

Living Memorial dedicated at Rock Island Arsenal

By Rhys Fullerlove ASC Public Affairs

The U.S. Army Garrison - Rock Island Arsenal, dedicated a living memorial July 17, honoring the memory of Servicemembers, Defense Civilians and Contractor Employees from Illinois and Iowa who have lost their lives as a result of combat operations in Southwest Asia.

On a warm, cloudless summer morning, an overflow crowd came to show their respect.

John Curry, Deputy Garrison Manager for Rock Island Arsenal, said the idea for the memorial was initiated by Maj. Gen. Robert M. Radin, Commander of the Army Sustainment Command and Senior Mission Commander of Rock Island Arsenal.

"The goal is to honor all the Iowa and Illinois war dead, from all branches of service, active duty, National Guard, Reserve, government civilians and government contractors who have given their lives in support of the war in Southwest Asia," Curry said. "We wanted the site to be visible, and in a place where it can easily be accessed by family and friends."

The memorial is specifically for those



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A marker was unveiled as part of the Living Memorial that honors the memory of Servicemembers Defense Civilians and Contractor Employees from Illinois and Iowa who have lost their lives as a result of combat operations in Southwest Asia.

from Illinois and Iowa who served during operations Noble Eagle, Enduring Freedom, Iraqi Freedom and the Global War on Terrorism.

ASC Command Sgt. Maj.

Stephen D. Blake delivered heartfelt remarks, tinged with his recent battlefield experience.

He noted the event represented a moment of respect for families, friends, and colleagues who continue to deal with the loss of a loved one, or live day by day while their loved ones serve on the front lines for all of us.

"For all of you who serve so diligently here in support of our fine country," said Blake, "let us together pause and make a small gesture as a community and dedicate this living memorial in support of all who have fallen from Illinois and Iowa and for those who continue to serve."

The memorial is located on the north side of Rock Island Arsenal's Rodman Avenue, across from Memorial Park. The site is outlined by 15-trees, eight emerald green arborvitae contrasted by seven sun-kissed arborvitae. At the cen-

ter of the circular memorial is a limestone monument with an engraved message honoring those who have made the ultimate sacrifice for America.

AMC civilians to test new uniforms in combat zones

By Melissa Bohan AMC Public Affairs

FORT BELVOIR, Va. -- The Army Materiel Command is expected to begin a one-year pilot program early next year to determine whether the Army should develop a standard issue uniform for deployed civilians.

In the pilot, deploying AMC civilians will wear a solid tan-colored version of the Army Combat Uniform with insignia that identifies them as civilians. The majority of currently deployed AMC civilians wear the Desert Combat Uniform, while a few wear office work attire or even the ACU when deployed with certain units. The new uniform would standardize the way AMC civilians dress and help commanders more easily identify them as Army civilians.

"AMC Commander General Gen. Benjamin S. Griffin initiated this program after talking with Gen. David Petraeus, commanding general, Multi-National Force-Iraq, and other leadership while traveling in theater. He was seeking a way for AMC to better identify our civilians with standard attire while deployed," said Clyde Cargill, chief of the Logistics Assistance Program/Contractors on the Battlefield branch of AMC's deputy chief of staff G-3/5 office.

AMC pulled together personnel from several of its staff sections including command counsel, command contracting, the AMC command sergeant major, and the Program Executive Office Soldier to develop the proposed uniform.

AMC decided to leverage the already existing ACU program as a way to quickly develop a standard uniform with

Supporting our military families

Maj. Gen. Robert M. Radin **U.S. Army Sustainment Command**

The Army has been in existence for over 230 years, and there never has been a stronger focus on the Army family than there is today. Last December, I was honored to sign the Army Family Covenant on behalf of the Army Sustainment Command and Rock Island Arsenal. At installations and sites around the world, leaders of Army organizations have signed or are signing the same covenant and pledging their support to the family.

The Army recognizes that Soldiers are the strength of the nation, and that the strength of our Soldiers lies in their families. Our fami-

lies have to carry an emotional burden that is just as heavy as the rucksack carried by our Soldiers in the field. At the end of a long day, Soldiers can take their rucksacks off and rest. But the emotional rucksack carried by Soldiers and their family members - the rucksack that contains the challenges and stresses that come with being part of a military family - can never come off, and is borne 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

When the Army decided to enact the Family Covenant, it wasn't just a promise on paper. The covenant represents a \$1.4 billion commitment in this year's budget to improve the quality of life for Army families. The Army's top leadership is working to include a similar or higher level of funding in future budgets. Every dollar will be spent on programs and facilities that will lift some of the weight from that emotional rucksack carried by Army families.

