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Acquisition News

Opening Remarks at the Hearing of the Senate Armed Services Airland Subcommittee.

Association of the United States Army. By Senator Joseph Lieberman. The U.S. Army is the best in the world but, as the full Senate Armed Services Committee heard, it is under severe stress because of the demands our country has placed on it since the global war on terrorism began on Sept. 11, 2001. That is why this hearing is different from the typical Airland Subcommittee hearing where we focus primarily on Army acquisition programs and issues relating to those programs. This year, one of the most consequential issues confronting Congress is increasing the size of the U.S. ground combat forces. The Army has four great challenges: first, deploying, supporting and sustaining an increased troop commitment to Iraq; second, correctly sizing an Army that is currently too small; third, adequately equipping the force we have now and appropriately equipping the force we will have, and fourth, properly organizing and equipping the Army for the future.

<http://www.ausa.org/webpub/DeptHome.nsf/byid/JRAY-72LQ3K>

Tank-Automotive and Armaments Command (TACOM) Alters Way of Doing Business.

AUSA. May 2001. The Army Tank-automotive and Armaments Life Cycle Management Command has made a change over the past three years in the way it does business. The command has taken in three Program Executive Offices (PEO) soldier, ground combat systems, and combat support and combat service support - so those program managers "own" those systems throughout their life cycles.

<http://www.ausa.org/webpub/DeptAUSANews.nsf/byid/PGRH-72BPEG>

Providing Life Cycle Management (LCM) Support for Rapid Acquisition.

Army AL&T Magazine. By LTC Jonathan Long. Apr - Jun, 2007. The Rapid Support Network is a U.S. Army Materiel Command (AMC)-wide effort to support immediate warfighter needs requirements initiated by combatant commanders through real-time support within the LCM Acquisition, Logistics and Technology (AL&T) community. The purpose of the

network, which was directed by GEN Benjamin S. Griffin, AMC Commanding General, is to provide focused AL&T support to special customers. AMC's support for the PEO/Program Management Office community is well organized and already established through the LCM Commands. However, for a small group of high-profile customers, there is a gap in AMC's LCM support.

[http://asc.army.mil/docs/pubs/alt/current/issue/articles/50_Providing_Life_Cycle_Management_\(LCM\)_Support_for_Rapid_Acquisition_200704.pdf](http://asc.army.mil/docs/pubs/alt/current/issue/articles/50_Providing_Life_Cycle_Management_(LCM)_Support_for_Rapid_Acquisition_200704.pdf)

AL&T Workforce News

Field Manual Updates. The link below contains a document that summarizes some doctrinal changes that have occurred or will occur in the near future. It primarily addresses changes brought about by *FM 5-0.1, The Operations Process*, and the version of *FM 3-0, Operations, Full Spectrum Operations* that is nearing completion. While *FM 3-0* is not published yet, the review process is over and the information reflects upcoming changes. In addition, there are a few commonly misused terms listed.

http://asc.army.mil/docs/transformation/Army_Doctrine_Update_FM501_FM30.pdf

Training Application Priority Determination for Both Military and Civilians.

If your position information is inaccurate, it will lead to an improper prioritization. You, as an AL&T Workforce member, must ensure that changes, updates and corrections to your Acquisition Career Record Brief, Officer Record Brief and Enlisted Record Brief reflect your current duty position. For information on how the priority of your application is determined follow this link.

http://asc.army.mil/docs/transformation/Priority_Application_Determined.pdf

Procedures for Canceling Defense Acquisition University (DAU) Training.

With decreasing resources and funds available for training, it is imperative that students properly apply for and attend scheduled DAU training. The number of Army no-shows increased over the past several fiscal years, representing eight percent of our allocated training seats. The failure to attend training or to cancel a reservation in a timely manner is costly and

considered a no-show. If a student cannot attend a DAU class for which they have a reservation, they must cancel with the Army Registrar five working days prior to the start date of the class or five working days prior to reservation cutoff date on classes that have pre-work. The Army Registrar must receive the request to officially cancel the student's reservation through the Army Training Requirements & Resources System (ATRRS) Internet Application System (AITAS) to prevent a no-show from being recorded. No-shows will be denied registration in future offerings of the course for a period of six months following the occurrence. The Army Registrar will also review any other applications/reservations that may be affected by this sanction. This could result in no-shows' cancellation and removal from other DAU courses. Follow the link below, to review established procedures for canceling DAU training.
http://asc.army.mil/docs/policy/dau_policyTrng.pdf

AAC Transformation

Training With Industry (TWI). In efforts to provide similar leadership and training opportunities for military and civilian AL&T Workforce members, the U.S. Army Acquisition Support Center (USAASC) partnered with the U.S. Army Human Resources Command Acquisition Management Branch to develop a TWI program for civilians that mirrors our existing military program and provides opportunities for the Army to partner with industry in a mutual sharing of best practices.

The civilian TWI program is a one-year program that provides on the job training. A select group of civilians will be placed in challenging assignments at one of the following companies:

- Boeing Co. Integrated Defense Systems, Huntsville, AL
- Computer Sciences Corp., Falls Church, VA
- General Dynamics Land Systems, Sterling Heights, MI
- Lockheed Martin Simulation Training and Support, Orlando, FL
- Rockwell Collins Simulation & Training Solutions, Sterling, VA

For additional information on TWI for civilians, follow this link.

http://asc.army.mil/docs/transformation/TWI_June_AL_T_April_27.pdf

AAC Upcoming Events

Army Test & Evaluation Week

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

Medical Symposium and Exhibition

- June 18-21, 2007

- Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center, San Antonio, TX
<http://www.ausa.org/webpub/DeptIndustry.nsf/byid/JRAY-6Y9MCE>

Workforce Reminders

Military Training Priority Code Request. AL&T Workforce military members who require a training priority coding change must annotate their "request" in the comments section of the AITAS. The request must contain specifics on why the military member is requesting to attend a specific course. A sample request is as follows, "Since I will be assigned as an Assistant Program Manager and assigned to System XYZ in June 2007 for an Acquisition Category I or II program, I am requesting a priority coding change to ensure receipt of a reservation in the next available class."

If you need to apply for training, click this AITAS link <https://www.ATRRS.army.mil/channels/AITAS>

AL&T Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ).

USAASC's Regional Customer Support Offices and Divisions often respond to several FAQs concerning the Army Acquisition Corps. As such, we posted those questions and our responses on the USAASC Web page for all AL&T Workforce members and our strategic partners to view. Follow the link below and if you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact anyone at USAASC.

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

Important AAC Links

U.S. Army Acquisition Support Center

<http://asc.army.mil>

Army AL&T Magazine

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

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 AAC Transformation link on the right side of the page. <http://asc.army.mil>

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