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## Inspector General behind the scenes



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**Lt. Gen. Peter M. Vangjel, U.S. Army inspector general, listens as John London, Technical Center, U.S. Army Space and Missile Defense Command/Army Forces Strategic Command, explains the command's role and work in small satellites during Vangjel's visit to SMDC April 9 as part of a longer visit to Redstone Arsenal, Ala. While at SMDC, Vangjel received a command overview brief, a tour of the Concepts Analysis Laboratory and a tour of the Joint Air Defense Operations Center-Development Test Lab. He also provided his own overview to SMDC military and civilian leaders of issues facing the U.S. Army and how leaders impact those issues.**



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### Lest we forget



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**Sgt. 1st Class Reginald E. White Sr., U.S. Army Space and Missile Defense Command/Army Forces Strategic Command's Equal Opportunity advisor, speaks about the Holocaust to SMDC's Redstone Arsenal, Ala., employees as part of the command's Days of Remembrance observance April 16.**

## Command invites you to say farewell to CSM

The U.S. Army Space and Missile Defense Command/Army Forces Strategic Command invites you to say farewell to its senior enlisted leader as Command Sgt. Maj.

Larry S. Turner prepares to pass the reigns to Command Sgt. Maj. James N. Ross in a change of responsibility ceremony April 26 at 2 p.m. in the Von Braun III Auditorium.

## SMDC hosts Bible study

The SMDC's Chaplain's Office in Huntsville, Ala., hosts a weekly Bible study Wednesdays from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in room

1054. It is open to everyone, and participants may bring a lunch. For more information, call (256) 955-1078.

## Command hosts luncheon

There is a Resiliency Lunch and Learn every Thursday in Huntsville, Ala., from noon to 1 p.m. in Room 5014W.

Forces Strategic Command personnel.

It is open to all U.S. Army Space and Missile Defense Command/Army

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# Senior leader reflects on time with command

**Jason B. Cutshaw**  
**SMDC Public Affairs**

**REDSTONE ARSENAL, Ala.** – Soon, Soldiers, civilians and family members of U.S. Army Space and Missile Defense Command/Army Forces Strategic Command will say farewell to their senior enlisted leader.

Command Sgt. Maj. Larry S. Turner will pass the reigns to Command Sgt. Maj. James N. Ross in a Change of Responsibility April 26.

Before leaving the command, and the Army in which he spent 35 years, Turner talked about what he has enjoyed most about his time at USASMDC/ARSTRAT.

“Being named the SMDC command sergeant major has been the highlight in a career full of highlights,” Turner said. “I have enjoyed serving with and leading the most dedicated Soldiers and civilians here are at SMDC/ARSTRAT as we have faced difficult and challenging times together.”

Turner’s past assignments have included Fort Bragg, N.C.; Vicenza, Italy; Fort Benning, Ga.; Atlanta, Ga.; Fort Leonard Wood, Mo.; Bagram Airfield, Afghanistan, and many more. He said that among all of the units he has served in and all the Soldiers he has served with, he would like to be remembered as one who took care of his Warfighters.

“I would like to be remembered as a leader who took care of our Soldiers, civilians and their families,” Turner said. “As long as I ensured they were taken care of, they ensured they took care of America. I have always remembered that I was once a private, and I remember the senior noncommissioned officers – first sergeants and sergeants major – who mentored me on my career path. I hope I did as much for my Soldiers as my leaders did for me.”

Turner took a moment to thank all of the Soldiers and civilians in the command who are dedicated to protecting America’s troops in the field as they are protecting loved ones back home.

“SMDC/ARSTRAT space and missile defense Soldiers and civilians prove time and time again that they are ready for any challenge placed in their way,” Turner said. “Their dedication to duty is second-to-none. I am in awe of what they accomplish on a daily basis. We have world-class warriors serving around the globe to



*File photo*

**Command Sgt. Maj. Larry S. Turner, command sergeant major of U.S. Army Space and Missile Defense Command/Army Forces Strategic Command speaks at a USASMDC/ARSTRAT town hall meeting in Huntsville, Ala., Oct. 9, 2012. Turner will pass the reigns to Command Sgt. Maj. James N. Ross in an SMDC change of responsibility ceremony April 26.**

protect our nation. I am thankful to have served with them and grateful for all they do.

As he prepares to retire, Turner said he is proud of all the command does for the security of the nation and that he could not be more impressed with the SMDC team.

