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Rebounding eagles



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A bald eagle sits atop a branch while another eagle sits in its nest at the Holston Army Ammunition Plant in Holston, Tenn.

This pair of bald eagles nest in a tree near the Holston Army Ammunition Plant. Fifty-eight Army installations across the United States are home to bald eagles.

Defense Department assists with the resurgence of the bald eagle

By Darryl Howlett
Joint Munitions Command Public Affairs

ROCK ISLAND ARSENAL, Ill. -- The Department of Defense participated in a June 27 ceremony marking the delisting of the bald eagle from the Department of the Interior's Endangered Species List.

The Joint Munitions Command

headquarters and its 20 installations are home to migratory and permanent nests of bald eagles.

Within the Joint Munitions Command, eagles have nested at the Holston Army Ammunition Plant in Holston, Tenn.; Crane Army Ammunition Activity, Ind.; Kansas Army Ammunition Plant, Parsons, Kan.; Blue Grass Army Depot in Richmond, Ky.;

Radford Army Ammunition Plant in Radford, Va.; Tooele Army Depot in Tooele, Utah; and at JMC headquarters in Rock Island, Ill.

“I have spotted eagles flying over and roosting (not nesting) at the New River unit in Dublin (Va.),” said Len Diloia Jr., a member of Radford Army Ammunition Plant's government staff.

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Geren 20th Secretary of the Army

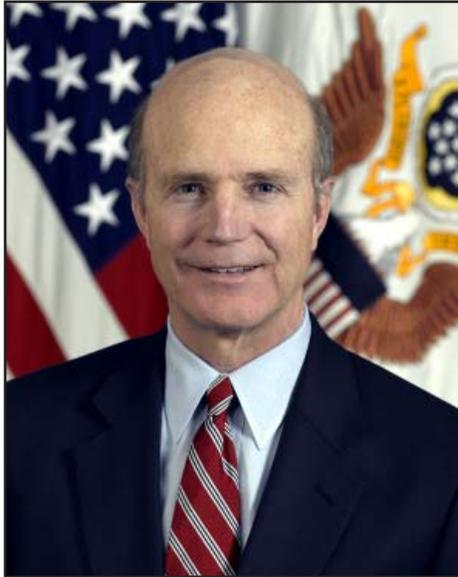
WASHINGTON (Army News Service, July 16, 2007) -- The Honorable Pete Geren became the 20th Secretary of the Army Friday, following his nomination by President George W. Bush and confirmation by the U.S. Senate.

As Secretary of the Army, Geren has statutory responsibility for all matters relating to the U.S. Army: manpower, personnel, reserve affairs, installations, environmental issues, weapons systems and equipment acquisition, communications and financial management.

Geren is responsible for the Department of the Army's annual budget and supplemental of \$170 billion. He leads a work force of more than one million active-duty and reserve-component Soldiers, 230,000 Department of the Army civilian employees and 280,000 contracted service personnel. He has stewardship over 15 million acres of land.

Caring for Soldiers and their Families has been Geren's top priority since his days serving as the 28th Under Secretary of the Army. In an opening statement during his confirmation hearing last month, he reaffirmed that commitment.

"My year as Under Secretary of the Army taught me much -- my four months as Acting Secretary of the Army taught me much more," he said.



Honorable Pete Geren

"I have been inspired by the selfless service of our Soldiers, and humbled by the sacrifice of their Families."

Geren was the Under Secretary of the Army until Feb. 21, 2006. He was named Acting Secretary of the Army March 9.

Geren joined the Defense Department in September of 2001 to serve as Special Assistant to the Secretary of Defense with responsibilities in the areas of inter-agency initiatives, legislative affairs and special projects. He also served as Acting Secretary of the Air Force from July to November 2005.

