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**TCM-ABCT & RECON SITREP (week of 21 September 15) 23 September 2015**

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**1. ABCT**

**a. Abrams.**

1) The Abrams Technical Advisor attended the Abrams M1A2 SEPv2 Test & Evaluation Integrated Product Team (T&E IPT) at Aberdeen, MD. The IPT discussed the test events for the next year test for LP CROWS, Abrams Software and Abrams Transportability testing. The IPT also conducted a delta Test Readiness Review (TRR) for the M1A2 SEPv3. All members of the IPT agreed that the program should move into Developmental Test (DT) phase of the M1A2 SEPv3.

 2) The Abrams Technical Advisor attended a meeting at the Pentagon as the user representative supporting PdM Abrams update to Mrs. (Hon.) Heidi Shyu, the Army Acquisition Executive (AAE).

**b. Bradley.**

1) George Moore participated in a telecon with the PM and BAE to review the status of the software update to correct the TOW issue with CVTESS. The software development is complete, and a Software Qualification Test (SQT) will be conducted in Santa Clara, CA from 28-30 September. If this test is successful, the software will be sent to Camp Ripley, MN for implementation on 1/34 ID Bradley’s prior to their upcoming training event beginning 21 October.

**c. AMPV.**

 1) Detailed coordination and planning of developmental testing for the AMPV has started. PM AMPV held the first meeting of the Developmental Testing (DT) Working Group serving as a Sub-IPT to the AMPV T&E WIPT. Discussions for this meeting centered on Test Center Methodology and Instrumentation, GFE and SSP Storage at ATC and YTC, Base-Station requirements, and WIN-T Network Setup and Methodology for RAM Testing. All action items generated were related to logistic issues.

2) AMPV conducted the second Northrup Grumman IPR in Huntsville, AL with participation from BAE, Northrup Grumman (NG), CERDEC, PM AMPV, and TCM ABCT. Highlights of the meetings were focused around the co-site analysis performed by both CERDEC and NG; conceptual design and placement of the new vehicle interface panel (VIP) and RF panel replacing the legacy tent interface panel and signal interface panel; and connection of the multiple mission command systems by port (details). There is a follow up meeting scheduled 21-22 Oct for document review, to include force protection discussions.

**d. Formation and DOTLPF Integration:**

1. **Doctrine, Organization, Personnel and MC-Network (DOP/MC-Net) -** Ron Kuykendall and SFC Tyler are continuing RSOI at Ft. Bliss, TX prior to assuming duties as observer/ analyst for the expeditionary command post and as an observer/ controller for 1/6 during AWA 16.1. Initial report on exercise is expected the week of 28 September.

1. **Training, Leader Development, and Safety Integration (TLS):**
2. The 2015 Maneuver Warfighting Conference wrapped up on 17 September at Fort Benning. Those unable to monitor activities via DCS or personally attend can access video recordings of key briefings here: <http://www.benning.army.mil/mcoe/maneuverconference/> Click on the ‘Briefings’ tab near the top right of the page, then access the briefs on the pull-down menu.
3. The next ABCT Warfighters' Forum Senior Mentor Symposium will convene Thursday, 01 October 2015, from 1000-1200 CST. The symposium will be hosted by the ABCT Senior Mentor, LTG Sean MacFarland, Senior Commander, III Corps and Fort Hood, TX and CSM Alonzo Smith, CSM, III Corps and Fort Hood, TX. Topic presentation remains in the planning phase. TCM ABCT will facilitate the event for the Maneuver Center, and broadcast it via DCS from Building 70, Room 1020 at URL: <https://conference.apps.mil/webconf/AWfF>
4. The U.S. Army Noncommissioned Officer Professional Development Guide was released 11 September 2015 (superseding July 2008). The guide serves as the medium for proponents to inform their Soldiers and enlisted centralized selection board members about professional development (PD) guidance for noncommissioned officers (NCOs) within their respective career management field (CMF). It serves as a framework for NCOs, warrant officers, officers, and civilians alike to offer advice and counsel NCOs on their professional growth and development. Download your copy here: <http://www.apd.army.mil/pdffiles/p600_25.pdf>
5. Team TLS is planning to attend NTC 16-01 from 12-18 October, where 1/1CD from FHTX will conduct a DA rotation. The team will represent the MCOE ISO a CALL collection and analysis team to conduct data collection for an Initial Impression Report. Anyone wishing to submit RFIs may contact Carl Johnson at carl.r.johnson32.civ@mail.mil or 706.545.4652.

**e. Large Caliber Ammo –**

**0**Mr. Kuamoo is observing tank gunnery at A-BOLC and OSUT training activities; all large caliber ammunition is performing as designed. Additionally, he’s preparing AAR comments from the Master Gunner portion of the Maneuver Conference.

**f. Futures Integration:**

1) TCM ABCT conducted a review of the formation’s Capability Gaps based on the list produced during its 2014 Capability Portfolio Review (CPR). The result of this effort was the identification of eight (8) new gaps for the 2015 list and the elimination reduction of twelve (12) gaps , by identifying a mitigation solution or solutions, “gap merging” or removal due to lack of applicability to ABCT Required Capabilities. TCM ABCT now tracks 30 Capability Gaps for the formation with 21 gaps rated as High Risk and 9 gaps rated as Moderate Risk. These gaps provided a basis for future the ABCT Operational and Organizational (O&O) analysis and the upcoming Army Capabilities Integration Center (ARCIC) Portfolio Assessment in 2016.

 2) The futures team continues to develop the ABCT Operational and Organizational (O&O) Concept and defining learning demands to support experimentation to inform the ABCT Operational Mode Summary/ Mission Profile (OMS/MP) and the ARCIC Portfolio Assessment (APA).

**g. Sustainment and Logistics Integration -** Mr. Harper is teaming with our Bradley SMEs in reviewing proposed updates to the vehicle technical manuals. Additionally, he is analyzing changes to the ABCT BSB MTOE, comparing gains and losses to material and personnel. Upon completion, he will brief the Director.

**2. RECON.**

1. LTC Darrell R. (Roger) O’Steen is on board as the new TCM Recon. Contact him at email roger.d.osteen.mil@mail.mil; COMM 706.626.2444.
2. **Close Access Target Reconnaissance:**

1) Pete Rose participated in the CATR Milestone Development Decision (MDD) briefing to PEO IEW&S on 17 September (APG, MD). TCM Recon briefed the TRADOC portion of the decision briefing covering the requirement, threat, proposed capabilities, concept and the supporting analysis. There were no issues and PEO IEW&S confirmed CATR Acquisition Category (ACAT) is Level III Program, agreed CTR should enter the Defense Acquisition System as a post-Milestone C program in the Production and Deployment Phase, and confirmed Fielding Decision as the next decision point. PEO IEW&S requested a BOIP process review in 45 days.

1. **Upcoming Events**.

 a. ABCT

* 24 SEP - TCM ABCT MPCC Brief (1600) > Bldg 70, Room 1021 (FBGA)
* 01 OCT - AWfF SMS (1000-1200 CST) via DCS from Bldg 70, Room 1020 (FBGA)
* 12-18 OCT - Force on Force Coverage of NTC 16-01 (2/1CD) (FICA)
* 30 Nov-05 Dec 15 - Unit Visit to 8A/2ID RAF (2/1CD) (ROK)

b. RECON

* 21 SEP-17 OCT: NIE 16.1, FBTX (MAJ Dankyan)
* 24 SEP 15: Reconfigurable Integrated Weapons Pedestal DEMO, Redstone Arsenal

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