

## **Joint Robotics Repair & Fielding**

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### **Robotic Systems Joint Project Office**



### Joint Robot Repair Fielding (JRRF)



- Provide in-Theater Support for Joint Service Theater Provided Equipment (TPE) Ground Robots.
- Single "Belly Button" for OIF/OEF Training, Sustainment, Assessment, and Accountability
  - 162 Bots (2004) 1800 Bots (2005) 4300 bots (Now) -

- 6000+ est'd (2008)

- Pre-Deployment Training Sites JRRTs and Mobile Training Teams Joint Reserves (61%)
- 4 Hour Robot Turn-Around Standard Leveraging "Joint Float Pool Concept"
- Web-Accessible Real-time Supply Chain Management with integrated IUID Key step toward sense and respond logistics

- Accountability

- Parts Reordering

- Reliability Tracking

- Trouble Desk Info

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### 2007 Measures of Effectiveness (OIF/OEF)

# of Missions	# of Found & Cleared IEDs	# of Destroyed Robots			
25,000 +	15,037	150			

- 26,000 Robot Maintenance Actions
- Find and Clear Rate is Approximately 61%
- SOP is to Employ a Ground Robot first
- Bomb Suits Only used When Terrain Prevents Robot Employment

#### Training at 0900 hours



#### The robot "crew member" 6 hours later





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### JRRF-Iraq (Camp Victory)





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### Approaches to Logistics

#### Yesterday (Mass-Based)



- More is better
- Mountains of stuff measured in days of supply
- Uses massive inventory to hedge against uncertainty in demand and supply
- Mass begets mass and slows everything down



Today (Just-in-Time)

- On-time is better
- Inventory is reduced to a minimum and kept moving
- Uses precise demand prediction and static optimization to purge uncertainty
- Works great, except when it doesn't

#### Tomorrow (Sense and Respond)



- Adaptive is better
- Inventory is dynamically positioned throughout
- Uses transportation flexibility and robust IT to handle uncertainty
- Initial S&R models look promising
- Supports distributed, adaptive ops

Prime Metric: Days of Supply Prime Metric: Flow Time Prime Metric: Speed/Quality of Effects



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### It's all about Performance Based Logistics (PBL)

## The Current (DAU) Definition:

PBL primary tenets are documentation of <u>WAR-FIGHTER</u> performance requirements as measurable metrics.

### A fraction of the measurable metrics:

Operational Availability, Operational Reliability, Cost per Unit Usage, Total life cycle cost, Logistics Footprint, Logistics Response Time,





### What Joint Robotics Repair & Fielding Is Doing

- 1. Define the WAR-FIGHTER : As the private or crew member in the heat of it.
- 2. Understand what is important to the WAR-FIGHTER:

Time Equipment that works Time

3. Define PBL in a term the WAR-FIGHTER understands.

We structure our support to be reactive to the private or crew member in the heat of it. The WAR-FIGHTER receives a robot in 4 hours or less. PERIOD

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## JRRF WEB Based-Supply Chain Management (SCM)

## Data (IUID) Don't just generate the data USE the data

#### **COLTS Supply Chain Management**



Implementing IUID without an integrated Supply Chain Management System is a Dead End.

#### But you will have met DoD requirements!

#### Your immediate gain will be

- ... No Savings
- ... No immediately usable data
- ... No incentive to comply
- ... No vendor "buy in"

The challenge is to find a way to implement IUID with your supply chain management system.

...RSJPO is using integrating IUID and our SCM

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### Making the Data work for you

#### Mandate and Goals

Under Secretary of Defense (USD) and Army's Product Manager, Joint Automatic Identification Technology (PMJAIT) require compliance with policy mandates for Unique Identification (UID) and Radio Frequency Identification (RFID)

#### technologies for Supply Chain Management: Mandate and Goals

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- Maximize efficiencies of life-cycle asset management with integration of UID/ RFID throughout DoD.
- Leverage technology to improve the ability to get the customer the right materiel, at the right time, and in the right condition
- Critical to the End-to-End War fighter Support Initiative.

Integrated Solution IUID and RFID Technologies With SCM



#### **RSJPO Huntsville ICP 2007 Initiatives**



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## 1,2,3, Process Flow



#### The JRRF from 40,000 feet



#### **IUID Decision Flow Process**



#### COLTS Catalog build process





#### TALON 3B (Engineer and EOD Bot of Choice)



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### **JRRF Prior to IUID integration**

#### Each Keyboard represents opportunity for error



### **JRRF Prior to IUID integration**

## Each Scanner represent a process streamlined and error elimination.



### **IUID** Pedigree Data Input

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### **IUID** Printing options

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### **IUID** Data Verification Process

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#### **IUID** Portable On-Site Suite

Air Card for off site Citrix connection to SCM Server \$60/month



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### **IUID** and Maintenance



### **IUID** and Supply & Shipping



### Just the facts (1 Jan 07 – 31 Dec 07)

- COLTS Supply & Maintenance Data
  - 6073 Work orders completed
  - 26,375 maintenance actions
  - 64,419 Inventory events (Parts movement)
  - 78,467 Asset events (Robot actions/movement/repair, etc)
  - 4,816 Items shipped
  - 64 EOD/Engineer robots rebuilt from a destroyed condition. Cost savings approximately 3.2 million dollars.
- AIT, IUID/RFID integration saves the RSJPO time, money and ultimately lives on the battlefield.
  - No more "lost" data due to human error
  - Shorter repair cycle time as a result of IUID "scan in & scan out"
  - More fidelity of data tracked in COLTS due to IUID decision process.
  - Routine logistics processes streamlined with IUID and hand scanner.
  - Configuration management integrated with all SCM actions. SIM is a reality
- Operational rate on all NS-E/COTS supported platforms has been in excess of 98% since Apr 05.
- In excess of 3307 soldiers trained on robotics operation



### **Return on Investment**

- A misplaced hyphen cost \$280K
- IUID enables Serialized Item Maintenance (SIM is a DoD Mandate)
  - IUID Enables real time configuration management
  - IUID Saves repair parts cost
    - Aug 06-Mar 07 \$29M for repair parts on 1 vendor
    - Aug 07-Mar 08 \$ 5M for repair parts on same vendor
- IUID eliminates human induced error
  - Average human has a typing error rate 5.47%. For every 100 key strokes 6 will be wrong



### Future Operations; Where we are going

- Vertical storage (Self Issue) (Feb 2008)
  - 100% automated accountability COLTS opens the drawer not the user
  - High use items will be co-located with technicians
  - Tool room functions
- Integrated RFID (Apr 2008)
  - End items will receive active (aRFID) / (pRFID) passive permanent RFID
  - ICP will utilized aRFID / pRFID to streamline operations
- Integrate CBM+ (Conditioned Based Maintenance)
  - We want the robots to tell us (JRRF) when they need service
- Institutionalize the JRRF process for NS-E/COTS sustainment
  - Establish a Joint Service approach
  - Staff and train a Joint Reserve organization to be reactive to mobilization and NS-E/COTS support (Train, Maintain, Supply)
  - Stop inventing the wheel at every conflict. Institutionalize the innovative process





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# **Questions?**

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