



## **Missile Defense Advocacy Alliance Breakfast**

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Good Morning – is this another Hooah Day in Huntsville or what?

I'm glad to have this opportunity to talk to you this morning. I don't have to tell you all that MDAA is a great supporter of our Global Missile Defense effort. I'd like to single out Riki Ellison -- thanks for all you do; your leadership and tireless efforts to bring important missile defense issues to a public light – and to recognize our missile defense Soldiers.

And MDAA supports our Soldiers – recognizing MAJ Mike Tobey, 100<sup>th</sup> Missile Defense Brigade, as the Missile Defender of the Year; the contributions of the men and women of the 100<sup>th</sup> Missile Defense Brigade at their February business luncheon, and CPT Kirby Atwell as the MDAA Missile Defender of the Month in April.

I also realize Riki doesn't just sit around only thinking about missile defense challenges. Riki's Youth Impact Program -- started in 2005 -- is a statement to his dedication to making our nation stronger – by helping disadvantaged youth build a better future for themselves and their families. So thank you for your service to our nation in so many ways.

Thanks to all of you for your continued support to our military –to our Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, Marines, Coast Guardsmen and Civilians who go into harm's way. If you heard my remarks yesterday, you heard me talk about the late CPT Chip Ramsey and several of our wounded warriors – who have served and sacrificed for our nation with pride and selflessness.

So as we move into this next fiscal year and face austere budget challenges, it is the men and women in uniform, and the civilians that support them -- that we must keep in the forefront of our minds. We don't need the gold standard –



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just good enough. We are asking our Soldiers and Civilians to do more with less, as good stewards of our taxpayer dollars. And we will look for ways to find efficiencies – including examining ways to do things differently than in the past.

But this morning, I'm not going to talk about budget cuts, or efficiencies, or the need for missile defense or space capabilities. Instead, I want to talk about the Soldiers and Civilians who deliver those capabilities. In our vision statement, we talk about precise, confident, fit, disciplined Soldiers; tough, caring leaders; and a talented workforce consisting of Soldiers, Civilians and contractors who are dedicated public servants. Yesterday, I talked about what we do – this morning I want to share some examples of who does it.

I want you all to know a little bit more about the dedicated Soldiers and Civilians who every day employ the capabilities many of you help build, and the spirit in which they execute their mission in support of our Combatant Commands and the Warfighter.

With us today are two of our finest Soldiers. I'm proud to introduce to you again this morning our SMDC/ARSTRAT NCO of the Year – SSG Andrew Brown and our SMDC/ARSTRAT Soldier of the Year – SPC Brandon Kitchen . SSG Brown is a Company Master Trainer and Evaluations NCO for the JTAGS early warning systems operators, 1<sup>st</sup> Space Company, 1<sup>st</sup> Space Battalion, and is stationed in Peterson AFB, Colorado. SPC Kitchen is a satellite communications operator/maintainer with Bravo Company, 53<sup>rd</sup> Signal Battalion (Ft Meade) . Please join me in a round of applause for their achievement.

So let me highlight just a few of the things our Soldiers and Civilians do to deliver capabilities.

Starting with our operational deployed forces: a Commercial Imagery Team currently deployed in support of OIF, led by Captain Mike Hance, joins a long line of space support teams up to 68 deployed to support the Afghanistan and Iraqi theaters. His team has been helping our forces work closely with their



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Afghan partners by finding ways to share imagery with them without using the restricted U.S. national systems. The Commercial Imagery Team from our 1<sup>st</sup> Space Brigade is a valuable asset to a theater commander because it brings providing high resolution unclassified commercial satellite imagery to U.S. forces, coalition forces, and non-government organizations that can be openly shared with coalition partners and Afghan and Iraqi counterparts.

CPT Hance's team also provides commercial imagery to USAFRICOM in an effort to thwart would-be pirates; to SOUTHCOM in support of humanitarian relief in Haiti; and PACOM for the Japan earthquakes. So they're a small group of skilled space Soldiers delivering real capabilities to the Warfighter.

SMDC/ARSTRAT Civilians deliver capabilities to the operational fight every day – our Geospatial Intelligence Division used satellite imagery and special exploitation techniques to provide products to USPACOM on the damage to the Fukushima Nuclear power site and its continued impacts.

