



Natural Selections

Legacy Program Update

FY 2010 Legacy Program Pre-Proposals Season

Closed: The Legacy Program closed its 2010 Pre-Proposal season on Friday July 31, 2009. The Legacy Program received 175 natural resources, 46 cultural resources, and 22 integrated resource pre-proposals. Legacy Staff will meet with Military Service representatives the week of August 24, 2009 to review all submissions. The Legacy Program will announce which proposals will be invited to submit a full proposal; proposals are submitted online through the Legacy Tracker <https://www.dodlegacy.org>.

Registration still open for the SRMC: In an effort to facilitate maximum participation at all levels, there is NO CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FEE. **The hotel rate has been extended until August 5th while availability lasts.** If you missed the registration deadline, you may register by emailing this [registration form](#).

Conference Workshops

The Sustaining Military Readiness Conference starts on Sunday, August 9, 2009 with full and half-day workshops, including:

Sikes Act Short Course

This introductory-level course is intended for new natural resource managers, DoD operations personnel, and state fish and wildlife agency and USFWS personnel who may be unfamiliar with DoD. By the conclusion of the course, you will have a better understanding of the Sikes Act, INRMPS, the DoD Natural Resources Program, and the Tri-Party MOU, including roles and responsibilities. This interactive course provides plenty of time for questions and answers and features experienced instructors from the DoD community.

Communicating with the Media

This workshop is designed to help participants learn how to use emerging technologies in communication (e.g., Podcasts, Facebook, and Twitter) to more effectively reach our audiences, including journalists. The session features tips and tactics for using traditional media, as well as social media tools.

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In The News

Everyone is Heading to Phoenix this Weekend for the 2009 Sustaining Military Readiness Conference!

By Legacy Staff
HydroGeoLogic, Inc.

The DoD Legacy Resource Management Program; Basing Directorate; Directorate of Readiness and Training, Policy, and Programs; Test Resource Management Center; Office of the Director, Operational Test and Evaluation; and the Strategic Environmental Research and Development Program are all hosting the 2009 Sustaining Military Readiness Conference at the Sheraton Phoenix Downtown Hotel. The conference is open to DoD personnel and appropriate stakeholders involved in DoD's readiness, sustainability, conservation management, compatible land use, and related topics. Attendees have the opportunity to hear from colleagues, share lessons learned, view displays of program projects, and participate in unique training opportunities.

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Welcome to SMR 2009

Welcome to the August edition of Natural Selections! We are dedicating this issue to the upcoming Sustaining Military Readiness conference, which will take place next week in Phoenix, Arizona. Enclosed you will find information on the various workshops, technical and plenary sessions, and field tours that are a part of this partnership-based national event.

For those of you who will be attending, this issue will give you a sneak peak into what lays ahead... For those of you who may not be able to attend the conference, we hope you will take the time to read through the newsletter to learn about some of the important issues DoD will face in both the immediate and more distant futures, and who some of the current key DoD players are, including Dr. Dorothy Robyn, DoD's new Deputy Under Secretary of Defense (Installations and Environment).

The conference's goal is engage people who are interested in military sustainability, range management, and natural and cultural resources conservation issues. Through presentations, panel discussions, and poster displays, we hope to engage and educate our stakeholders, and provide insight into DoD's current and future priorities.

For those of you interested specifically in natural and cultural resource issues, feel free to speak with me or any of my contract support staff—Legacy Program team: Jane Mallory, Hillori Schenker, and Pedro Morales; or onsite Natural Resource Program support: Alison Dalsimer or Kristin Gross.

And, don't forget that we want to hear from you! We want to know what you think worked and what didn't, what sessions you found valuable, and how you liked our website and facility. We also want your feedback on the natural resource sessions specifically. So, in addition to the standard conference evaluation form, look for a special **natural resources-focused supplemental questionnaire** at the conference registration desk. Return the completed questionnaire to the Legacy Program's exhibit, and you will receive a small token of our appreciation.

See you in Phoenix!



