



VHA educational gaming product wins international competition

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The Employee Education System's (EES) Educational Gaming won the 2017 Serious Games and Virtual Environments Best in Show Award for its game-based learning product, Difficult Airway Algorithm and Rescue Cricothyrotomy, or DAARC. The award was presented Jan. 31 in the Developing Commercial Interest Large Company/Corporation category during the International Meeting on Simulation in Healthcare (IMSH) Jan. 28-Feb. 1, in Orlando. DAARC competed against similar products in the 7th Annual Serious

Games and Virtual Environments Arcade and Showcase competition, which is an IMSH special event.

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Team Orlando Cyber Team visits Kennedy Space Center



The Team Orlando cyber team took a short field trip to the Global Institute for Cybersecurity and Research (GICSR) at NASA/Kennedy Space Center Complex on Feb. 3. The visit focused on how the two parties can collaborate on cyber threat intelligence, information sharing, coordinated responses, and best practices.

Dan Torgler, deputy director for the Joint Training Integration and Evaluation Center and lead for the cyber team, said that these types of opportunities are how key partnerships are formed.

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Volusia County conducts expo and offers students special insight



Approximately 3,400 students attended the EMS/Military Expo on Friday, Jan. 27, at University High School in Orange City, Fla. University High School juniors and seniors along with students from other area high schools (DeLand, Deltona, Mainland, New Smyrna Beach, Pine Ridge and Spruce Creek) visited the Expo.

Many demonstrations from the 50 federal, state and local agencies in attendance, to include the Navy Bomb Squad with their full-up robotics equipment, highlighted the day. Based at Naval Air Station Jacksonville, the Helicopter Maritime Strike Squadron Seven-Two—also known as Proud

Warriors—was a particularly crowded booth, as well as the Army, Air Force, Marines and Navy recruiting commands who brought in games and music.

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Next Industry Capability Day set for March 9



Next month's Team Orlando Industry Capability Day presented by National Center for Simulation will feature 15 companies who specialize in a variety of areas like e-learning solutions, pyrotechnic effects, virtual technologies and medical. The event is scheduled for March 9 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. and takes place in Partnership 3, Room 321 (3039 Technology Parkway).

Industry Capability Day is a great way for businesses with new or upgraded innovative products or services to share those with the Team Orlando workforce, as well as fellow industry members, creating wonderful opportunities for collaboration, networking and discussion. Here is the current line up for next month's event.

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Merger of Central Florida Partnership and Orlando EDC is official!



New organization will enhance economic opportunities, business climate and quality of life in the Orlando region.

The Orlando region will now benefit from the sharp focus of a newly merged economic development and chamber entity. Its top priorities include creating high-wage jobs, expanding Central Florida's global reach and competitiveness, supporting and enhancing educational/skills preparedness in the labor pool,

strengthening advocacy for improved infrastructure and community resources, and creating an enviable quality of life that is broad-based and sustainable.

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I/ITSEC: Great platform for sharing technologies, collaborating



As Team Orlando kicked off 2017, the Services were still basking in the opportunities and achievements that came with the 2016 Interservice/Industry Training, Simulation and Education Conference (I/ITSEC), the world's largest convention that focuses on training systems, education, and simulation technologies.

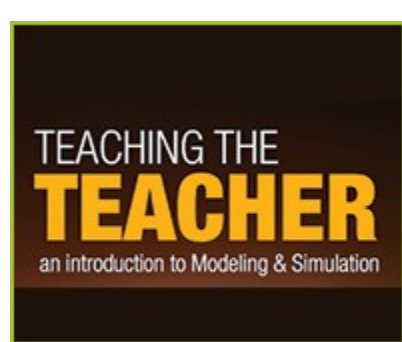
I/ITSEC celebrated its 50-year anniversary, while the year also commemorated the 75th anniversary of the Navy Special Devices Desk created by Commander

Louis de Florez, and the 66 years that the Army and Navy have been working together.

I/ITSEC began 50 years ago at the Navy Device Training Center with a vision to have meaningful discussions between industry and government about what was going on, and what were some of the acquisition challenges they were facing.

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M&S training for SCPS, OCPS teachers planned for June



The National Center for Simulation (NCS), in partnership with Seminole County Public Schools (SCPS), Orange County Public Schools (OCPS), and AEGIS Corporation, will hold a hands-on, three-day modeling and simulation (M&S) training course for educators on June 6-7 in Orlando.

"We are very excited about this course developed for Florida high school and middle school teachers currently or planning to teach M&S, to include courses in simulation, animation, gaming and visualization," said Henry "Hank" Okraski, NCS board member and chair of the NCS Education & Workforce Development Committee. "The invitation is extended to technical school teachers and those few elementary school teachers using or planning to use simulation in the classroom."

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March 1 - 3
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Industry Capability Day
March 9
Partnership 3, Room 321 A/B
8 am to 1 pm
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ACC Orlando PALT meeting
PM TRASYS PALT meeting
Mar. 14
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9 am to 10 am

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1:30 to 3 pm

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Apr. 11
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9 am to 10 am

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Training & Simulation Industry Symposium (TSIS) 2017
June 14-15
Orlando, FL
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NCS Modeling & Simulation Hall of Fame Ceremony
June 29
Orange County Convention Center
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