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The Section 809 Panel is a congressionally mandated panel designed to be a catalyst that restores agility and simplicity to defense acquisition through bold and effective recommendations.

Good morning! We found several articles that you may be interested in.

Bettering Army acquisitions with Futures Command means changing personnel policy too
August 24, 2018 | Scott Maucione

The Army's Futures Command is officially up and running in Austin, and while the command promises to completely reform the service's equipping practices, it's also spurring change in the personnel realm.

"I've talked a lot about how we're changing our industrial age acquisition processes. We are also in the process of changing our personnel management systems and I would argue that we also have an industrial age personnel management system," said Gen. James McConville, the Army vice chief of staff, on Tuesday during a conference in Washington.

Changing that system involves leveraging the skills of soldiers that the Army is unaware of or is not cultivating.

"We are going to need people with the right talents. The knowledge, the skills and attributes that's going to allow them to operate in these type of areas, so we are going to need to know more about them," McConville said.

Army Secretary Mark Esper echoed McConville's comments during a Friday press conference in Austin.

"We are taking a holistic look at how we do everything with regards to how do we assign folks, how do we pick them, how do we bring them into the military, how do we train and educate them, personnel assignments, how do we manage those? Can we reduce the permanent change of station rotation churn? All those things are on the table. [Futures Command leader] Gen. [John] Murray has ideas, the chief [of staff] certainly has a lot of ideas and we have a task force right now that is pulling all that together," he said.

Read more HERE.

Other Articles of Interest

More OTAs, less LPTA part of the impending upheaval for contractors
August 24, 2018 | Jason Miller

Contractors hoping Congress can avoid shutdown despite new DoD initiative [Audio]
August 27, 2018 | Federal Drive

Here are the new areas of interest for the Army Rapid Capabilities Office
August 25, 2018 | Mark Pomerleau

Senate bill funds DoD for 2019, awaiting House approval [Audio]
August 27, 2018 | Federal Drive

With $294 million in contracts, the US Navy keeps its promise to upgrade cruisers
August 25, 2018 | David B. Larter

In its bid to counter Russia, US Air Force to spend $40M on Romanian air base
August 26, 2018 | Valerie Insinna

Army experimenting with SOF-tested equipment while building long-term tactical network plan
August 24, 2018 | Jared Serbu

Building Bridges and Tearing Down Silos for Rapid Acquisition
August 2018 | Lorna's Agile Acquisition Blog

Amid Russian military buildup, Poland reacts
August 27, 2018 | Jaroslaw Adamowski

Windows 95 Is Now an App You Can Download on Any Computer
August 24, 2018 | Mike Murphy

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