Before joining the Defense Depart-

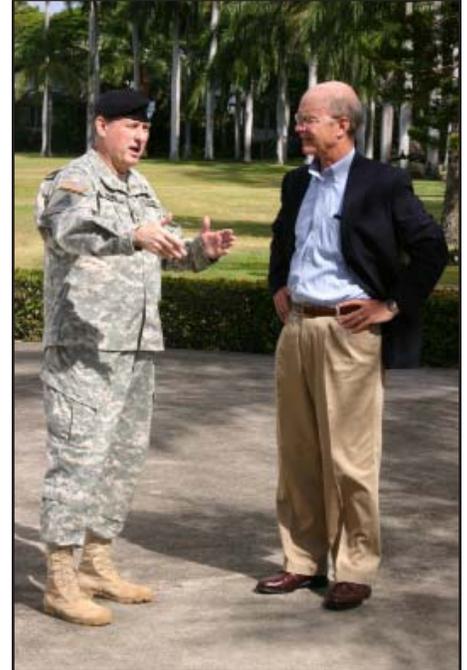


Photo submitted by U.S. Army Pacific

ment, Secretary of the Army Geren receives updates on Army assets at the 25th Infantry Division during a visit early this month.

ment, Geren was an attorney and businessman in Fort Worth, Texas.

From 1989 until his retirement in 1997, Geren was a member of the U.S. Congress, representing the 12th Congressional District of Texas for four terms. He served on the Armed Services, Science & Technology and the Public Works and Transportation Committee during his tenure in the Congress.

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A day of changes at Picatinny



U.S. Army photo by Jack Crowley/ISS Inc.

Left to right: Col. Kenneth Tarcza, Col. Mark Rider, and Peter Cardell salute during the Product Manager, Large Caliber Ammunition change of management ceremony June 14.

Office of PM Maneuver Ammo – Management Change at Two Levels

By Jack Crowley
ISS, Inc.

PICATINNY ARSENAL, N.J. -- The Office of the Project Manager for Maneuver Ammunition Systems saw major changes in leadership during a single, busy week in mid-June.

On June 14, Col. Kenneth Tarcza passed the Product Manager for Large Caliber Ammunition flag to his deputy, Peter Cardell, who will continue operations of this \$230 million program until the designated Product Manager, Lt. Col. Kenneth Robertson, arrives from his current duty as a Future Combat Systems Brigade Combat Team Department of the Army Systems Coordinator in Arlington, Va.

Tarcza, wife Beth, and family will depart Picatinny for the Senior Service College Fellowship Program at the University of Texas.

The following day, June 15, Col. Mark Rider relinquished project management responsibility for over \$1.5 billion in annual programs to his successor, Chris J. Grassano. This change of management was followed by a retirement ceremony also hosted by James Sutton, Deputy Program Executive Officer for Ammunition.

In an earlier tour at Picatinny Tarcza was the Assistant Product Manager for Tank Ammunition. He earned his

Master of Science and Doctor of Philosophy degrees in mechanical engineering at the University of Texas, Austin. Upon completion of his Senior Service College program, Tarcza will assume command of the Defense Management Agency's Southern Europe office.

Rider presented Tarcza with the Meritorious Service Medal in recognition of his accomplishments during his product manager tour, noting his multiple fieldings of large caliber munition items to Soldiers and warfighters, the development and fielding of an entirely new family of 105 mm munitions for the Stryker Mobile Gun System, the development of the 120 mm Mid-Range Munition for the Future Combat System, and the going-forward strategy Tarcza's munitions portfolio. Mrs. Tarcza was also honored with the presentation of the Commander's Award for Public Service for her volunteer service on-post during their time at Picatinny Arsenal.

Cardell is a 39-year New Jersey native and graduate of the New Jersey Institute of Technology (NJIT). During the summer, Cardell will oversee, as Acting Product Manager, the entire suite of more than 20 direct fire 105 mm and 120 mm ammunition products for the M1A1/A2 series Abrams Main Battle Tank, the Stryker Mobile Gun System and the



Lean Six Sigma Corner



Project to streamline delivery of ammo



By Bob Campana
Lead, Requisitioning Team
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ROCK ISLAND ARSENAL, Ill. -- The Joint Munitions Command has recently completed a Lean Six Sigma project titled "Increase Accuracy of Priority System Utilization." The project streamlined the delivery of ammunition by ensuring the required delivery date is consistent with the priority code of the requisition in accordance with Army Regulation 725-50.

