

PM CCS Supports the 2009 Infantry Warfighting Conference

The 2009 Infantry Warfighting Conference was held 21-23 September at the Columbus Convention and Trade Center, Columbus, Georgia. Hosted by MAJ GEN Michael Ferriter and Fort Benning, home to the U.S. Army Infantry Center, the conference attracted over 3,200 attendees, including senior level Army officers, procurement officials, end-users, and defense industry vendors representing the spectrum of Warfighting technologies.

COL Raymond Nulk, project manager for Close Combat Systems, represented PM CCS at the event, along with several subject matter experts from the CCS team who staffed the booth and provided in-depth information and demonstrations. CCS products on display included Networked Munitions' Spider and Scorpion and several flares and signals from the Pyrotechnics Division of PM CCS. Two new shoulder launched munitions were also displayed: the Bunker Defeat Munition (BDM) meets a requirement to fill the lightweight "Bunker Buster" void in the Army inventory, and the AT4 Confined Space (AT4-CS), which can be fired from a confined space, significantly increasing the Soldier's ability to engage in urban conflict.

The goal of the conference, themed Training Leaders for Full Spectrum Operations, was to provide specialized and refresher training to key U.S. Army personnel and bring together the Warfighter community to receive top-notch training and exposure. According to COL Nulk, the event was a great opportunity to interact with both the decision makers and the end-users throughout U.S. Army Warfighting branches. "Soldiers provide value-added feedback which we use to further refine both our training approach and our training strategy for the future," said COL Nulk.

The three-day conference featured notable presentations from members of the Army's top leadership, including GEN David Petraeus, GEN Charles Campbell, LTG William Caldwell, and others. A full recap of the 2009 Infantry Conference can be found online at <https://www.benning.army.mil/iwc/Video%20Components/index.asp>. The web site features extensive coverage of the event, including videos of the conference presentations.