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FORSCOM-Sponsored TC-AIMS II Enterprise Convoy Planning Migration Training in Orlando

By Mr. Dave Rogers, TC-AIMS II Functional Analyst



PD AMIS' Dave Rogers educates participants during the TC-AIMS II Enterprise Convoy Planning Migration training.

In January, PD AMIS supported the next phase of U.S. Army Forces Command (FORSCOM)-sponsored migration activities related to the Transportation Coordinators' - Automated Information for Movements System II (TC-AIMS II) Enterprise environment. Over a two week period, 126 representatives from United States Army Reserve Command (USARC) and Army National Guard (ARNG) units participated in TC-AIMS II Enterprise convoy planning training in Orlando, Fla. Training sessions

consisted of creating and submitting convoy clearance requests, convoy management business process analysis, component specific breakout sessions, and helpful tips and tricks for using TC-AIMS II convoy planning and highway regulation functionality.

These sessions offered a unique opportunity for USARC and ARNG unit representatives to meet in person and discuss challenges and opportunities facing each component related to managing movements along public roadways in the United States and territories. Representatives from the U.S. Army Deployment Process Modernization Office (DPMO), USARC Headquarters G-4, and the National Guard Bureau (NGB) also participated in the sessions, providing input from their respective offices and receiving feedback from USARC and ARNG units.

This training continues our support of TC-AIMS II Enterprise migration efforts, a critical component of the plan to transition TC-AIMS II users from client/server architecture to the Enterprise environment, thereby decreasing software distribution and hardware maintenance requirements and costs.

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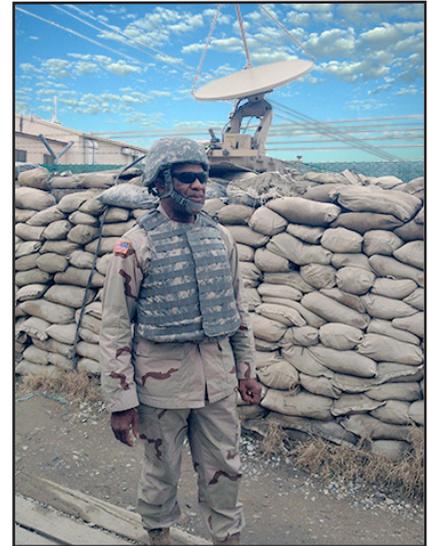
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New PD AMIS LNO Begins Tour in SWA

Another voluntary deployment begins for the newest PD AMIS Liaison Officer (LNO) in Southwest Asia (SWA). In December 2013, Marvin Hatcher travelled to Kuwait to replace the existing PD AMIS LNO, Rob Holloway, and begin his tour managing PD AMIS contract support staff and maintaining the Radio Frequency In-Transit Visibility (RF-ITV) and TC-AIMS II systems in SWA. He is also working to get some of the contractor staff moved around within theater to ensure adequate support to our users.

Marvin joined PD AMIS, formerly PD Transportation Information Systems (PD TIS), in 2008 as the Eastern Region Site Lead located at Fort Lee, Va. In that role, he was responsible for the training and fielding of TC-AIMS II by managing the TC-AIMS II trainers, schedules, and site plans. This is Marvin's second SWA tour in support of the program since he joined the team. We thank him for his dedication to the program and our customers and look forward to seeing him upon his return home sometime this summer.



Marvin Hatcher begins his new role representing PD AMIS in SWA.

Generous PD AMIS Employees Exceed Contribution Goal in Support of Toys for Tots

This year brought a new twist to PD AMIS' support to the Marine Corps "Toys for Tots" program. The team chose to pool their resources toward the purchase and donation of 3-5 bicycles for the program. Soon Santa's helpers began assembling bicycles in the office and before long PD AMIS had exceeded their minimum goal of three bicycles. Thanks to generous contributors, Santa's elves were able to afford nine additional bikes. Special thanks to Tom Rigsbee, Bryan Keys, and Mike Morrissey, who delivered 12 bicycles to Toys for Tots, and Fred Naigle who challenged his fellow PD AMIS peers with this generous outreach opportunity.

American Legion Post #364 Toys for Tots Program Coordinator, Karen Hamilton stated, "Marine Corps Reserve Units collect and distribute an average of 16 million toys each year. Impressive as these numbers are ... there is a gap between the number of children needing toys and the number of toys available. We know from the smiles on children's faces and grateful appreciation of their parents, that ... Hope is the key, and hope is what the Marine Corps Reserve and the communities such as the PD AMIS Program Office are giving to needy children of America through the Toys for Tots program."



Left to right: Tom Rigsbee, Chief AIT Initiatives, and Mike Morrissey, Technical/Engineering Support, assemble bicycles for the 2013 Toys for Tots drive.

