Product Director, Defense-Wide Transmission Systems (PD DWTS) conducted a formal ribbon-cutting ceremony at the Scales Army Reserve Center, Fort Belvoir, Va., May 5. The event celebrated the achievement of Full Operational Capability (FOC) of the Combat Service Support (CSS) Automated Information Systems Interface (CAISI) version 2.0. Attendees included Mr. Douglas Wiltsie, PEO EIS; former PEOs Mr. Kevin Carroll and Mr. Gary Winkler; COL Clyde Richards, Project Manager, Defense Communications and Army Transmission System (DCATS); and LTC Jeff Etienne, PD DWTS.

Launched in 1991, the CAISI network is the largest tactical wireless network in the DOD. An easily portable wireless solution that provides secure local area network connectivity for real-time transfer of sustainment and other tactical data, CAISI connects forward deployed sustainment personnel with established logistics operations in the rear.

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IPPS-A Change of Charter

By Ellyn Kocher, PEO EIS Public Affairs

A ceremony was held May 2 at Fort Belvoir, Va., to officially recognize the change of charter for the Integrated Personnel and Pay System-Army (IPPS-A). Project Manager COL Robert McVay, who has led IPPS-A since October 2011, transitioned leadership of the program to COL James “Darby” McNulty in a ceremony hosted by Mr. Douglas Wiltsie, PEO EIS.

The IPPS-A is the Army’s modern, multi-component HR system that gives Soldiers and Commanders 24/7, self-service access to personnel and payroll information, while providing decision-makers with precise, relevant, timely, and authoritative data. Under COL McVay’s leadership, the IPPS-A was one of the first programs to successfully go through the Business Capability Lifecycle, or BCL, process, and achieve Milestone Decision C and Full Deployment Decision for Increment 1, providing a single trusted database that is available to 355,000 National Guard Soldiers.

COL McVay was selected to the position of Director of CYBER for all of ASA(ALT) by the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Acquisition, Logistics and Technology (ASA[ALT]), with an office at headquarters PEO EIS at Fort Belvoir.

“COL McVay has built a strong foundation for change within the PM that I am confident will continue to make a true and lasting impact on the Army,” said Mr. Wiltsie in his remarks. “Thanks to Robert’s leadership, dedication and creative problem-solving, we are changing the HR domain, bringing the Army closer to the ultimate goal of a web-based, integrated system.

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DWTS Wows STEM Students with the Latest in Wireless Technology and Satellite Communications

By DCATS Public Affairs

On Saturday, March 15, LTC Jeff Etienne, Project Director, Defense-Wide Transmission Systems (DWTS), and other members of the DWTS organization participated in an Emerging Young Leaders Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) and Leadership Summit at Francis C. Hammond Middle School in Alexandria, Va.

DWTS is responsible for life cycle management of major defense terrestrial and Satellite Communications (SATCOM) programs. LTC Etienne, along with Mr. Michael Kane and Mr. Michael Walker, also of DWTS, provided students with the opportunity to experience hands-on the Combat Service Support Automated Information Systems Interface (CAISI) and the CSS Very Small Aperture Terminal (VSAT) functionality. Students were allowed to access email and websites and make phone calls to a network operation center using Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP).

Sponsored by the Psi Rho Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., this event promoted leadership skills, character building and learning in STEM disciplines. One hundred and twenty students and thirty-five parents attended the all-day event. Ms. Andrea Sparks-Brown, Hammond Middle School principal, deemed the STEM Day “a very successful event. The students were engaged and intrigued with what the exhibitors had to offer.”

PD DWTS’ LTC Etienne leads a group project with Hammond Middle School students at the STEM Leadership Summit.

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that provides ALL Army components with a comprehensive personnel and pay record for their entire career.”

COL James “Darby” McNulty comes to PEO EIS from the Deputy Director position for Acquisition Management, Acquisition Resources and Analysis, within the office of the Undersecretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology and Logistics (USD AT&L). COL McNulty has served as a program manager at the ASA(ALT) and OSD level, having transitioned from a field artillery officer to acquisition.

“Welcome, Darby – I am excited that you are a part of the team,” said Mr. Wittsie in his closing remarks at the ceremony. “I look forward to continuing IPPS-A’s great contribution to supporting every Soldier, every day, everywhere.”
Brendan Burke Selected to Attend the Prestigious National Defense University Program

By Nicole Nardi, PD CHESS Product Leader

Mr. Brendan Burke, the Project Director for Computer Hardware Enterprise Software and Solutions (PD CHESS), was recently selected to attend National Defense University’s prestigious Dwight D. Eisenhower School for National Security and Resource Strategy Acquisition Course (formally known as Industrial College of the Armed Forces). There are several factors that determine potential student selection but a key factor is that a candidate has reached a particular level of career achievement. Mr. Burke is one out of only seven Federal acquisition employees selected for attendance. Upon completion of the rigorous 10 month program, Mr. Burke will receive a Master of Science degree in National Resource Strategy.