Last month, I had the opportunity to observe an AMC military retention training session hosted by ASC. Again and again, the issue of improving the quality of life for Soldiers and their families came up. The comments of these Soldiers made a point that is worth reemphasizing: Soldiers who know that their families are well cared for will be better able to concentrate on and perform their missions.



The focus on the Army family has become more important here at Rock Island Arsenal. The number of Soldiers and other servicemembers assigned to the Arsenal is higher than it has been in years, and that number will grow even more when 1st U.S. Army arrives. Through Army Community Services and other organizations, many outstanding programs are already in place to support military families. The Army Family Covenant gives us an opportunity to ex-

pand and improve those programs, at a time when demand for them is increasing.

Support for military families needs to extend beyond the gates of the installation, and I am pleased to note that the Quad Cites area has always been very supportive of the Arsenal and the military families who live and work here. I've met with numerous community leaders, and one question they almost always ask me is, "What can we do to support Soldiers and families at The Rock Island Arsenal?"

In June, community leaders recognized the sacrifices made by military servicemembers and their families by holding the first-ever Military Appreciation Week. Several family support groups that operate year-round can also be found in the Quad Cities. It touches my heart to see so many people demonstrate unwavering dedication to our men and women in uniform and their families. I have been many places in the Army, and I believe that the Quad Cities is one of the strongest communities I've found when it comes to providing tangible support to the mili-

We always stress how it is important to remember the sacrifices that our Soldiers make to ensure our freedom. Let us not forget the people who make sacrifices so our Soldiers can do their jobs.

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Qatar facility in full swing

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CAMPAS SAYLIYAH, Qatar - At the opening this spring of the 1st Battalion, 401st Army Field Support Brigade's new Auto Body Repair Facility here, those attending the ceremony saw a pristine building, not yet alive with the sounds of grinders and sanders, or glow with the flames of acetylene torches.

These days the 6,000 sq. ft. shop is packed with hulking, work-weary road scrapers recently brought here for refurbishment after extensive service in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. Since its opening, a variety of vehicles and construction equipment have passed through its oversized roll-up doors.

"We love it," said Kelvin Jefferson, senior auto body mechanic with ITT Corp., the 1/401st contract

service provider that repairs equipment brought here. "There's plenty of room, we've adjusted the lighting; it's just good working conditions."

The building was designed primarily for Humvee work, but can handle just about anything on wheels, Jefferson said.

"We have repaired about 50 Humvees, in addition to doing body work on several road pavers, road scrapers



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Senaka Sriweera, an ITT Corp. employee from Sri Lanka, creates a display of sparks as he grinds away rough metal from the body of a Caterpillar 621B Scraper.

and equipment trailers and more (repair work) is on the way," said Jefferson.

Before the building opened, his 17person team had to work on vehicles wherever they could find space, he said.

"Our guys were working in other shops, basically on top of each other, and the larger vehicles were being worked on outside," Jefferson continued.

As daytime temperatures here regularly approach 120 degrees, the climate-controlled environment of the ABRF has made a difference in not only productivity and safety, but in worker attitude.

Battalion Commander Lt. Col. Maxine Girard says the investment in the facility is paying off.

"The workers are more productive and are in a safer working environ-

ment," said Girard. "The building is doing exactly what we expected."

The ABRF is now filled with the sounds of body work and the glow of sparks and flames from the work being performed.

"Since it (the ABRF) opened, things are much better, we really like it," said ITT worker Senaka Sriweera, a native of Sri Lanka. "It is much cooler, it's big inside and we have the built-in air lines for our equipment."

European battalion provides disaster relief to Philippines

By Jennifer King 405th AFSB Public Affairs

SECKENHEIM, Germany-The 3rd Battalion of the 405th Army Field Support Brigade (AFSB) provided support for a U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) mission to the Philippines after the country was hit by a typhoon last month. Typhoon Fengshen (Frank) made landfall in the Eastern Visaya region, delivering heavy rain and wind gusts of up to 175 kilometers per hour, according to the Philippines Atmospheric, Geophysical, and Astronomical Services Administration.

