

## **Partnering with the USAES**

Teamwork and understanding of all aspects of weapons development – from a Warfighter, requirements, and acquisition perspective – were on display recently as Project Manager Close Combat Systems (PM CCS) hosted a two-day Home-on-Home (HoH) meeting with the United States Army Engineer School (USAES)/Maneuver Support Center of Excellence (MSCoE) headquartered at Fort Leonard Wood, MO. For thousands of Soldiers and Joint, Interagency, Intergovernmental, and Multinational Engineers, USAES provides the training needed to provide full spectrum engineer capabilities to the Joint Force Commander and the Nation. The HoH program leverages the capabilities of each organization and provides an opportunity to share knowledge and experience to produce the best doctrine, training, and materiel solutions. Brigadier General Jonathan Maddux, Picatinny Senior Commander and Program Executive Officer Ammunition, welcomed Brigadier General Peter DeLuca, U.S. Army Engineer School Commandant, and his staff.

A strong partnership with the customer is just one of the blueprints for PM CCS' success. "PM CCS is committed to maintaining a thriving partnership with the Engineer School, who is one of our largest customers," said COL Cummings. "The HoHs have proven to be a successful platform for open dialogue. They encourage teamwork and innovation in understanding how each organization's mission and priorities can best reinforce PM CSS' ability to provide critical capabilities and vital training to our Soldiers."

Additionally, members of PM CCS exhibited at ENFORCE 2012 in Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri. Hosted by the U.S. Army Engineer School, the event provided a forum for focused collaboration, information exchange and the regiment's campaign plan, priorities, professional development, and institutional updates.

The event provided Soldiers an up-close view of several of the weapons in the PM CCS arsenal against improvised explosive devices (IEDs) and anti-tank/anti-personnel mines. ENFORCE provides a forum for junior Army engineer leaders with recent deployment experience to tell the Army Engineer Regiment's researchers, capability developers, program managers, and partners in industry what equipment works, what doesn't, and what they need to prosecute the fight, all from a clearly defined capabilities point of view. This will ensure PM CCS continues to engineer products and capabilities to win the wars our Forces fight.