



OAA Military Training Day

FORT MYER, VA – Soldiers from the U.S. Army Information Technology Agency (ITA) participated in a quarterly training event hosted by the Office of the Administrative Assistant to the Secretary of the Army (OAA: <http://www.oaa.army.mil/>). OAA's Military Training Day included 43 participating Soldiers from OAA operating agencies across the National Capital Region (NCR), several of whom are preparing to attend NCOES schools, such as the Warrior Leaders Course.

“This training is extremely important for Soldiers, including those serving in non-combat roles”, said SFC Clifton McDonald of Army Multimedia and Visual Information Directorate (AMVID). His weapons training class focused on conflict rules of engagement and used the Engagement Skills Trainer (EST) 2000 simulator.

“You never know when you may leave one assignment and go straight downrange and be expected to perform,” he said, “I’ve been one of those Soldiers.” To ensure that ITA’s Soldiers are ready, SFC McDonald ran them through challenging shoot or don’t shoot scenarios. They also practiced evaluating a casualty, 9 Line MEDEVAC procedures, room clearing, drill and ceremony, and weapons familiarization. “The Soldiers learned new tactics, techniques and procedures, and refreshed skills they haven’t practiced in a while,” said CPT Eric Robertson of ITA’s Operations Directorate, the Officer in Charge of the event.



ITA Soldiers attended OAA's military Training Day on 28 June 2013 in Fort Myer, VA

At the end of the day, CPT Robertson and NCOIC MSG Alice Clark conducted an After Action Review to assess the impact of the training and make recommendations for future events. CPT Robertson deemed the event a success. “The Soldiers all did really well,” he said.



OAA Soldiers learning to evaluate and treat casualties



OAA Soldiers practicing room clearing drills