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Non-Lethal Weapons Course Enrollment Surpasses 700 Registrations

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Quantico, Va -- The Joint Non-Lethal Weapons Program, a Department of Defense effort that coordinates the identification, research, and development of non-lethal weapons for the U.S. Services, announced today that the non-lethal weapons on-line course hit a new registration benchmark by surpassing its 700th enrollment. Student enrollment includes service members from the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, and Coast Guard. Total enrollments to date include: Army, 282, Air Force, 193, Navy, 112, Marine Corps, 96; and the Coast Guard, 18.

The certified on-line course is hosted for the second year by Penn State Fayette, The Eberly Campus. The course is designed to provide military personnel an educational resource to increase their knowledge of non-lethal weapons and capabilities. Marine Corps 2nd Lt. Irvin Cheung, who is stationed in Iwakuni, Japan, said the course is extremely relative to the current military environment. "It is very relatable to today's world," Cheung said. "More people need to take this class to understand the equipment used today."

The non-lethal weapons course is certified by DoD and offers seven progressive non-credit modules, including: Theory, Kinetics, Riot Control Agents, Maritime and Land Vehicle Stoppers, Advanced and Emerging Technologies, Applications and Public Order, and Integration and Decision Making. "The course cadre were especially knowledgeable and helpful, always ready to engage in direct discussion of general or specific topics of concern. Despite the geographical separation and wide difference in time-zones, access and communications were outstanding," said Army Maj. Timothy Duffy.

Active duty military members can gain six college continuing education credits upon completion of the course. "We hope our service members will continue to seek out educational opportunities that highlight non-lethal capabilities. This on-line structure creates easy access to a wealth of knowledge," said Col. Kirk Hymes, Director of the Joint Non-Lethal Weapons Directorate.

This course is available and free to all service members. There is a nominal charge to non-service members who would like to take the course.

For more information on the course, refer to <http://www.fayette.psu.edu/CE/23496.htm> or call: 724-430-4213.