



Engineer Update

Engineer Dog Handlers Needed! The Engineer Canine Detachment Program continues to grow. Exceptional military occupational specialty (MOS) 21B combat engineers are needed to become dog handlers and work as part of a Specialized Search Dog (SSD) or Mine Detection Dog (MDD) Team. Our Canine Detachments are a major part of the theater commander's counter improvised explosive device (IED) measures. The Engineer Regiment is constantly responding to increased requirements for dog teams in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom commanders. Interested 21Bs in the rank of specialist through sergeant

must be physically and mentally capable of deploying and working independently for maneuver commanders. Handlers must be mature, articulate, assertive, and self-motivated Soldiers who have no fear of dogs. Initial screening for interested Soldiers will be conducted telephonically. The names of potential candidates will be forwarded to the Human Resources Command Engineer Branch for assignment consideration.

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Transition From ARTEP MTPs to CATS. The U.S. Army is in the final phase of transitioning from using the Army Training and Evaluation Program (ARTEP) mission training plans (MTPs) as a collective training tool to using the combined arms training strategy (CATS). A CATS is a unit training strategy which, as an entity, takes the entire training planning process from the cradle to the grave. A CATS is developed from a unit's base table of organization and equipment (TOE) and Department of the Army-approved mission statement. They are designed using the crawl-walk-run training model. Commanders will make the final determination as to which tasks should be trained and at what level the training should begin, since they will know their unit's training status. Included in CATS are the required training resources such as Class III and Class V materials and training aids, devices, simulators, and simulations (TADSS).

The current ARTEP MTPs that are located on the Reimer Digital Library (RDL) are scheduled to be removed

from the RDL in February 2007. Once this is complete, all CATS will be located on Army Knowledge Online (AKO) on their own dedicated page. The planned end state is movement of CATS to the Digital Training Management System (DTMS) once it is fully fielded. Additionally, the Collective Training Division of the United States Army Engineer School developed a Web site on the Engineer Portal which will also have links to CATS and files available for download. The following links will take you to the AKO CATS site and to the Engineer Portal.

AKO CATS Link: <<https://www.us.army.mil/suite/portal/index.jsp>>

Engineer Portal Link: <<https://www.mwu.army.mil/portal/eng/index.php>>

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Center for Engineer Lessons Learned (CELL). The United States Army Engineer School CELL needs your help. To keep training, doctrine, and combat developments current and to prepare for the future, it is critical that the school continuously receive relevant engineer observations, insights, and lessons (OIL). The CELL can derive information from a variety of sources: unit after-action reports (AARs); tactics, techniques, and procedures (TTP) used by units in and returning from theater; Soldier observations/submissions to the Engineer School; and requests for information (RFIs). This information is used to conduct doctrine, organization, training, materiel, leadership and education, personnel, and facilities (DOTMLPF) gap analyses and to determine solutions.

These solutions are distributed to the Engineer Regiment via new doctrine and training products, *Engineer* (The Professional Bulletin of Army Engineers) and other publications, and Web sites and by answering RFIs. (The Engineer School RFI Web site provides the Engineer Regiment a reachback capability.) You can help by forwarding any of these materials from your unit's deployment to the CELL. Unclassified information can be sent to <Doctrine.Engineer@wood.army.mil>. Classified information can be sent by secure Internet protocol, routed (SIPR) e-mail to <reginald.snodgrass@us.army.smil.mil>.

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