2009 Sustaining Military Readiness Conference

An update on the SMRC



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The 2009 Sustaining Military Readiness Conference will be held from Sunday, August 9 through Friday, August 14 at the Sheraton Phoenix Downtown Hotel in Phoenix, Arizona. Conveniently located in the center of the city, the hotel is adjacent to the Phoenix Convention Center and is just five miles from the Sky Harbor International Airport. The hotel features modern meeting spaces, restaurants with exceptional city views, a large outdoor pool, and an onsite fitness center. Located in the Phoenix Civic Plaza, the Sheraton Phoenix Downtown Hotel will keep you feeling comfortable while surrounded by great dining, shopping, and night life. This is an exciting location and facility in which to host our conference.

The conference will provide an information exchange forum and develop recommendations for future actions. Approximately 800 readiness and environmental professionals are expected. The Plenary sessions span two days, with the first full day of plenary presentations on Tuesday, August 11 and resuming Thursday, August 13. **Dr. Thomas P.M. Barnett** will kick off the plenary presentations on Tuesday with a discussion of his 2009 best-seller, *Great Powers: America and the World after Bush*. Dr. Barnett will discuss our changing world and America's leadership role in it; he will specifically address questions such as, with a chance to start over, what do we do? Where's the world going now, and how do we not only rejoin it, but become a leader again?

Immediately following Dr. Barnett's presentation, conference attendees will be joined by DoD's Senior Civilian Leaders Panel. **Dr. Samuel Kleinman**, Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Readiness, **Dr. Dorothy Robyn**, Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Installations and Environment, and **Mr. David Duma**, Principal Deputy Director for Operational Test and Evaluation, will discuss developments within DoD on incorporating environmental issues when planning for military readiness and test capabilities. The need for collaboration within DoD, as well as with local, state, federal, and tribal agencies, and non-governmental organizations, will be central to the discussion. A question and answer period will follow.

In the afternoon, the plenary session continues with the Warfighter Panel. **Major General David Eichhorn**, Commander of the Air Force's Flight Test Center, **Rear Admiral Mark Fox**, Commander of the Naval Strike and Air Warfare Center, **Major General (select) Melvin Spiese**, Commanding General of the Marine Corps' Training and Education Command; **Mr. Fred Pease**, Air Force Deputy Director of Operations; and a representative from the Army training community will discuss the value of land, air, and maritime resources assigned to the DoD for training and testing and their importance to sustaining the combat readiness of the force. The panel will discuss the challenges ahead and will provide their thoughts on how to meet those challenges.



The conference then takes a subtle change in pace by shifting from plenary sessions to tracks. On Wednesday, August 10, the conference will host four concurrent tracks:

- (1) Natural Resource Management in a Changing World,
- (2) Heritage Stewardship and Advancing the Mission,
- (3) Balancing Competing Demands — Environment, Community, and Military, and
- (4) Meeting Multiple Missions – Coordinated Planning, Collaborative Partnerships.

The sessions for the Natural Resource Management track are: New Directions: Strategic Planning to Support Natural Resources Management and Mission Needs, Determining Natural Resources Management Priorities in a Changing World, Partnering: Lessons Learned from Working with Our Neighbors, and New and Emerging Tools for Natural Resources.

The second full day of plenary presentations begins Thursday, August 13 with the Unconventional Partnering Plenary. **Mr. David Duma**, Principal Deputy Director for Operational Test and Evaluation, **Brigadier General Hanson Scott**, USAF (Ret), Director, Office of Military Base Planning and Support, State of New Mexico, and

Mr. Reginald Van Lee, Senior Vice President, Booz Allen Hamilton will be sharing with the audience the importance of forming new partnering arrangements to address increasingly complex issues, otherwise known as “megacommunities.” A megacommunity is a new approach to solving problems that span business, government, and communities. Embracing the principle of megacommunities, regional partnerships such as the Southeast Regional Partnership for Planning and Sustainability (SERPPAS) and Western Regional Partnership (WRP) convene stakeholders from federal and state governments and NGOs to address shared cross-boundary sustainability challenges, such as land use and natural resource conservation, in a common collaborative framework.