“This command has an awesome responsibility and I am proud to have been a part of this team that continuously strives to put the nation first and provide capabilities to our Warfighters at the tip of the spear,” Turner said. “I have never been around a more professional team and thank them for what they do to protect our nation.”

Turner had a few words for the incoming command sergeant major, Ross, who served as command sergeant major for the 1st Space Battalion, 1st Space Brigade as well as the 32nd Air and Missile Defense Command, and knows all about SMDC.

“If you take care of our Soldiers and civilians, our Soldiers and civilians will take care of you,” Turner said. “Our troops have never failed to accomplish a mission we have given them. They are some of the best our country has and as long as we provide the best leadership and equipment to them, they will only get better.”

# STRATCOM commander visits students

**Sgt. Benjamin Crane**  
**100th MDB Public Affairs**

**COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo.**

– The commander of the U.S. Strategic Command visited the Ground-based Midcourse Defense Training and Exercise Center, or GTEC, April 4 to visit Soldiers in the first Command Launch Equipment Operators Course.

Air Force Gen. C. Robert Kehler dropped in on the missile defenders during their training to see for himself the newest course offered by the GTEC.

This is the first time that this two-week course has been offered to the Soldiers. The CLE has historically been manned by civilian contractors but because of recent mandates, the military has decided that since the CLE is an integral part of the GMD system, it should be manned by a Warfighter.

“I think it’s important for him to be able to see what the Warfighter is going to do in the CLE and how they fit in with the GMD,” said Chief Warrant Officer 4 Matthew A. Betzmer, systems integrator for the 100th Missile Defense Brigade and training developer for the GTEC.

The CLE operators watch and maintain the systems that monitor the status of the Ground-based Interceptors while still in the ground.

“The purpose for the course is to teach the Warfighter how to operate



Photo by Sgt. Benjamin Crane

*Warrant Officer 1 Rusty Craig explains the duties of a command launch equipment operator to Air Force Gen. C. Robert Kehler, commander of U.S. Strategic Command, during his visit to the first Command Launch Equipment Operators Course at the Ground-based Midcourse Defense Training and Exercise Center in Colorado Spring, Colo., April 4.*

the command launch equipment for the Ground-based Midcourse Defense System,” Betzmer said. “We want a Warfighter in the kill chain and having Soldiers there will complete that.”

To qualify for this course, Soldiers have to be GMD operators so they would have experience with the systems and already been through the basic courses.

“We want them to have a good understanding of what the CLE does,

where it fits into the ballistic missile defense system architecture and what it provides to the GMD,” Betzmer added.

Since it was the pilot class for the GTEC instructors, they had to make sure the information was presented in a way that Soldiers understood, and they tried to iron out all the wrinkles they could going into the new class.

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# Centurions' show their mettle during challenge

**Staff Sgt. Jacqueline Morris**  
**C Company, 53rd Signal Bn.**

**KAISERSLAUTERN, Germany** – Charlie Company, 53rd Signal Battalion (SATCON), conducted their “Centurion Challenge” field exercise March 13-15.

The exercise enabled senior noncommissioned officers to demonstrate the ability of their junior NCOs to execute fundamental Soldier tasks such as providing force protection of the satellite communications facility, battle drills, and overall junior leader initiative.

Classroom instruction was also given on: test, measurement and diagnostic equipment, or TMDE; chemical biological, radiological and nuclear, or CBRN; Army Substance Abuse Program; sexual harassment/assault response and prevention program; safety; and maintenance essentials. Sgt. Vincent Samson, senior satellite communication controller and safety NCO, briefed members of the company on summer safety guidelines. Staff Sgt. William Hannon, maintenance and CBRN NCO, taught Soldiers proper TMDE utilization and practices. He also presented a thorough block of instruction on CBRN detection equipment.

Squad and team leaders organized most of the training events and ensured their Soldiers were given the knowledge to accurately and proficiently execute tasks and exceed expectations.

Spc. Sean Palo and Spc. Ezekiel Willis, SATCOM controllers and recent graduates from the Warrior Leader Course in Grafenwoehr,



*Courtesy photo*

**Staff Sgt. William Hannon (center), maintenance and chemical, biological, radiological, and nuclear noncommissioned officer, instructs Charlie Company Soldiers on proper test, measurement and diagnostic equipment utilization and practices as part of the company's "Centurion Challenge" that took place March 13-15.**

Germany, displayed remarkable skill during the execution of the battle drill exercise conducted. Sgt. 1st Class Clayton Vanlangendonck, platoon sergeant, and Sgt. Toby Hensley, squad leader and senior SATCOM controller, organized and ran battle drill tasks involving moving under direct and indirect fire, performing voice communications, using visual signaling techniques, moving as a member of a team, and selecting a hasty fighting position.

