2004 Acquisition Senior Leaders' Conference (Aug. 9-12), hosted by the Honorable Claude M. Bolton Jr., Army Acquisition Executive/Assistant Secretary of the Army for Acquisition, Logistics and Technology (ASAALT), and LTG Joseph L. Yakovac Jr., Military Deputy to the ASAALT, attracted more than 300 Army senior leaders to the annual event. Attendees included acquisition professionals from the Army program executive and program management offices, U.S. Army Acquisition Support Center, ASAALT Staff, Army acquisition organizations and the joint acquisition community.

The 2004 conference theme was "*Army Acquisition Corps — Supporting the Fight, Improving the Force, Building the Future.*" Conference focus areas included Army transformation, the criticality of interacting with the U.S. Army Armor Center and School to prepare mounted force warriors for full-spectrum combat operations and the Army Acquisition Corps (AAC) commitment to increase Soldier lethality and survivability on the modern battlefield.

Attendees participated in AAC Transformation Community Workshops; Army General Staff panel discussions that included question and answer sessions; and a leaders' event at the Frazier Arms Museum, furthering participant opportunities to network and share information with other senior leaders. In addition, attendees visited the 22 exhibits displaying new acquisition technology and equipment.

On Thursday, August 12, conference participants visited nearby Fort Knox to see a combined arms live-fire exercise, equipment static displays and a technology demonstration area. This event highlighted the AAC's latest technological advances in weaponry, communications equipment, battlefield command and control and intelligence gathering capabilities while operating in a joint and combined environment.

More information about the 2004 Acquisition Senior Leaders' Conference can be found at http://asc.army.mil/events/conferences/2004/slc_about.cfm. For any questions regarding the conference, please contact Mike Roddin at either (571) 344-3661 or (703) 704-0114.