Perhaps the most anticipated of all the plenaries is the Climate Change Plenary. **Ms. Ruth Greenspan Bell**, Senior Fellow, Climate & Energy Program, World Resources Institute, **Major General Richard Engel (Ret.)**, Director, Climate Change and State Stability Program, Office of the Director of National Intelligence, **Mr. John Wiens**, Chief Conservation Science Officer, PRBO Conservation Science, and **Dr. Jeff Marqusee**, Executive Director of SERDP/ESTCP will be speaking on how Climate Change will impact both global stability and military testing, training, and operations. This session will begin with a summary of the challenges DoD will face as the earth’s climate warms. Topics include the federal government’s response to the issue, how climate change will impact global stability, and how climate change is altering habitat. A final presentation will discuss DoD research and development to improve climate change mitigation and adaptation strategies. The session will conclude with a question and answer period. This session will be moderated by **Ms. Maureen Sullivan**, Director of Environmental Management, Office of the Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Installations & Environment.

But that is not all. After a short break, the conference will resume with a plenary session on energy. **Dr. Diane Nielson**, Energy Advisor to the Governor of Utah, **Mr. Christopher Myers**, Lockheed Martin’s Vice President for Solar Programs, representing the American Council on Renewable Energy, and **Brigadier General (Ret.) Bob Barnes**, Senior Policy Advisor, The Nature Conservancy, will discuss their organizations’ perspectives on the expansion and development of energy resources. **Mr. Bill Van Houten**, Office of the Secretary of Defense, will moderate the session and provide a brief overview of DoD concerns about energy infrastructure.

A key issue for the 2009 Sustaining Military Readiness Conference is to facilitate more effective integration of program topics, both formally within panel presentations and informally in off-line discussions by conference participants. To further this integration theme, conference organizers invited several individuals to comprise a conference Senior Stakeholders Panel, bringing unique expertise from the varied subject areas represented at the 2009 Conference. Panel members will attend each of the Wednesday track sessions and are tasked to observe/audit each track session to 1) capture key points, 2) make observations concerning session topics from their particular expertise perspective, 3) note success in addressing integration, 4) suggest further integration targets of opportunity, and 5) generally reflect on session outcomes relative to the track and conference focus. Based on their observations, the Senior Stakeholders Panel will prepare a thought-provoking wrap up panel discussion. **Mr. William Ross, Jr.**, former Secretary of the North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources will moderate this final plenary session.

It’s summertime in Phoenix: want to go on a field trip?

By Legacy Staff
HydroGeoLogic, Inc.

Beautiful summer is here! For many, summer is the time for exciting vacation getaways. But if you are attending the 2009 Sustaining Military Readiness Conference in Phoenix, you will get more than you bargained for: the conference is hosting a full day of field trips on Friday, August 14. Conference field trips enhance, demonstrate, and encourage conference discussions and the application of lessons learned. The conference steering group has arranged for air conditioned busses to transport participants from the conference hotel to a number of destinations:

- ❖ Air Force Research Laboratory and Arizona Wing CAF Museum
- ❖ Palo Verde Nuclear Site
- ❖ Gila River Indian Community
- ❖ Luke Air Force Base
- ❖ Naval Observatory Flagstaff Station
- ❖ Biosphere
- ❖ Phoenix Zoo

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Questions to be addressed include: how can I get a reporter to take an interest in my story? What reporters do I need to reach? What is the best way to reach the media? How can I get reporters to seek me out for information?

Management of Cooperative Agreements

During this workshop we will explore the following subjects: the steps and length of time required to receive a cooperative agreement; the requirements an installation manager must provide to the Huntsville Center; whether a Statement of Interest should be issued; the steps required to receive an award under a CESU agreement; what regulations cover cooperative agreements and how they differ from other government regulations; and how to prepare a scope of work. In addition, we will discuss the post-award duties and responsibilities.

