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Acquisition News

Army, Marine Corps Unveil Counterinsurgency Field Manual. *Army News Service.* Dec. 15, 2006. By Michelle Gordon. The Army and Marine Corps released a new field manual today to provide guidance to ground forces in order to achieve success in current and future counterinsurgency operations. Collaboration on the new manual, *FM 3-24, Counterinsurgency*, began in 2004. It had been 20 years since the Army published a formal field manual devoted to counterinsurgency operations, and 25 years since the Marine Corps published its last manual on the subject.
<http://www.army.com/news/item/2526>

Army Accelerates Conversion of Brigade Combat Teams. *Army News Service.* Dec. 20, 2006. The Army announced today it is accelerating the modular conversion of two active-component brigade combat teams to increase the number of combat and combat-support units available for combat and homeland-defense missions. The 3rd Brigade, 1st Armored Division, at Fort Riley, Ks, will pass its transition-team mission and resources to the 1st Brigade, 1st Infantry Division, and convert to a heavy brigade combat team in April, 11 months earlier than planned. The brigade combat team will re-flag next September as the 2nd Brigade, 1st Infantry Division; thereby aligning all Fort Riley units under the 1st Infantry Division.
<http://www.army.com/news/item/2527>

Schoomaker: Access Policies to Guard and Reserve Must be Changed. *Association of the United States Army.* Dec. 18, 2006. The Army Chief of Staff told a special commission on the guard and reserve that the active Army needed to grow by 7,000 Soldiers a year and that Defense Department policies restricting access to the Soldiers in the reserve components who had been mobilized earlier needed to be changed. GEN Peter Schoomaker, testifying Dec. 14, said that the policies of restricting access to these Soldiers were "not right." With 55 percent of the Army in the National Guard or Army Reserve, "recurrent, predictable and assured access" to them during a time of war was "critical to readiness.... We

need to reframe our mobilization policies and practices [which were] written 50 years ago" for a conscripted force at a time when the Reserve Components' role was that of a strategic reserve.

<http://www.ausa.org/webpub/DeptHome.nsf/byid/JRAY-6WLJW2>

AL&T Workforce News

2006 Secretary of the Army Awards for Excellence in Contracting. A ceremony for the 2006 Secretary of the Army Awards for Excellence in Contracting will be held in the Pentagon Auditorium on Feb. 23, 2007. These prestigious awards are presented to Army Contracting professionals who excel in executing the contracting mission. This year there were more than 100 nominations in each of the 14 award categories.
<http://asc.army.mil/transformation/articles.cfm>

Updated Functional Officials and Points of Contact (POCs) Listing for Civilian Career Programs (CPs) - December 2006. Click on the link below to access the latest listing for functional officials and POCs for civilian CPs.
<http://asc.army.mil/transformation/articles.cfm>

AAC Transformation

LTG Thompson's Guidance. *The Director, Army Acquisition Corps (AAC), Guidance Memorandum #1,* dated Dec. 22, 2006, contends that our Army continues to adapt in order to meet the challenges of an uncertain world.... "as I embark upon my tenure as the Director, AAC you are reminded that our responsibilities are greater than the missions of our individual organizations." For additional guidance, click on the link below.
<http://asc.army.mil/transformation/articles.cfm>

Mandatory Training Requirements for Centrally Selected List (CSL) Key Billets and Deputy Project and Product Managers. Dec. 27, 2006. Officers and civilians selected as a CSL Project Manager will attend, at a minimum, selected

courses prior to assuming duties and receiving a charter as a project or product manager.

http://asc.army.mil/docs/policy/61013990_Tng_Requirements_for_centrally_selected_CSL_key_billets_and_deputies.pdf

Military Occupational Specialty 51C – Acquisition, Logistics and Technology Contracting Noncommissioned Officers (NCO).

The primary objective of the Army Enlisted Acquisition Career Management Field 51 and Military Occupational Series (MOS) 51C is to ensure that the Army has Contracting NCOs that are qualified, trained, experienced and available to maintain a high state of combat readiness.

<http://asc.army.mil/career/programs/nco/default.cfm>

51C NCO Reclassification Prerequisites. Click on the link below to access the reclassification guidance and prerequisites for MOS 51C – Acquisition, Logistics and Technology Contracting NCOs.

<http://asc.army.mil/transformation/articles.cfm>

Significant Changes Affecting USAASC's Civilian Rotational Developmental Assignments Program (C-RDAP).

Following an assessment of the pilot C-RDAP offering, the USAASC has opted to dissolve this program effective FY07.

<http://asc.army.mil/career/programs/crdap/default.cfm>

AAC Upcoming Events

Army Test and Evaluation Week

- June 11-15, 2007
- Huntsville, AL
<http://www.testweek.org>

Acquisition Career Management and Competitive Development Group/Army Acquisition Fellowship Graduation Orientation Event

- Feb. 26-28, 2007
- Embassy Suites, Huntsville, AL
http://asc.army.mil/conference/cdgaaf_2007/default.cfm
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2006 Secretary of the Army Awards for Excellence in Contracting Ceremony

- Feb. 23, 2007

- Pentagon Auditorium (Room BH650), Washington, DC
- For further information send e-mails to: asc.cp-14@asc.belvoir.army.mil

5th Annual PEO EIS Industry Day

- Mar. 28-30, 2007
- Marriott Bethesda North Hotel & Conference Center, Bethesda, MD
<http://www.fbcinc.com/peoeis/industryday.asp>

Workforce Reminders

Defense Acquisition University (DAU) SYS 301 Classes Converted to SYS 302.

DAU has started converting the existing Advanced Systems Planning, Research, Development and Engineering course SYS 301 in the Army Training Requirements and Resources System to SYS 302. Completion is scheduled for sometime in January 2007. At the same time, there may be pending SYS 301 applications in your training application system. Once a SYS 301 class has been cancelled, the only option you will have for the pending applications is to disapprove them. You may use the comments block to inform applicants that SYS 301 has been replaced by SYS 302 and that they may apply for SYS 302. Contact your ACM for further information.

<http://asc.army.mil/contacts/acms.cfm>

Important AAC Links

U.S. Army Acquisition Support Center

<http://asc.army.mil/>

Army AL&T Magazine

<http://asc.army.mil/docs/pubs/alt/default.cfm>

Acquisition Management Branch

<https://www.hrc.army.mil/site/protect/active/opfam51/ambmain.htm>

Comments to the Editorial Staff

The USAASC newsletter editorial staff is accepting articles. Writers Guidelines can be found on the AAC Transformation Web page. To open our Web page, click on the link to the USAASC Web page below, and then click on the "Army Acquisition Corps Transformation" icon at the bottom left of the page.
<http://asc.army.mil/>

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