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## Video Game Used To Recruit For Armed Forces

MONTEREY, Calif., 2:41 p.m. PDT May 22, 2002 - A new video game has been created on the central coast by students and faculty at the Naval Post Graduate School, and the U.S. military hopes that it will help recruit young people into the Army.

Students, professors and designers at the NPS created the game, "America's Army," to recruit young people who don't show as much interest in the armed forces as they did 20 years ago.

"We used to put trailers in movies and comic books, and this is basically where the kids are. They're online, playing video games. So we want to be there," said NPS producer Mike Capps.

And the school is there with real-life combat missions. Players use the very same weapons that Special Forces use. And even though the game is violent, the producers say that they use force "responsibly" to protect the county. Every scene in the game has been approved by real U.S. soldiers.


School officials said that they are proud of "America's Army," because they made it with students' help, but also because the game is just as sophisticated as any other on the market. And they say that it's more realistic.

"It's letting kids know what the Army's all about. A lot of them have the wrong idea from 'Full Metal Jacket.' Not many kids' parents are in the Army anymore. So this is a chance to see what it's really like," Capps said.

Game players will get their chance this summer. It's free, and players will be able to download it from the Internet.

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