

people should focus on customer satisfaction. Security assistance people at all levels need to be advocates of the customer, he added.

A briefing on economic security was provided by Acting Director of Manufacturing Modernization, Office of the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense (Production Resources) Gregory Saunders. He illustrated the importance of this issue stating, "The current national security is as inextricably linked to economic security as it is to our ability to design, build and buy weaponry. The Soviet Union came apart because it was defeated *not militarily*, but *economically*." He said that merging the civilian and military industrial base is critical and, that to do so, barriers will have to be overcome. These barriers include military-unique specifications and standards, and a work force that is trained to do things "the government way."

The dinner address, by Deputy Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition Reform) Colleen Preston, focused on current and needed changes to the  
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## PM of the Year Awards

Product and Project Manager (PM) of the Year Award recipients were recognized during a dinner presentation at the Army Acquisition Conference, Feb. 24, in Orlando, FL.

LTC Stephen G. Kee, one of two product managers of the year, was assigned as PM, Hypervelocity Launcher in July 1991. He is responsible for the management and development of hypervelocity weapons programs applicable to ballistic missile defense.

LTC Michael W. Rogers, also named product manager of the year, assumed duties as PM, Special Operations Aircraft in February 1992. He leads development, production, field introduction and sustainment of MH-47E and MH-60K helicopters.

Project manager of the year COL John S. Caldwell has served as PM, Abrams Tank since July 1990. He is responsible for development, production, fielding and ILS for all variants of the Abrams Tank, to include fielded M1, current production M1A1, and development of M1A2 tanks.



Above, George E. Dausman (far left) and LTG William H. Forster (far right), present Product Manager of the Year Awards to LTC Stephen G. Kee (second from left) and LTC Michael W. Rogers. Right, COL John S. Caldwell receives Project Manager of the Year Award.