In response to the storm's damage, USAID's Office of U.S. Foreign Disaster Assistance contacted the 3-405th

AFSB, located at Camp Darby, Italy, and requested immediate support for the shipment of humanitarian supplies to the region. The 3-405th AFSB is responsible for the storage and maintenance of USAID humanitarian supplies under an interagency agreement between the U.S. State Department and the U.S. Army.

Lt. Col. Roger McCreery, the new commander of the 3-405th AFSB, was surprised to learn that the battalion had such an international reach.

"Prior to taking command of the battalion, I was unaware that an Army battalion in Italy supported missions on such a far-reaching international scale," he said. "I'm extremely proud that this organization is able to assist people in need thousands of miles away, and I'm pleased that we can provide USAID the support that it needs to accomplish its humanitarian relief missions."

The Philippines National Disaster Coordination Council reported that nearly 2.9 million people across 46 provinces were impacted by the storm.

Alberto Chidini, 3-405th AFSB director of supply, is responsible for coordinating the preparation of USAID supplies for transport to those in need.

"We packaged 340 rolls of plastic sheeting, 3,360 hygiene kits, and 6,600 each of ten-liter collapsible water containers," Chidini explained. "USAID then transported the supplies to the Pisa Airport and airlifted them directly to Iloilo Airport in the Philippines."

CSM returns cycling salute to military

By C.W. Fick, Jr. ASC Public Affairs

A rousing Salute to the Military put an exclamation point on the end of the Register's Annual Great Bicycle Ride Across Iowa at ceremonies in the Mississippi River town of LeClaire, Iowa.

Event organizers used the July 26 finish-line ceremony to salute the men and women of the Armed Forces, including several military teams taking part in the 470-mile ride.

More than 15,000 riders dipped their wheels in the Mississippi, then joined the crowd for a red, white and blue salute to America's servicemembers. Keynote speaker Command Sgt. Maj. Stephen W. Blake invited military and veteran riders to join him on the stage, to the sustained applause of the audience.

Comparing the riders' spirit with that of America's men and women in uniform, Blake said, "From all across our great nation people have come together here with a common goal... wheel to wheel and heart to heart, they've been determined to finish, to see their vision come true, stopping only at the end."

"We thank you for your tribute," said Blake, U.S. Army Sustainment Command's top NCO. We're your Army, your Navy, your Air Force, your Marine Corps and your Coast Guard. We're proud to serve in your name, for our great nation. On behalf of all my brothers and sisters in arms, out front in the war on terrorism, I want to thank you in the only way an 'old' sergeant major knows how," he said. With that, Blake called the color guard to atten-

tion and snapped off a crisp salute. "We thank you for your dedicated, steadfast and honorable support," he said, to which the crowd replied with loud cheers.

Pausing to reflect, Blake invited the crowd to take a moment of respectful silence for "all of America's servicemembers in harm's way, and their families, who give so much."



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Army Sustainment Command's Command Sgt. Maj. Stephen D. Blake salutes the LeClaire, Iowa, community and RAGBRAI riders.

Blake also found common groumd among RAGBRAI riders, military personnel and LeClaire's most famous son, Buffalo Bill Cody. He was a dedicated American who earned the Medal of Honor as a civilian scout, Blake said, and "shared the same love of freedom and self-determination while riding across the great state of Iowa as a Pony Express rider way back in 1860."

"For the past week you've been riding alongside a couple hundred of America's finest," Blake observed, "sharing freedom and showing them your gratitude and appreciation along the way. I speak for all when I say it's easy to wear this uniform for such a great nation and serve such fine people. You make us all proud to be on your team."

He called on the crowd to keep America's servicemembers and their families in their hearts. "Somewhere in a dark city or on a distant mountaintop... far from home and their loved ones, are American servicemembers, my brothers and sisters... tired, facing danger and fear yet proud and committed to preserving our freedom and our way of life," Blake intoned, concluding with a call to stand by military families, especially those who have suffered loss.



