

## **U.S. Army Research, Development & Engineering Command**

Armaments Technology Seminar

Dr. Robin L. Keesee
Deputy to the
Commanding General



### **U.S. Army Research, Development & Engineering Command**

# Mission: Get the right integrated technologies into the hands of warfighters quicker.



Strike (Exploit FCS Netted Fires)

#### What we do:

Technology Out of the Laboratories and into the Hands of Warfighters in the Shortest Time Direct Support of the Tech Base to Future Combat System (FCS) and Future Force Manage Speed and Complexity of Technological Change to Operational Needs Systems Engineering, Assessment, and Analysis Engineering support to PEOs/PMs, Materiel Management Centers and Current Force

Identify Foreign Technologies for US Army Use



Battery Charging Fuel Cell with Methanol Steam Reforming Unit



Human Performance & Embedded Training

#### What we manage:

8 Labs and Research, Development, and Engineering Centers (RDECs) Army Materiel Systems Analysis Activity (AMSAA)
Foreign Comparative Testing & Defense Acquisition Challenge Program Regional International Technology Centers
Capability & Technology Integrated Process Teams
Agile Development Center



**Robotics Interface** 



Future Force Warrior



**Sensory Enhancement** 

### The Magnitude:

Over 17.5K Military, Civilians, and Direct Contractors 75% of Army Science and Technology Objectives
All Army Advanced Technology Demonstrations (ATDs) 6 of 13 Advanced Concept Technology Demonstrations (ACTDs) 20 Foreign Comparative Testing (FCT) & 7 Defense Acquisition Challenge Programs (DACPs) with 13 different Countries



Collaborative Networked Situational Understanding

RDECOM
Operates
World-wide

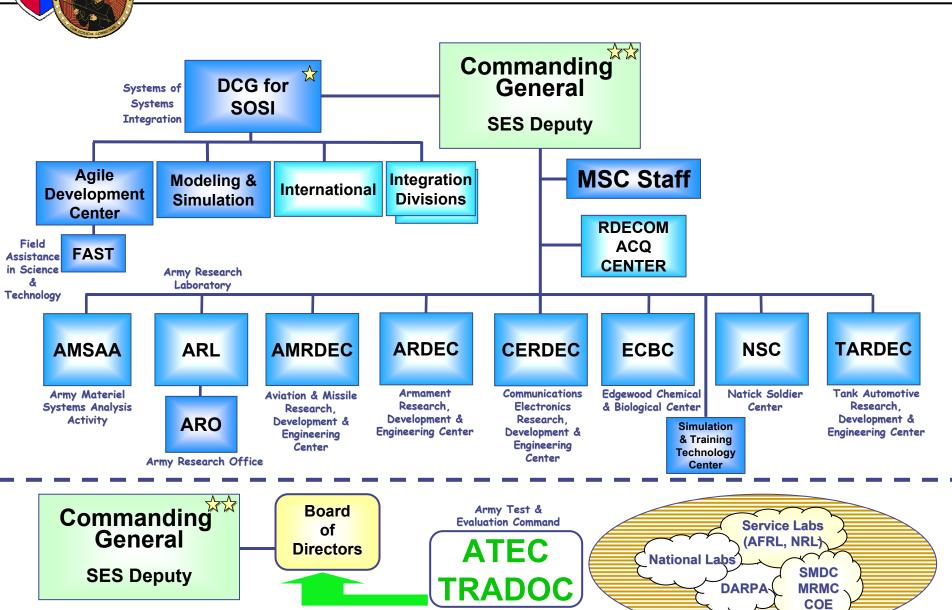


Over 300 International Agreements
Linkage to Combatant Commanders - FAST Teams
Engineer and Scientist Exchange Program



