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Rousing welcome for new command sergeant major at Yuma Proving Ground

By Chuck Wullenjohn

A precept of military life is that things constantly change - multi-year tours of duty begin but, all too soon, they come to an end.

Last month, Command Sgt. Maj. Keith West assumed the responsibilities

of Yuma Proving Ground's senior enlisted Soldier from Command Sgt. Maj. Forbes Daniels, who departed for Fort Stewart, Ga., after over three years at the proving ground. West is now the proving ground's senior enlisted Soldier, who oversees the welfare of all

YPG Soldiers and families, and is a close advisor to the commander.

West, a 29 year Army veteran with several overseas tours under his belt, including leading troops in combat, with two tours in Iraq, brings with him outstanding leadership abilities.

"Command Sgt. Maj. West's selection for this position speaks volumes about his demonstrated

performance as well as the confidence the Army's senior leaders have in his capabilities," said YPG Commander Col. Reed Young before a group of nearly 100 gathered to view the transition ceremony. "I have no doubt he will do well."

Last stationed at Fort Jackson, S.C., he was responsible for about 500 Soldiers, which is quite

different from YPG, which is staffed primarily by civilians. "I've been doing a great deal of reading about Yuma Proving Ground for several months and I really feel YPG is a hidden secret,"

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— Command Sgt. Maj. Kieth West

he did over the last several years. "I look forward to building on his success and taking YPG to even greater heights," he said.

As he prepared to depart the ceremony site, Daniels paused to share a few last minute thoughts. "I have a sense of accomplishment and a sense of pride," he said. "YPG has a great team and it was an honor to serve

here, an honor I will cherish. Command Sgt. Maj. West is fully up to the challenge and I know he will do a great job."

West, who is married with two young children, is currently unpacking boxes at his new house at YPG. His oldest son, six years old, will enroll in the first grade at the proving ground's Price Elementary School this fall.



Ready to take charge of YPG's senior enlisted Soldier is Command Sgt. Maj. Keith West (left) as Col. Reed Young, YPG commander, hands him the flag.

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YPG's new command sergeant major smiles, eager to take on his new set of responsibilities. (For more photos, see page 2)

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YPG welcomes Command Sgt. Maj. Keith West



Top photo: Kim West smiles as Chaplain Maj. Loren Hutsell warmly welcomes them to the Yuma Proving Ground community as Command Sgt. Maj. West listens and their son, Miles, stands alongside. The West family were greeted by many members of the YPG workforce at the change of responsibility ceremony held at the fitness center.

Right photo: Chuck Wullenjohn, public affairs officer for Yuma Proving Ground, talks with Command Sgt. Maj. West about upcoming interviews with local media and Yuma officials. With hands full of "goodies," the facial expression of Miles, West's youngest son, says, "yikes that's a lot of work for my daddy!" Bottom photo; (left to right) Audra Lemme, Martha Wright and Gabby Rios smile as West introduces his sons, Miles, in his arms, and Jordan.

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KAWC Radio interviews YPG's new Command Sergeant Major

New YPG Command Sgt. Maj. Keith West speaks to KAWC Radio interviewer Michelle Faust about his first days at the proving ground. The interview took place the morning of June 4, and will be broadcast later this month on the program "Arizona Edition." KAWC is located at 88.9 on the FM dial and 1320 AM.

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Twenty-four year YPG veteran takes the reins of TRAX



Craig Wilson (right) President and Chief Executive Officer for TRAX International, congratulates and welcomes Brian Thompson to the new job of project manager.

PHOTO BY ASHLEY AMEZCUA

By Yolie Canales

Members of the Yuma Proving Ground workforce made a point to visit the TRAX office last month to bid farewell to Tom Foltz and welcome new project manager Brian Thompson during a farewell ceremony. Col. Reed Young, YPG commander, and Julio Dominguez, technical director, were among the many that came by to bid their farewells to Foltz.

"I'm saddened to leave YPG after my two-year stint, however, I leave knowing that a very competent and fantastic individual who has managed the instrumentation department for a number of years, Brian Thompson, will take over and continue TRAX's hallmark of customer service," said Foltz, who has taken a new job for TRAX in Virginia, working in strategic development. He takes with him the strong work ethic and the sense of team spirit that made "Team YPG," he went on to say.

