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ATEC TRANSFORMS TEST AND EVALUATION FOR NEXT GENERATION COMMAND AND CONTROL



The Army's Next Generation Command and Control (NGC2) initiative is replacing outdated, stove-piped mission command systems with open, extensible AI tools, applications and resilient communications to achieve decision dominance. To support this, the U.S. Army Test and Evaluation Command is utilizing digital modernization and continuous evaluation to deliver critical tech insights to senior leaders early and often.

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ULTRA-LIGHT DONE RIGHT: DEVELOPING THE ISV WITH PRECISION



Getting troops and equipment across the battlefield is a vital part of every theater operation. In some cases, vehicles are too heavy and impractical for the task at hand. To meet changing battlefield demands where traditional tactical vehicles are too heavy, the Army developed the M1301 Infantry Squad Vehicle (ISV). Shaped by Soldier touchpoint events, the ISV ensures rapid deployment and tactical mobility for modern squad-sized operations.

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ALT-IO AND DACM OFFICE SHAPE A STRONGER ACQUISITION WORKFORCE



As the Army continues to modernize in an increasingly complex operational environment, the Acquisition, Logistics and Technology Integration Office (ALT-IO) has transitioned to the Director of Acquisition Career Management Office. Operating since 2007 under the ASA(ALT), this strategic move aims to unify acquisition career development and proponency across the enterprise.

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As part of a U.S. Army initiative to streamline public communications, we will no longer be posting on social media outlets.

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A LEGACY OF DEDICATION: REMEMBERING JASON PITTS

The U.S. Army Acquisition Support Center (USAASC) honors the memory of Jason Pitts, who passed away on July 12, 2026. Between his military service and civilian career, Pitts had more than 30 years of total government service. Tirelessly dedicated to his job, his colleagues and the Soldiers in the field, USAASC was proud to have him as a leader within the organization.

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CYBER WARFARE: THE BEST OFFENSE IS A POWERFUL DEFENSE

Cyber space has emerged as a primary domain of warfare. To propel the Army's modernization efforts, Project Manager (PM) Defensive Cyber Operations and PM Cyber and Space combined their portfolios to constitute PM Cyber Warfare (CW). PM CW delivers innovative and dominant cyberspace capabilities and tailored information technology solutions to national, joint and allied partners to provide a decisive, warfighting information advantage.

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ACS PROGRAM ENABLES OFFICERS TO PURSUE ADVANCED STEM DEGREES

A new Advanced Civil Schooling (ACS) program shifts how the Army develops technical expertise, offering acquisition officers a fully funded pathway to pursue advanced STEM degrees at civilian institutions. Unlike traditional ACS routes, this full-time, resident graduate study program creates a streamlined, modernization focused track designed to produce technologists who can bridge research, acquisition and operational needs.

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LEAD PROGRAM CELEBRATES YEAR GROUP 2025 GRADUATES

Two Army Acquisition Workforce members graduated from the Leadership Excellence and Acquisition Development (LEAD) program. Sponsored by the U.S. Army Acquisition Support Center's Director, Acquisition Career Management Office, LEAD is a 12-month leadership development program that is designed to develop future Army acquisition program managers by offering selected participants expanded training, leadership and other career development opportunities.

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WAR AND JAZZ: COLLECTIVE IMPROVISATION IN THE BATTLEFIELD

Recent acquisition reforms include establishing bridge organizations, like the Defense Innovation Unit, to rapidly procure and assess new technology, increase use of flexible contract approaches and a preference for commercially developed and supported solutions. These changes express a desire for innovation and rapid diffusion of those innovations, however, this desire runs counter to military culture, with its formal hierarchy and rigid doctrine, as well as bureaucracy.

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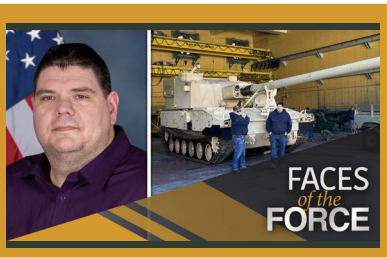

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