

Project Manager Close Combat Systems

COLONEL'S MESSAGE

I write this update from Bagram, Afghanistan where I am deployed in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. I am witnessing first-hand some of our life-saving products, such as the Self-Protection Adaptive Roller Kit II (SPARK II), a modular roller system that clears the road of improvised explosive devices (IEDs); the Husky Mine Detection System, which provides the Warfighter with enhanced capabilities to detect IEDs and antitank mines along roads with increased operations tempo; and the AN/PSS-14 Mine Detecting Set that expands the range of mine types that our Soldiers can identify as well as increase the hand-held mine detection efficiency. Not only are our products saving lives, they are giving the Soldier the confidence and the flexibility to respond to imminent danger.

As one of the Army's largest and most diverse project offices, Project Manager Close Combat Systems (PM CCS) oversees more than 200 separate programs, many of which are actively supporting Soldiers in Iraq and Afghanistan. My premier mission is to ensure that PM CCS is delivering the most robust, revolutionary advances in technology that allow the Warfighter to respond as necessary to an unpredictable battlefield. PM CCS' recent successes have included responding to over 50 Urgent Materiel Releases in support of combat operations in Iraq and Afghanistan. We support the Warfighter with new products such as the SPARK II roller, the Husky Mounted Detection System, Spider, and Goldie as well as our long-standing products such as the M67 Fragmentation Hand Grenade, handheld signals, flares, as well as a host of shoulder launched munitions, including the Bunker Defeat Munition (BDM), M136 A1 AT4 Confined Space (AT4-CS) and M72 Light Anti-Armor Weapons (LAW).

Now, more than ever I am confident that our collaborations, our history of rapid response programs and our development of effective training and sustainment programs will continue to make our forces more powerful, more flexible and more deployable. At PM CCS we are on a mission.

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