

ENFORCE 03

CANCELED

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In light of current world events, MG Van Antwerp, in consultation with the Chief of Engineers, decided to cancel ENFORCE 03. The Engineer School is focusing, instead, on providing the very best support possible to the Army in the field, the Regiment, and the soldiers training here during this period of increased worldwide tension. It was definitely not an easy decision because of the critical nature of ENFORCE to the Regiment's leadership and future. However, this will allow increased focus on near-term missions and requirements that will set the stage for ENFORCE 04.

Although ENFORCE 03 was cancelled, the focus on transformation is too important not to be covered in *Engineer*, our professional bulletin. The articles in this issue focus on the areas that were planned for breakout sessions at ENFORCE 03—the Objective Force, the Officer Education System, Regimental Transformation—How to Fight, Operationalizing Assured Mobility, the Countermine Center, FM 3-34, Geospatial Engineering, Terrain Visualization, and Environmental Ethics.

The Commandant will look for an opportunity later this year to host a two-day Regimental Warfighter Conference that will focus on the Objective Engineer Force, Officer Education System transformation, and lessons learned from current operations.

ENFORCE Background

The ENFORCE Conference, hosted by the U.S. Army Engineer School, is an opportunity for senior engineer leaders to come back to the home of the Regiment once a year to attend professional development seminars, receive Army institutional updates, and participate in informational exchanges—and then take this information back to the sappers on the ground.

ENFORCE, as we know it, began as the Engineer Commanders' Conference (ECC) before the school's move from Fort Belvoir, Virginia, in 1989. Soon after the move here to Fort Leonard Wood, the name of the conference changed to the Senior Engineer Leader's Training Conference (SELTC), to signify the change in focus from only engineer commanders to all senior engineer leaders. In 1995, the name changed again to the Engineer Force Conference (ENFORCE), to signify the Regiment's move into the future and its focus on what that future would hold for engineers.

Typical ENFORCE attendees are commanders and command sergeants major at the battalion, brigade, and group levels of Active and Reserve Component engineer units; senior engineer advisors to the Reserve Component units and the Readiness Groups; engineers from Corps/Major Commands; senior engineers from the Engineer School, 310th Theater Army Area Command, 98th Division (Training), U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and Directorates of Public Works; members of the Army Engineer Association; and selected senior staff engineers.

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