

Dave Honey's Concluding Remarks
ATO DARPA Tech '04 Presentations

Network Centric Operations.

The phrase has been bandied about so much that sometimes it seems to mean anything and everything.

I hope that my presentation and those of my ATO colleagues have let you know precisely what network centric operations means to us.

It's the reason we're here.

It's our job to make it a reality for America's fighting forces - for its fighting men and women - our job is to give them the edge they need to prevail in any contingency against any enemy in any theater, no matter how remote or unexpected.

We're aiming to develop the technology necessary to support the demanding requirements of military networks - mobile, ad hoc, self-assembling, self-diagnosing, self-defending and healing,- required to support our 21st century forces.

We're doing it with revolutionary approaches to communications systems.

We believe that the time has come to rethink a conceptual paradigm of communications that's at least a half century old...

With Networking Technologies that turn the world upside down ...

With approaches to network security that fundamentally rethink our computing technology objectives -- making security concerns foundational, not an afterthought.

And we're developing these technologies in a variety of applications - notably in the maritime arena, where we're applying exotic technologies to a range of practical combat problems the Navy and Marine Corps face in the demanding littoral environments in which they'll increasingly be forced to operate.

None of this work would be possible without the outstanding scientists and engineers who make up the ATO team.

The ATO program managers have an iron-clad faith in their ability to deliver the technology our forces need.

And an ability to think completely "outside the box" when it comes to visualizing solutions to vexing, decades-old dilemmas.

To meet these future challenges, ATO is always looking for a few good professionals with that peculiar talent to see solutions down avenues that others will not even consider exploring.

If that sounds like you, then you should come and see me.

In fact, all of you should come to see all of us - to learn more about the full range of ATO's programs, since we've only been able to hit the high points this morning.

And the easiest way to do that is to visit us at our ATO booth during the upcoming lunch break or whenever you have a moment during the rest of DARPA Tech.

We'll be happy to show you more of what we're up to - in communications, networking technology, network defenses, maritime programs, special initiatives, and much more.

But, if there's one message you take from our ATO presentation today, it should be this, we're the people who will make Net-Centric Operations work.

If you have a contribution to make to that vital enterprise - to an effort that will provide the cutting edge for our military's dominance of the battlefield- we want to hear from you.

Thank you.