Thompson, who has been at YPG since 1988, began working with the

contractor DynCorp, then ECIII and now TRAX. "I began by working in the Laser Tracking Group," he said. During this time he enhanced his formal education and was offered opportunities that brought him to this point in his career. "I'm excited to take over the company," he said. "I've had two good mentors; John Fargason and Tom Foltz, to prepare me for this challenge. I'm ready for the new responsibilities."

Col. Reed Young, YPG commander, shared his thoughts after Foltz and Thompson spoke. "I don't think it's a surprise that I've been pleased and I believe I'm speaking on behalf of all YPG's leadership regarding the execution of the TRAX contract," he said. "There are different entities for different reasons and they all bring different skills and expertise. A big piece of that is the leadership that exists amongst those levels. TRAX has been a great partner and it's been truly magnificent how we came together at YPG to do the right thing."

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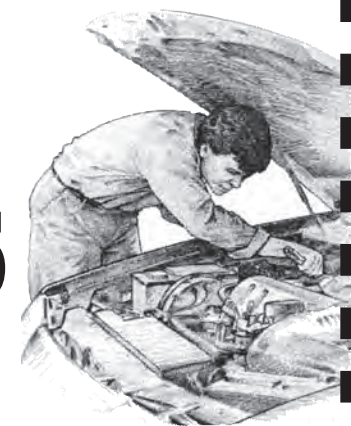
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Jason Martin
Plumber

Replacing the tile in the kitchen. You have to get the tile in just the right place, which can be aggravating. It sounds easier than it actually is.



Javier Sardina
Division Chief

Painting the living room. Painting is always frustrating, especially when you have to do it in two tones. It took a lot longer than I expected. Of course, you get paint everywhere, like on the carpet. There was no paint on the dog, but a little bit on the grandson.

Jennifer Bedoya
Licensing Clerk



We built our own home. A friend drew up plans and we built everything ourselves, including the tile work. It took about eight months to complete the house.

Craig Brabant
Vehicle Operator



I bought a house with half of a porch and driveway. I had to put in half a porch and sidewalk down to the driveway, and I still have to put sidewalk all the way around my house. I started six months ago, and it is still a work in progress.

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Museum Volunteer Program meeting

Information regarding outreach to potential volunteers

The Museum Activity and Heritage Center of YPG will hold two meetings at the Yuma Main library on Monday, 25 June, from 10 a.m. to noon, and on Tuesday, 26 June, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., to inform and recruit individuals, who may be interested in volunteering on behalf of the museum at YPG. Volunteer opportunities will exist for DOCENTs and others who would like to help out. Other opportunities discussed will be the formation of a non-profit foundation dedicated to support of the museum and history / heritage related activities at YPG.

The meeting will take place in one of the class rooms at the Yuma Main Library, located at 2951 South 21st Drive. For further information, contact Bill Heidner, Museum Curator, (928) 328-3394.

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New blood infused in workforce

Eighteen lucky teens earning some cash at YPG

By Lucy Rivera

With the school year at an end, many students are in search of a summer job. From working at a video store to slinging burgers in fast food restaurants, students everywhere are looking for ways to earn extra cash.

At Yuma Proving Ground, 18 slots were made available to students this year. "The following are positions that were offered to applicants; writer/editor, information technology, admin/office support and engineering technicians," said Kim Alford, chief of YPG's Civilian Personnel Advisory Center. Summer hires will not only have the opportunity to earn cash for their upcoming fall school year, but also gain knowledge of the proving ground mission and earn, on-the-job experience.

Early this month, nine of the summer employees began in-processing, which began with a mountainous pile of paperwork. They were then sworn into federal service, followed by a variety of training activities and certifications



Patty Nabozny, civilian personnel specialist, in-processes a group of summer hire employees. Each summer hire was given a package with documents pertaining to their pay, security background, etc., to obtain a CAC card to operate YPG's computer systems. These documents are required in order to begin their temporary employment with the federal government. Most students will be employed through the month of August.

