

leaders asked the aerial delivery team to assist in restoring Soldier confidence.

On Jan. 6, 2003, the TF commander held a special briefing to inform soldiers about overall parachute condition and to inspire soldier confidence in their equipment. The Natick aerial delivery team played a crucial role in the briefing. For instance, Mahon provided a summary of the team's inspections results. He reviewed the inspection standards, findings and recommendations. Winters discussed soot and pH acid level test results. A microscope was also set up for soldiers to examine the microscopic smoke and soot particles on the nylon cloth material.

Finally, the team fielded direct questions from the paratroops. They provided straightforward responses to the technical questions. At the briefing's conclusion, Soldier safety concerns were allayed and confidence in the parachute systems was restored.

The Aerial Delivery Response Team's validation came in March 2003. The team received news that an airborne brigade from Italy had just performed a combat airdrop mission in Iraq without incident. More importantly, the brigade used the parachutes that were involved in the Vicenza parachute facility fire. It did not take long to realize the parachutes used by

the brigade were the very same chutes that were inspected and recertified 2 months prior by aerial delivery team members Wooten-Standard, Mahon, Winters, Chapman and Fraser. The team takes great pride knowing that they played a vital role in helping combat units win the airborne war over Iraq.

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ASC Booth Pulses With Activity at AUSA 2003

Meg Williams (Photos by Mike Roddin)

Location. Location. Location. When it came to this year's Association of the United States Army (AUSA) Annual Meeting, held Oct. 6-8, 2003, the Acquisition Support Center (ASC) booth space was hot property.

ASC designed its booth with striking new images including the Abrams tank, Black Hawk helicopter and desert warfighters to focus on ASC's 2003 goal to Strengthen Our Link with the Warfighter. Oversize American and Army Acquisition Corps (AAC) flags proudly flew high above the multimedia display, helping pinpoint ASC's location in a very crowded, newly opened Washington Convention Center. The 20' x 20' ASC space pulled in an estimated 6,000 visitors who learned more about ASC's goals and objectives and mission to develop, improve and integrate the systems and services that enable the U.S. Army to meet its non-negotiable contract to fight and win the Nation's wars.

Taking particular interest were Army Acquisition Executive and



An AUSA Annual Meeting visitor learns more about AAC/ASC during his visit to ASC's booth.



LTC Lisa Kirkpatrick, Product Manager Heavy Tactical Vehicles, talks to ASC Strategic Communications Division staffer Nicole Perella.

found on ASC's Web site at <http://asc.army.mil/goodnews>.

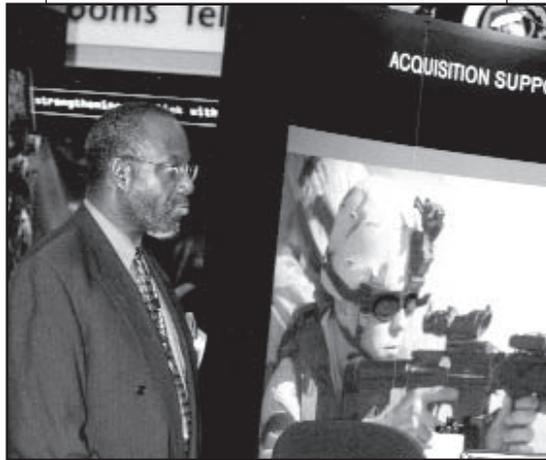
Army AL&T magazine debuted its new look at the convention, earning rave reviews from current readers and those who had never seen the publication before. Many became new subscribers on-the-spot after paging through the newly re-designed magazine.



Industry representatives to learn more about ASC from Joan Sable, PEO/PM Support Manager, ASC Force Structures.

LTC Dwayne Green; MAJs Joy Kolhoff, Jonathan D. Long, Michelle Nassar and Andrea Williams; CW2 Cevilla Mosby; MSG Terry Graves; Tomasine Coleman; Tom Evans; Ancel Hodges; John Kelly; Heather Kohler; Kevin Maisel; Jan McGriff; Mary McHale; Garett McKimmie; Roberta McMillen; Mara Mucciolo; Robert Neff; Nicole Perella; Mike Roddin; Joan Sable; Meg Williams and Barbara Wright.

Assistant Secretary of the Army for Acquisition, Logistics and Technology (ASAALT) Claude M. Bolton Jr. and LTG John S. Caldwell Jr., Military Deputy to the ASAALT and Director, Acquisition Career Management. The two senior acquisition leaders looked on as convention attendees took an AAC quiz on the interactive kiosk and watched ASC's Soldier-centric video, another focal point that helped draw visitors to the booth.



Army civilian Roosevelt Ingram, of AHRC's AMB, answers career management and professional development questions at the ASC booth.

The kiosk also featured a Good News Story segment to promote several key acquisition workforce accomplishments during *Operations Iraqi* and *Enduring Freedom*. Visitors could select from 17 acquisition success stories featured in an interactive, multimedia format. These success stories can also be

Information cards that announced the location of Program Executive Office (PEO) booths at the convention were given to visitors at the ASC booth. PEOs that also exhibited at AUSA included PEO Air, Space and Missile Defense; PEO Combat Support and Combat Service Support; PEO Enterprise Information Systems; PEO Intelligence, Electronic Warfare and Sensors; PEO Simulation, Training and Instrumentation; PEO Soldier; and PEO Tactical Missiles.

ASC military and civilian personnel actively recruited the next generation of acquisition professionals, logisticians, contractors and technologists. ASC representatives included COL Mary Fuller; Craig Spisak;

Representatives from the U.S. Army Human Resources Command's (AHRC's) Acquisition Management Branch (AMB), including MAJ William Boruff, MAJ Jeanette Jones, Bruce Dahm, Chandra Evans-Mitchell, Roosevelt Ingram, Cathy Johnston, Gloria King, Giselle Whitfield and Richard Yager, updated folks on how to apply to board-select programs and answered other human resources-related questions.

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CW2 Cevilla Mosby guided visitors through the multimedia kiosk quiz and educated visiting NCOs about career opportunities in the AAC.