Forensic Geology and Ground Water Contamination

This workshop will discuss why radiogenic isotopes are extremely to fingerprint and locate the source of geologic and man-made materials. Direct measurement of radiogenic isotopes is used to investigate geographic and anthropogenic sources of lead in human and animal bones and blood. The ability to identify the distinct sources of pollution, heavy metal pathways, bioavailability in the watersheds, and biologic food webs facilitate remediation strategies, positively impact water policy, and indicate whether remediation could improve sites. Financial resources may then be targeted for sites that would reduce human exposure and most promote sustainable management of water resources.

American Indian Communications Training

An overview of the DoD 3-day course, this workshop will provide valuable information for DoD staff, installation tenants, and contractors whose work could impact Indian Tribes or who may work with tribal members. The training will touch on the history of Indian laws, the legal basis for DoD policy, Federal law and policies that impact DoD relationships with Indian tribes, an introduction to tribal concepts and cultures, intercultural communication, and strategies and steps for consulting with tribes.

Readiness and Environmental Protection Initiative Workshop (REPI) – Partnering to Meet the Needs of Sustainability

This workshop will focus on the nuts and bolts of the DoD buffer program, encroachment, and partnership successes at military installations, highlighting the Army and Navy models. Participants will learn how to initiate partnerships and projects with the military and have opportunities to explore specific issues with subject matter experts. An exercise will explore an example scenario of competing land uses complete with challenges, concerns, questions, and new ideas.

International Encroachment Management – A Case Study Based Analysis of Encroachment and Sustainment Efforts, South African Department of Defense

This 2-hour session informs participants about encroachment issues and resolutions in effect for installations supporting the South African National Defense Force. Speakers will present case studies that demonstrate sustainability and encroachment pressures similar to those felt here in the United States; speakers will also discuss the actions taken to manage these pressures and to ensure long-term asset viability. The session will focus on the events that required the federal government to resolve the various interests competing to use green-spaces and nature reserves, as well as military test and training ranges and bases throughout South Africa. The government's resolution to the multiple-use conflicts shaped the encroachment management practices that South Africa successfully employs today. The workshop will present the following case studies:

- ❖ urban development versus a military presence at Air Force Base Waterkloof;
- ❖ invasive vegetation and bush encroachment at the SA Army Combat Training School, Lohatlha;
- ❖ ensuring a continued military presence at Air Force Base Overberg;
- ❖ an overview of encroachment management procedures and practices now embedded in the South African National Defense Force planning mechanism; and
- ❖ a U.S. representative from AFRICOM will tie together encroachment in South Africa with U.S. similarities and influences via experience with Defense Environmental International Cooperation on the African Continent.



Training, Announcements & Events of Interest

Workshops, Interagency Training Announcements and Future Events of Interest to the Conservation Community



FEATURED! Invasive Species Outreach Toolkit: Invasive species pose a significant threat to military readiness. To help installation natural resource managers, the Legacy Program funded the development of an Invasive Species Outreach Toolkit. The Toolkit provides education and outreach tools to help DoD land managers communicate with installation personnel, commanders, and the public about what invasive species are, the impacts they can have, and what individuals can do to help. Specific tools include modifiable outreach materials such as posters, brochures, reference cards, and a PowerPoint presentation; a downloadable Commander's Guide; and a list of resources that provides links to various funding sources. The Toolkit is online at: www.nistoolkit.com. Input and feedback on the Toolkit is welcome; please send all comments to: DoDNRConservation@bah.com.

SPONSORED! Intensive Plant Conservation Training: December 7-12, 2009 in Berkeley, CA. This 6-day workshop will cover the following topics: legislative protection and regulatory obligations for plant recovery, population evaluation, demography, population viability analysis, plant conservation genetics, restoration and management (ex-situ and in-situ) inventory and monitoring techniques, tools and partnerships, and more. Participants will receive pragmatic tips, information resources, contact lists, and a unique opportunity to have questions answered by experts in the field. Space is limited to 35 attendees, so sign up early! For registration and more information contact Anna Strong, Center for Plant Conservation at: Anna.Strong@robot.org.