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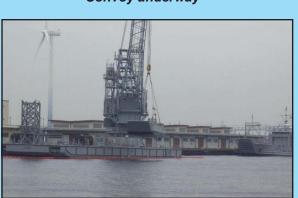
Military RAGBRAI riders surround Command Sgt. Maj. Stephen D. Blake on the stage during LeClaire, lowa's Salute to the Military at the conclusion of the 470-mile ride across lowa.

2008 Pacific Reach Watercraft Exercise

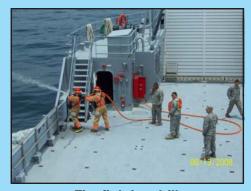
The U.S. Army Materiel Command provided facilities, personnel, Army pre-positioned equipment and maintenance support to the 2008 Pacific Reach Watercraft Exercise June 12-17 in Japan. The U.S. Army Pacific Command, U.S. Army Reserve Command, U.S. Army Forces Command and U.S. Army Japan conducted the exercise. USARPAC led the exercise and delegated command and control to the 8th Theater Sustainment Command. The exercise provided valuable training for more than 200 Army mariners, civilians and DoD contractors - as well as an opportunity for AMC's 403rd Army Field Support Brigade to validate Army Pre-positioned Stock 4 activation procedures and readiness of select APS-4 watercraft. TACOM Life Cycle Management Command was on hand to support the recently installed Command, Control, Communications, Computers and Intelligence packages on the Landing Craft-Utility boats. Six vessels plus the Barge Derrick Crane were activated. The exercise consisted of a Rehearsal of Concept Drill; the activation and issuance of the watercraft to active and reserve units; the conduct of sea trials; performance of crew level tactics, techniques and procedures; and the conduct of watercraft convoy operations.



Convoy underway



Barge Derrick Crane



Fire fighting drill



Landing Craft-Utility boats

BY AMC PUBLIC AFFAIRS



Maj. Gen. Robert M. Radin, commanding general of the U.S. Army Sustainment Command, tosses candy to children during the AMVETS East Moline, III. 4th of July Parade where he served as the Grand Marshall. (US ARMY PHOTO BY RHYS FULLERLOVE)

Dunwoody confirmed as first female four-star

By Army News Service

WASHINGTON (Army News Service, July 24, 2008) -- The U.S. Senate confirmed Wednesday the appointment of Lt. Gen. Ann E. Dunwoody to the grade of four-star general.

Dunwoody, who will be the first woman to serve as a four-star general in the U.S. military, was also confirmed for assignment as commanding general, U.S. Army Materiel Command, headquartered at Fort Belvoir, Va.

"I am truly humbled to be able to continue to serve my country in uniform," Dunwoody said. "I am extremely honored to be selected to lead the men and women of Army Materiel Command - the military, civilian personnel and contractors of AMC - who are among the nation's finest, men and women who continue to serve with dedication during these difficult and uncertain times."

Lt. Gen. Dunwoody's confirmation as a four-star general is the latest achievement for women in the military, dating back to Mary Marshall and Mary Allen, who served as ship nurses during the War of 1812, to Brig. Gen. Anna Mae Hays, the first female general officer in the U.S. Armed Forces. About 5 percent of general officers in the U.S. Army are women, officials said, adding that this includes mobilized Army Reserve and Army National Guard general officers.



LIS ARMY PHOTO

The Senate has confirmed the promotion of Lt. Gen. Ann E. Dunwoody to four-star general, She will be the first female to serve as a four-star general in the United States military.

"I have never considered myself anything but a Soldier," Dunwoody said. "I recognize that with this selection, some will view me as a trailblazer, but it's important that we remember the generations of women, whose dedication, commitment and quality of service helped open the doors of opportunity for us today. There are so many talented women in our Army today ... you would be impressed. So what's even more exciting for me is knowing that while I may

be the first, I know I won't be the last. I'm thrilled with this selection and proud to continue to serve!"

Prior to her recent appointment as deputy commanding general and chief of staff of AMC, Dunwoody served as deputy chief of staff, G-4, United States Army, Washington, D.C.

Dunwoody entered the Army in 1975, and served first as a platoon leader with the 226th Maintenance Company, 100th Supply and Services Battalion, Fort Sill, Okla.

During her 33-year Army career, Dunwoody has served as the commander for the 5th Quartermaster Detachment, 66th Maintenance Battalion, 29th Area Support Group, Germany; commander of the Division Support Command, 10th Mountain Division, Fort Drum, N.Y.; and commanding general, United States Army Combined Arms Support Command and Fort Lee, Fort Lee, Va.

