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Honduras demining mission proves to be a success

Members of the Communications-Electronics Research, Development and Engineering Center's Night Vision and Electronic Sensors Directorate recently received an award for their work on a humanitarian assistance project in Honduras.

Maj. Gen. Paul Freeman, president of the Inter-American Defense Board, presented medals to Gene Berry of the Prototype and Experimentation Branch and Christopher Wanner, Maj. Sewaphorn "Noy" Rovira, Greg Bullock, Sigberto "Bert" Garcia, and John Snellings, all from NVESD's Humanitarian Demining Team.

The team was honored for their work in developing equipment to help remove landmines from the last acres of mine fields in Honduras, and for training Honduran Army deminers in its use. The Humanitarian Demining Team executes the Department of Defense Humanitarian Demining Research and Development Program for the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Special Operations and Low Intensity Conflict.

The need for the extra effort stemmed from deeply buried mines, undetectable and unreachable by ordinary means that were believed to be between the Honduran and Nicaraguan border. The excessive burial depth was due to extensive flooding of the river associated with Hurricane Mitch in 1998.

Red River provides valuable training for Soldiers

Soldiers in the field can now obtain training for installing protective Bradley reactive armor. The training, developed by a team of experts at Red River Army Depot, is available on compact disc and the Army Knowledge Online Web site.

According to RRAD officials, technicians and crewmembers in the field will have adequate instructions to independently perform the installation, however, Red River personnel are available for troubleshooting and assistance.

The reactive armor provides Soldiers increased protection from rocket propelled grenades. Additionally, armor installation can take place virtually anywhere, thus eliminating travel time and expense for transporting the vehicle for modifications and decreasing the amount of time the vehicle is out of service.

Letterkenny Army Depot partners in unique venture

Col. William Guinn, commander of Letterkenny Army Depot, and Team Letterkenny were recently recognized for their significant contributions to the Global War on Terrorism in a ribbon cutting ceremony at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md. The Edgewood Chemical Biological Center and Letterkenny partnered to produce an extremely sophisticated filtration system that will remove toxic vapors and gases, sub-micron-sized particles and nuclear, chemical and biological agents.

LEAD is the Army's Center of Industrial Technical Excellence for Air Defense and Tactical Missile Ground Support Equipment. Since 2001, LEAD has been working with ECBC on a variety of chemical-biological detection systems including the M31A1 and M31A2 Biological Integrated Detection Systems, Joint Biological Point Detection Systems, Portal Shied Biological Detection Systems, and Dry Filter Detection Units. ECBC is the Army's principal research and development center for chemical and biological defense technology, engineering and services.

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The Communications-Electronics Command Executive Agent Theater Joint Tactical Network office will provide support to the Republican National Convention in New York City from Aug. 30 to Sept. 2 as part of Northern Command's Joint Task Force, commanded by the New York National Guard.