Lockheed Martin To Host Ceremony Celebrating Delivery Of The 5,000th Guided MLRS Rocket

Lockheed Martin will host a ceremony on Thursday, May 8, at its facility in Camden, AR, to celebrate the delivery of the 5,000th Guided MLRS Rocket. Media members are invited to attend. (R.S.V.P. to Craig Vanbebber)

The ceremony will begin promptly at 10:00 a.m. at the company's manufacturing facility in Camden. Representatives from the U.S. Marine Corps and U.S. Army's Field Artillery will be in attendance.

At 11:15 a.m. Central time (12:15 p.m. Eastern), Lockheed Martin, the U.S. Army and U.S. Marine Corps will jointly host a media teleconference to discuss the event and performance of the GMLRS. Representatives from the U.S. Army Field Artillery and the U.S. Marine Corps have been invited to participate.

Telecon Start Time: 11:15 a.m. Central (12:15 p.m. Eastern)
Call-In Number: 866-249-5279 (toll free)
International: 510-637-7001 (caller paid)
Participant Code: 661212

"The success of this system speaks for the quality work that our team is doing everyday," said Col. David Rice, U.S. Army project manager for Precision Fires Rocket and Missile Systems. "We are a constant in this fight; always mission ready and on target. In this fight, precision is the name of the game, and that is why our Soldiers love this system."

GMLRS is an all-weather, precision engagement, artillery rocket system that achieves greater range and precision accuracy requiring fewer rockets to defeat targets, thereby reducing the number of rockets necessary to defeat current targets as well as limiting collateral damage. GMLRS is a Future Force system that provides the joint Warfighter with immediate, precision fires to engage, destroy and deny terrain to the enemy.

GMLRS is effective against counter fire, air defense, light materiel and personnel targets. GMLRS incorporates a Global Positioning System-aided inertial guidance package integrated on a product improved rocket body. Additionally, small canards on the Guided Rocket nose add basic maneuverability to further enhance the accuracy of the system.

Headquartered in Bethesda, Md., Lockheed Martin employs about 140,000 people worldwide and is principally engaged in the research, design, development, manufacture, integration and sustainment of advanced technology systems, products and services. The Corporation reported 2007 sales of $41.9 billion.

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