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FROM THE DACM: THE WATCHWORD IS CHANGE



The past five years have brought significant transformation to Army acquisition. As priorities shift toward faster capability delivery, deeper industry integration and a greater tolerance for risk, our workforce development has evolved accordingly, and we continue to reinforce the core mission: delivering equipment to Soldiers quickly and efficiently. In my final column as your DACM before retirement, my final message is stay focused, remember the mission and stay enthusiastic. Thank you and it has been an honor to serve alongside you.

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FROM THE AAE: CAPACITY, PARTNERS AND THE COURAGE TO ACT



Acquisition professionals have heard some version of the same message over the past year—we must move faster. That's true, but speed isn't something we create by shortening a briefing or asking a program office to work harder. We need to understand the operational problem, bring the right expertise to it early, make the risks visible and decide when the evidence is sufficient to move. That requires us to accept informed acquisition risk now to reduce operational risk later.

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PRSM PROGRAM EXEMPLIFIES RAPID DELIVERY THROUGH PROACTIVE RISK



As the Army accelerates its transformation for an increasingly contested operational environment, the acquisition enterprise is redefining how programs are developed, decisions are made and risks are owned. The Precision Strike Missile (PrSM) program exemplifies this shift—showing how speed and relevance are achieved not by avoiding risk, but by accepting and managing it.

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UNLOCK COLLABORATIVE LEADERSHIP: FY27 SEATS OPEN FOR PROGRAM MANAGER'S CROSS-FUNCTIONAL TRAINING (CFT 4010)

The Warfighting Acquisition University has announced enrollment opportunities for CFT 4010, the Program Manager's Cross-Functional Training course. By bringing together senior program managers and acquisition experts, CFT 4010 emphasizes real-world dilemma resolution, immersive simulations and peer-to-peer decision-making. Participants will sharpen their leadership, critical thinking and problem-solving capabilities and build invaluable professional networks.

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PDM PAWS FIELDS MODERNIZED LIQUID LOGISTICS SYSTEMS

As the Army modernizes its equipment to move and sustain its forces, it is simultaneously overhauling the systems that keep forces hydrated and fueled. Under the Product Manager for Petroleum and Water Systems (PdM PAWS), part of the Project Manager Expeditionary Energy and Sustainment Systems portfolio, four key systems have reached crucial fielding milestones this year.

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JOINT INNOVATION OUTPOST BUILDS OVERMATCH BLUEPRINT WITH THE ARMY'S FIRST OAD AT FORT BRAGG

The Army's first Operational Acquisition Detachment (OAD) 1 is reshaping how the service discovers capability gaps, prototypes emerging technologies and deliver solutions. Located at Fort Bragg, OAD 1 and the Joint Innovation Outpost have created a blueprint for how the Army must operate to maintain overmatch.

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NSA/JTNC BIANNUAL COLLABORATION DRIVES MODERNIZATION OF SECURE MILITARY COMMUNICATIONS

In an effort to shape the future of secure military communications, leaders from the defense, intelligence and Army acquisition sectors convened at Naval Base Point Loma. The meeting focused on advancing joint cryptographic modernization, developing post-quantum resiliency and standardizing transmission security across the Department of War.

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CECOM ARMY SOFTWARE & INNOVATION CENTER SECURES, ACCELERATES C2 FOR SATCOM OPERATORS

The Communications-Electronics Command Army Software and Innovation Center's (CECOM ASIC) transformation campaign enables satellite communication engineers to operate rapidly and efficiently. Through the first operational fielding of the Wideband Enterprise Satellite Systems Hosted Management and Control, the team installed and validated software allowing Soldiers to troubleshoot critical communication links from a single screen.

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