Protective Mask & JLIST - Joint Service Lightweight Integrated Suit Technology

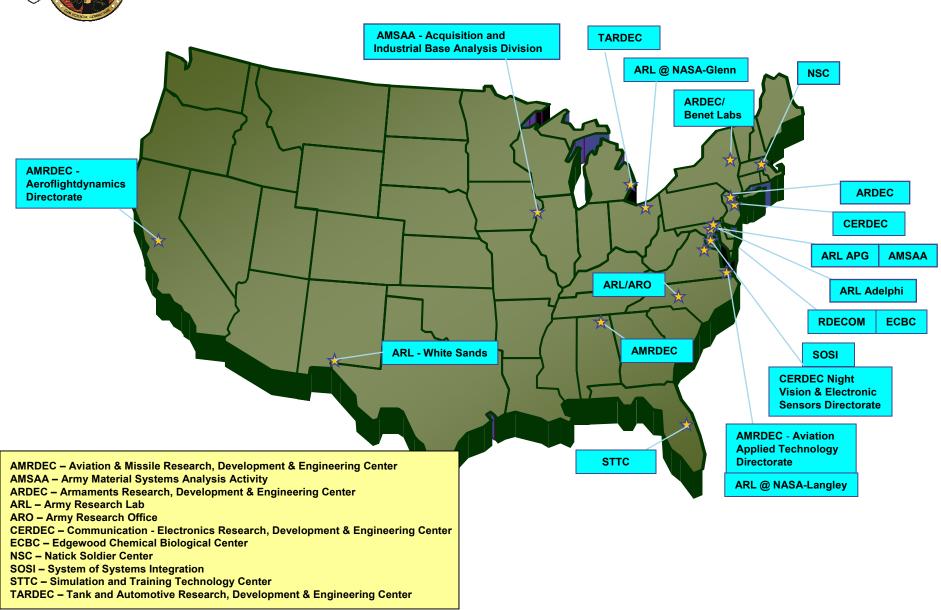
# Research, Development and Engineering Command



Training & Doctrine
Command



## **RDECOM Organization**



# **Support to Current Operations**



**Technology to the Warfighter Quicker** 

# The Environment - "The Perfect Storm"

Army Strength
30,000 to
100,000
additional troops

GWOT
One month
OPTEMPO =
one year design
life

Resources
Supplementals?
Return to Core
Budget

Modularity
Increase from 33
to 43 (?) UAs

**BRAC** 

Transformation (Modernization)

**QDR Gain/Divest Missions** 

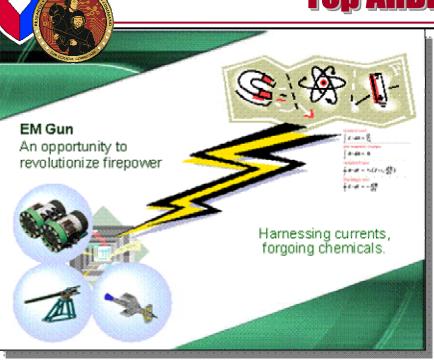
<u>S&T?</u>
↑ →

## **Armament RDEC (ARDEC)**

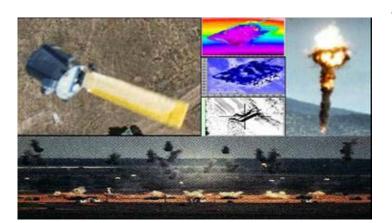


**Technology to the Warfighter Quicker** 

# **Top ARDEC Programs**



Electromagnetic Gun (EM)

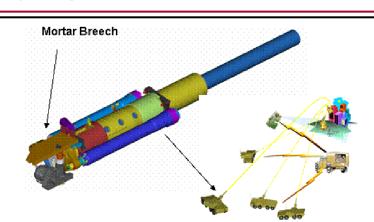


**Common Smart Submunition** 



Lightweight Handheld Mortar Ballistic Computer, XM32





Objective NLOS Mortar Technology

Special Weapons Observation Remote Direct Action System



# **Top ARDEC Programs**

**Enhanced MRM** 

LOS MP

Accuracy Enhanced KE

MCS Ammunition System Technologies (MAST)





<u>Accel Cluster</u> (shown mounted in vibration isolator)



MicroProcessor, I/O, &



Low Cost, High-G, Micro Electro-Mechanical Systems (MEMS), Inertial Measurement Unit (IMU)





# In Closing...

- > The Picatinny community has been extraordinary in -
  - Supporting ammunition production
  - Speedily re-engineering technology to meet
     Warfighter needs

- Challenges for us all -
  - Taking UA perspectives balancing lethality, deployability, and life-cycle costs
  - Aiming advancing technologies at armament's greatest obstacle: weight