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SUCCESS STORY

Foreign Comparative Testing Project Manager 2008

The Marines quickly got a blade that allows their tanks to rapidly clear obstacles and prepare fighting positions because of a successful Foreign Comparative Testing (FCT) project led by Captain Jason L. Anderson, U.S. Marine Corps.

Marine tank battalions in Iraq needed a means of pushing obstacles out of the way. AS&C's FCT program responded in 2006, evaluating a tank blade (pictured right) that had been found in the United Kingdom. Within two years, the tank blade was successfully evaluated and fielded in Marine tank battalions in Iraq.

The blade is important because it gives the tank battalions a capability that they would have otherwise had to request from an engineering unit. The Marines procured 88 blades, with plans to procure six more in 2009 for a total procurement of \$1.7 million. In addition, this FCT project's use of the existing technology helped save \$5 million in research and development.

As a result of his contributions, Captain Anderson was recognized as a Foreign Comparative Testing Project Manager of 2008 by the Deputy Under Secretary of Defense (Advanced Systems & Concepts), Mr. John Kubricky.



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DUSD (AS&C), Mr. John Kubricky congratulates Captain Jason Anderson for his work on the tank blade FCT project.