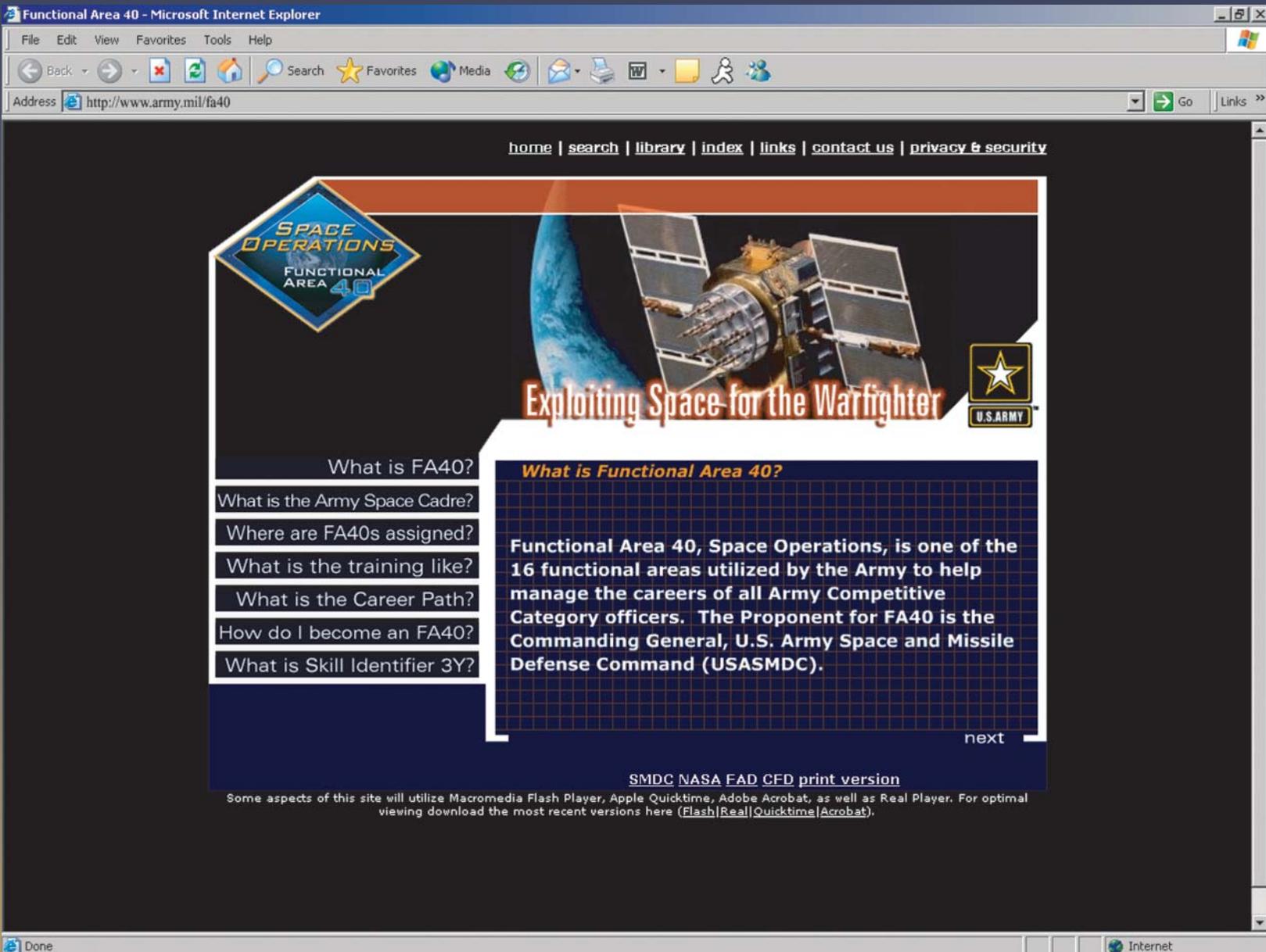


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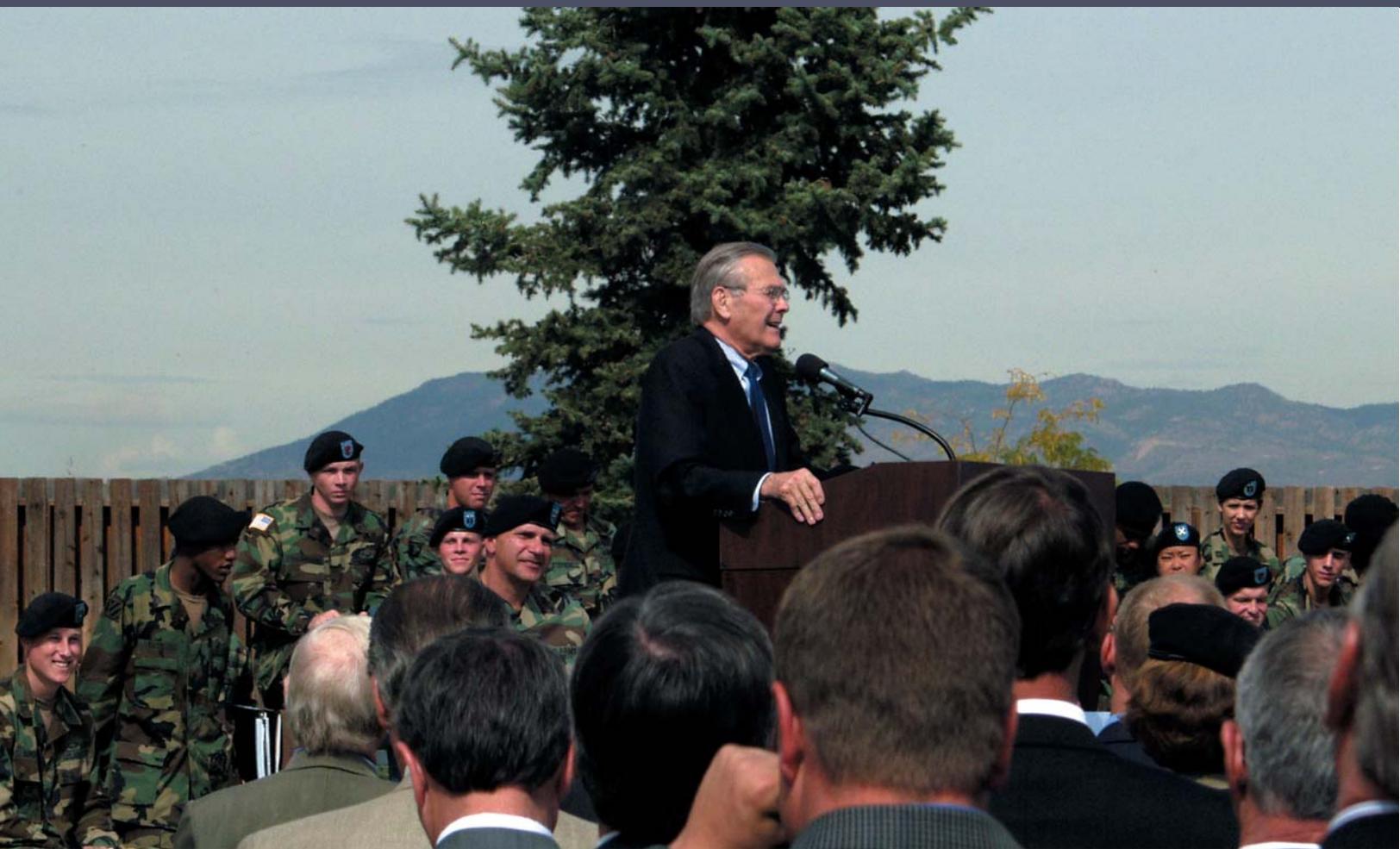
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*—The Honorable Donald Rumsfeld  
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U.S. Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld responds to a question during a town hall meeting held at Fort Carson, Colo. Oct. 7. More than 40 Soldiers, civilians, and contractors from U.S. Army Space and Missile Defense Command's Colorado Springs office attended the event. *Photo by Sharon L. Hartman*