The Eisenhower School mission is to prepare selected military and civilians for strategic leadership and success in developing our national security strategy and in evaluating, marshalling and managing resources in the execution of that strategy.

“Brendan’s departure will be a monumental loss for PEO EIS, but it will be a tremendous gain for the Army and the Acquisition Corps as he continues to develop as a future leader for the Department of Defense,” said Ms. Terry Watson, Deputy PEO EIS.

Mr. Burke was appointed the Project Director for CHESS in April 2011. In this capacity, he provided flexible procurement strategy through which Army users procure IT hardware, software and services through the IT e-mart, the Army’s e-commerce site. CHESS works diligently with its knowledge management partners to provide architecturally sound, standards-and-policy-compliant, IT Enterprise solutions to the Army around the world. These partners include the Army CIO/G-6, the Information Systems Engineering Command (ISEC), NETCOM/9th Signal Command and Army Contracting Command – Rock Island (ACC-RI).

Prior to his appointment as the PD for CHESS, Mr. Burke served as the Deputy PD. He served as a Software Product Leader with overall responsibility for several DOD Enterprise Software Initiatives and Army-wide Enterprise License Agreements. Mr. Burke began his civil service career as a Contracting Officer with U.S. Army CECOM Life Cycle Management Command. Prior to civil service Mr. Burke was a Commissioned Officer in the U.S. Air Force, serving in various positions within the contracting field.

Mr. Burke received a Bachelor of Science degree in Economics and Operations Research from the United States Air Force Academy. He received a Master of Arts degree in Economics from the University of New Hampshire. He attended the Harvard Kennedy School - Executive Education in which he completed the Senior Executive Fellows program from February 21, 2012 to March 16, 2012. Mr. Burke is a member of the Army Acquisition Corps with Level III certification in both Program Management and Contracting.

Deputy PD CHESS, Ms. Sammi Foong, said, “Brendan has contributed an immeasurable amount of value to the CHESS program which continues to result in extreme benefits spanning across the Army. He has been an active and influential leader amongst our group and we know he will continue to be successful in his future.” 
Angelino Paoli Honored as Hero of the Month for February 2014

By Andrea Fehl, EC2M Strategic Communications

As the Operations Lead for Army Knowledge Online (AKO), Angelino Paoli was instrumental in preventing a catastrophic issue at the AKO Disaster Recovery (DR) site. At approximately 3:15 A.M. on February 15, 2014, the AKO Disaster Recovery facility started receiving “high temperature” alerts. The responsible agent for the physical plant was notified immediately and at 3:20 A.M., the high temperatures caused the fire alarms within the DR to alert. This sequence of events also caused the Computer Room Air Conditioners (CRAC) units to shut down, thus halting any air conditioning within the facility.

After the fire department had arrived and confirmed there was no fire in the facility, Angelino made the right decision to shut down all equipment that would be susceptible to heat damage, thus saving millions of dollars in hardware. Over the next seven hours, he methodically monitored the AKO team as they shut down all necessary hardware, and over the next three days (a holiday weekend), Angelino provided critical oversight to the AKO team as they brought the systems back on-line. Due to his efforts the AKO DR instance was saved from significant damage.

The Hero of the Month award is a way to recognize the stellar individuals and unsung heroes within the organization. Nominations for this award are submitted to the Program Executive Officer, Enterprise Information Systems (PEO EIS) where they are vetted by the leadership and then sent forward to the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Acquisition, Logistics and Technology (ASA(ALT)) for personal recognition by the ASA(ALT) Principal Mil Dep.

Great job, Angelino! Your hard work and dedication reflect honorably on the Product Office, Enterprise Content Collaboration and Messaging and the United States Army.

Global Combat Support System-Army (GCSS-Army) Prepares for Wave 2 Fielding

By GCSS-Army Public Affairs

GCSS-Army provides a logistics sustainment and support processes system for tactical unit logistics, installation logistics and the financial component of those functions across the Army. It is scheduled to completely deploy throughout the Army by the end of fiscal year 2017. The system will subsume nearly 40,000 legacy supply support activities, tactical financial management and maintenance and property book systems, with nearly 160,000 users. To reduce turbulence in the gaining units and risk to the Army, GCSS-Army has divided the implementation into two waves with multiple fielding groups in each wave. Wave 1, already well underway, replaces the Standard Army Retail Supply System (SARSS) and integrates associated finances for the first time in one system.

