Lockheed Martin Supports National Security Agency's 2008 Cyber Defense Exercise

NSA Experts Face Off Against Cyber Security Teams from Military Service Academies

Lockheed Martin is providing key support to this week's Cyber Defense Exercise (CDX), a National Security Agency-led cyber "war game" that pits security teams from the nation's service academies against network experts from the Agency. Lockheed Martin is providing the central facility for the exercise, as well as the network infrastructure the teams will use in their week-long game of virtual capture the flag.

"We're very proud to support this important NSA activity," said Bob Eastman, Lockheed Martin Vice President, Information Systems. "Cyber security is an area of rapidly growing importance, and this exercise will help test out strategies, tactics and technology for defending against increasingly complex attacks on our networks."

During the exercise, teams from each of the service academies -- Air Force, Coast Guard, Merchant Marine, Naval Academy and West Point -- set up secure networks with sophisticated, layered defenses. A "Red Team" of NSA experts takes on the role of hackers, throwing an increasingly frenzied and intricate series of attacks at the academies' networks. As the students rush to fend off the attacks, an NSA "White Team" keeps score and tracks each team's success. This year, West Point is defending their 2007 championship title and Commander's Trophy.

Lockheed Martin helped NSA establish a closed, secure network for the exercise, which links all the academies with CDX headquarters at the Lockheed Martin facility in Elkridge, Md. The company is also providing technical support and expertise for CDX preparation and execution. The Corporation currently supports NSA and a number of defense and intelligence customers with a wide array of cyber security technology and services.

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