PHOTOS BY LUCY RIVERA

that allowed them access to YPG's computer network.

Benjamin Hinderer, biology major at the Yuma campus of Northern Arizona University, is working down range as an engineer trainee this summer. "I feel good and I just want to start working already. I'm tired of doing paperwork," he said while seated before a table completing one of a long series of forms. In past summers, Hinderer worked with the Bureau of Land Management surveying and capturing lizards in the desert. When asked what motivated him to apply at YPG he replied, "I didn't want to again get a job that required me to go out into the desert to look for lizards."

Many students use their summer to relax and not worry about school. Others use it as an opportunity to

get a job, persons like Seth Verduin, engineering major, and Priscilla Loredo, studying neuroscience. When asked what he would be doing if he had not received the job, Verduin replied, "Nothing." He went on to explain that he would have used the summer to sleep.

On the other hand, Loredo felt it would be a great experience. "I thought it would be a good first job to put on my resume." She also said that, if not for the job at YPG, she would have spent time on the computer, played with her pets and cleared out her room before transitioning to the University of Arizona in Tucson.

The summer hire program has not been offered at YPG for the past few years due to insufficient funds, which became available in 2012.

Over 160 applicants filed for summer hire program positions, but there were only 18 slots. "It was very, very competitive among the applicants," said Nina Russell, human resource specialist.

To be eligible for the program, each applicant was a current student taking at least a half time load in an accredited high school, college, university, or graduate/professional school. Each was at least 16 years of age at the time of employment. Once the students were appointed for the job, the applicants had to go through a background check, variety of training and paperwork before they were able to begin.

Editor's note: The writer of this article is a summer hire employee herself. She will be working until late August in the Public Affairs Office.



Taking the federal government employee oath are two summer hires.

Volunteers provide YPG services that might otherwise vanish



Taking time for a group photo at the volunteer award ceremony are, front row, left to right: Andrea Rocha, Nicolette Greek, Diana Klein and Aida Munoz. Back row are, left to right: Carol Cowperthwaite, YPG librarian, Rick Martin, garrison manager, Chaplain Maj. Loren Hutsell, and Sgt. Samantha Skeens from the veterinary clinic.

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By Yolie Canales

Every day, volunteers are needed in communities throughout the world. Due to the generosity of volunteers, many community programs exist that could not happen if it weren't for them.

Yuma Proving Ground is not an exception. Volunteers are the lifeblood of nonprofit human service agencies. Many of these agencies and/or programs run on extremely tight budgets or no budget at all. So, when volunteers pick up the load, they are very much appreciated.

YPG's Army Community Services set aside a recent afternoon to say thanks to 13 volunteers for their efforts in providing valuable services to the community. "The real message, is in this day and age that we're living in, is that we don't have sufficient staffing to provide programs to the level we would like to," said Rick Martin, garrison manager, at the ceremony. He added that many of

these programs would vanish if it weren't for the folks who provide their expertise, skills and time to places like the library, the veterinary clinic and the chapel, to name a few. "Thanks to each of you, for we are able to operate at the level our community deserves," said Martin.

The motivation to volunteer for each person comes from different places and for many different reasons. Some volunteer to explore a potential career, fulfill a personal interest, satisfy a need for belonging, or see the opportunity to "give-back" to their community. Diana Klein, volunteer at the chapel, has been providing her services for over 20 years. "I do it because I enjoy spreading the word of God to the children and worshipers," she said.

Connie Everly, Army Volunteer Program manager, presented a mock check in the amount of \$2,970.69, to Martin, showing the savings to YPG resulting from volunteer effort. The volunteers recognized were:

Sara Ball, Gracie Escobar, Vanessa Escobar, Sandra Gasser, Nicolette Greek, Martha Jones, Amy Kitchin,

Diana Klein, Aida Munoz, Andrea Rocha, Eva Joy Selman, Linda Sesco and Sue Webster.



Garrison Manager Rick Martin smiles in delight as Connie Everly, Army Volunteer Program manager, presents a mock check in the amount of \$2,970.69 in savings for the hundreds of hours donated by YPG volunteers.