By the end of May, GCSS-Army fielded its Wave 1 solution to 19 FORSCOM Units, 26 Army National Guard Units, 17 United States Army Reserve Command Units, 13 Army Sustainment Command Directors of Logistics and 36 USAREUR units and completed 32 percent of Wave 1 fielding.

Wave 2 deployment, scheduled to start in fiscal year 2015, replaces the Property Book Unit Supply Enhanced (PBUSE) and the Standard Army Maintenance System-Enhanced (SAMS-E) and Standard Army Maintenance System-Installation/Enhanced (SAMS-IE). GCSS-Army is currently working on final details of this fielding effort. For more information on GCSS-Army or its fielding effort, please visit our website: www.gcss.army.mil.
Army EMR Software Upgrade in Full Swing

By Rachel Collins, MC4 Strategic Communications

Medical Communications for Combat Casualty Care (MC4), the tactical Army electronic medical record (EMR) system, is currently fielding a major software upgrade in 16 countries. Phase 1 of the EMR 2.2.0.0 upgrade consisted of upgrading 3,486 systems and 563 units actively using MC4 systems. Conducted from 12 January-7 April 2014, Phase 1 was successfully completed despite multiple challenges.

In all of MC4’s history, EMR 2.2.0.0 is one of the most difficult fielding challenges to date because of an operating system update and compressed timeline. The decision was made to conduct the fielding in phases due to the number of units receiving the upgrade. Phase 1 focused on upgrading all active users, those who are deployed or those who are deploying.

Phase 2 will upgrade units tasked to provide emergency response support, other training support organizations, and those who are issued the system for the very first time.

The EMR software includes a new medical reference application, updated medical logistics capabilities and enhanced security as a result of the Army mandated Public Key Infrastructure-Equipment certificate requirement. On average it is taking three-to-five days per unit to upgrade laptops and provide refresher training to current users.

COL Vann-Olejasz Addresses Small Businesses on DOD Biometrics During AFCEA Event at Fort Belvoir

By Meg Neff, DOD Biometrics Public Affairs

Members of the Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Association (AFCEA) small business chapter met at Fort Belvoir on March 25 to hear remarks from COL Sandy Vann-Olejasz, Project Manager of Department of Defense Biometrics (DOD Biometrics), on the current trajectory of the Army’s biometric programs and to discuss future possibilities for collaboration.

“We are always seeking ways to drive down enterprise cost drivers without trading operational effectiveness,” said COL Vann-Olejasz during the event. “We need to find cost-effective ways to increase accuracy and accelerate match response times, through innovations in technology and project management,” she said.

The need for more efficient and cost-effective measures stems from the shifting demand for DOD Biometrics services and support from operations in Afghanistan toward other areas of focus, Col. Vann-Olejasz said. Although operations in theater are declining, there is a rise in demand from other stakeholders, such as interagency organizations and international partners.

The technology developed as a quick reaction capability for Soldiers is now being used by law enforcement, border patrol and other countries to identify criminals, terrorists and persons of interest as they move across borders, change their names and alter their appearances.

And that, COL Vann-Olejasz said, is why it is so important to engage with businesses and private industry. “Looking forward, we will be seeking to incorporate new modalities into our existing capabilities. Things like voice, DNA and gait – the way a person walks,” she said. “We will be looking to the private sector to advise, develop and support solutions that help us deprive our enemies of anonymity.”
Global Mission Network

By P2E Public Affairs

The Product Manager, Power Projection Enablers (PdM P2E) team has successfully completed the Global Mission Network (GMN) mission, the Army’s multi-phase plan for coordinating IT networks across an enterprise-wide platform, creating seamless network connections as Brigade Combat Teams (BCTs) move from home stations to bases in Southwest Asia.

P2E assumed control of the GMN effort from U.S. Forces Command (FORSCOM) G6 in November 2011. At that time, the Combined Enterprise Regional Information Exchange–International Security Assistance Force (CX-I) network was extended to the continental United States to enable reach back capabilities for units in theater, enabling early collaboration and fight upon arrival.

