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## **Army MARS HQ Adds Senior Leader**

Fort Huachuca, Ariz.—Paul A. English, a newly-retired colonel with broad experience in communications support, was named today to the post of Program Officer of the Army Military Auxiliary Radio System.

The appointment was announced by Army MARS Chief Stephen Klinefelter , who said English will fill the vacant role of deputy MARS chief. Following 26 years active duty with the Army, he is now a civilian Department of the Army employee.

English, 49, holds an amateur extra class license as well as the general commercial class license. His father, mother, and brother are also licensed amateurs.

He comes to the MARS staff from the post of Director of Communications, G6, at U.S. Army South, the Army service component command within the U.S. Southern Command which is responsible for military liaison and support in the Caribbean, Central, and South America. He deployed as a member of Joint Task Force Haiti that brought emergency aid following the devastating Port-au-Prince earthquake in January 2010.

Previously he was deputy commander of the 7th Signal Command, Ft. Huachuca, which provides communications and information technology support to Army units in North America. He also served in Baghdad during Operation Iraqi Freedom (2006-2007).

In his formal announcement Chief Klinefelter said, "I am asking him to devote a significant part of his time traveling the country to visit military units, particularly the National Guard, as well as state and federal civil agencies and non-governmental organizations that we support or may be called upon to support. You can count on him including MARS members on his calling list."

English is a native of Barnesville, Ohio, holds a bachelor's degree from Ohio University (Athens) and master of science in Systems Management from Capitol College (Laurel, Md.). He met his wife Diana when both were second lieutenants in Germany.

He was just entering his teens when his father, Jack English, who'd been drafted during the Korean War, took his two sons to a Field Day sponsored by the Ohio's border-based Triple States Amateur Radio Club. Paul soon after earned his novice license at age 13. (He's Extra Class now.)

"That field day lit the spark that has continued ever since," he says. "It was the beginning of my Army career as a professional communicator."

English was in the advance party when Army South joined relief operations after the earthquake that decimated Port-au-Prince. "This was an awesome mission," he said. " It was my first time deploying on a humanitarian support mission. The devastation I witnessed as I drove around the city of Port au Prince was just beyond belief.

“Army South worked as Joint Task Force Haiti for three months. We were the Joint Task Force HQS responsible for all American and coalition forces deployed in Haiti providing relief for the Haitian people in support of the U.S. Agency for International Development.

“It felt good to know that what we were doing on a daily basis was providing immediate relief for the tens of thousands of displaced Haitian people,” he added..

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