The goal of the project was to reduce phone-outs, manual entry of requisitions at both JMC headquarters and the installations, and to divert overtime and premium transportation costs.

This project will realize savings of \$38,000 per year by freeing the supply technician to perform tasks in other mission areas.

"This project can be replicated because the resulting new process will improve customer satisfaction, document

accuracy, deliver ammunition on time, and reduce the burden on our depot personnel," said Chris Hudson, a JMC accountable property officer.

The team extracted all Army material release orders from Commodity Command Standard System for fiscal year 2006. They discovered that there were many defects between the priority code and required delivery date.

Through application of an Army Electronic Product Support validation block on the web-based requisitioning input screen, if a customer enters a requisition with a priority code inconsistent with the required delivery date will not allow the submission of the requisition until the correction is made. JMC officials believe it will be a significant improvement over the prior system.

Also, with the implementation of Central Ammunition Management National Level Ammunition Capability, there has been a great reduction in erroneous required delivery dates.

The team will continue to monitor CCSS data quarterly to make sure the project stays on track.

Project improves production base support

By Mary Russ
Joint Munitions Command
Lean Six Sigma Office

ROCK ISLAND ARSENAL, Ill. -- A Black Belt Lean Six Sigma project designed to improve the accuracy and completeness of Production Base Support requirement planning process was recently completed by JMC.

Using the voice of the customer, along with other JMC PBS requirement documents, project engineers developed a format and sustainable system that enables consistency of project evaluation during the PBS planning phase.

The goal of the project was to identify and improve on essential elements of justification, purpose and economic analysis factors.

"An efficient planning phase has a number of intangible benefits," said Alan Beuster, PBS project sponsor. "More accurate and timely cost and engineer estimates lead to effective execution, fewer changes, and less potential lost dollars and opportunities."

The project also resulted in an improved "first pass yield" which equates to less time spent back and forth with the plant for stronger justification of projects.

"While improving the planning phase, we can better optimize our project engineers by reduced rework and more time to perform functions we simply could not do before," said Beuster. "This is especially important as we prepare for an anticipated PBS budget of \$127 million in fiscal year 2007."

Use of the LSS tools allowed the team to objectively evaluate a process that has faced opposition.

"Knowing this, I feel much more confident about the planning and prioritization of our plant's PBS projects," said Beuster.

According to the team, the biggest challenge was tracing past performance during the measure phase. The data was scattered and sparse. The key being the measure systems analysis and adding consensus and conformity to it.

With the challenge met, this tool measured probability of error and served to help illustrate a reduced defect rate from 52 percent to 21 percent. Likewise, this tool will serve to sustain this improvement and keep it within control parameters for future improvements.

One other pivotal moment involved pairing of 26 distinct



Lean Six Sigma Corner



A win for container lease LSS project

By Abby Arensdorff
Joint Munitions Command LSS

ROCK ISLAND ARSENAL, Ill. -- Container leasing has been a problem since 1992 when the Department of Defense changed from break-bulk to containers. DoD continues to pay for the leasing of containers, but will not increase available funding to repair government-owned containers.

A Lean Six Sigma project at JMC sought to increase government container repair to 100 percent if the cost of repair was under \$500. The scope of the project focused on all JMC sites and containers at government-owned, government-operated facilities.

The project met expectations because the team was able to use a pot of money for the government -- owned containers managed by Surface Deployment & Distribution Command. The project increased the serviceability of 110 government-owned containers versus the cost to lease at two depots. A total cost savings between the two depots was \$138,270.

A team was assembled with nine members from JMC headquarters, Tooele Army Depot, McAlester Army Ammunition Plant, Army Intermodal & Distribution Platform Management Office, SDDC, and Department of the Army-G4 (Logistics).

