



# RCAS NEWS



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## "APPROACHING THE FINISH LINE" FY14 PRODUCT REFRESH UPDATE



**Next Steps**  
- Shipping  
- PBO Accountability



### Collection Response 100% Success—Next Steps—Property Accountability

Your RCAS Requirements Management Team can see the finish line in this year's product refresh effort, and is driving toward a projected delivery of all products by this spring. As you may recall, our emphasis for FY14 was to prepare for the projected FY15 budget reductions, and to acquire products which will sustain network infrastructure in order to achieve cost savings rather than increasing capabilities. The FY15 program will be dependent on the extent of these impacts.

Another very significant by-product of this initiative is the process of identifying, validating and documenting your total RCAS infrastructure and direct support information technology requirements. This provides the Project Directorate with accurate and verified data that helps in the formulation of the RCAS budget.

Additionally, this process initiates and maintains lines of communication with the Soldiers and key unit personnel that make this an effective and efficient process. Your support has again been absolutely outstanding. Thank You!

As we approach to the "Finish Line" please assist your respective Property Book Officers and support staff in accounting for your property with the required documentation and appropriate signatures on the Material Inspection and Receiving Report (DD Form 250). Our team is available to assist you.

For more information about the FY14 product refresh effort, contact Ms. Lesley Plitz, RCAS Requirements Manager, by phone at 703-806-3212, or by e-mail at [lesley.p.plitz.civ@mail.mil](mailto:lesley.p.plitz.civ@mail.mil).

## "READY – SET – GO" FY15 RCAS ENVIRONMENT REFRESH

As many of you may already know – this is the year that your respective RCAS environments must be updated due to current warranty expiration and hardware reaching end of life. Our mission is to replace the existing RCAS servers with a more robust environment to support your current and future operations. The recently completed data call provided us with your unique individual system requirements as compared to our Engineering Team's model configuration. This allowed our team to appropriately determine the size of our enterprise configuration. A special thanks to the National Guard Data Processing Advisory Committee (DPAC) for their outstanding support in facilitating the collection of the respective 54

State/Territory requirements.

The RCAS Project Director has commenced the project kick off with an initiative that will incorporate a two-test environment. These environments will validate our engineering team's configuration models. This will be followed with the Project Directorate publishing and distributing a detailed Letter of Instruction (LOI) to each component outlining our implementation process. This will be completed in the next several weeks.

To find out more about the FY15 RCAS Environment Refresh, please contact Mr. Mark Durand, RCAS Fielding Lead, by phone at 703-806-3120, or by e-mail at [mark.j.durand.civ@mail.mil](mailto:mark.j.durand.civ@mail.mil).

**PD CORNER**



**MR. RALPH OCASIO  
RCAS PROJECT DIRECTOR**

Let me begin by wishing you and yours the very best for a happy and prosperous new year. Our team has hit the ground running in 2015 and is anxious to continue delivering you the products and services you need to support our Soldiers and their units.

We are in the process of wrapping up one of our key system improvement programs and kicking off another...our FY14 Product Refresh is in the final phase of ordering and delivery of the products you selected to sustain your information technology infrastructures; and beginning another to update and refresh your individual RCAS environments...again – your prompt response to our data calls is sincerely appreciated – also another system upgrade is currently in the planning stages – a required Oracle upgrade.

We kicked off FY15 with a meeting of our Requirements Control Board here at Fort Belvoir. I am very pleased with the aggressive approach both the ARNG and USAR want to take in making this important forum become a strategic planning and decision making body. Our Requirements Management Team is fully engaged to assist in this process. One of the primary drivers allowing this positive transition is the excellent progress we are making in implementing the AGILE software development methodology – the continuous collaboration going on between the respective application owners, developers and functional user community has accelerated our engineering change process, resulting in improvement of our application product delivery.

Finally, please join me in welcoming our new Deputy Project Director, Mr. Saj George. Saj just retired from his Active Guard Reserve (AGR) career serving in the PEO EIS General Fund Enterprise Business System (GFEBS) program office for the past two years. I encourage you to learn more about Saj on page three of this newsletter.

Again, thank you for all you do for our Soldiers and your interest in what our team is doing - we look forward to continuing to serve you...Be safe out there...

**RCAS RELEASE 7.0.9 DELIVERS**

RCAS Release 7.0.9 is scheduled to deploy in April 2015 and delivers two significant improvements. The first major improvement is the redaction of Social Security Numbers (SSNs) from all screens, reports and forms in accordance with the SSN Reduction Act <http://www.dtic.mil/whs/directives/corres/pdf/100030p.pdf>. Users will only see the last four digits of the SSNs rather than the full SSN. The second significant improvement is upgrading the RCAS database to Oracle Release 11.2.0.4. In addition, with the inclusion of IE9 and IE11 on the Army Gold Master (AGM) image, RCAS applications are going through thorough testing and will be compatible for use by both IE9 and IE11 in the 7.0.9 release.

