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Recently retired after 8 years as director of the General Dynamics EDGE Innovation Network (www.EDGE-Innovation.com), Pete was responsible for leading the EDGE Innovation Network Enterprise which served as the key construct for General Dynamics innovation efforts.

Prior to joining General Dynamics Mission Systems, Pete performed over 32 years of active service as a commissioned officer in the United States Army, retiring in 2009 as a Brigadier General. His experience in the Army includes a wide range of assignments in the Infantry, training and education both stateside and abroad.

His Joint and Coalition experiences include four tours in NATO (Germany), SHAPE during Kosovo conflict, and later as Dpty Commander TF Falcon in KOSOVO. His most recent Joint and Coalition experience was in 2004-5 as Brigadier General, serving as Deputy Chief of Staff for Strategic Plans (C5) and later as Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations (C3) for the Multi-National Force in Operation Iraqi Freedom. As deputy Chief of staff for operations he served under MG Molan, Australian Army.

In 2005, Pete was assigned to serve as the Director of Accelerated Capabilities Development for the Army Capabilities Integration Center (ARCIC) at Fort Monroe, Va. He managed a broad capabilities development portfolio with responsibility for the development and integration of Department of the Army future and current fight capabilities documents as well as Science and Technology capability documents for the Army and Joint and Multi-National forces.

Pete was instrumental in championing the Army's recent push into understanding and improving the relationship between the Soldier and technology. This is one aspect of the Human Dimension (HD) capabilities development initiative that encompasses the moral, physical, and cognitive components of Soldier development and performance. Pete's experience as a thought leader in Human Dimension has kept him at the forefront of technology discovery and allowed him to interact with the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA), industry and academia. He currently serves as the Vice Chair for the National Defense and Industry Association – Human Systems Division.

Pete has extensive experience in Army training and education. He has served as an Observer Controller and later as the OPFOR Commander for the Army's National Training Center. He later served as Commander the Battle Command Training Program (BCTP) at the Combined Arms Center at Fort Leavenworth, Kan. BCTP is a simulation based virtual training environment focusing on training Brigade, Division and Army Commanders and Staff in Joint and Coalition mission command, C4ISR systems and processes. Pete also served two years as a professor of political decision making and senior leadership at the Naval War College at Newport RI.

Pete received his bachelors of science in electrical engineering and computer science from the United States Military Academy and a Masters of Arts in National Securities studies from the University of California San Bernardino. He also has two masters of military Arts and Science in operation and operational art from the US Army Command and General Staff College and School of Advanced Military Studies (SAMS) at Fort Leavenworth, Kan.

Pete lives in Scottsdale, Ariz.