The team put into place a process to use for the repair of government-owned containers. This process starts at the depots with the inspection of containers to determine which

ones are serviceable.

The process ends at the depots with the receipt of funds and the use of the "serviceable" container. A list of unserviceable but repairable containers is generated from the Army Container Asset Management System on the first of every month. JMC will prioritize the list by depot and send it to SDDC on the seventh of each month for review. SDDC will send a response to JMC on the 17th of each month with their approval or disapproval of the repair request.

If a container is disapproved for repair, SDDC will provide disposition instructions to the depot where the container is placed. If a container is approved for repair, SDDC will send the Military Interdepartmental Purchase Request to JMC on the 27th of each month. JMC will accept the MIPR and forward the funds to the appropriate depot. The depot will then repair the container, update the serviceability of that container in ACAMS, and use the container for an upcoming ammo-ship vessel.

Not only did the project focus on the serviceability of the government-owned containers, but it also looked at the serviceability of government buyout containers, which are managed by AIDPMO.

"I believe the project was a success because we discovered money for repairing the unserviceable (Containerized Ammunition Distribution System) fleet containers managed by SDDC and were able to use it to make needed repairs," said Deanna Olson, transportation officer, Tooele Army Depot.

On April 5, AIDPMO, the manager of the Government Buyout Containers notified JMC, that money had been allocated for the repair and restenciling of these containers. JMC is currently working with the installations and AIDPMO to secure this funding. So far, \$109,305.80 has been allocated to the JMC installations for the repair of government buyout containers.

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problem areas down to an essential 13. The team knew they needed all 13 problems fixed and set out to analyze the root causes. The team set four deliberate actions into motion. After testing the improvement to the PBS requirements data call, the team then conducted a second MSA to validate

the improved first pass yield. The sigma quality rating improved from 1.5 to 2.4.

The team, which included Kevin Blake and James Scott from the Industrial Preparedness Division, and Lorri Steffe from the JMC Business Directorate Acquisition Funds Division,

accomplished this using detailed failure modes and effect analysis and its parallel to cause and effect.

"I couldn't be more pleased with the results," said Beuster. "The team generated increased quality, less rework and set up a method I plan to stick with while cultivating \$31,000 in cost avoidance."

Once a part of our nation's defense...

A Spartan ends its mission

*First Spartan rocket motor
successfully destroyed*

By Joan Gustafson
Anniston Defense Munitions Center Public Affairs

ANNISTON, Ala. -- After almost four years of intensive planning and pre-testing, writing Standard Operating Procedures, conducting several dry runs and then checking one last time to ensure everything was "a go," the disposal process for the first of the 22 Spartan rocket motors that have been in storage for over 30 years began in June.

And to paraphrase *The Anniston Star* article, "the first Spartan rocket motor weighing as much as an elephant (12,000 pounds) traveled at the speed of a tortoise to the sandy demolition area located in a remote corner of the depot."

The day begins

Arriving at the depot before daybreak, all of the key players assembled in the conference area in Bldg. 78 to receive the final safety, industrial hygiene and operational briefings before commencing the actual mission. Upon completion of the briefings, the various teams -- comprised of Anniston Defense Munitions Center, Aviation and Missile Research Development and Engineering Command, and Anniston Army Depot subject matter experts -- began the actual rocket motor preparation.

First, the desensitization team double-checked the aft closure seal and the retainer assembly that had been previously installed before they began to fill the motor with



U.S. Army photo submitted by Anniston Munitions Center

On Saturday, June 9, approximately 24 hours after the rocket motor burn took place, ADMC, Safety and Industrial Hygiene representatives check the burnt-out casing that once contained a Spartan rocket motor. Shown here (l to r) are Eric O'Barr, Dr. Robert Little, Cyndy Blakely, Kevin Little, John Wallace and Janessa Tollett.

water. The weight of the motor after the water fill was 20,000 pounds. Next, they moved the motor onto the apron of the storage igloo.

