

Members of Project Manager Close Combat Systems (PM CCS) exhibited at the 2009 UXO/Countermine/Range Forum held 24-27 August at the JW Marriott Orlando, Grand Lakes in Orlando, FL. This year's focus, The 21st Century Explosive Hazard Challenges: Technology Solutions and Partnerships for Full Spectrum Operations, addressed the potential hazards posed by unexploded ordnance (UXO) and other munitions, improvised explosive devices (IED), mines, and remnants of war to operational forces and the public.

“Countermine and Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) operations require a complete spectrum of material solutions across the Joint Service arena,” said COL Raymond Nulk, PM CCS. “Our participation at the Forum allows us to showcase PM CCS-developed products, as well as examine the latest technology developments and initiatives that could assist us in fielding next generation capabilities to our Soldiers.”

COL Nulk and Patti Felth, Deputy PM, represented CCS at The Forum. Additionally, PM CCS subject matter experts were on hand to provide in-depth information on Network Munitions such as Spider and Scorpion, IED Defeat, and Countermine and EOD technology. LTC Pete Lozis, PM Countermine & Explosive Ordnance Disposal (PM CM&EOD), presented an overview of Countermine and EOD operations. He joined a panel chaired by Jeff Purdy, Deputy PM CM&EOD, and Richard Weaver of the Night Vision and Electronic Sensors Directorate (NVESD) Countermine Division. Additional topics included the NVESD Countermine Tech Base, Modeling and Simulation Effort, and the U.S.M.C. Countermine Program, as well as a discussion on the technology challenges within Mine Detection Sensors.

The Forum attracted over 4,500 attendees, including members of the Department of Defense's top leadership and experts from all military services, other government agencies, the defense industry, and academia. Through the conference presentations and vendor displays, attendees had the opportunity to discuss technology and policy developments, as well as share lessons learned and practical approaches to the complex challenges our Soldiers face today and the emerging threats of tomorrow.

PM CCS will also be exhibiting at the 2009 Infantry Warfighting Conference: Training Leaders for Full Spectrum Operations, at Fort Benning, GA, on 22 – 23 September.