Palo and Willis were able to implement everything they learned at the WLC while providing assistance to their battle buddies. Capt. Jeffrey Keenan, Charlie Company commander, awarded both with a four-day pass for their outstanding performance.

The “Charlie Centurions” also took part in a night fire range on March 14. This consisted of Soldiers engaging targets and expending all rounds in their first magazine, quickly donning their protective masks, reassuming a

prone unsupported fighting position, and continuing to fire in a simulated CBRN environment.

The three-day challenge ended with an awards and promotion ceremony. Recipients who received honors were: Staff Sgt. Joshua Rodriguez, SATCOM control supervisor, Senior Space Badge; Spc. Ethan Frye and Spc. Nathaniel Stager, SATCOM controllers, Army Good Conduct Medal; and Pfc. Gilbert Sanchez-Ramirez, SATCOM controller, promoted to specialist.

“The exercise proved to be a great opportunity for the company to focus on small unit leadership, enabling leaders to validate the military decision-making process and eight-step training process, and for Soldiers to enhance their skills and proficiency at battle-focused tasks outside their normal scope of operations,” Keenan said. “The unit’s cohesion and esprit de corps remained at a high level throughout the exercise.”

# Space Soldiers cross into NCO Corps

DJ Montoya  
SMDC Public Affairs

**PETERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Colo.** – The blinding flash of a blade from a sword bearer was drawn across the stage floor by the 1st Space Brigade Command Sgt. Maj. Thomas Eagan indicating an imaginary ‘Induction Line’ as he said to all present, “Inductees, step forward and cross the line into the Noncommissioned Officer Corps.”

These action and words represented the heart of the 2013 1st Space Brigade NCO Induction Ceremony, with participation by the 100th Missile Defense Brigade (Ground-based Midcourse Defense), April 5 at the Peterson auditorium.

The solemn occasion included a Fallen Soldier Tribute with accompanying bagpiper and the lighting of three candles during the reciting of the NCO Creed. 1st Space Brigade Soldiers also performed in traditional uniform the ‘Watches.’

Before the Soldiers could be recognized in the full status of an NCO, they were required to stand four watches, one every four days.

“This induction ceremony plays an important role signifying the transition from Soldier to leader,” said Eagan, before introducing the guest speaker for this year’s event, Command Sgt. Maj. Robert A. Winzenried, senior enlisted leader for North American Aerospace Defense Command U.S. Northern Command. “As leaders we must not ever forget: who - who we are or who we serve or who we represent. We must also remember where we came from and why we are the backbone of the Army. Today our Soldiers will cross the line of the



Photo by DJ Montoya

**Sgt. 1st Class Jeremy L. Emrick, retention noncommissioned officer for the 1st Space Brigade, performs the Fallen Soldier Tribute as part of the 2013 1st Space Brigade NCO Induction Ceremony at the Peterson Air Force Base, Colo., auditorium April 5.**

NCO Corp.”

Winzenried told the inductees, “So you are now going to enter into that world where you are going to be where the rubber meets the road.

“You are going to be looking knee-cap to knee-cap with Soldiers and having to tell them what is going on. Not to blow smoke and not to tell them everything is great. But to find things that are going to keep them motivated, keep them on track to be in your shoes one of these days,” he continued. “As a senior leader none of us got here by ourselves. We always get here because of the people with whom we surround ourselves. And so when you are out there building your teams you have got to really look at who you want to surround yourself with.”

In closing he reminded these new NCOs that, “It is all about positive leadership. It is that positive attitude that is going to get your folks through and get you through tough times. Never forget, positive leadership is the key.”

After these remarks, the fourth watch (crossing the line and joining the NCO Corps) was performed on stage with Winzenried and Eagan presenting 29 inductees with a copy of the NCO Creed. They also received a copy of the Field Manual 7-22.7, The Army Noncommissioned Officer Guide and the History of the Noncommissioned Officer.

There were nine inductees from Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Space Brigade; 15 inductees from 1st Space Battalion; two inductees from 53rd Signal Battalion; and three inductees from the 100th Missile Defense Brigade.