Then the transportation team moved the Spartan motor from the igloo apron with a 30,000-pound forklift onto the transport vehicle trailer. The transport vehicle carried the motor to the disposal area traveling at speeds between three and 10 mph with an escort provided by AMRDEC and being tracked throughout the transport operation by Global Positioning System.

Upon arrival at the disposal site, the demilitarization pit team unloaded the motor from the transport vehicle and placed it into the previously constructed berm. This is followed by team members placing shaped charges onto the

DAC names new director

Defense Ammunition Center
Public Affairs Office

MCALESTER, Okla. -- The U.S. Army Defense Ammunition Center, a tenant agency on the McAlester Army Ammunition Plant will go under the new leadership of Col. Gary Carney effective August 6. As the leader of DAC, Carney will be responsible for executing the organization's mission, which is to support the joint ammunition community worldwide through engineering logistics, training, explosives safety, demil technology, and technical assistance.

Carney will complete his three-year assignment as Commander of the McAlester Army Ammunition Plant on August 2, with the plant command transferring to Col. Arnold Montgomery.

Carney will officially retire from military service on Oct. 31, 2007, but will serve as acting director for DAC from August-October, taking the civilian director's position on November 1.

Carney, a Pennsylvania native, was commissioned a Reserve Army Ordnance Officer from the ROTC program at California State College, Pennsylvania, in July 1976, entering active duty on October 7, 1976.

Carney graduated from the Ordnance Officers' Advanced Course in April 1982, and was assigned to Armament Materiel Readiness



Col. Gary Carney

Command, Rock Island, Ill., as chief, Nuclear Operations Branch, Maintenance Directorate, where he managed the Army's Nuclear Stockpile Maintenance program. Other leadership assignments included: company commander of the 78th Ordnance Detachment Special Weapons, 19th Support Command, Korea; executive officer, Procurement Directorate, Armament, Munitions and Chemical Command, Rock Island, Ill.; command ammunition officer, 55th Support Battalion MMC, 56th Field Artillery Command, Pershing, United States Army, Europe (USAREUR); commander of the 510th Special Weapons Company, 59th Ordnance Brigade, USAREUR.

Following graduation from the U.S. Army Command and General

Staff College in June 1982, Carney was assigned to the Combined Arms Support Command, Training & Doctrine Command. He then assumed duties at the Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff, Operations & Plans as the Headquarters, Department of the Army, Training Ammunition Manager. In August 1997, Carney was assigned to the USAREUR Office of the Deputy Chief Of Staff, Logistics and served as Ammunition Branch Chief.

From July 1999 to July 2001 Carney served as commander of Tooele Army Depot, Tooele, Utah. He then continued his leadership roles by serving as the chief of staff for the Tank Automotive and Armament Command in Warren, Mich., from July 15, 2002 to June 22, 2004, assuming command of McAlester Army Ammunition Plant on July 1, 2004.

Along with working experiences, Carney holds a Bachelor of Science degree in biology from California State College of Pennsylvania, a Master of Science Degree in logistics management from the Florida Institute of Technology, and a master's in strategic studies from the Air War College.

Carney has received numerous awards including the Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal with seven Oak Leaf Clusters and Army Commendation Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters.

Carney and his wife, Barb, reside in McAlester and have three sons.

The Bullet'n is looking for interesting stories and features. Email rock-amsjm-pa@conus.army.mil with possible stories and ideas.

Radford engages employees with safety stand-down

By Joy Case

Radford AAP Public Affairs

RADFORD, Va. -- The Radford Army Ammunition Plant conducted a Safety/Security Stand-Down Day June 6.

The installation came together as teams to refresh "what we do, why we do it, and how we do it."

The Safety/Security Stand-Down Day provided a good vehicle to show employees their overall importance in the safety and security posture of the plant.