Rain and dust on demand at Yuma Proving Ground

By Mark Schauer

Soldiers are accustomed to facing insidious enemies, but rely on YPG testers to keep them safe from one that can't be dispatched with weaponry: the ravages of extreme conditions on equipment.

Yuma Proving Ground specializes in extreme environmental testing of military equipment, with jurisdiction over test centers in the arctic, tropics, and desert. Among testing activities performed by the Metrology and Simulation Division at YPG's Yuma Test Center is one that can create rain and sand storms on demand, any time of the year.

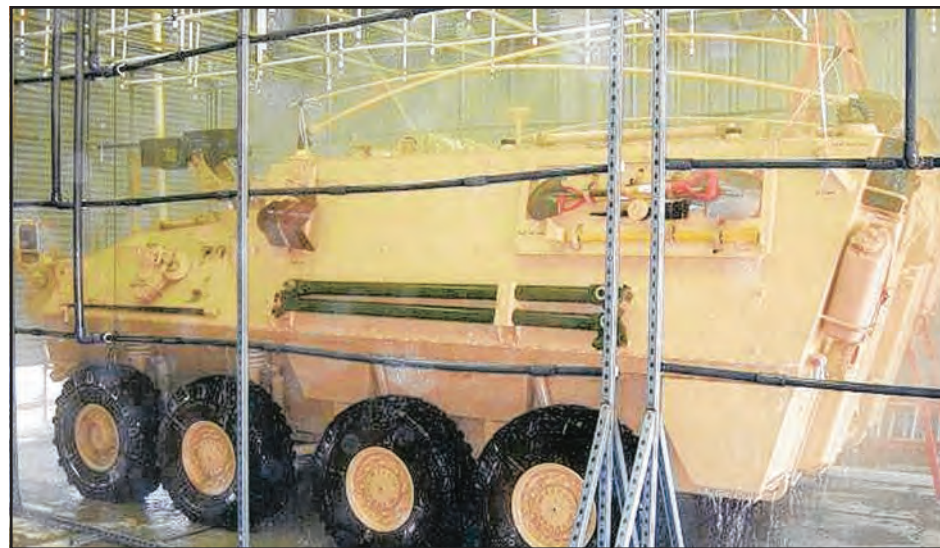
The rain facility can accommodate virtually any piece of equipment normally tested at YPG, including ammunition, at which time testers bring in portable bombproof shields

to stand behind. If necessary, testers can bring in a large fan to simulate wind-driven rains of up to 50 miles per hour and can vary the speeds to mimic gusts of winds of different velocities and intensities.

"We can rain on anything, but the rain facility is primarily used for vehicles," said Frank Aguilar, engineering technician.

Comprised of over 500 adjustable nozzles on two portable walls, the rain chamber can deliver highly pressurized water to simulate a fierce monsoon or a slow, steady, misting rain. Testers can simulate either over the entire item, or concentrate the spray on one part of it.

"We can close off walls and hit the test item from any angle the customer wants," said Aguilar. "One program wanted only their vehicle's turret hit



A Light Armored Vehicle (LAV) is subjected to a rain storm in a recent test at YPG's rain facility. Though primarily used for vehicle testing, the facility can create rain on demand for virtually any piece of equipment typically tested at YPG, including ammunition.

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at a 45 degree angle, so we adapted the nozzles to do that."

Two pumps push the pressurized water from a 10,000 gallon tank outside the facility's test bay through nozzles inside. The rate of spray

hitting the item is entered onto a control panel, and is confirmed by a rain gauge inside. Drains in the test bay floor send the water to two sump see **RAIN** page 10

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Back in the saddle

Goal is to keep moving forward, be grateful for all donations in his name

By Mark Schauer

When YPG ammunition plant worker Robert “Smokee” Trujillo woke up in a hospital bed pain-wracked and in traction in early November 2009, many were surprised the former Naval petty officer was even alive. Four days earlier he had crashed his motorcycle into the back of a truck that cut him off on the highway as he rode to work, and now he had two broken arms, a broken clavicle and rib, a punctured lung, and a shattered left leg that doctors felt would surely need to be amputated.