SPONSORED! Strategic Management of Invasive Species in the Southwestern United States: October 26-30, 2009 in Phoenix, AZ. This five-day invasive species workshop for installation personnel in the southwestern United States (AZ, CA, CO, NM, and NV) is sponsored by the Legacy Program. The workshop will provide participants with the knowledge and resources that will enable them to improve land stewardship by building partnerships and effectively addressing invasive species problems. Invasive terrestrial plants of the southwestern desert ecosystems will be emphasized, but non-native aquatic nuisance species and insects will also be covered. Science and management experts will address pressing ecological issues and explain key components of an invasive species management strategy. Participants will also learn about local, state, and federal invasive species initiatives and regional partnership opportunities. There is no charge for the workshop. Registration is not yet open; however, please contact Melissa Brown at weedcenter@montana.edu to be placed on a list to receive notices about this workshop, or visit <http://www.weedcenter.org/dodworkshop>.

SPONSORED! Strategic Management of Invasive Species in the Southeastern United States: December 7th-11th, 2009 in Chapel Hill, NC. This five-day invasive species course for installation personnel and their strategic partners in the southeastern United States (NC, SC, GA, FL, KY, TN, AL, and MS) is sponsored by the Legacy Program. The workshop will provide participants with the knowledge and resources that will enable them to improve land stewardship by building partnerships and effectively addressing invasive species problems. Invasive terrestrial plants of the southeast will be emphasized. Science and management experts will address pressing ecological issues and explain key components of an invasive species management strategy. Participants will also learn about local, state, and federal invasive species initiatives and regional partnership opportunities. Registration will be available online beginning May 20th, 2009. Please contact Steven Manning at steve@ipc-inc.org to be placed on a list to receive notices about this workshop.

SERDP/ESTCP Annual Technical Symposium & Workshop: The Partners in Environmental Technology Technical Symposium & Workshop will take place December 1-3, 2009 in Washington, DC. This event is sponsored by the Strategic Environmental Research and Development Program (SERDP), DoD's environmental science and technology program, and the Environmental Security Technology Certification Program (ESTCP), DoD's environmental technology demonstration and validation program. This comprehensive technical program will feature 11 technical sessions and five short courses. Technical sessions will highlight research and innovative technologies that assist DoD in addressing increasingly complex environmental and mission sustainability challenges. Short courses on select technologies in the environmental restoration and munitions management areas will offer unique training opportunities on recent advancements in science and technology. For the most up-to-date information about the Symposium, visit www.serdp-estcp.org/symposium. If you have any questions, please e-mail partners@hgl.com or call the Symposium contact line at 703-736-4548.

SAVE THE DATE! 9th Annual North American Pollinator Protection Campaign International Conference: October 21-23, 2009 at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Arlington, Virginia.

Photo of the Month

Capturing the beauty of our natural resources



August 2009 Photo of the Month Winner!
Beach at Bellows AFB, Oahu, Hawaii
Submitted by *Natural Selections* reader: Jane Mallory
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Did You Know?

Little Did You Know Conservation Could Be So Much Fun!



The symbols behind the conference coin (actually, the symbols are in the front!) – A long standing military tradition is the challenge coin. Like so many other aspects of military tradition, the origins of the challenge coin are a matter of much debate with little supporting evidence. While many organizations and Military Services claim to be the originators of the challenge coin, the most commonly held view is that the tradition began in the United States Army Air Service (the forerunner of the current United States Air Force).

Air warfare was a new phenomenon during World War I. When the Army created flying squadrons, they were manned with volunteer pilots from every walk of civilian life. While some of the early pilots came from working class or rural backgrounds, many were wealthy Ivy League students who withdrew from classes in the middle of the year, drawn by the adventure and romance of the new form of warfare.

As the legend goes, one such Ivy Leaguer, a wealthy lieutenant, ordered small, solid-bronze medallions (or coins) to be struck, which he then presented to the other pilots in his squadron as mementos of their service together. The coin was gold-plated, bore the squadron's insignia, and was quite valuable. One of the pilots in the squadron, who had never owned anything like the coin, placed it in a leather pouch he wore around his neck for safekeeping. A short while later, this pilot's aircraft was heavily damaged by ground fire (other sources claim it was an aerial dogfight), forcing him to land behind enemy lines where he was captured by the Germans. The Germans confiscated the personal belongings from his pockets, but they did not catch the leather pouch around his neck. On his way to a prisoner of war facility, he was held overnight in a small German-held French village near the front. During the night, the town was bombarded by the British, creating enough confusion to allow the pilot to escape.

