

# The 11th Annual Army Worldwide AT Conference

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The 11th Annual Army Worldwide Antiterrorism (AT) Conference was conducted 29 January–4 February 2011 at the Shades of Green Armed Forces Recreation Center resort in Orlando, Florida. The conference theme was “Integrating and Synchronizing Antiterrorism.” The goal of this year’s conference was to educate and professionally develop Army AT personnel, build synergy for AT strategic goals and initiatives, and involve AT officers in solving key issues impacting the program. Nearly 350 registrants participated in this year’s conference.

Senior leaders who participated in the conference included—

- General Peter Chiarelli, Vice Chief of Staff of the Army.
- Mr. Gary Reid, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Special Operations and Combating Terrorism.
- Brigadier General Colleen McGuire, Provost Marshal General of the Army.
- Brigadier General Ernest Audino, Deputy Director; G-33, G-3/5/7, Headquarters, Department of the Army (DA).
- Brigadier General Peter Atkinson (Canadian Forces), Deputy Commanding General–Canada, III Corps and Fort Hood, Fort Hood, Texas.

The highlight of this year’s conference was the participation of General Chiarelli, via teleconference from his office in the Pentagon. General Chiarelli’s remarks focused on the theme of the conference and stressed the importance of close collaboration among all security programs within the Army’s protection portfolio to gain efficiencies, reduce redundancies, and provide the Army community with a safe and secure environment by protecting against internal and external threats. He called upon all leaders to recognize indicators of high-risk behavior in members of their organizations and to intervene before those members could initiate acts of violence directed against the Army community.

Key conference presentations included remarks about—

- Fort Hood lessons learned, by Brigadier General Atkinson.
- A comprehensive briefing concerning high-risk behavior and violence within the Army, by Lieutenant

Colonel Mark Jackson, Office of the Provost Marshal General.

- An excellent examination of the insider threat to the Army, by Colonel James Stuteville, Director, Counterintelligence, Human Intelligence, Security, and Disclosure Directorate; Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Intelligence, G-2; Headquarters, DA.
- An overview of the way ahead for the Army Protection Program, by Mr. Jim Platt, Deputy Director, G-34, G-3/5/7; Headquarters, DA.

The conference also included outstanding presentations from a number of noted subject matter experts from other government agencies, federal and local law enforcement agencies, and academia on the topics of terrorists and violent insiders and the threats they pose to the Army. Presentations included—

- “Keep Raising the Bar: Improving Combating Terrorism,” by Mr. Wade Ishimoto, special assistant to the Under Secretary of the Navy.
- “The Next Terrorist Attack: Swarm Attacks,” by Mr. Brian Fairchild, the Intrepid Group, (and a retired Central Intelligence Agency [CIA] officer).
- “Radicalization and Psychology of Active Shooters,” by Ms. Anne Speckhard, Ph.D., Georgetown University School of Medicine, Washington, D.C.
- “al-Qaida’s New Leaders,” by Mr. Jarrett Brachman, Ph.D., North Dakota State University.
- “The Terrorist,” by Mr. John Schindler, Ph.D., U.S. Naval War College, Newport, Rhode Island.
- “Threat Management of the Lone Offender,” by Special Agents Andre Simons and Mark Rossin, Behavioral Analysis Unit, Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI).
- “Threat Management Units at American Universities,” by Major Gene Deisinger, Ph.D., Police Department, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University.
- “Suspicious-Activity Reporting,” by Mr. Doug Larm, Seattle Police Department/Washington State Fusion Center, Seattle, Washington.

AT-related presentations included—

- An Office of the Secretary of Defense AT and force protection policy update, by Colonel Erik Rundquist,

Deputy Director, AT and Force Protection, Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Homeland Defense and America's Security Affairs.

- A U.S. Navy Force Protection Program review, by Commander Ron Oswald, Director for Force Protection, U.S. Navy.

Awards were presented for the best results during the Army's Deputy Chief of Staff, G-3/5/7 Protection Assessment Team assessment, the best AT program manager, and the best fixed installation AT programs. Additionally, sixteen individuals from across the Army were recognized as 2011 AT Honor Roll award winners. Brigadier General McGuire and Brigadier General Audino presented the awards.

To facilitate the sharing of AT best practices throughout the Army AT community, four AT officers from installation and command levels described the details of the best practices recognized during Protection Assessment Team assessments or AT Branch, Office of the Provost Marshal General, Coordination and Assistance Program visits during 2010. This year's presentations included—

- "Automated Aircraft and Personnel Clearance System for Travel Within an Area of Responsibility," by Mr. Mike Hebblethwaite, U.S. Army Pacific.

- "iWATCH Initiative," by Mr. Tim Harmon, U.S. Army Garrison, Baden-Württemberg, Germany.
- "AT Measures in Contracting," by Mr. Keith Lundquist, XVIII Airborne Corps and Fort Bragg, Fort Bragg, North Carolina.
- "Integrating AT into Planning Exercises," by Mr. Darryl Bowman, U.S. Army Africa.

A Mitigating Terrorist Threats panel, consisting of members from the U.S. Army Counterintelligence Center, provided an excellent overview of current intelligence trends and operations in each of the geographic combatant command areas of responsibility (Northern Command, Southern Command, Central Command, European Command, and Pacific Command). The panel presentation included extensive conference attendee participation and a question-and-answer session. Lieutenant Colonel Pat Cook, branch chief of the AT Operations and Intelligence Cell, served as the panel moderator.

Planning for next year's conference has already commenced. The conference has been tentatively scheduled for the same time frame (30 January–3 February 2012). The Shades of Green resort remains an excellent, cost-effective, and extremely popular venue and has been tentatively selected as the location for the 2012 conference.

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