

PM IED Defeat/Protect Force Gets New Leadership

PICATINNY ARSENAL, N.J. - Leadership for the office of the Product Manager Improvised Explosive Device Defeat/Protect Force (PM IEDD/PF) changed hands during a ceremony held 23 July 2010.

LTC Karl Borjes handed over responsibility to LTC Terrece Harris during a Change of Management ceremony officiated by COL Raymond Nulk, Project Manager, Close Combat Systems (PM CCS).

PM IEDD/PF, part of the PM CCS organization, focuses on the integration of the Army's non-traditional, IED defeat, and protect force capabilities to help our forces meet a range of asymmetric threats posed by today's emerging security environment. With LTC Borjes at the helm, PM IEDD/PF was stood up in 2007 in response to the urgent need for new capabilities to win the war on IEDs and other global threats.

"Employing accelerated acquisition strategies, strong partnerships, and an open attitude toward collaboration, we have been able to field and sustain thousands of IED defeat and non-lethal systems worldwide with the sole purpose to save and protect Soldier's lives," said LTC Borjes. "Under LTC Harris leadership, PM IEDD/PF will continue to evolve technologies and field proven products that significantly increase Soldier safety on the battlefield."

LTC Harris's previous assignment was as the Executive Officer, TRADOC Capabilities Manager-Integration (TCM-INT). Prior to that, he served as the Complementary/Key and Essential Capabilities lead for TCM-INT. In July 2004, LTC Harris assumed responsibilities as the Senior Electronic Warfare Vulnerabilities Assessment Officer/Military Lead for the IED Countermeasures Equipment program. That program was named one of the Army's Top Ten Greatest Inventions and awarded the Acquisition Award of Excellence.

LTC Harris was commissioned in Military Intelligence in 1992 from Florida A&M University, Tallahassee, Florida, from which he holds a Bachelor of Science in Computer Information Systems. He also earned a Masters in Computer Resources and Information Management from Webster University, Fort Leavenworth Campus. LTC Harris has been accepted into the North Central University PhD program where he will pursue a Doctorate in Business Administration.

"Due to LTC Borjes' dedication and relentless pursuit, PM IEDD/PF is well positioned for a future of continual growth and success," said LTC Harris. "Our goal is to field value-added IED defeat and non-lethal capabilities to effectively expand the number of options available to commanders who face a full spectrum of threat environments."

LTC Borjes was presented a Meritorious Service Medal in recognition of his outstanding service to the United States. LTC Borjes will continue his Army career at the United States Special Operations Command in Tampa, Florida.