PD Corner

Mr. Jim Alexander, Product Director

The challenges 2013 brought to the PD AMIS team include: recovery of RF-ITV apparatus installed at Forward Operating Bases (FOBs) in Southwest Asia (SWA) as part of the drawdown of forces and equipment; establishment of the OCONUS Integrated Booking System (IBS) automated process from SWA to the IBS production server at USTRANSCOM; migration of the RF-ITV National server located in DISA Defense Enterprise Computer Center Oklahoma City (OKC) to DISA Capacity Services; streamlining of TC-AIMS II and Theater Operations (TOPS) support contracts, and replacement of the 11th Quartermaster Company's manual parachute tracking process with passive Radio Frequency Identification (pRFID) technology as the new enhanced Parachute Tracking System (ePTS). These accomplishments and more took shape as we experienced a 31% reduction in personnel within an atmosphere of fiscal restraint in funding, personnel and workspace.



PD AMIS is certainly on the right track. Our two programs, merged late in fiscal year 2012, have gradually melded into a cohesive unit. While maintaining the RF-ITV system, supplying TC-AIMS II software, and providing AIT and RFID technologies, products and services, we each contributed our fair share to the workload daily for the sake of a common goal. We went beyond mutual cooperation to developing working relationships with fellow team members. We enjoyed traditional AMIS team building events such as the annual picnic, the Thanksgiving potluck, and the holiday party, and we generously gave to LNO care packages and the "Toys for Tots" drive, all of which fostered willingness to cooperate, stemming from relationships developed as we get to know each other on a deeper level. It's this relational teamwork component driving the idea behind the 2014 AMIS motto "Have fun, be one, overcome." Armed with this slogan, guided by the new PD AMIS org chart revealed at the recent All Hands, and under the direction of PM AESIP, whose oversight led us through the previous year, our program will resume melding into the PD AMIS transformation vision enterprise capable solution designed to support U.S. Army and Department of Defense (DoD) challenges.

PD AMIS Team Members Receive 2013 SOLE Awards

PD AMIS is pleased to announce that two staff members were selected by the Executive Board of Directors of the Greater Washington Area Chapter, International Society of Logistics (SOLE) for their outstanding individual contributions to the program in their specialty area of the broad fields of logistics for 2013.

Mr. Ralph Porcelli and Mrs. Susan Pontani were honored on November 12, 2013 at the annual SOLE awards program at Fort Myer, Va. They were awarded for their accomplishments in the respective logistics award categories, facilities management and software support. Mr. Porcelli led AMIS' facilities management initiative by managing the inventory, recovery and disposition of a large amount of government furnished equipment from a building leased by a government contractor in support of TC-AIMS II. He ensured proper accountability of all the equipment and cleared the commercial building for release. Mrs. Pontani was instrumental in managing software purchases, renewals and software distribution during the PD TIS and Joint-Automatic Identification Technology (J-AIT) merger. Her organization and attention to detail enabled a smooth transition and ensured compliance with license agreements and uninterrupted support for users in the field. PD AMIS applauds Ralph and Susan for receiving such an honorable award and values their dedication to the program!



PD AMIS Jim Alexander, and Deputy PD MAJ Shayla Parker, congratulate 2013 SOLE Award winners Susan Pontani and Ralph Porcelli on their achievement.

Meet the Staff



MAJ Shayla Parker joined PD AMIS, formerly PD TIS in June 2010, as the Assistant Product Manager for Theater Operations (TOPS) and Air Movement Request (AMR). In November 2013, MAJ Parker became the Deputy PD for AMIS, responsible for managing the program's Table of Distribution and Allowances (TDA), providing guidance and direction in resolving complex issues due to funding resources, and program management of DoD and Army acquisition programs across the business, operations and enterprise information environment mission areas. She is currently assigned to the program by the U.S. Army Reserve.

MAJ Parker began her career with the U.S. Army over ten years ago as an Army Engineer for a bridging unit in Hanau, Germany. In 2012, she received a Federal Computer Week Rising Star Award for her leadership of the successful implementation of TC-AIMS II in Afghanistan, Iraq and Kuwait. MAJ Parker earned an M.P.A. in Public Administration from Webster University and a B.A. in Government and International Politics from George Mason University.

Another Successful PD AMIS Team Building Holiday Season Ends

The holiday season has already come and gone and yet again, PD AMIS' holiday team building activities were a great success! Back in November, the team celebrated Thanksgiving with the annual potluck. All of the staff brought in numerous tasty dishes to share. Even folks from other organizations within the Program Executive Office Enterprise Information Systems (PEO EIS) stopped by to take part in the celebration of fellowship and good food.

Next up was the holiday luncheon held at Lucky's Sports Theatre and Grill in Springfield, Va., on December 11, 2013. AMIS team



AMIS team members enjoy a break from the daily routine. Pictured left to right: Beth Alltop, Dave Rogers, Stephen Morrow, Anthony Trader, Laurie Ludwig and Marcelo Garcia.



MAJ Shayla Parker, bottom right, smiles for the camera as the team celebrates Thanksgiving at the annual AMIS potluck.

members took some time to unwind with their colleagues, enjoying a delicious lunch and participating in teambuilding activities.

The AMIS team takes great pride in our program, our work and our customers. Each team member plays a special role in making AMIS a great team to be a part of, and we are looking forward to 2014!



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