The pilot avoided German patrols by donning civilian attire, but since all of his identification had been confiscated so he had no way to prove his identity. With great difficulty, he crept across no-man's land and made contact with a French patrol. Unfortunately, the French had been on the lookout for German saboteurs dressed as civilians. The French mistook the American pilot for a German saboteur and immediately prepared to execute him.

Desperate to prove his allegiance and without any identification, the pilot pulled out the coin from his leather pouch and showed it to his French captors. One of the Frenchmen recognized the unit insignia on the coin and delayed the execution long enough to confirm the pilot's identity.

Once the pilot safely returned to his squadron, it became a tradition for all members to carry their coin at all times. To ensure compliance, the pilots would challenge each other to produce the coin. If the challenged could not produce the coin, he was required to buy a drink of choice for the challenger; if the challenged could produce the coin, the challenger would purchase the drink.

The conference coin continues this long-standing tradition. The 2009 Sustaining Military Readiness Conference Coin retains the same design featured in the 2007 Conference. The front of the coin features an American flag in the background, with a blackened jet fighter, carrier, the silhouette of Service personnel, and a Bradley in the top right quarter of the coin representing military readiness and all four Military Services. The lower half of the coin features a mountain landscape with waterfront representing our nation's natural resources and two copper colored buildings representing historical buildings and cultural resources.

In addition to using coins for challenging, they are also used as rewards or awards to build morale. This tradition probably began amongst Special Forces units during the Vietnam War. The tradition spread through the Airborne community and, by the early 1980s, also into the 75th Infantry "Rangers." As officers were reassigned as their careers progressed, they carried with them the tradition of awarding a unit coin for acts that were worthy of recognition, but yet lacked enough merit to submit the soldier's act for an official medal. The conference coin also continues this long-standing tradition by presenting the conference coin as a reward to a limited number of conference speakers and the Honor Guard.



The 2009 Sustaining Military Readiness Conference coin.

Links of Interest on the Web

Useful URLs



DoD Legacy Resource Management Program: <https://www.dodlegacy.org> DoD program that provides funding to natural and cultural resource projects that have regional, national, and/or multi-Service benefit. The Legacy Tracker lets you download fact sheets and reports for completed Legacy funded projects.

DENIX: <https://www.denix.osd.mil> DENIX is an electronic environmental bulletin board that provides access to environmental information, such as Executive Orders, policies, guidance, INRMPs, fact sheets, and reports.

DoD Partners in Flight: <http://www.dodpif.org> The DoD PIF Program supports and enhances the military mission while it works to develop cooperative projects to ensure a focused and coordinated approach for the conservation of resident and migratory birds and their habitats.

Biodiversity Handbook: <http://www.dodbiodiversity.org> On this website you will find a thorough introduction to biodiversity and how it applies to the military mission; the scientific, legal, policy, and natural resources management contexts for biodiversity conservation on DoD lands; and practical advice from DoD natural resource managers through 17 case studies. A Commander's Guide to conserving biodiversity on military lands is also available.

DoD Pollinator Workshop: <http://dodpollinatorworkshop.com> Provides an overview of the 2009 NMFWA workshop on pollinators. Many useful resources available including factsheets and technical reports, pocket guides to identifying pollinators, and links to other websites on pollinators.

DoD Invasive Species Toolkit: <http://www.nistoolkit.com> In order to help installation natural resource managers protect the natural resources on our nation's military lands, the Legacy Program developed the Invasive Species Toolkit. The Toolkit is an education and outreach tool to help DoD land managers communicate about invasive species. It contains modifiable outreach materials such as posters, brochures, reference cards, and a PowerPoint presentation. A Commander's Guide and a list of resources to help identify information and funding sources are also included.



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