SMDC/ARSTRAT Division Analyst Dave Jones from our Colorado Springs location, a former Navy intelligence analyst, was able to use commercial imagery to determine for USPACOM that the berthing area near the plant was clear of debris allowing for the entrance of U.S. Naval vessels and equipment the next day. Simultaneously the Division's civilian analysts were working 24/7 to provide classified GEOINT support for AFRICOM in support of U.S. and NATO allied operations in Libya. Again – space professional delivering capabilities.

On the missile defense side of the command – I'll highlight the seven California National Guard Soldiers of Det 1, 100<sup>th</sup> Missile Defense Brigade. Like its counterpart at Fort Greely, Alaska, this small but capable detachment operates 24/7/365. The detachment, led by Captain Scott Palermo, provides USNORTHCOM and USSTRATCOM with support and situational awareness of the current state of our GBI assets and is responsible for the control of a GBI launch. We place significant trust in this small team, and they bring critical missile defense capability to the defense of our Homeland.



In Alaska, our Military Police Company, provided by the Alaska National Guard (under our 49<sup>th</sup> MD Battalion) -- secure the Fort Greely missile fields. You could argue that the MPs in Alaska have the much harder mission – protecting our vital GBIs in the 40-degree-below-zero temperatures of an Alaskan winter. Last spring, during STRATCOM’s annual Global Lightning exercise, we tested the preparedness of our MPs at Ft. Greely; assessed their responses to a variety of challenging scenarios, and they came through with strong performances. SFC Class Robert Carson, platoon sergeant, 2nd Platoon led his team through several attacks that called upon his Soldiers’ training and communication in high-intensity situations. They demonstrated that they are well trained and ready -- and delivering capability to protect the missiles that defend our Homeland.

Alabama was hit hard by tornadoes on 26 April. Two members of our command’s Future Warfare Center used capabilities to support local, state and national authorities in efforts to save lives and help in recovery operations. Justin Novak, a Monrovia volunteer fire fighter, and Drew Ballance, worked long hours providing commercial satellite imagery for tornado damage assessment to local, state, and federal agencies. Justin used his experience as a fire fighter to better focus their efforts. We value and appreciate Justin's and Drew's efforts during this very critical time – 2 space professionals delivering capabilities to our nation and to local communities.

In technology development, our Program Managers balance competing demands as they deal with cost, schedule and performance challenges – and to deliver capabilities. The manager for our LEMV program – the Long Endurance Multi-Intelligence Vehicle -- is Ms. Julia Williams.

Last year, we had an urgent requirement for an experienced technical manager to be the program manager for LEMV—a top priority program for HQDA G2 and the Joint ISR Task Force. We had to execute a very aggressive schedule for development and testing in order to deploy to theater for a military utility assessment. Julia had her retirement papers in and was less than a month from retiring, and we asked her to run the program. Once



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she learned about the potential to support Soldiers in current operations in Afghanistan, she changed her personal plans, postponed her retirement, and assumed PM responsibilities. She's worked nights, weekends, and holidays in support of this effort and has been a motivating factor to the LEMV team. It is selfless, dedicated public servants like Ms. Williams who help us provide critical capabilities to the Army and to the nation.

Our joint team assigned to JFCC-IMD also delivers meaningful capabilities. A small headquarters – with just under 120 Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, Marines and Civilians -- they are developing the global framework for GMD – working with the COCOMS and our partner nations – to provide an operational perspective as the stakeholders lay out a framework from which we can deploy an effective global missile defense architecture.

Ms. Kim Bodoh, Dept of the AF Civilian, serves as our Deputy J5, and worked tirelessly to meet the Vice Chairman's intent to produce a comprehensive global framework. Her dedication to mission, while also serving as an Army Reservist responsibilities (LTC) and completing her Army Senior Service school, is truly remarkable. Kim is another example of a professional delivering missile defense capabilities.

In closing – whether it's missile defense or space capabilities provided by the men and women of SMDC/ARSTRAT and JFCC-IMD, we have a team of dedicated professionals serving the Army, the DOD and our nation. They take pride in their mission, and they truly are all members of the Profession of Arms. They are selfless public servants committed to providing space and missile defense capabilities to the Warfighter.

Riki – thanks again for your support to our Soldiers and Civilians –you're your contribution to missile defense in our nation.

Thanks – Hooah!