The history of the NCO Corps extends to the earliest days of the U.S. Army, but the role of the NCO did not change significantly until 1775, with the birth of the Continental Army. What little is known about the NCO role comes from two main sources: training manuals and scattered accounts by Soldiers. The predominant sources are writings by NCO volunteers in the Civil War.

# Soldier puts on snow mobile course

**Capt. Michael Odgers**  
**100th MDB Public Affairs**

**FORT GREELY, Alaska** – Spring is in the air. Days are getting warmer. People are beginning to plan and participate in more outdoor activities, but for the Soldiers of Fort Greely, Alaska, they never stopped.

All winter, Soldiers have been enjoying the outdoors of interior Alaska. Understanding that safety can never take a holiday, Warrant Officer Russell Craig, 49th Missile Defense Battalion, hosted a snow-mobile safety course the last weekend of March.

Craig, a Colorado native and avid rider, was concerned with the increasing number of riders and the increasing power of the mobiles and the fact that the Army really did not have a very robust snow mobile safety program. He felt obligated to hold a course and this was the third one he has offered.

“It helps get people into a sport they haven’t tried before,” Craig said about the newcomers. “Anybody who wanted to go could go.”

The course instructed students on how to brake, how to dig out if stuck or buried in snow, helping friends and how to read the terrain, snow conditions, and how to watch for potential hazards. In addition to teaching riders and owners safe practices, Craig was able to negotiate with Fort Greely Morale, Welfare and Recreation, for his course to fulfill their requirement to rent a machine.

Craig was able to pool his resources by getting Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers and MWR to assist in renting and transporting the machines and help put on the event.

After all the safety instruction was out of the way, Sgt. Trevor Cousin, 49th Missile Defense Battalion, said the rest of the day was spent with Soldiers breaking off into ability groups to practice what they learned and enjoy what they love, complete with a barbeque.

“It was excellent, the weather was great and we learned a lot,” Cousin said. “I was surprised at the skill level of the other riders and how quickly everyone caught on.”

Winter conditions at Fort Greely can last from early October to late April. Snow mobiling is a popular way to spend those long winters and enjoy the outdoors. Within a short drive of the post, one can find trails to ride or hills to climb. Snow mobiling is such an integral part of life in the area that one will see them all over town. Kids



*Photo by 1st Sgt. Maureen Meehan*

**Warrant Officer Russell Craig, 49th Missile Defense Battalion, takes a jump at Summit Lake after a Snow Mobile Safety Course hosted the last weekend of March. The course not only imparted safety skills, but provided the opportunity for Fort Greely, Alaska, Soldiers to get out and enjoy the Alaska surroundings.**

even take them to school. Residents on Fort Greely are allowed to ride snow mobiles out the front gate to ride some of the nearby trails.

“It definitely gives you something to do. There’s plenty of challenges, you can hill climb, trail ride or ride around town,” Cousin said.

Originally from Michigan, he is no stranger to snow, and had been an avid snowmobiler before arriving at Fort Greely.

In a remote location like Fort Greely, having an outdoor activity allows one to enjoy the area, and relieve stress, and it will go a long way to help surviving the long winters in Alaska.

“It’s imperative that you motivate the Soldiers within the battalion to stay active during the winter months,” said Command Sgt. Maj. John Drew, 49th Missile Defense Battalion. “Whether it’s just going outdoors when weather permits, or picking up an activity like snow mobiling, ice-fishing, or trapping.”

The course was taught at Summit Lake, about an hour and a half drive from Fort Greely. Summit Lake is beautiful in the summer and a winter paradise for snow mobilers. It is home to one of the most popular snow mobile events in Alaska – Arctic Man Classic and Sno-Go.

Each year 10,000 spectators and thousands of snow mobiles spend a week there racing and snow mobiling.

“In order to enjoy Alaska and what it has to offer, you need to adapt to the winter activities as well as the summer activities,” Drew said about what MWR has to offer. “And we’re 65 miles from some of the best snow mobile areas in the state of Alaska.”

# SMDC History: Fletcher Report defines SDI

**Sharon Watkins Lang**  
**SMDC Command Historian**

Thirty years ago in March 1983, President Ronald Reagan announced his Strategic Defense Initiative as a significant shift in the concept of American defenses. His speech urged scientific leaders to explore the development of missile defenses as an alternative to nuclear war.

