



Bonn, 10 July 2009

Ladies and Gentlemen

As the events conducted in the last few years have been so well received, AFCEA Bonn e.V. and the Bundeswehr IT Office would like to invite you to the:

Koblenz Symposium on Information Technology 2009

Joint and Combined Operations

– communications network –

3 September 2009

at the

Saal des Heeres, Falckenstein-Barracks, Koblenz

The event will once more be under the auspices of the Lord Mayor of the „IT.City“ Koblenz Dr. Eberhard Schulte-Wissermann.

The Bundeswehr needs to work more than ever towards a joint orientation and its capability to perform a wide range of tasks in a combined environment. Therefore, the command and control capability of our armed forces – on site in the theatre of operations as well as from the home country – requires highly efficient information and communication systems adapted to suit operational requirements. The development of network-enabled operations will in the medium term undergo a considerable change with respect to the technical architecture of the overall IT system. Modern network technology will find its way into tactical networks.

Projects like SATCOMBw Step 2, TETRAPOL Bw or the fielding of deployable access nets have already initiated the process of conversion of the communications system. As these changes will not remain the only elements in the new architecture we intend to address a number of questions: How does this new communication architecture look like? What has been achieved so far? What further steps are planned? Which systems will support the integrated system of command and control, reconnaissance and effects on the tactical level? What solutions does industry have? Which approach did our allies opt for?

As in the past years we have once more organized an informative and varied program. The interesting topics specifically address the Bundeswehr command authorities and agencies as well as mem-

bers of the Federal Ministry of Defense. We are also inviting agencies and organizations with security relevant tasks, institutes, associations, universities and technical universities to participate in the discussion. It would also be a pleasure to give the defense industry a forum in which to voice their interests and ideas and engage in a dialogue with the decision makers.

You will hardly find another event that gives you a similar insight into these central issues. AFCEA Bonn e.V. and the Bundeswehr IT office are the competent partners during this national conference with international participation. Apart from informative presentations, we will make sure that there is enough opportunity for exchange and discussion. We would therefore like to invite you to our "Koblenz evening" which will give you ample opportunity to talk and discuss.

We would like to welcome you in Koblenz on Thursday, 3 September. You will find further details in the attachments and on our websites www.afcea.de and www.it-ambw.de. Please **inform** the AFCEA Bonn e.V. of your wish to participate **until 14 August 2009**.

Best regards

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