

Army Acquisition Secretary Briefed on PM CCS Products

Mr. Dean G. Popp, Acting Assistant Secretary of the Army for Acquisition, Logistics and Technology (ASA(ALT)), visited Picatinny last month and reviewed first-hand several Project Manager Close Combat Systems (PM CCS) products and technologies across its wide range of lethal and non-lethal munition systems.

COL Raymond Nulk, project manager for CCS, briefed the secretary, citing the diverse CCS products that are actively supporting Warfighters in Iraq and Afghanistan. “We strive to be in synch from a Warfighter, a requirements, and an acquisition perspective – something we’ve worked hard to achieve,” said Nulk. “We continue to address the users’ immediate needs by urgently fielding critical warfighting capabilities and providing vital training.”

The briefing included an up-close view of several of the weapons in the PM CCS arsenal against improvised explosive devices (IEDs) and anti-tank mines. This included several systems that are designed to be mounted on a range of tactical wheeled platforms, including the Self Protection Adaptive Kit (SPARK), Rhino Passive Infrared Defeat System, and Husky Mounted Detection System (HMDS). Also on display were the hand-held Schonstedt Magnetic Locator, capable of detecting munitions, caches, and other metal objects in theater, and Sherlock, a mobile explosive trace detector that detects both explosives and narcotics.

Additional products on display included Networked Munitions’ Spider and Scorpion; the AT4 Confined Space (AT4-CS) shoulder-launched munition; the Acoustic Hailing Device (AHD), a non-lethal, counter personnel, long-range hailing and warning device; and various smoke grenades.

Mr. Popp was accompanied by LTG General N. Ross Thompson III, Military Deputy, ASA(ALT). The visit coincided with the Program Executive Office Ammunition (PEO Ammo) Change of Charter Ceremony held earlier in the day. BG Jonathan A. Maddux, Picatinny's senior commander, assumed responsibility for PEO Ammo from Mr. James C. Sutton.