

PM CCS Supports Infantry Warfighting Conference

The 2010 Infantry Warfighting Conference was held 13-15 September at the Columbus Convention and Trade Center, Columbus, Georgia. This year's Conference theme, Developing the Maneuver Force for Wide Area Security and Combined Arms Maneuver, highlighted the ongoing relocation of the United States Army Armor Center and School with the Infantry Center and School at Fort Benning. Hosted by MAJ GEN Michael Ferriter and Fort Benning, home to the newly established Maneuver Center of Excellence, the conference attracted over 3,000 attendees, including senior level Army officers, procurement officials, end-users, and defense industry vendors representing the spectrum of Warfighting technologies.

Several subject matter experts from the Project Manager Close Combat Systems (PM CCS) team staffed the booth and provided in-depth information and demonstrations to Soldiers and other attendees. CCS products on display included Networked Munitions/Demolitions Division's Spider, Scorpion, and Claymore Mine, as well as several flares and simulators from the Pyrotechnics Division. Soldiers also had the opportunity to view the Pyrotechnics Safety Video, which encourages responsible handling of simulators during training exercises.

Shoulder-launched munitions were well represented at the event, including the Bunker Defeat Munition, which meets a requirement to fill the lightweight "Bunker Buster" void in the Army inventory; the AT4 Confined Space, which can be fired from a confined space, significantly increasing the Soldier's ability to engage in urban conflict; and the M72A7 Light Anti-Armor Weapon (LAW). The updated LAW has improved rocket motor and enhanced launcher, is ideal for the combat environment in Afghanistan and provides better maneuverability in a more effective, easier-to-use weapon.

Several components of the Non-Lethal Capabilities Set (NLCS) were also displayed, including the Acoustic Hailing Device, Phraselator, Taser, and spike strips. The set provides a variety of capabilities that include counter personnel and materiel systems, protective and enhancement devices and support equipment. The modularity of the NLCS allows the commander to tailor equipment needs based on a specific mission or threat level.

A full recap of the 2010 Infantry Conference can be found online at <https://www.benning.army.mil/iwc/2010>. The web site features coverage of the event, including videos of the conference presentations.