What You Need2Know Podcast
Army Training Network (March 2011)

This podcast was created by the Combined Arms Center-Training based at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, which is a subordinate organization of the U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command (TRADOC). CAC-T is headed up presently by BG Paul E. Funk II and is responsible for resourcing and integration of Army training, training management and training support requirements to train the Army units and leaders for full-spectrum operations.

Wherever Army training occurs – whether it is in operational units or the Army's schools and institutions, CAC-T helps make it happen.

CAC-T delivers a wide range of training and education products, programs and services, including: developing training strategies; supporting exercises that prepare commanders and their staffs to deploy into complex operational environments; managing the Army's Combat Training Center program; managing the Army's requirements for live fire ranges, training aids, devices, simulations and simulators; providing tools to help commanders manage unit training; delivering continuous training and education to Soldiers through distributed learning; and providing instruction on all-service air-ground operations.

This podcast and the ones that come after it are designed to inform the Army on the direction and enablers that CAC-T is pursuing in regards to training for full-spectrum operations. You can find more on CAC-T at http://usacac.army.mil/cac2/cact/. This podcast and future editions and resources materials will be made available on the Army Training Network website (https://atn.army.mil/).

Army Training Network Website Overview (https://atn.army.mil)
NOTE: To access ATN, you'll need a CAC card or AKO login username and password.

- Created to be the primary place to get Army Training doctrine and how-to details of training
- Evolved to be a 'one-stop-shop' for all things related to Army training
- Built to make navigation simple and easy to find what you want quickly.
- Built and maintained by the same team that writes the Army's training doctrine - FM 7-0

Major ATN Features
- Toolbar across the top has buttons to key sections.
- Eyes drawn to the Center section: What's Hot" in training.
- On the left side are promos for some important current topics: currently Don't Ask Don't Tell training, Pre-Deployment training, and Cultural Awareness.
- On the right side of the home page is a training bulletin board with links to key information.
- At the top right, there's a search engine to help you find what you're looking for.
- On the lower left, the "Product Won't Open" section tells how to get in touch with ATN staff if you need help.
- Near the top of the page current is a link to FM 7-0 - the Army's training doctrine. This interactive version of FM 7-0 is an exact digital copy but much more than a pdf.
    - Built with an easy to get to navigation system to find what you're looking for
    - Has links to expanded content that explain the how-to of training management
    - Includes links to internal and external content and unit developed examples
    - Includes links to other media - ppt, excel, pdf, videos, etc
    - Has a built in tool to provide your personal or unit comments on any section
    - Training Management
    - If you don't want to start with the doctrine and just want to go to the how-to

- o Expands on the ideas and doctrinal concepts found in FM 7-0 (replaces the old FM 7-1)
  - o Provides leaders and training managers the details of planning, preparing and executing unit-level training
- FM 7-0 links directly to two major training management tools. The first is the Digital Traning Management System. DTMS, which is the Army's training management system of record:
  - o Allows units to capture individual and unit training records and planning documentation
  - o Provides a central database of training records - a Soldier's training records follow him or her around the world
  - o Provides leaders a system to capture unit training progress and proficiency

- FM 7-0 also links you to Combined Arms Training Strategies (CATS):
  - o A dynamic tool in both DTMS and ATN that help units plan training by recommending training events and training resources (Training Aids, Devices, Simulations and Simulators--- or TADSS) that support the unit's FSO METL and associating the collective tasks that support those events
  - o The CATS tool also provides the ability to search collective tasks, associated individual tasks and T&EO's - plus the ability to print these

- The Army Training Network also includes a database of unit and leader developed training products
- Includes all types of products from training guidance, to COIN training techniques to videos on how to conduct training meetings. (This site can make you an expert in the subject matter you want to access.)
- Unit and Soldier submitted - if a unit, or leader used it successfully - ATN will post it. The team checks it for possible classified spillage, but that's all
- This is ATNs most popular feature - hundreds of products are downloaded every day
- Collaboration

Wrap-Up
- ATN was designed for easy Soldier input
- We encourage Soldiers to tell us what they like, what they don't like and share their ideas and opinions
- Access collaboration from the top menu bar under 'Collaboration'. Here you'll find:
  - o The ATN Blog
  - o The Army Training Forum (for threaded discussions within the worldwide
  - o Army training community)
  - o ATN Newsletters (a compendium of past ATN newsletter sent out to
  - o users once a month)
  - o Ask-A-Trainer (if you don't find what you need on the site - send the
  - o team a note directly. We provide an answer within 72 hours)
  - o Knowledge Networks - a link to the Army other knowledge sharing sites

- On the left side of the home page is a button to the ATN2GO app, which delivers selected ATN content to your iPad, Android or other mobile device
  - o The stand-alone ATN2GO app delivers training management to the Soldier anywhere – even when an Internet connection isn't available
  - o Available for Android and Apple operating systems

- ATN provides a one-stop-shop to get you to all your unit training resources
- Your primary means of telling the Army about your unit training and sharing your best training products around the Army
- Your website - built to easily update with your ideas and stay current with how the Army trains today - and in the future
- ATN - *"Training Solutions to Stay Army Strong"*
- If you have any questions or comments about ATN, send an e-mail to leav-atn@conus.army.mil.