The stand-down served as a way to focus the staff on the right attitude to safety behaviors. The staff also received training on developing an alternative mindset and sensitize itself to accident prevention.

The following are several quotes from attendees from the session:

"While significant improvements have been made over the last several years, this stand-down afforded us the



U.S. Army photo by Joy Case

Employees from the Radford Army Ammunition plant receives a safety briefing as part of its safety/security stand-down day.

opportunity to further build upon safety programs," employee Ron Rossi said. "This was also a great opportunity to give the employees and managers an opportunity to raise concerns they may have, get questions answered and make suggestions for improved operations."

Another employee, Rob Davie, also applauded the stand-down day.

"It is all too easy to fall into compliancy about safety procedures," Davie said. "The review and discussion of the past incidents here and the one at Iowa illustrates why safety must always be kept in mind".

Karin Chase summarized the day's event, "The highlight of the session was the discussion of lessons learned from past incidents."

Lone Star executive to retire after 46 years

Lone Star Army Ammunition Plant
Public Affairs Office

TEXARKANA, Texas -- Jerry Smith, vice president and general manager of the Lone Star Army Ammunition Plant, will retire July 26.

Smith will then serve as a munitions business consultant for Day & Zimmerman, the operating contractor for Lone Star.

According to Michael Yoh, executive vice president and president of munitions, Smith will be responsible for managing the testing and qualification of D&Z's self destruct fuze and other special projects, as assigned.

"We will miss all that Jerry brought to Day & Zimmermann," Yoh said. "He joined the company at a time when our munitions business was growing rapidly and he has kept Day & Zimmermann as one of the best in munitions technology.

"His direction led to a peak in



Jerry Smith

Lone Star's performance, due to improved customer relations and internal efficiencies, and led to the start of the company's first commercial ammunition production plant in Camden, Ark."

According to a company news release, Smith joined Day &

Zimmermann in August 1961 as an apprentice machinist. After becoming certified as a tool and die maker, he progressed through the ranks in various engineering disciplines. In 1985, Smith was promoted to director of maintenance and, four years later, was named plant manager -- a role that was later reclassified as general manager. Smith was named vice president and general manager in 1999 and assumed responsibility for the direct management of the Kansas Army Ammunition Plant in 2005.

Smith also worked on preparing Lone Star into a commercial ammunition plant after its announced closure under the Base Realignment and Closure.

Among Smith's awards during his employment included Bob Levy Award in 1997, the Golden Spike Award in 2002, and receiving the Ordnance Order of Samuel Sharpe Award from the U.S. Ordnance Corps Association.



U.S. Army photo by Gale Smith

Bighorn sheep survey their territory on a mountain side in Hawthorne Army Depot. The installation covers 147,236 acres in southern Nevada, a high desert area that includes mountains suitable for the sheep. The depot estimates the current population is around 40 animals.

Sheep at Hawthorne have rocky good time

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motor and connecting to the firing system.

After the last safety and weather checks were made, the demil team moved to the bunker and the firing sequence was initiated remotely.

The motor ignites

The firing sequence was initiated at 10:38 a.m. and the resulting fire and burn took approximately eight minutes.

Because of the intensity of the fire – 3,500 to 5,000 degrees – no one could enter the disposal area until mid-morning of the next day. At that time the re-entry team determined that all of the propellant in the motor had been completely destroyed and the casing was almost totally destroyed by the intense heat of the fire.

Other teams

The other teams that were critical to the success of the operation included:

- Command and Control
- Audio-Visual/Photography
- Environmental
- Fire Department

- Legal
- Meteorological
- Physical Security
- Public Affairs
- Surveillance
- Safety
- Security

Upon completion of the successful disposal of the first Spartan rocket motor, all of the team members reassembled in Bldg. 78. At that time, Lt. Col. Garry McClendon, ADCM commander, and Dr. Robert Little, chief, Missile Sustainment Function, Propulsion and Structures Directorate, Research, Development and Engineering Command, extended their sincere thanks and appreciation to all for a job exceedingly well done.

