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FA40 Proponent/ Army Space Cadre News

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FA40 Proponent Office Personnel

We are currently managing 209 FA40 coded billets throughout the Army, Joint Organizations and Agencies. Although we have a population of 229 FA40 Officers, 21 percent of those billets are currently vacant. As we move into FY09, we will be re-looking our priority of fill and work closely with MAJ Ed Anderson (FA40 Career Manager) to balance our distribution throughout the force structure.

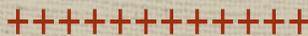
As we continue our transition from a defense contractor supported organization to one fully manned by Department of the Army Civilians, two new individuals have joined our ranks. Jerry Pepin and Al Hughes have both recently started working in support of the FA40 Community. Jerry has assumed the duties of Military Analysis and Al the duties of Military Human Resources Technician in the FA40 Personnel Proponent Office.

Jerry previously worked in the defense contracting arena where he supported training and exercises in the Cheyenne Mountain, North American Aerospace Defense Command and U.S. Northern Command Centers. Jerry is a retired Air Force Space and Missile Officer. His active duty Space experience includes serving as a Commander, Minuteman III Combat Crew, an assignment in Cheyenne Mountain as a Missile Warning Center Commander, Deputy Chief, Standards and Evaluation Division, and a stint at Headquarters Air Force Space Command as Chief, Command and Control Requirements. Lastly, he served as Chief, Space and Missile Operational Testing and Flight Commander, Current Operations at the Space Warfare Center.

Al recently retired after 25 years active duty Army service. Prior to his retirement, then Chief Warrant Officer 4 Hughes was a Human Resources Warrant Officer (420A) and served as Strength Manager in 1st Cavalry Division, III Corps Headquarters, and 1st Armored Division. While in Germany he also served four years as the Deputy Executive Officer for the Commanding General, U.S. Army Europe. Al came to Fort Carson, Colo., in 2003 and finished his military career as the Fort Carson Strength Manager.

Both Jerry's and Al's vast knowledge and past experiences will greatly contribute to the overall success of the FA40 Proponency Office and FA40 community.

Also, this will be the last edition of the Army Space Journal that will be published with John Nelson and Kevin Janes providing support to the FA40 Proponency Office/Army Space Cadre Office. There are very few words that can express the sincere appreciation that I have for both of these gentlemen. Without their tireless support and professional dedication we would not have been able to succeed in providing the level of support to the FA40 Community that we did. John is known to many of you through his work in managing Space 300 allocations, confirming Air Force Space Badge eligibility, awarding the 3Y Additional Skill Identifier, advanced civilian schooling and Training With Industry. Although you may not have liked the answer you received, you could always be sure that when John answered a question it was thoroughly researched and spot-on. To many, Kevin became the face of the Proponency Office because when you called, he answered. His willingness to help with any issue you may have earned him the reputation of a "jack-of-all-trades" and he contributed to the successful completion of numerous issues and tasks that otherwise may not have been done. The entire community has benefited from the work of both of these men, we are better off for having served with them.



Education/Training

Although the United States Air Force has been sending senior non-commissioned officers to the Space 300 course for a number of years, the Army has not followed suit — until now. With the concurrence of his organization, SGM Ralph G. Martin, Headquarters, 1st Space Brigade, was selected to be the first enlisted Soldier to attend this demanding and professionally enhancing course. Based on his over 159 months of Space related experience and his current position as the Brigade Operations Sergeant Major, Martin exemplifies the type of student expected to succeed in Space 300: a thinker and leader who in the future is expected to solve problems of Space bearing on national security. Once complete, he will meet the requirements for awarding of the Air Force Master Space Badge, another first for an Army Noncommissioned Officer. Martin is truly leading the way for other Noncommissioned Officers to follow and we all should be proud of his accomplishments.



Selection Board Results

Congratulations to LTC Robert Kimbrough and LTC Robert Klingseisen on their Senior Service College selection.

Congratulations to our FA40s that were selected for promotion to Lieutenant Colonel: Bill Beck, Matt Burrow, Chris Crawford, Cliff Hodges, Ken Kock, Kevin Laughlin, Mike McKay, Annie Mefalen, John Moberly, Dave Price, Jerry Shay, Brian Soldon, Mike York and Rick Zellmann

Congratulations to our FA40s that were selected for promotion to Major: CPT Tammy Aguilar, CPT Michael Bancroft, CPT Thomas Bloomfield, CPT Todd Book, CPT Donald Brooks, CPT William Davis, CPT Jason Favero, CPT Charles Harmon, CPT Charles Hayes, CPT Bryan Juntunen, CPT Eric Marion, CPT John Marley, CPT Jason Nunnery, CPT Yaqui Oselen, CPT Dennis Slaton, CPT Cecil Strickland, CPT Anthony Tingle, CPT William Wright and CPT Elizabeth Helland

Think About It!

The theme of this edition of the Army Space Journal is Space Technology. Although we manage FA40 Billets where the individual assigned is involved with the technological aspects of Space, we do not manage the billets any differently from one assigned to a tactical unit, all are FA40As. The question then is this, should we consider expanding our designations such as FA40A (Tactical Space), FA40B (Space Control), FA40C (Astronauts), FA40D (Technical Space)? There is precedence for having multiple specialties within a Branch; Aviation for example assigns different designators based on aircraft qualifications and Military Intelligence officers attend additional training based on their technical designator. The implications of this discussion require that it be both open and well thought out. We are interested in hearing your thoughts/opinions as we continue to posture the community to better serve the needs of today's Army.

According to DA PAM 600-3 "To be fully considered fully developed in the FA, officers will optimally serve for 24 months in a FA40 or Space-related position (to include Space-related schooling or training) at each rank, beginning at MAJ. Twelve months experience is desired for CPT. Success will depend not on the number or type of positions held, but rather on the quality of duty performance in every assignment." Although this definition of "fully developed" served the community well during its growth, it is time that we begin to look at defining/identifying Key Development (KD) positions that more closely align with the requirements of other Branches. Not only will this provide officers with a clear definition of what assignments and education they should seek, we believe it will make them more competitive with their peers in other Functional Areas and Basic Branches. Expect to see more on this topic in further editions of the Army Space Journal as well as postings on the FA40 Proponency Office Army Knowledge Online Web site.



How Do We Stay in Contact With You?

In order to maintain contact and stay up-to-date on all of the FA40 and Space Cadre issues, personnel, news and announcements you are highly encouraged to frequently check your Army Knowledge Online account. The Proponency Office/Army Space Cadre Office will use this common address as the primary means to provide you useful and pertinent information.