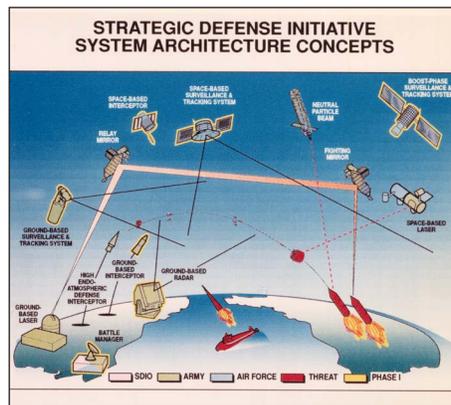
His ultimate goal was to “render nuclear weapons impotent and obsolete.”

Three weeks later, on April 18, Reagan issued guidance for a two-part special study. The Defense Technologies Study, headed by James C. Fletcher, was tasked to assess the technology initiatives for the new missile defense program. Meanwhile the Future Security Strategy Study, headed by Fred S. Hoffman, assessed the strategic and policy implications of such a defense program.

Completed in October, the Hoffman Report concluded that missile defenses could enhance deterrence. In addition, the development of an anti-tactical ballistic missile system could effectively contribute toward development of a national missile defense system.

The report went further to advocate for the deployment of a smaller limited system - the ATBM system, which would be within the boundaries of the Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty. They reasoned that any missile defenses would be deemed beneficial with regard to deterrence.

The Fletcher Committee composed of 50 scientists and engineers, to include U.S. Army Space and Missile Defense Command/Army Forces



Strategic Command’s former Technical Director Dr. James R. Fisher and the former head of the Advanced Ballistic Missile Defense Agency, Dr. Julian Davidson, also issued an initial draft in October.

The final report entitled “Report of the Study on Eliminating the Threat Posed by Nuclear Ballistic Missiles,” or the Fletcher Report, however was not published until February 1984.

Following a lengthy assessment, the multi-volume Fletcher Report included for example the following conclusions:

Powerful new technologies justify a major technology development effort; Focused development of technologies will require strong central management; System component survivability is critical and requires a combination of technologies and tactics that remain to be worked out; and significant demonstrations of developing technologies for critical ballistic missile defense functions can be performed over the next 10 years that will provide visible evidence of progress in developing the technical capabilities required of an effective in-depth system.

The detailed Fletcher report further outlined two models for a new mis-

sile defense research program based upon available funding levels.

The recommended plan was known as the technology constrained option. It incorporated five basic research areas: Systems (Analysis and Battle Management); Surveillance, Acquisition, Tracking and Kill Assessment; Directed Energy Weapons; Kinetic Energy Weapons; and Support Technologies.

Support technologies was a broad term encompassing survivability, lethality, space power, space logistics, communications, computers and software. The panel laid out a six-year funding scheme for this initiative at \$1.405 billion in 1984, \$2.385 billion in 1985, \$3.43 billion in 1986, \$4.284 billion in 1987, \$4.623 billion in 1988, and \$4.766 in 1989.

The second option, known as the fiscally constrained program, was defined by much lower funding levels. The goal for this program was to accomplish as much as possible within these categories at reduced fiscal levels.

Ultimately, Reagan opted to implement the technology constrained program. This input was the foundation for the establishment of SDI and subsequently the Strategic Defense Initiative Organization (the origins of the Missile Defense Agency).

Designed with centralized management and decentralized execution, the SDIO provided oversight but execution was assigned to the services. As the service with the most advanced programs in this field, the Army and the U.S. Army Strategic Defense Command, a predecessor to USASMDC/ARSTRAT, was a leader in the new missile defense.

# Command Safety Gram

*Remember safety awareness when cleaning*

Each year many look forward to that special time of year, "Spring." For many, it is the time of year when they emerge from wintering shelters and engage in the annual ritual of spring cleaning.

Follow these simple tips to keep this annual ritual safe for everyone.

## Fire Safety Tips

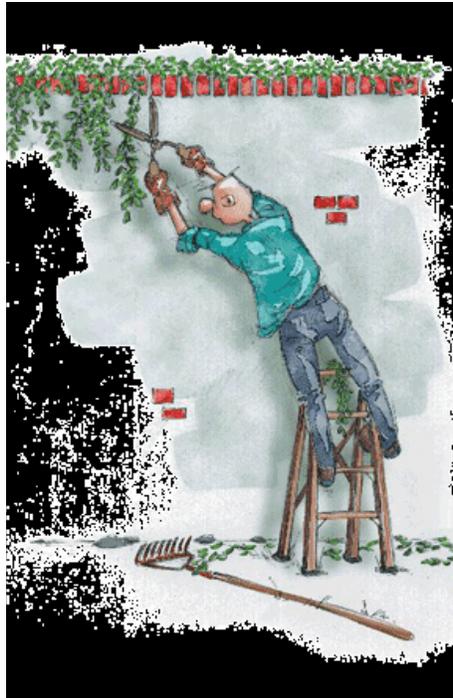
Spring is a great time to clean the house throw away unwanted items. It's also a great time to check for potential fire hazards.

