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**From Saxophone to Simulation**

Leadership Orlando Explores MS&T

Properly beginning our session with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moving saxophone performance of the National Anthem, the stage was set for members of *Leadership Orlando* Class 79 to participate in briefings by all branches of the military and their civilian and industry counterparts and to experience, firsthand, what the Modeling, Simulation & Training cluster means to the Central Florida region and our state.



**Ramon Garcia**  
Visual Information Support Services

Under the tutelage of classmates representing U. S. Army PEO STRI, Peter Marion and Mike Willoughby, the *Leadership Orlando* participants were provided a history of the Military MS&T presence in Orlando, the development of the Central Florida Research Park, and the unique partnership between the United States Army and Navy, which now also includes the Air Force, Marines and Coast Guard, other federal agencies and local and state governments.

The agreement between the Army and Navy that began sixty years ago is still benefiting military service members today and has delivered decades of training for our Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Marines. Team Orlando, as it is now known, has led to the major concentration of Department of Defense Training and Simulation that resides here in Central Florida, now recognized as the epicenter for MS&T.

The military perspective was provided by representatives at the highest levels of each branch, along with briefings by Team Orlando, the Institute for Simulation and Training and the National Center for Simulation. An industry panel discussion followed with representatives from Lockheed Martin Global Training and Logistics, Science Applications International Corporation (SAIC), Engineering & Computer Simulations, Inc. (ECS), Carley Corporation and L-3 Communications, Link Simulation & Training.



Divided into five tour groups, the *Leadership Orlando* participants then had the opportunity to experience the hardware and software that they had just learned about. From marksmanship training to rocket launchers, from virtual worlds and avatars to artificial human prosthetics, and from driving a Humvee or piloting a Coast Guard cutter, class members began to understand the real world application of this industry cluster to today's warfighters, emergency personnel and a variety of civilian applications for this important work.



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"Getting up this morning I never thought I would be driving an M-1 tank or shooting a machine gun today," says Paul Schatz, Toll Operation Specialist with Orlando-Orange county Expressway Authority, "but getting to see the technology up close and getting a hands-on experience was truly amazing."

Just a few days prior, U. S. Senator George LeMieux was provided a similar briefing by Team Orlando. [Click here](#) for the full *Every Monday* story.

If you have been looking for the "right" time to participate in *Leadership Orlando*, or know someone who should be in the room for these discussions, now is indeed the perfect time to be a part of America's largest Community Leadership program, *Leadership Orlando*. Preparing for the future of our region is up to each of us. Now is the time to learn about the issues, participate in the difficult conversations and help in guiding our future.

Enrollment is currently underway for Class 80, scheduled to begin in September. Space is limited, so don't delay! The online enrollment form and the full schedule may be accessed at [www.orlando.org/leadership](http://www.orlando.org/leadership). Should you have questions, contact Kathy Panter at 407.835.2499 or via email at [Kathy.Panter@ideastoresults.org](mailto:Kathy.Panter@ideastoresults.org).

**About Leadership Orlando**

Developing regional leaders is important to the future success of the Central Florida Region. That is why "Regional Leadership" is a primary line of business for the *Central Florida Partnership*. With over thirty years of proven success, *Leadership Orlando*, America's largest "Community Leadership Program," continues to encourage, cultivate and recruit emerging leaders to better serve the Central Florida Region.

Working together with *Orlando, Inc.* (Orlando Regional Chamber of Commerce) focused on Regional Entrepreneurship, *BusinessForce* (Public Policy Advocacy), and *myregion.org* (Regional Research & Resolves), the *Central Florida Partnership* is moving "Ideas to Results."

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