

## TATRC Goes Dutch — Medical Officers get VIP Tour and Demo

On 6 June, TATRC had the distinct honor of hosting three Dutch Military Medical Officers, representing the Netherlands Surgeon General's office. COL Albert Riedstra, Lt. COL Eric Onnouw, and Lt. COL Marc de Bruijn were on site to visit USAMRMC, and came to TATRC specifically to learn about Virtual Medicine, Operational Medicine, Robotic & Autonomous Systems, and Medical Modeling & Simulation.

RADM Colin Chinn, former Deputy Commander, USAMRMC, was instrumental in facilitating this international visit. RADM Chinn is part of the NATO COMEDS (Chief of Medical Services), as the U.S. representative and serves as the Joint Staff surgeon at the Pentagon, as well as the chief medical advisor to the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, providing advice to the chairman, the Joint Staff and the combatant commanders.

At the December 2017 COMEDS, the U.S. and Netherlands Surgeons General had a discussion about the Dutch having an interest in U.S. R&D along with other technology for military medicine and wanted to see what best practices they could apply to their country's military.

These opportunities to interface with other Nations are invaluable to the future of Military medicine and technology, and we were thankful to be part of the agenda!



**From left to right: Mr. Ron Yeaw, Mr. Harvey Magee, Dutch military officers, Lt. COL Eric Onnouw, COL Albert Riedstra, Lt. COL Marc de Bruijn, Mr. Nate Fisher, & Mr. Tom Bigott after touring TATRC's facilities**

Thanks to TATRC's Acting Director, Mr. Tim McCarthy and our Subject Matter Experts, Mr. Ron Yeaw, Mr. Tom Bigott, Mr. Nathan Fisher, and Mr. Harvey Magee for the hands on, interactive demonstrations and for sharing their knowledge and expertise in their respective fields! ■■■