

USAASC Newsletter

**Preparing for the Future: People, Teamwork,
Partnership, Leadership**



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Message from the USAASC Director

One year has passed since we published the first Army Acquisition Corps (AAC) Transformation Newsletter, keeping you informed about new acquisition initiatives and events that have enabled us to align and horizontally integrate the AAC with the overall Army Transformation Campaign Plan. With the creation of the new USAASC Newsletter, we are expanding our newsletter to include not only transformation news, but also all Acquisition, Logistics and Technology (AL&T) Workforce news and events. Your comments have been invaluable and we hope that USAASC can continue Preparing for the Future: People, Teamwork, Partnership, Leadership.

Acquisition News

2006 U.S. Army Acquisition Awards Ceremony. The event recognized the accomplishments of the acquisition workforce's most extraordinary members and the teams they lead. The ceremony's theme, "Celebrating Our Acquisition Stars," was a tribute to the uniformed and civilian professionals who work tirelessly behind the scenes to provide combatant commanders and their Soldiers the weapons and equipment they need to execute decisive, full-spectrum operations as they protect our Nation's precious freedom.
http://asc.army.mil/docs/press/AAC_Awards_Ceremony_2006_Press_Release_6%20Oct%2006%20_2_.pdf

AL&T Workforce News

Enforcement of Mandatory Certification Requirements Relating to Acquisition Workforce and Corps Members Memorandum. Oct. 12, 2006. The Director, Acquisition Career Management is directing that the Army Acquisition Education, Training and Experience program no longer fund developmental assignments or noncertification-related training for any (AL&T) Workforce member who is not properly certified as required under the *Defense Acquisition Workforce Improvement Act* in accordance with the position certification requirements recorded in the Career Acquisition Personnel and Position

Management Information System database.
http://asc.army.mil/docs/memos/DACM_certification_memo_06.pdf

FY07 Acquisition Career Field (ACF) Certification Changes. Click on any link to learn more details about these changes.

- **Systems Planning, Research, Development and Engineering (SPRDE) (Systems Engineering) ACF.**
<http://asc.army.mil/docs/news/archives/SPRDE-SEcertchanges.pdf>
- **Test and Evaluation ACF.**
<http://asc.army.mil/docs/news/archives/TECertchangesart.pdf>
- **SPRDE (Science and Technology Manager) ACF.**
<http://asc.army.mil/docs/news/archives/SPRDE-ST.pdf>

Army Implementing Instructions for DoD Acquisition Career Management Mandatory Course Fulfillment Program. The purpose of the Fulfillment Program is to enable Army AL&T Workforce members, and non-AL&T Workforce members under AL&T hiring consideration, to receive credit for completion of mandatory Defense Acquisition University (DAU) training courses for which they can demonstrate they possess the required competencies.
http://asc.army.mil/docs/policy/Fulfillment_Document.pdf

Acquisition Tuition Assistance Program (ATAP). The ATAP is available for AL&T Workforce members who wish to complete an undergraduate degree, fulfill the business hour requirement or complete a graduate degree in a business-related discipline. To apply for ATAP, AL&T Workforce members must already be certified at the level required for their current position.

- Open Date: Oct. 26, 2006
- Close Date: Dec. 1, 2006
- ATAP Review Process: On/About Dec. 14, 2006
- Classes to start no earlier than Jan. 2, 2007

- http://asc.army.mil/career/programs/atap/atap_announce.cfm

Transformation

Insights on Joint Operations: The Art and Science. Best Practices. The Move toward Coherently Integrated Joint, Interagency and Multinational Operations. By: GEN (Ret.) Gary Luck. September 2006. Our U.S. military has significantly evolved over the past 5 years as we have adapted to an increasingly complex environment defined by the global war on terrorism and other security challenges. http://asc.army.mil/docs/transformation/Insights_on_Joint_Operations_%20-The_Art_and_Science.pdf

“It’s Official... Army Field Support Brigade (AFSB) Southwest Asia (SWA) is now the 401st AFSB.” *Eye on the 401st “First to make a difference!”* November 2006. The AFSB SWA was officially designated the 401st AFSB SWA Oct. 11, 2006, in a morning ceremony at Brigade Headquarters, Camp As Sayliyah, Qatar. Leaders representing the Afghanistan, Kuwait and Qatar battalions and the 402nd AFSB in Iraq joined the Army Materiel Command (AMC) contractors, including AMC Forward Commanding General BG Patricia McQuiston, in heralding the new organization under the Army Sustainment Command.

http://asc.army.mil/docs/transformation/EO401st_NOV_06F.PDF

Standing Up a New Acquisition, Logistics and Technology (AL&T) Organization to Integrate New Capabilities. *Army AL&T.* October-December 2006. By Gordon L. Campbell. The Army is undergoing tremendous transformational change. The same is true for the AL&T community.

http://asc.army.mil/docs/pubs/alt/2006/4_OctNovDec/articles/58_Standing_up_a_New_AL&T_Organization_Integrate_New_Capabilities_200604.pdf

AAC Upcoming Events

5th Annual Program Executive Office Enterprise Information Systems Industry Day

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

Army Test and Evaluation Week

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

Workforce Reminders

Are you certified in your Primary Career Field?

Acquisition workforce members must be certified in their primary career field before they can apply for any DAU cross-functional training. Your local Acquisition Career Manager (ACM) is there to provide you the best service possible. To locate your ACM, click on the following Web site:

<http://asc.army.mil/contacts/acms.cfm>. To learn more about your Career Field certification requirements click on the following link:

http://www.dau.mil/catalog/cat2007/Appendix_B.pdf

Register for these new Acquisition (ACQ) courses and earn Continuous Learning Points.

<http://www.dau.mil/schedules/schedule.asp>

- ACQ 265 - Mission Focused Services Acquisition
- ACQ 450 - Leading in the Acquisition Environment
- ACQ 451 - Integrated ACQ for Decision Makers
- ACQ 452 - Forging Stakeholder Relationships

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. Writer’s 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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