McClendon continued by stating that this mission could not have been accomplished without extensive external support from Sandia National Laboratories for weather forecasting, from Lawrence Livermore National Laboratories for plume analysis and from the Defense Ammunition Center for technical and video graphic support. These team members all commented on the outstanding support they received from ADCM, but especially noteworthy was the support from the demolition crew.

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“As recently as two weeks ago, I spotted an immature bald eagle there. Also two years ago during our winter bird count an eagle was observed flying along the river at the main plant.”

The bald eagle has made a remarkable comeback from the brink of extinction.

According to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, there were only about 400 nesting pairs of bald eagles in the United States in 1963, but today there are more than 10,000 nesting pairs. This successful resurgence has been largely due to the cooperative efforts between federal, state, tribal, local, and private partners. The Defense Department played a significant role in that success.

The Department of Defense manages lands that host more than 440 active bald eagle nests on Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marine Corps facilities. Further, since the bald eagle is migratory, many hundreds of other bald eagles use DoD-managed lands as part of their habitat.

Fifty-eight Army installations report bald eagles living on or near its properties. In fact, the bald eagle has been the most common threatened or endangered species reported on Army installations.

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Future Combat Systems' Mounted Combat System.

Rider will celebrate more than 26 years of commissioned service upon retirement August 1. Sutton's remarks included such phrases as, "...set the standard," and "...remarkable achievements" by Rider during his three-year tour as Project Manager. A Legion of Merit was presented to Rider in recognition of his accomplishments. His wife Mary was also recognized for her many contributions to the Picatinny community with the award of a Department of the Army Certificate of Appreciation.

During his tour as Project Manager, Maneuver Ammunition Systems, Rider was responsible for the development and production of the Department of Defense's small, medium and large caliber ammunition, overseeing the delivery of over 1.5 billion rounds per year to support infantry, aviation, naval and armor weapons systems. He was named the Army's Project Manager of the Year in 2006, and his organization, along with Joint Munitions Command partners, garnered both the 2005 David Packard Award for Acquisition Excellence and the DoD Small Business Award for Program Management during his tenure.

Chris Grassano, a New Jersey native, is an NJIT electrical engineering graduate who began his federal service at Picatinny Arsenal in 1986 in the Telemetry Branch of the U.S. Army Armament, Research, Development and Engineering Center working on Smart Munitions systems. His most recent assignment was as the deputy

“Currently we have no nesting pairs, but bald eagles pass through the installation and are sometimes spotted during the winter months,” said Chris Deurmyer, natural resource manager, Kansas AAP.

The bald eagle is not the only wildlife species that the Defense Department works to preserve. DoD lands support approximately 320 threatened and endangered species and nearly 550 species at risk. DoD has spent over \$470 million on management of threatened and endangered animals.

“Removing the bald eagle, the symbol of our country, from the list of threatened and endangered species is a great environmental triumph. It provides a tangible example of how far our nation and its military have progressed as environmental stewards,” said Col. Michael P. O’Keefe, commander of the U.S. Army Environmental Command.

“Bald eagles thrive on our installations because of decades of sound stewardship practiced by Army Soldiers and civilians. This success story highlights just one of many innovative and diligent efforts going on every day to sustain our precious natural resources,” Col. O’Keefe said.

Editors Note: Sources also obtained from Army News release and Department of Defense.



U.S. Army photo by Jack Crowley/ISS Inc.

Left to right: Col. Mark Rider, Jim Sutton and Chris Grassano at the Program Manager Maneuver Ammunition Systems change of management ceremony June 15.

product manager for the joint international Excalibur program. He is a recent graduate of the Industrial College of the Armed Forces, Ft. McNair, Washington, D.C. Grassano is a Level III certified acquisition professional in Program Management, Test and Evaluation, and Systems Planning, Research, Development and Engineering.

While Grassano completes additional his service schools, William Sanville, Deputy Project Manager will serve as acting Project Manager.