She is the recipient of the Distinguished Service Medal, with oak leaf cluster; the Defense Superior Service Medal; the Legion of Merit, with two oak leaf clusters; the Defense Meritorious Service Medal; the Meritorious Service Medal, with five oak leaf clusters; and the Army Commendation Medal. The general has also earned the master parachutist badge and the parachutist rigger badge.

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Recognize symptoms, prevent heat injury

By Vicki Arneson-Baker
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We are more than half way through the 101 Critical Days of Summer and with July, August and September traditionally the hottest months of the year, the summer heat is just beginning. Each year, heat illness and injury pose a significant threat to Army personnel, both on and off duty. Soldiers are exposed to hot environments during deployments and training events and, when off duty, they and their Families are exposed to the summer heat during outdoor activities.

"There were more than 2,500 heat injuries, including more than 300 heat strokes, among our Soldiers during 2007," according to Brig. Gen. Michael B. Cates, Commander of the U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine and the Army's Functional Proponent for Preventive Medicine."

Heat injury casualties represent a serious threat to the medical readiness and fitness of our military personnel, both in garrison and during deployments, and they are all definitely preventable." It is especially important for Soldiers to remember how to protect themselves, their Battle Buddies and their Families from heat-related injuries. Early recognition of heat injuries is critical to prevent progression to more serious heat injury and death, according to Dr. John Campbell, U.S. Army Combat Readiness Center Command Surgeon.

Individuals should be aware that minor heat illnesses such as heat cramps are the first sign of heat injury, followed by heat exhaustion and major heat injury includes heat stroke. **Heat cramps** are painful muscle spasms that occur in the abdomen, arms, or legs. They affect those who sweat profusely in the heat and drink large quantities of water, but fail to adequately replace the body's salt loss.

Heat exhaustion is the most common heat injury and occurs when the body fatigue and strain on an individual's heart due to overwhelming heat stress. A person suffering from heat exhaustion still sweats but experiences extreme weakness or fatigue, nausea, or headache. An individual suffering from heat exhaustion may have clammy and moist skin, pale or flushed complexion with a normal or slightly elevated body temperature. Other warning signs may include heavy sweating, unsteady walk, dizziness, giddiness, rapid pulse and shortness of breath.

Heat stroke is the most serious heat injury associated with hot environments. It occurs when the body's temperature regulatory systems fails and sweating become inadequate. The body's only effective means of removing excess heat is compromised with little warning to the victim that a crisis stage has been reached. A heat stroke victim's skin is hot, usually dry with no sweating, red or spotted and their body temperature is usually 104 degrees or higher. Other warning signs include rapid, strong pulse, mental confusion, throbbing headache, dizziness, nausea, and can progress to loss of consciousness, coma, or seizures. Heat stroke is a medical emergency and can lead to death.

"Leaders and Soldiers must do more than just have water available," said Campbell. "Heat injury prevention is a command and leadership as well as a personal responsibility. Learn to recognize the signs and symptoms of heat injuries and what you can do to protect yourself and your family."

Employing Interns - MCRP is for All Students

By Julie Wildermuth ASC Public Affairs

Yes, that's correct - the Minority College Relations Program (MCRP) targets minority institutions, not just students. While historically black colleges and universities, Hispanic-serving institutions, and tribal colleges are the main objectives, local colleges and universities are also included in the program. No matter which school they attend, many MCRP student-applicants are minorities, helping boost workplace diversity and improve Equal Employment Opportunity Commission standing.

Lisa Dowdy, program manager for Edgewood Chemical and Biological Center (ECBC), said ECBC became involved in the MCRP in March 2008, successfully employing their first MCRP student



US ARMY PHOTO BY JULIE WILDERMUTH

From the University of Texas-El Paso to Rock Island Arsenal for the 2008 Summer MCRP Intern Program pictured are: William Seelig (left), JMC Historical Office, and Jason Casey, ASC Historial Office. this spring. Dowdy shared her enthusiasm for the MCRP by saying it attracts "qualified students to do quality, high-level projects." Rich Dixon, a general engineer at ECBC and supervisor of an MCRP student, said his team gained a highly motivated self-starter who requires minimal direction, has the ability to work independently, is adaptable to instruction, and is highly qualified to successfully complete the assigned, highly technical projects. Dowdy noted MCRP is "A WIN-WIN for everyone!"

