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TARDEC Bringing Robots, Opportunities to West Point Engineering Expo

DETROIT ARSENAL, WARREN, Mich. — In a continued effort to identify and attract top engineering and science talent from across the county, the U.S. Army Tank Automotive Research, Development and Engineering Center (TARDEC) is participating in the seventh annual West Point Engineering Expo this Friday, Sept. 18. During the expo, hosted by the United States Military Academy (USMA) at West Point, NY, TARDEC will display unmanned vehicles and discuss opportunities both in Michigan and at TARDEC's new robotics laboratory on the USMA campus.

“The West Point Engineering Expo is an opportunity for TARDEC to start a dialogue with the Army's Future Force leaders and expose them to engineering and science opportunities of which they may not be aware,” explained TARDEC Director Dr. Grace M. Bochenek. “This is one of a variety of efforts TARDEC is undertaking to attract young men and women with appropriate interest, drive and skill sets.”

To foster TARDEC's robotics relationship with USMA, TARDEC's Joint Center for Robotics (JCR) has initiated an effort to construct a state-of-the-art, fully-instrumented and reconfigurable experimentation facility located at West Point. The facility, when fully operational, will be capable of testing experimental small-scale robotic platforms as well as larger relevant military robotic platforms such as the Small Unmanned Ground Vehicle, Talon and Packbot.

The Engineering Expo continues a robotics push by TARDEC that was highlighted by the first-ever Robotics Rodeo at Fort Hood, Texas, earlier this month. The Robotics Rodeo, co-hosted by III Corps and TARDEC, brought together leading robotics companies, top Army officials and members of the science and technology community to evaluate the state of robotics for potential military application.

About West Point

Ranked the “Top College in the Country” by *Forbes* and “Top Public Liberal Arts College” by *U.S. News & World Report*, the U.S. Military Academy is a four-year co-educational federal undergraduate liberal arts college located 50 miles north of New York

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