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## **What you didn't know ...**

In reading General Tommy Franks' autobiography "American Soldier," I came across a slice-of-life story that fits. Condoleezza Rice pays General Franks what I think is probably the highest compliment any Soldier — or person, for that matter — could receive in a lifetime. Think about it. In the middle of planning for the war in Iraq, she told the combat veteran that he made his boss a better leader. She added that the boss made Franks a better general.

Talk about a powerful statement. Of course the boss in this case is Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld. The fact that the give-and-take between the two equaled something better in the end than had they not been together is a strong commentary on leadership. It speaks to discipline to allow a subordinate (and senior) to have a positive impact on the bottomline. It speaks to the collective set of personal leadership traits to be able to lead up and, if you're on the upper rung, to allow it from below.

As we put the final read on this edition of the Journal, this compliment of Franks' impact keeps surfacing in my thoughts. Not to get too philosophical about this or sound arrogant, but shouldn't this be the bottomline for all that we do, not just in Space but all aspects of life?

Just an idea or two to think about as you read about our Space Soldiers rolling up their shirt-sleeves, getting dirty and being part of the process of being an Army. These articles are about men and women making a difference in Space by what they do and by their initiatives.

Plenty of news since our last publication. BG Robert Lennox departed the command in June to become the chief of staff for U.S. Army Accessions Command. Lennox was the Deputy Commanding General for Operations from June 2003 to June 2004. The U.S. Senate confirmed on Oct. 8 the nomination of the first FA40 to be selected for promotion to brigadier general — COL (P) Jeffrey Horne took over as deputy commander for operations in June after Lennox departed. We've also had 21 FA40 officers selected for promotion — 12 to major and nine to lieutenant colonel (names are listed on page 10F).

Final thoughts.

The Army Space Journal continues to grow. We're now ending three years of publishing. We heard many positive points from readers about our "upside down backside" that we initiated last edition with what we call "The Flipside." Again in this edition, we hope you find our articles and information in this section helpful. Please feel free to e-mail me with any article ideas you may have: historical perspectives, technology developments, Space in operations and updates from the field.

Speaking of growth and impact — making things better — we've got to mention the latest developments in the lives of two "grandfather" FA40 officers. I've mentioned before how BG Richard Geraci and COL Glenn Collins both contributed to creating the Army Space Journal when they were assigned to SMDC. Collins, by the way, writes our lead article in this edition on Blue Force Tracking. It's his first for us since retiring and going to work for Sparta. In some late breaking news, Geraci plans to retire from the Army Feb. 28, 2005 to become the new Commandant of cadets and deputy superintendent for leadership at New Mexico Military Institute.

Happy reading — You make things better in Space because of your involvement.

— Michael L. Howard  
Editor in Chief



**Standing from left:** MAJ Donald S. Johnson, Army G-2; CPT Jason Conroy, SMD Battle Lab Huntsville; CW2 Randal Johnson, CDR, 33rd EN DET, USFK; MAJ Joseph Carroll, ARSTRAT, 1st Space Bn., ARSST; MAJ Lawrence Robinson, ARSTRAT, 1st Space Bn., ARSST; CPT Gary Harrison, STRATCOM; MAJ Pete Wirth, SMDC G-3; CPT Tim Boraas, STRATCOM; CPT Michael Belton, SMD Battle Lab Huntsville; MAJ Craig Roseberry, JSOC Fort Bragg; MAJ Cliff Hodges, 3rd ID SSE; MAJ Pat Mullin, NORAD; LTC James Gierlach, ARSTRAT; \* MAJ George Wingfield, V Corps, G-3 Plans; CPT Andrew Hittner, 101st SSE; **kneeling from left:** MAJ Jean Henderson, STRATCOM; MAJ Jacqueline Patten, ARSTRAT; COL James Pearson, Director, FDIC — Colorado Springs; COL Jeffrey A. Home, SMDC/ARSTRAT Deputy Commander for Operations; \* MAJ Richard Zellmann, ARSTRAT, 1st Space Bn., ARSST; MAJ Charles Campbell, STRATCOM; LTC John Brooks, NORAD/NORTHCOM.  
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# FA40 CLASS 04-01 GRADUATES

Space Operations Officer Qualification Course (SOOQC) Class 04-01 was graduated on August 27, in a ceremony at Peterson Air Force Base, Colo. The SOOQC 04-01 program of instruction ran 8-weeks from July 7 to August 27, 2004. The SOOQC operations are evolving to synchronize with the Army's new Intermediate Level Education (ILE) program that will include FA40 students attending a 12-week ILE Common Core of instruction at an extended campus site other than Fort Leavenworth. The second part of ILE is FA40 qualification that will continue to be accomplished in Colorado Springs. As a part of transitioning to the new FA40 ILE program, several new innovations have and will be implemented with SOOQCs 04-01 and the upcoming 04-02 (Sep. 8 - Nov. 19).

SOOQC 04-01 was the first class to experience the first innovation. After the three day introductory Phase I at the FDIC classroom, the 20 Army students were joined by 10 USAF students and they all attended the 4-week USAF Space Operations School Space 200 course. Similar to the first 4-weeks of legacy SOOQCs, Space 200 provides 4-weeks of Space foundational education and training. At Space 200, the students received their initial Space foundational training on Space systems, technologies, organizations, and force enhancement mission areas. Quoting from the class AAR, "The value of Space 200 to the FA40 students cannot be overstated. Even those officers with Space background commented on the relative value to the group." This first pilot use of Space 200 as the first 4-weeks of foundational training has been an outstanding success and will continue with all future SOOQCs. After Space 200, SOOQC students return to the FDIC classroom facilities for Phase III Army focused Space operations training which builds upon Space 200 foundational training.

The second innovation involves the expansion of training time from 8 weeks to 11 weeks with 12-weeks envisioned for summer FY05. SOOQC 04-02 will be the pilot for this new 12-week program of instruction. Lessons garnered from OEF/OIF, ASCC assignment to USSTRATCOM, and the recognized need for increased training all influenced this increased course length. From Sep. 8 - Nov. 19, SOOQC Class 04-02 will experience Space 200, an improved D.C. field trip, new field trips to Kirtland Air Force Base and Vandenberg Air Force Base, technical/hands-on training emphasis in the areas of Blue Force Tracking and Mission Management Center operations, Space Control, and utilization of the Space Operation System (SOS) toolkit. FDIC recently purchased 11 SOS boxes for dedicated use in the SOOQC classroom. The upfront first 10-weeks of training will culminate with a last week of Space Military Decision Making Process with operational application in the course ending CPX.