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TARDEC Associate Receives 2007 Louis Dellamonica Award

DETROIT ARSENAL, WARREN, MI – Survivability Team Leader Heather Molitoris recently received the prestigious 2007 Louis Dellamonica Award for Outstanding U.S. Army Materiel Command (AMC) Personnel of the Year Award for 2007.

Molitoris has worked at the U.S. Army Tank Automotive Research, Development and Engineering Center (TARDEC) for more than seven years and currently serves as the Survivability System Optimization Team Leader. “Heather was selected for her outstanding work using many different modeling and simulation [M&S] tools for developing and integrating technologies for military vehicle survivability,” remarked TARDEC Director Dr. Grace M. Bochenek. “Her efforts have directly resulted in new capabilities for force-on-force modeling. She is an inspiration to others and an important asset to TARDEC, RDECOM [U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command] and AMC.”

In 2007, as the M&S lead for the Tactical Wheeled Vehicle Survivability Army Technology Objective, Molitoris was responsible for developing the simulation and simulation support plans for an integrated survivability tactical wheeled vehicle demonstrator. Her simulation plan reduced the risk and costs of developing and integrating technologies.

“With the team she leads, Heather determines technologies that meet the requirements and minimize the impact on the vehicle mission role,” Bochenek added. “She is also recognized as an international subject-matter expert for the integrated survivability process, tools development and application. The M&S tools she is developing and supporting will provide superior breakthrough technologies and concepts to ensure dominant land-force capability for warfighters, the United States and our allies.”

Ten out of 60,000 AMC employees are given the award annually, due to their performance. The award is named after retired Department of Defense Electrical Engineer Louis Dellamonica, who was the oldest and longest serving employee. He served for 65 years and retired Jan. 2, 2007, at the age of 94.

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Survivability Team Leader Heather Molitoris (facing) and U.S. Army Research Laboratory members Natalie Eberius and Patrick Gillich hold an impromptu discussion during the first Modeling and Simulation, Testing and Validation Workshop Nov. 18 and 19 in Sterling Heights, MI. Molitoris recently received the prestigious 2007 Louis Dellamonica Award for Outstanding U.S. Army Materiel Command (AMC) Personnel of the Year Award for 2007.

TARDEC is the Nation's laboratory for advanced military ground systems and automotive technology. A leading technology integrator for the U.S. Army Materiel Command's Research Development and Engineering Command (RDECOM), TARDEC is headquartered at the Detroit Arsenal in Warren, MI, located in the heart of the world's automotive capitol. TARDEC is a major element of RDECOM and partner in the TACOM Life Cycle Management Command. As a full life-cycle engineering support provider-of-first-choice for all DOD ground combat and combat support weapons and vehicle systems, TARDEC develops and integrates the right technology solutions to improve Current Force effectiveness and provide superior capabilities for the Future Force. TARDEC's technical staff leads research in ground vehicle survivability; mobility/power and energy; robotics and intelligent systems; maneuver support and sustainment; and vehicle electronics and architecture. TARDEC develops and maintains ground vehicles for all U.S. Armed Forces and numerous federal agencies.

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