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**Lieutenant General Joseph L. Yakovac Jr. to Address
Army Acquisition Workforce Issues and Initiatives**

Fort Belvoir, VA — LTG Joseph L. Yakovac Jr., Military Deputy (MILDEP) to the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Acquisition, Logistics and Technology (AL&T), will visit Fort Belvoir on Friday, April 16, 2004. The MILDEP will speak to the National Capital Region's (NCR) AL&T Workforce and other interested parties at the Defense Acquisition University's Howell Auditorium (Bldg. 226) from 2:00 p.m. to 4 p.m. A question and answer session will follow. After the presentation, LTG Yakovac will head to the Fort Belvoir Officers Club for a no-host social. This presents another opportunity for the AL&T Workforce to interact with the MILDEP.

This event provides a unique opportunity for the MILDEP to share his goals and objectives for the future of Army acquisition with those who are ultimately working towards making these goals a reality. He will also address current "hot topics" impacting the acquisition community at large in a personalized forum that will allow attendees an opportunity to engage the MILDEP in meaningful dialog.

"With the advanced technologies associated with Army Transformation, developing, enhancing and providing a diversity of experience for our current and future AL&T Workforce is essential to LTG Yakovac," Acquisition Support Center (ASC) Director COL Mary Fuller explained. "He is interested in personally effecting potential and future members, and informing people that acquisition professionals are critical to the overall success of our warfighting systems. Speaking with the current AL&T Workforce — and potential AL&T Workforce members — will enable LTG Yakovac to directly address this audience concerning Army Acquisition Corps (AAC) initiatives and the road ahead to the future," Fuller continued. "Coming from the MILDEP, people will listen to what he has to say! I hope that all Washington Metro area AAC professionals and others interested in the acquisition field will mark their calendars and come to meet the MILDEP on April 16th."

"It's certainly a unique opportunity for people within ASC and the National Capital Region to be able to meet the MILDEP and hear first hand a senior leader's thoughts and ideas concerning Army acquisition initiatives," exclaimed Eileen Reichler, an ASC Acquisition Career Manager. "This visit will serve as a reminder of just how rewarding a career in Army acquisition can be. It's good to know that what we do is important and that the acquisition process directly supports our Soldiers on the front lines," Reichler concluded.

For directions or more information on this upcoming event, please contact Herman Gaines Jr. at (703) 704-0123 or via email at herman.gainesjr@us.army.mil.

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