Announcing the Final Examination of Larry Baca for the degree of Master of Science

Time & Location: March 14, 2016 at 8:30 AM in Partnership II 301
Title: ANALYSIS OF ALTERNATIVE CONVOY ROUTE PATROL PROCEDURES FOR COUNTERING IMPROVISED EXPLOSIVE DEVICES DEPLOYED DURING ASYMMETRIC WARFARE IN AFGHANISTAN-LIKE RURAL SETTINGS

Improvised Explosive Devices (IEDs) are the greatest casualty producing and costly weapon system employed by the enemy on the asymmetric battlefield of today. Despite Billions of dollars spent on technological devices to counter the IED threat, IEDs are still responsible for roughly 50% of battlefield casualties. A tremendous amount of effort and resource has and continues to be levied in the pursuit of a technological solution to the IED problem. By contrast, little research has been done on Counter Improvised Explosive Device (CIED) procedures. This paper explores the potential of CIED procedures as a casualty reduction mechanism by comparing two observed tactical procedures used in patrolling convoy routes.

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The public is welcome to attend.