

The View From (Army) Space ...

By Terry Nelson

Change — it is the environment in which we operate. We are challenged by it all the time. Change in the Directorate of Combat Development (DCD) means we are continuing to refine and improve our requirements to better support the warfighters. Change impacts us now as we turn over our Director. COL Tim Coffin, has just moved on and taken command of the 1st Space Brigade. He will be missed, but none are better qualified for the position of Space Brigade commander. Although his time with us was short, his efforts resulted in significant advances for the Space community. I am sure that those efforts will continue and both the Space Brigade and the Space community as a whole will benefit from them. We applaud the change.

COL Bruce Smith, our new director, comes to us from the Army War College, and is in the process of getting his feet on the ground. He has a strong Space background and will be invaluable to us. He has many challenges facing him, not the least of which are some reorganization issues brought about by the Base Realignment and Closure. Part of our organization is moving from the Washington, D.C. area to Huntsville, Ala. And this is happening while we are fighting the war on terrorism and trying to bring better Space enhancement tools to the hands of our warfighters. The Army Space Cadre, changes to both Space and missile defense organizations, revision of JP 3-14 and requirements for the Space Support Element Toolset are just a few of his projects. Did I say that change can be challenging?

We are always trying to improve **the Army Space Journal**, and as we pursue a more supportive product, we are inevitably involved in change. We hope it is for the best, but we must rely on feedback from you, our target audience, to substantiate our efforts.

As always, we solicit your comments and insights. You have a direct impact on the product and we value your opinion. This is your journal and we are dedicated to changing it to fit your needs in the field.

In this issue we are highlighting the article on command and control of Space by MAJ Rob Reiss. It is insightful, controversial and timely since it is setting the stage for the anticipated update of Joint Space doctrine (JP 3-14) later this year. Let us know if it is on the mark or a little wide of the target. We (the Army) are trying to come to grips with a solid position on how we view our role in Space, and your input will directly impact that view. In the next issue we hope to present some long anticipated comments on successes we have had. The Army Space Master Plan (ASMP), for example, has been completed and is soon to be published. We will have an overview article for your consumption. We are also planning to institute a column that captures feedback and good ideas from our returning FA40s that served in Space Support Element positions.

We in DCD are responsible for building Space organizations, educating and training their Soldiers, developing the doctrine plus many other related activities. To do it right, we need your feedback to help us in our role of supporting these requirements. We need answers to questions like: Is your equipment right? What improvements would you like? What is the best mix of manpower in these units? How does the Space doctrine need to change — or does it need to change? What Army Space fundamentals need to be embedded in Joint Space doctrine? How does the Space training need to change based on so many FA40s and Army Space Support Teams returning from deployments? Change to members of DCD means you have told us your requirements and we are making the changes to better support the field.



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 (Not shown in photo – CPT James French, MAJ Tim Haynie, CPT Matthew Morton)

Director Combat Development



COL Bruce Smith graduated from the United States Military Academy in 1983 and was commissioned as an Armor Officer. Upon completion of the Armor Officer Basic Course he entered Initial Entry Rotary Wing Training at Fort Rucker, Ala., where he qualified in the UH-1 and CH-47 aircraft. COL Smith's initial assignment was a Flight Section Leader in the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), beginning in 1984. Subsequently, he became a company Flight Operations Officer then an Executive Officer of a medium lift helicopter company. In October 1988 COL Smith was assigned to 1-228th Aviation at Fort Kobbe, Panama. He served for one year as a Battalion Flight Operations Officer then became the Battalion S-1. In 1990 he took command of Charlie Company 1-228th Aviation, a CH-47 helicopter company. In 1992, COL Smith was assigned to the 24th Aviation Brigade at Hunter Army Airfield where he served as an assistant S-3 for a year. Following promotion to Major, he took command of Bravo Company 159th Aviation from February 1994 to January 1996. Subsequently he served as the Brigade S-1 in 2nd Brigade, 24th Infantry Division. Following graduation from Command and General Staff College he was assigned

to U.S. Space Command for three years as a plans officer. In June 2000, COL Smith was assigned to Combined Forces Command where he worked as a ground forces officer and as the Deputy Chief of Operations, in the Current Operations Division. Upon his return from Korea, he was assigned to the Objective Force Task Force as the Space and Aviation System Integrator. In January 2004 he was reassigned to the Army Staff to work in the Space and Missile Defense Division of the deputy, chief of staff for operations. COL Smith was assigned as the Director, Combat Development, SMDC in July 2006.

COL Smith's military education includes the Command and General Staff College, Armed Forces Staff College and the Army War College. In addition he holds a Master's Degree in Business Administration from Benedictine College.

His awards include the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Joint Service Achievement Medal, Master Aviator Badge, Space Badge, Air Assault Badge and Parachutist Badge.