Within the RCASWeb, Administrators will be able to click on the Tools menu, view an Information Exchange (IE) Parameter web page, select an IE and have a list of parameter values that can be edited and saved to the database. In addition, users will see a Role selection criteria drop-down field that displays the field once an Application value is selected.

The Force Authorization (FA) Team has implemented the Stationing Plan Submission Application (SPSA), a significant addition to the Organizational Authority (OA) application. SPSA will allow users to submit, review, approve and store Organizational Authority and Federal Recognition for all National Guard units in the 50 States, three Territories and the District of Columbia. OAs are the National Guard's stationing plan documents of record, equivalent to General Orders in the Active Army to stand up or stand down a unit. They are also the key documents used by Center for Military History to track the lineage of National Guard units.

The Safety and Occupational Health (SOH) application will now have more visibility at the National Guard Bureau (NGB) by giving them the ability to view Level II Accident Reports by single States. The Level I Accident Report will

be automated and will allow NGB to generate an Excel spreadsheet complete with Level II accident reporting information from the user's selected criteria using a web service. The removal of deceased/discharged personnel from the Persons module will allow the field to have the most current list of personnel that match information from corresponding data feeds.

The Mobilization Planning Data Viewer (MPDV) application has added an Archive Battle Roster function for the US Army Reserve (USAR). Users can now maintain the structure of a Battle Roster, while simultaneously releasing Soldiers assigned to the Battle Roster. This allows for those Soldiers to be used within another Active Battle Roster.



**The RCAS FA Team meets for their daily "scrum," to report on activities since the last meeting and discuss current day activities. From Left to Right: Suzanne Croy, Terence Chan, Stephen Lesnick, Jonathan Farmand, Rick Dietz, Sudha Munipalli, Sheryll Alegrado and Brian Forbes. (Not Pictured: River Michaels and Steve Brylski). Photo Credit: Steve Brylski, FA Team Business Analyst.**

Property Book Unit Supply - Enhanced (PBUS-E) files can be accessed from any location on the user's client computer. Lastly, Regional Level Application Software (RLAS) and the Standard Installation/Division Personnel System (SIDPERS) will remain the authoritative record for Soldier to unit assignment.

The Personnel Team has made several improvements to their applications. The Retirement Points Accounting Management (RPAM) application will

include unverified service displayed in the Soldier Report and defaulting Assign Loss Reason Code in an Interstate Transfer (IST) import. Within the Military Personnel Office (MilPO) Orders application, defect corrections include fixing a server error when running a Test Query, as well as implementing threat mitigation and defensive coding for potential Information Assurance (IA) issues. Finally, the Unit Personnel System/Command Management System (UPS/CMS) application will include both a flag indicator for Multi Weigh-In when entered for today's date, and the UPS User will be restricted to displaying the Personnel Qualification Reports based on their authorized unit of assignment.

For more information on RCAS Release 7.0.9 or any of the RCAS applications, please contact Mr. Jim Cook, Chief, RCAS Software Sustainment Division by phone at 703-806-3071 or by email at [jim.n.cook.civ@mail.mil](mailto:jim.n.cook.civ@mail.mil).

## MEET YOUR NEW RCAS DPD



### MR. SAJJAN (SAJ) M. GEORGE

Mr. Sajjan (Saj) M. George was appointed the Deputy Project Director (DPD) for the Reserve Component Automation Systems (RCAS), under the Program Executive Office, Enterprise Information Systems (PEO EIS) in December 2014.

Saj has over 20 years of service in the U.S. Army covering a wide range of challenging responsibilities to include working closely with senior-level leadership on long-term strategic planning. In December 2014, he retired from military service as a Lieutenant Colonel and accepted the RCAS DPD position.

His key military assignments include Deputy Director of Sustainment Directorate at General Funds Enterprise Business System (GFEB), Deputy CIO/G6 of the Army National Guard (ARNG) Headquarters, Branch Chief of Information Technology Program Management and Program Objective Memorandum (POM) Development Officer for the ARNG G6. He served one combat tour in Iraq as the Deputy of the Joint Acquisition Review Board and the Multi-National Corps Budget Execution Office.

Among Mr. George's military awards are the Legion of Merit, Defense Meritorious Service Medal and Meritorious Service Medal (3rd OLC).

Saj has a Bachelors of Engineering in Electronics and Communication and a Masters of Business Administration in Finance. He also holds Federal Chief Information Officer (CIO) and Chief Financial Officer (CFO) Leadership Certificates and the Army Cost Management Certificate. Saj is a member of the Army Acquisition Corps and Level II certified in Program Management. His non-duty hours and weekends are dedicated to voluntary service with the Hope Network, a non-profit organization whose primary mission is to support veterans in getting training in information technology. He also loves traveling and learning about other cultures.

## AUTOMATED DEPLOYMENT STARTS WITH RELEASE 7.0.9

The PD RCAS will reach another significant milestone in 2015 by rolling out the deployment of RCAS Releases entirely by automated or electronic means to the Army National Guard (ARNG) and the U.S. Army Reserve (USAR). