



White Sands CG visits EPG on inaugural tour

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Brig. Gen. William F. Engel, Commanding General, U.S. Army White Sands Missile Range made his initial visit to the Electronic Proving Ground at Fort Huachuca on Dec. 17. Engel assumed command of "America's Range" in New Mexico on Oct 22. Col. Hugo Keyner, commander of EPG accompanied Engel and Command Sgt. Major Gilbert L. Canuela, Command Sergeant Major, USAWSMR.

Welcoming the official party at EPG included Mr. James Cole, Deputy to the Commander, Mr. Robert Reiner, Technical Director and Mr. Tom Atwood, Management Support Director. Mr. Roger Fate, Contractor Support Program Manager, was introduced to Engel and Canuela at the command orientation.



Prior to the EPG command orientation, Engel presented a commander's coin to Mr. Mark Hynes of EPG's Test Technology Division, in recognition of his selection as National Society of Professional Engineers, Engineer of the Year for Developmental Test

Command. Following the presentation, Engel conducted a WSMR Command Update briefing to the Team EPG workforce orientation attendees.

During this beginning-of-tour visit, Engel received briefings covering a wide range of topics. Emphasis was placed on EPG as the Developmental Tester for the Army, responsible for testing Command, Control, Communications, Computers, Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance systems or C4ISR. Other topics included EPG's historical relation to Fort Huachuca from 1954 to the present, and the organizations other test capabilities, systems, instrumentation, and facilities. He reviewed EPG's Force Protection posture and had updates on other critical C4ISR tests in progress or projection.



Following the 2-hour briefing, Keyner, Cole, Reiner, and Atwood conducted walking tours of Banister Hall and the adjacent Electromagnetic Environmental Test Facility so that employees of Team EPG could meet Engel and Canuela.

The afternoon schedule included a visit to several EPG installations beginning with the Antenna Test Facility, where Mr. Victor Walker, Senior Field Engineer, conducted a tour and briefing. Other installations visited included the Instrumentation Test Range, where Mr. Larry

Key, Range Support and Operations Test Officer, provided a tour and ITR briefing; culminating with a windshield tour of EPG's Motor Pool and Fabrication Support Maintenance Facility.