Utilizing a Mission Network Access Kit (MNAK), units were able to access the mission network at home station, enabling units preparing for deployment to gain and maintain situational awareness and conduct virtual right seat ride operations prior to deployment. In the following phase, the GMN was enhanced to provide worldwide access to services, secure architecture access to allow Army BCTs to collaborate with coalition members, and support for active theater collaboration. At the request of FORSCOM and Network Enterprise Technology Command, P2E also customized a split-based operations solution to provide rear detachments the same CX-I capability as those in theater.

Throughout the phases of GMN, P2E has deployed and supported 74 MNAKs and provided the capability to support protected training enclaves, including unified endeavor. P2E engineers provided Tier 1 and Tier 3 support for MNAKs along with technical support for the five GMN virtual server stacks.

P2E completed implementation in August 2013 and successfully transitioned the effort to NETCOM for operation and maintenance during the first quarter of fiscal year 2014.

PD AMIS Continues FORSCOM-Sponsored TC-AIMS II Enterprise Migration Efforts

By Beth Alltop, AMIS Strategic Communications

As part of a continuing effort to migrate Transportation Coordinators’ – Automated Information for Movements System II (TC-AIMS II) users to the enterprise, Product Director, Automated Movement and Identification Solutions (PD AMIS) and U.S. Forces Command (FORSCOM) will begin scenario-driven enterprise testing in May 2014. The six installations chosen to take part in the migration efforts are Joint Base Lewis-McChord (JBLM), Wash., Fort Bragg, N.C., Fort Hood, Texas, Fort Campbell, Ky., Fort Stewart, Ga., and Fort Bliss, Texas. The testing will take place simultaneously with one brigade from each installation during their deployment.

AMIS and FORSCOM anticipate that the migration will conclude by the end of 2014, pending positive test results and funding availability. The TC-AIMS II Enterprise migration effort reduces costs associated with maintaining stand-alone hardware, fielding new software, allowing the user community to receive immediate updates to any changes within the system and creating one repository for unit data, while establishing a joint deployment library. Full migration will take place once continental United States installations and units reach full operational capability. During this testing period, AMIS anticipates a seamless migration to ensure that our users have uninterrupted service.

Network case, mission network access kit

Phone case, mission network access kit
LMP Increment 2 Training – It Takes a Village

By Deb Patrick, LMP PMO

With the Logistics Modernization Program (LMP) Increment 2 implementation underway, training is top of mind for Increment 2 site leadership and users slated to receive the new and added capabilities. And while it’s LMP-specific training, it really takes a village of people, organizations, and approaches to ensure sites and users receive the right training at the right time using the right methods.

The LMP has had proven training success, mostly from Third Deployment, and has had some great input from the testing and audit communities, as well as the Training and Doctrine Command, to help us prepare for Increment 2 training activities. Specifically, our lessons learned, inputs from the field, and research looking at other Enterprise Resource Planning implementations have told us that users want:

- Less conceptual and more hands-on training
- Less pre- and more post Go-Live training
- More job-based and site-specific training
- Expanded cadre role in training development and implementation
- More simulated experiences, like Rehearsal of Concept (ROC) drills
- And mandatory practice with sample data

With this information, the training team, which includes training leads from Wave 2 and Wave 3 sites, Headquarters Army Materiel Command, CSC, and the LMP Product Management Office, has outlined these eight steps to deploy training to Increment 2 users.

It’s important to note that providing both pre- and post-implementation training answers many questions/concerns. For example, daily production must continue and therefore groups cannot have their entire team out for training at one time. Additionally, the different timing of training provides different benefits: pre Go-Live training level-sets users on what’s coming and post Go-Live training affords them some time to use the system and gather specific questions in time for their training session.

Cadres, a key group of personnel used to train users at their respective sites, also are critical to Increment 2 training success. After all, no one knows specific users’ needs like someone who knows the data, business processes, and nuances of how sites manage inventory daily. The program also is ensuring that cadres are part of developing the training materials. This allows for site specific information and examples to be included in documentation and helps trainers during classes to not only show how LMP works, but how it works at the site and user level.

Wave 2 training began in March 2014 in preparation for implementation in August 2014, and Wave 3 training is set to begin in October 2014 for May 2015 Go-Live. With a combination of deployment experience and engaging several groups and individuals to help improve training for Increment 2, the LMP training “village” anticipates putting forth its best effort yet.

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**Congressations to Mr. Art Olson on His Retirement**  
*By P2E Public Affairs*

Mr. Art Olson, Deputy Product Manager, Power Projection Enablers (P2E) retired after more than 42 years of service to the U.S. Army as a Soldier, contractor and civilian. P2E hosted a retirement ceremony March 19 in celebration of Mr. Olson’s impressive career. Guests included family, friends and colleagues from across PEO EIS, industry and the Army.

