

AMRDEC takes Educational Outreach to Las Vegas

LAS VEGAS, Nev. (Dec. 4, 2010) – Thousands of people recently paid a visit to the southern part of Nevada not to try their luck at games of chance or to take in the entertainment or to sample the many dining establishments but to learn more about their profession—education—and participate in an annual event aimed at helping them prepare future generations for their chosen careers.

Educators from across the country

tion for Career and Technical Education’s Annual Convention and Career Tech Expo.

Tommy Harris, Exhibits Manager for the Aviation and Missile Research Development and Engineering Center, took part in the demonstrations and displays to give the educators a “hands-on” experience of the high-tech Army and inform them of the numerous career opportunities for their students upon graduation.



Tommy Harris, Exhibits Manager for the Aviation and Missile Research, Development and Engineering Center, describes the RAVEN Small Unmanned Aerial Vehicle to one of the thousands of people who attended the recent Association for Career and Technical Education’s Annual Convention and Career Tech Expo. Photograph by Maj. Johnpaul Arnold, Education Marketing and Outreach, Program Manager, US Army Accessions Command.

spent three days in Las Vegas in early December touring the exhibits and listening to experts in the field of Education during the Associa-

“The Army’s participation in the Association for Career and Technical Education event was led by the U.S. Army Accessions Command and was a great opportunity for the

different commands to engage an audience of approximately 5,000 educators teaching students in grades K through 14,” said Harris.

According to its website, www.acteonline.org, the Association for Career and Technical Education is the largest national education association dedicated to the advancement of education that prepares youth and adults for successful careers. ACTE’s membership numbers more than 29,000 career and technical educators, administrators and counselors, and others involved in career and technical education programs at all levels of education.

Harris showcased the Army’s Raven UAV, highlighted the other work done by AMRDEC’s scientists and engineers, and discussed building the AMRDEC future workforce through Educational Outreach.

“The venue provided an opportunity to build relationships, to inform educational leaders about the Army’s wide range of civilian employment opportunities, and the many leadership and education initiatives aimed at students of all ages,” said Harris.

The Association for Career and Technical Education is the nation’s largest not-for-profit education association dedicated to the advancement of education that prepares youth and adults for successful careers. Founded in 1926, ACTE has more than 27,000 members including teachers, counselors and administrators at the middle school, high school and post-secondary levels.