- ◆ Check the house for any stored papers or any other unnecessary combustible materials.
- ◆ Keep the area under stairs clear of combustibles as well.
- ◆ Check yards for any woodpiles, branches or papers that could prove tempting to someone wanting to light a fire.
- ◆ Make sure to clean grills and check for leaks, breaks and other wear and tear.
- ◆ Check smoke alarms monthly.

## General Cleaning Tips

While spring cleaning is a rewarding activity, it can also be a risky one. Falls, cuts and electrical shock are just some of the injuries which can occur.

- ◆ Wear protective clothing. Sturdy shoes will protect feet if someone drops something or steps on something sharp. Wear gloves to protect hands from minor injuries, and don't forget hearing and eye protection.
- ◆ Beware of electrical hazards.



Keep moisture away from electrical appliances and outlets. Don't spray cleaning products directly onto light switches or the fuse panel area of an electrical stove.

◆ Slips, trips and falls are common household accidents, and they can occur easily when the house is in disarray during spring cleaning. Keep traffic areas clear of buckets, cords, boxes and other obstacles. Clean up spills promptly, and move carefully on damp surfaces.

◆ Ladders are involved in many serious injuries at home. Make sure a ladder is in good condition. Place the base of the ladder on a solid, even surface. Do not stand on the top few rungs of a ladder. Do not lean away from the ladder because this can cause it to tip over. Always watch out for overhead hazards.

## Household Chemicals

Many household chemicals and paints can present hazards to family members, particularly children. Ensure precautions are taken to keep all safe and sound.

- ◆ Get rid of old household chemicals and paints. Know community disposal rules and dispose of them properly.
- ◆ Close lids to chemicals and paints when not in use. Ensure they always put safely away when the work is finished.
- ◆ Never leave children unsupervised when paints and chemicals are in use.
- ◆ Read the instructions carefully and make sure they are read and understood. Pay particular attention to flammability cautions and ventilation requirements.

While enjoying the weather and dusting off the cobwebs of winter, remember to take the safety awareness job with you.



## SMDC team visits Alpha Company



*Courtesy photo*

**A Colorado Springs, Colo., team visiting from 53rd Signal Battalion (Satellite Control) and the G-6/Satellite Command Division of U.S. Army Space and Missile Defense Command/Army Forces Strategic Command check out A Company, 53rd Signal Bn.'s new satellite tracking terminal at Fort Detrick, Md., March 28. According to officials, the visit included Wideband Global Satellite Communications train-up and several Wideband Satellite Communications Operations Center force modernization projects. The team was also briefed on the capabilities of the Modernization of Enterprise Terminals program. Alpha Company is the first WSOC to utilize this new terminal. The project is scheduled to be completed at the end of May. Seen here at the base of the new MET are (clockwise from top) Michael Britton, A Co.; Capt. Mark Anderson, A Co. commander; Steven Casalino, 53rd Signal Bn.; Daniel Smith, SMDC/ARSTRAT; 1st Sgt. Lawrence Kid, Jr., A Co.; and Wing Commander Patrick Del Guidice, SMDC/ARSTRAT. Smith and Del Guidice are part of the Australian Department of Defense and assigned to SMDC through the cooperation of the U.S. and Australian governments.**

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“The class went very smoothly,” said 1st Lt. Juan Andrini, a student in the CLE course and soon to be Detachment 1, 100th Missile Defense Brigade commander in Vandenberg, Calif. “The class did exactly what it was designed to do by teaching me the CLE hardware and

CLE software and I feel confident that I know how to do my job.”

Having the general visit this historic class spoke volumes to the Soldiers in the class and even to the missile defense community as a whole.

“I think the most impactful thing

the general said while he was talking to the Soldiers in the class was that even though the president and secretary of defense don’t know who we were individually, they know we are here and what we do,” Andrini said. “That was good to hear from our standpoint.”