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**Non-Lethal Weapons Symposium for Department of Defense Leadership**

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**Quantico, Va.** -- The Joint Non-Lethal Weapons Program, a U.S. Department of Defense effort that coordinates the identification, research, and development of non-lethal weapons, announced today that its next Non-Lethal Senior Leader Symposium will be held 20-21 June 2007 at Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo.

“The first symposium, held in 2006, was well received, and therefore we decided to host follow-up symposiums to complement and expand current training and educational efforts dedicated to non-lethal weapons,” said Col. Kirk Hymes, Director, Joint Non-Lethal Weapons Directorate.

The Joint Non-Lethal Weapons Program-sponsored symposiums are designed to provide military leaders with information to consider regarding non-lethal weapons during their mission planning. The symposiums also provide commanders with tactical insight regarding the employment of non-lethal capabilities.

“Today’s complex missions highlight the need to equip our troops with non-lethal weapons. Our warfighters have expressed a need for options between ‘shouting and shooting,’” said Col. Kirk Hymes.

The Non-Lethal Senior Leader Symposium is geared toward O4, E7, GS12, and above in a command, staff, or program manager billet. Contractors in support of non-lethal weapons programs are also encouraged to attend; however, priority will be given to active duty Service members. Those interested in attending the 20-21 June symposium may call (573) 596-4356 (DSN 581-4356) for more information.

Further information on non-lethal weapons can be found at: <https://www.jnlwp.com>.