The prognosis was horribly grim, but Trujillo kept his leg and eventually returned to his physically demanding job at YPG with the help of a good wife, friends, modern medicine and old-fashioned tenacity. Aside from the cane he occasionally uses at the end of a particularly fatiguing day of labor, these days he is physically indistinguishable from any of his colleagues.

“It was a big accomplishment and a lot of hard work, but I had no choice,” said Trujillo. “It was either do it or give up, and believe me, there were times I wanted to give up.”

Trujillo’s wife, Betsy, co-workers and friends knew from the earliest days of his ordeal that he saw no alternative to resuming his old job.

“One of the early conversations we had after he was injured was about Robert’s determination to come back to the ammo plant,” recalled Thomas Becker, ammunition preparation branch chief. “I was really concerned and said, ‘Robert, you need to have a Plan B in case things don’t work out.’ He replied, ‘I know, but I’m coming back to the plant.’”

Trujillo’s road to recovery included surgeries, bone grafts and rods



A positive attitude and a whole lot of moral support is what Robert Trujillo credits for his return to work after a motorcycle accident put him out of commission for over one year.

PHOTO BY MARK SCHAUER

implanted into his femur. A severe staph infection in his leg four months after the accident resulted in a 10-day hospitalization during which he had three surgeries and three blood transfusions, then another surgery the following month. All told, Trujillo endured 10 surgeries, including a knee replacement, before his ordeal was over.

“My doctor told me that every surgery was like running a marathon, so I’ve run a lot of marathons,” Trujillo said. “It’s been a tough road, but I’ve had a lot of people to push and help me get up that hill.”

Given his determination and a

tremendous outpouring of emotional support from co-workers, the biggest impediment to Trujillo’s dream of returning to work was what he almost lost forever: time. Federal employees earn four hours of sick leave every two-week pay period. Having worked five years at YPG at the time of his accident, Trujillo had earned a grand total of 520 hours of sick leave, but his eight months of recovery encompassed 1,280 work hours. This gap would have spelled financial ruin for Trujillo and his family had it not been for donations of annual leave to the Voluntary Leave Transfer Program.

“I want to tell everyone thank you from the bottom of my heart,” said Trujillo. “If I hadn’t had the outpouring of leave donations, I don’t know how my wife and I would have made it.”

Though he missed a great many work hours, the extent of his injuries could easily have resulted in an even longer absence. When he first returned, he still wasn’t able to perform all of the tasks he once did. Still, his supervisors found plenty for him to do.

“There is a wide variety of work we do at the ammo plant, so it wasn’t too challenging to keep Robert gainfully employed within the constraints and limitations he had during his recovery,” said Becker. “Robert and Betsy were tremendous in communicating his situation, too. We could always act instead of react, and that, along with a lot of good people being willing to step up to the plate, is why it worked out so well. It’s easy to help someone you know will give 110 percent in return.”

“I lost about 30 percent of my muscle mass and the work is building me back up,” Trujillo added. “It’s a battle, but I’m getting my stamina back.”

Two years ago, Trujillo felt being able to walk one thousand yards on crutches was a major milestone. These days, fitness-minded employees are likely to find him using exercise equipment in the small gym on Kofa Firing Range after a long day at the plant.

“My goal is to keep moving forward and show the people who donated their hard-earned leave that it went to a worthwhile cause,” Trujillo explained. “Most of them have never met me, but were willing to give the time they could. I’ll always be grateful.”

Safety Corner

Confined space and hotwork rules prevent serious injuries

A confined space is any area that can be entered that is not designed for continuous occupancy and has limited ways of getting in and out. Working in a confined space always contains hazards, such as asphyxiation. But when flames are added, the danger worsens.

The quality of air in a confined space is the number one concern. If the air contains an unsafe oxygen level, or if it is flammable or toxic, the space is extremely hazardous. Add an open flame to these conditions and a fatality is just waiting to happen.

Hotwork refers to work that produces a possible source of ignition, such as welding, torch cutting, flame heating, and brazing. All these activities are considered dangerous. Hotwork consumes oxygen, which means the limited amount of oxygen in any confined space could be used to fuel flames and leave you without oxygen to breathe. If air contains flammable contaminants, or too much oxygen, adding an open flame creates an extreme fire hazard. Working with flame on certain materials can release toxic chemicals, which might lead to an explosion.

