Help with Army Physical Readiness Training (PRT)
Soldiers gain physical readiness through the challenge of a precise, progressive, and integrated physical training program. According to Training Circular 3-22.20, a well-conceived military physical readiness training plan must be an integral part of every unit’s training program. You can access “Army Physical Readiness Training” and supporting TSPs on the “Training Topics” page of the Army Training Network (ATN).

Training Calendar or Training Execution Matrix?
Units have always developed and maintained training calendars—a graphical representation of their long-range plan over time. Unfortunately, these plans typically are filled with tons of additional unit requirements. Those extras obscure the real purpose of planned METL training events. Per Unit Training Management (UTM), units must start with METL development then account for their METL training. In the operational world, that’s done with an “execution matrix” that synchronizes planned operations (training events)—when they are to occur and in what sequence. Calendars are still a great management tool to see a unit’s entire commitments over time—but not at the expense of first attaining METL task proficiency. See the UTM discussion on unit Training Execution Matrices.

METL Development Tools for Battalions and Companies
DA has standardized FSO METLs for brigade and higher units, but battalions and companies still must create their METL based on what the higher commander wants the unit to do (collective tasks) and with reference to the higher unit METL. Learn how, with the ‘METL Development’ module on Unit Training Management (UTM). You can also download the UTM manual with all the same content found on ATN’s UTM viewer, including all tutorials and examples. Makes an effective desk reference for Soldiers who still prefer a hard copy book (96 pages - pdf format).

Warrior Tasks & Battle Drills Info to Go!
Check out the latest Need2Know podcast on Warrior Tasks & Battle Drills—key collective tasks that all Soldiers, squads and platoons must train to proficiency. Learn where to find them and why they’re so important. Coming in October: new Unit Training Management podcast—available on ATN & on CAC podcast page.

Help Desk How-To
Did you know Reserve Units can now see some of the Training data from RITMS in DTMS? The RITMS tab is an automated data feed that updates DTMS with Courses, APFT, and Weapon Qualifications data from RITMS. Go to a Soldier’s ITR and look for the RITMS tab. Or if you have a RITMS user account, look for the RITMS hyperlink. This data will also populate the appropriate tabs within the ITR.

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Tip of the Month: When a Soldier departs (PCS, ETS, Retire, etc.), your unit must remove the weapon assignment. If a Soldier arrives at your unit with a weapon serial number assigned, simply remove it. Removing the weapon assignment will not affect the weapon qualification records.

Help Desk FAQ of the month: “How do I . . .” remove a weapon serial number from a Soldier’s ITR? Log into DTMS, go to the Soldier’s ITR and then open Weapons>Weapon Assignment. Next, locate the weapon type and serial number that needs to be removed and click “Delete.” Keep in mind that adding and removing weapon assignments does not affect the weapon qualification record so the weapon qualifications record will remain the same even after the serial number deletion.

August Release Notes: In August, the DTMS released some fixes to different areas, mainly the JFO functions, and the DA mandatory tasks list.

For user-authorized access to the JFO functions, the Soldier’s JFO Qualification Records are now only listed once. The class order was changed to chronological, with the most recent class listed first. The JFO Managers can now add an instructor name when updating individual certification records. Non-UIC units are no longer displayed under the unit column. The individual’s entire JFO certification record is now viewable at BDE level, and the individual’s qualification status changes from Red to Green as appropriate.

Users no longer have the option to delete a DA Mandatory task from the mandatory task list. There was no change to the permissions or control of unit designated mandatory tasks.

The iSALUTE Hyperlink has been added, which brings DTMS (and ATN) into compliance with ALARACT 258/2011… “PLACING THE iSALUTE LINK ON ARMY PUBLIC DOMAIN WEBSITES PROVIDES A USER-FRIENDLY MEANS TO REPORT COUNTERINTELLIGENCE INFORMATION FOR THE ENTIRE ARMY COMMUNITY AND ESTABLISHES ARMY-WIDE iSALUTE REPORTING PROCEDURES AND AVAILABILITY.”

For users with Personnel Management permissions, there is now a drop-down arrow that allows you to display more records per page.

Collaborate!

ATN is all about collaboration. Specifically, collaborating across the Army’s vast training community. Whether you have a great training idea, training management lesson plan, unit training SOP, whatever. The Army wants to hear from you. Why re-invent the wheel? There are great training products units have sent the ATN team that we’ve posted to our Products database (go check it out – and send us your products). ATN also hosts the Army Training Forum. Just like S3-XO Net, or NCO Net, it’s a way for Soldiers to communicate with the Army to share ideas, thoughts and to just ask a question.