



Chérie Smith, deputy PEO, “foot stomps” about the need for interoperability



For several years, the Combined Professional Associations Group has hosted the annual Defense Forum Breakfast and invited Team Orlando leadership to address industry attendees on what’s happening in each of their commands – staff changes, challenges, successes and expectations for the coming year. This year’s speakers included representatives from each Team Orlando command, and Chérie Smith, SES, deputy program executive officer for Simulation, Training and Instrumentation (PEO STRI) was the first up to get the event going.

As Smith began her presentation, she took a long look around the room. “As I look around, I believe we could solve all the Department of Defense issues in modeling, simulation and training if we could harness all the power in this room, and bring it together for the common good,” she said.

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NAWCTSD’s Capt. Hill: We cannot do anything by ourselves



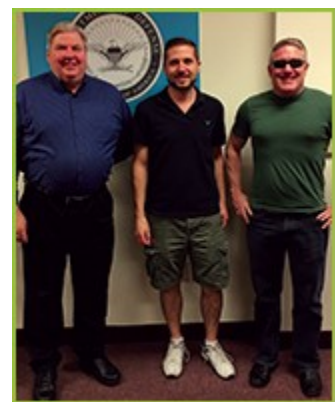
June will mark one year since Captain Timothy Hill assumed the duties as executive officer of Naval Air Warfare Center Training Systems Division (NAWCTSD) and Naval Support Activity (NSA) Orlando.

Hill grew up in the small town of Owensboro, Kentucky – a city he joked was “near itself,” but actually sits in the northwest corner of the state across the river from Indiana. He was an academically strong student-athlete with intentions of attending college, but it wasn’t a family tradition or his lifelong dream to fly that made him decide to serve his country. As the son of a single mother, it came down to

simple economics.

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Sandia National Laboratories helps improve cyber training



Sandia National Laboratories (Sandia), a partner to Team Orlando, hosted a three-day demonstration of Sandia’s Information Design Assurance Red Team (IDART™) training capability on Jan. 31-Feb. 2. The goal of the demonstration was to determine whether Team Orlando could expand its relationship with Sandia to include IDART training for the services.

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BRIDG sensor and imager fabrication lab opening soon



BRIDG will open its new state-of-the-art facility at the end of March. The 109,000-square-foot facility will be one of the most advanced fabrication labs in the world for sensors and imagers.

In this facility, members/partners have the opportunity to share equipment and conduct research needed to profitably access the next-generation sensor and imager economy. Nothing short of an engineering marvel, this new facility is unprecedented in bringing

together the materials, equipment, and metrology to address all levels of industry challenges in a collaborative and inspiring environment.

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Team Orlando participates in Orange Technical College STEM Expo



Continuing to reach out and partner with organizations all throughout the Central Florida region, Team Orlando participated in the Orange Technical College (OTC) STEM Expo on February 24, 2017.

The STEM Expo is an event where major simulation and hi-tech companies engage high school and middle school students from Orange County Public Schools (OCPS) to demonstrate the connection between STEM

-focused academics and career paths that lead to high-skill, high-wage employment in the ever-growing and expanding Central Florida economy. More than one thousand students and teachers participated through local high and middle school registration.

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Capt. Etz: Continued growth expected for NAWCTSD



In January, NAWCTSD and NSA Orlando Commanding Officer, Captain Erik “Rock” Etz, briefed a packed house as part of the annual Combined Professional Associations Group Defense Forum Breakfast. He opened up right away by thanking the group for their work.

“Our team believes that government and industry working together will meet the Fleet needs,” he said. “I am thankful for all the things that we do together that allow the Navy to execute its many missions, to include providing forward presence around the globe and executing national tasking in combat areas when called upon,” he said.

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NCS announces 2017 Modeling & Simulation Hall of Fame class



The National Center for Simulation announced the 2017 class of the Modeling and Simulation Hall of Fame who will be recognized in a special ceremony planned for June 29 at the Orange County Convention Center — home of the Hall of Fame Wall of Honor. Those five individuals are: **David M. Kotick**, Naval Air Warfare Center Training Systems Division, Chief M&S Engineer; **Frederick L. Lewis**, Rear Admiral, United States Navy (Ret); **Robert M. Matthews**, Naval Air Warfare Center Training Systems Division, retired Deputy Technical Director; **Honorable John L. Mica**, U.S. Representative; and **Beverly J. Seay**, M&S Consultant & UCF Trustee.

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Team Orlando Cyber Team visits Special Operations Forces



Team Orlando made another visit to the Special Operations Forces new innovation laboratory located in Ybor City, Tampa. In one of the oldest buildings in Ybor City a flurry of activity is taking place to ensure that the Special Operation Forces maintain their decisive edge.

This is the home of SOFWERX. SOFWERX was created under a Partnership Intermediary Agreement between Doolittle Institute and the United States Special

Operations Command (USSOCOM). SOFWERX has an innovative strategy and business model to speed the connection of cutting-edge research with the minds of returning Special Operations Forces in order to create a high rate of return on technology insertion through the promotion of divergent thought and neutral facilitation.

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