After serving in the Army for 20 years, Mr. Olson worked in industry for thirteen years and then he began his civil service career in 2003. Prior to his assignment as Deputy PM P2E, Mr. Olson served as the Deputy, Technology Management Division, Program Manager Network Services Center at Fort Monmouth, N.J. Art was also assigned to U.S. Army Information Systems Engineering Command, where he was responsible for upgrading voice telecommunications systems and data networks for multiple Army installations in CONUS, Germany, Southwest Asia, Japan (including Navy and Marine Corps installations) and Korea.

Mr. Olson’s exceptional and varied experience helped to shape P2E into the organization we all know. As the Deputy PM for the last five years, Mr. Olson was responsible for overseeing day-to-day operations and activities essential to the delivery of a standardized, global infrastructure and enterprise services in direct support of deployed forces worldwide managing a workforce of 167 military, civilian and contractor personnel executing approximately $300 million annually.

*The entire P2E family would like to thank Art for his exceptional service and wish him and his wife Fran a wonderful retirement.*

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**P2E Welcomes New Deputy Product Manager, Mr. Scott Ervin**  
*By P2E Public Affairs*

In March, P2E welcomed a new Deputy PM, Mr. Scott Ervin, to the P2E family. Mr. Ervin has more than 27 years experience in managing, planning, operating and acquiring communications systems.

Before beginning his civilian career in 1997, Mr. Ervin served in the United States Army as an MOS 32D, Communications Circuit System Controller in Pirmasens, Germany, and in industry as a Technical Control Operator/Maintainer. Since beginning his civilian career, Mr. Ervin has served in a variety of positions including the Product Director, Baseband Systems, Deputy Product Director, Satellite Communications Systems; Chief of PD SCS’ Integration, Implementation and Configuration Management; and Project Leader for Auxiliary Communications Shelter supporting the Missile Defense Agency.

Mr. Ervin has also served as Chief of the Wideband Satellite Communications Cell in the Regional Satellite Communications Support Center – Europe for USARSTRAT, the Senior Contingency Communications System Planner for the Defense Information Systems Agency-Europe, and also the Operations Officer for Defense Satellite Communications System Station in Landstuhl, Germany.

Mr. Ervin is an active member of the Army Acquisition Corps with Level Three Certification in Program Management (2009). P2E looks forward to learning from his varied experiences and working with him to fulfill the global P2E mission.

*Welcome, Scott Ervin!*
MC4 First Recipient of Excellence.Gov Health IT Award

By Rachel Collins, MC4 Strategic Communications

Medical Communications for Combat Casualty Care (MC4) was honored by the American Council for Technology (ACT) and the Industry Advisory Council (IAC) on March 24 as the first recipient of the Excellence in Health IT award, a new Excellence.gov award category this year.

The award recognizes MC4’s work in continuing to provide deployed medical personnel with the means to electronically document soldier care, order medical supplies and provide commanders situational awareness.

“This isn’t about us or the MC4 staff; this award is for all the Soldiers who will benefit from having confidence that the injury or care they received in combat is recorded in their records,” MC4 Deputy Product Manager Orlando J. Illi said at the award reception.

“Their electronic records will continue to serve them if they make a claim with the VA after they retire or separate from the Army,” he continued. “This award is for all the Soldiers who were positively impacted by having an electronic medical record since 2003.”

The MC4 system has collected and transmitted more than 21.6 million electronic patient encounters since its initial operating capability in 2003.

“MC4 is a critical enabler to our commanders and Soldiers in the field as well as back in garrison,” said Reginald L. Bagby, portfolio manager of Enterprise Management Systems at Program Executive Office Enterprise Information Systems (PEO EIS). “Active Duty and the Army National Guard alike reap the benefit of the MC4 electronic medical record system. It is one of those programs where no one ever has to question its value.”

Calendar of Events

11 June  Army Birthday Observance, HQ PEO EIS Lawn, Fort Belvoir, Va.
11 June  DLS Brown Bag VTC
12 June  ASA(ALT) Town Hall, VTC
17 June  PAO Collaboration Meeting, Fort Belvoir, Va.

NOTE: June is Army Safety Month – please check out the www.eis.army.mil site, www.facebook.com/peo.eis, and @PEOEISPAOffice for more information.
Friday, June 27, 2014
10:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.
At the corner of 4th St. and Chapek Rd. adjacent to the USALSA (Legal guys) parking garage across the street from our HQ building

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