These are serious hazards that can be controlled by knowledge. It is imperative that all affected workers be made fully aware of potentially hazardous conditions. Also, atmospheric testing should be conducted before the space is entered, and hotwork must never be performed in a confined space without authorization.

Bottom line, contact the YPG Fire Department and the YPG Safety Office for hotwork permits prior to the performance of any hotwork.

Chaplain's Corner

Are you living like you were dying?

By Chaplain (Maj.) Loren Hutsell

Country recording artist Tim McGraw penned a song called "Live Like You Were Dying." The song tells a story of a man who received the news that he was dying. In the song, a friend asks, what did you do when you received the news? This is what he said:

*I was finally the husband that most the time I wasn't
and I became a friend a friend would like to have
and all 'a sudden going fishing' wasn't such an imposition
and I went three times that year I lost my dad
well I finally read the good book
and I took a good long hard look at what I'd do if I could do it all again
I loved deeper and I spoke sweeter and I gave forgiveness I'd been denying
and he said someday I hope you get the chance to live like you were dying.*

Sometimes the tasks and responsibilities of the day can cause us to lose perspective of what is

most important and meaningful in life. In this song, Tim McGraw reminds us of important priorities, the greatest of which is to love and care for those who are connected to us. Let's recognize that each day is a gift from God to live his peace, righteousness, and embrace opportunities to lift each other up. Below is a short quiz written by Dennis Fakes, the author of "G.R.A.C.E.: The Essence of Spirituality." He gives a few questions for you to consider that will give you a good perspective on who is really important to you. You don't have to actually answer the questions. Just read them straight through, and you'll get the point.

Name the five wealthiest people in the world.

Name the last five Heisman trophy winners.

Name the last five winners of the Miss America Beauty Pageant.

Name ten people who have won the Nobel or Pulitzer Prize.

Name the last half dozen Academy Award winners for best actor and actress.

Name the last decade's worth of World Series winners.

How did you do? The point is-- none of us remember the headliners of yesterday. The list above pertains to people who are first-rate achievers. They are the best in their fields. Yet, the applause dies. Awards tarnish. Achievements are forgotten. Accolades and certificates are buried with their owners. Here's another quiz. See how you do on this one:

List a few teachers who aided your journey through school.

Name three friends who have helped you through a difficult time.

Name five people who have taught you something worthwhile.

Think of a few people who have made you feel appreciated and special.

Think of five people you enjoy spending time with.

Easier? The lesson is that the people who make a difference in our lives are not the ones with the most credentials, the most money, or the most awards. They are the ones that care.

RAIN

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pits. When the test is completed, the collected water, which could possibly contain oil or grease residue, is transferred to tanker trucks, which transport it for disposal in an environmentally friendly way.

Exterior cameras monitor the test item's experience inside the facility, and occasionally video is taken from inside a vehicle during the mock storms. A wet vehicle compartment caused by inadequate seals would be more than just uncomfortable for Soldiers in theater: it could be potentially life-threatening if the water shorts out important electrical equipment inside, a threat that YPG

testers keep close watch for during evaluations.

"If there is substantial leakage, we'll measure by weight the amount of water that intruded into the vehicle," explained Aguilar.

Rain is a potential menace for equipment in a desert environment, but the ravages of sand and dust are daily realities that must be planned for in places where American Soldiers are currently deployed. Though YPG has both in abundance, test items are subjected to controlled and sustained exposure in a separate steel chamber that is part of the same complex as the rain facility. The items

inside endure potent concentrations of blowing silica powder or sand for six hours at a stretch, and are often put through their paces on the test range as soon as the punishing sand and dust blasting is completed.

The Metrology and Simulation Division has a wide range of facilities, including hot and cold climactic chambers, vibration tables to test the effects of intense shaking on munitions, and a lightweight shock testing machine that evaluates a piece of equipment's ability to withstand sudden shock such as that caused by underwater explosions encountered in naval combat.

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