The MCRP doesn't attract run-ofthe-mill collegians; these potential future employees are selected using narrowed skill-sets to take on projects that can be completed cost-effectively for the government in a short time. For THE GLOBAL LINE AUGUST 2008

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features similar to the ACU which would provide its civilians with the same level of protection as Soldiers. The Natick Research, Development and Engineering Center, Natick, Mass., worked with PEO Soldier to create the prototype uniform using the raw materials from the ACU pattern and made it a solid tan color.

"After AMC developed a prototype uniform, Gen. Griffin took it to theater and showed it to the Army leadership and they agreed it would be the right thing to do," said Cargill.

During the pilot, deployed AMC civilians will be issued solid tan-color uniform trousers, uniform coats, a patrol cap and a sun hat. They would also get the extended extreme cold-weather clothing system Gen II parka and helmet cover without communications flap. Tan boots, tan t-shirts and rigger belts are already issued to deploying civilians.

"AMC will go through a formal evaluation process to see how the tan color holds up to stains, and see if the uniform demonstrates an orderly and disciplined appearance. To do this, AMC will talk with civilians wearing it and get opinions from AMC and non-AMC leadership in theater to ensure it is meeting the intent," said Marcia Enyart, a contractor supporting the AMC G-3/5.

The next step is to award the contract for the new uniforms, which will include enough for each AMC civilian to be issued four sets. Once stock levels are sufficient with a variety of sizes, which is expected early next year, the uniforms will be stored in a warehouse at the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Unit Deployment Center - known as the UDC - in Winchester, Va.

Uniforms will be issued to AMC civilians who attend their pre-deployment training at the UDC, while civilians who attend their training at the Continental United States Replacement Center at Fort Benning, Ga., will receive the uniform by mail during the seven-day training session.

"AMC will not retrofit the uniform to civilians already in theater - it will be given to civilians who are deploying at the time the command starts to issue them," said Enyart.

If the program is successful, uniforms could be issued as organizational clothing and individual equipment to all Army civilians who deploy.



The AMC civilian uniform prototype includes a solid tan-colored version of the Army Combat Uniform with places for the standard nameplate and civilian-specific insignia.

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the Army Sustainment Command (ASC) and Joint Munitions Command (JMC), the MCRP is centrally-funded, creating a new source of short-term manpower. The students gain valuable work experience by interacting with seasoned employees, bringing their own environmentally diverse perspective from various places across the U.S., and are among the best and brightest out there. Mike Styvaert, JMC supervisor of a returning student, touted the student under his tutelage as "outgoing, energetic, smart, unafraid, hands-on, well-rounded, and bringing a new perspective and fresh ideas to the project which helps his team to challenge assumptions."

The local MCRP is a model for the Department of Army program, according to Patty Vyncke, MCRP coordinator. Possibilities include a Student Career Experience Program - Cooperative Program, a 10-week Summer Internship, and a 15-week Spring Internship. While the main objective of program managers is to encourage recruitment of students and faculty for internships, MCRP team leaders perform many other functions to lay the groundwork for a successful outcome, includ-

ing making campus visits, arranging memoranda of understanding with institutions and acting as advisors on curriculum enhancement to fulfill future government-related requirements.

So how can a supervisor get involved in the MCRP? Vyncke sends periodic e-mail data calls to each staff element announcing the program with a suspense date for submission of the performance work statement (PWS). "The PWS spells out the specific tasks the student will complete during their internship," said Richard Jayne, MCRP co-team leader. He noted the PWS should also lay out specific skill-sets, abilities, and educational requirements, such as: years of college completed, knowledge of specific computer skills, and specific college major. For a sample PWS or more details, contact Vyncke at DSN 793-4216.

The current MCRP includes member participants from ASC, JMC, ECBC, and the Rock Island Arsenal (RIA) - Garrison. "One of the goals of the MCRP is to reach out to other RIA-tenant organizations and the 1st Army, when they arrive, to eventually include all Arsenal Island organizations in the program," said Jerry DeLaCruz, MCRP senior advisor.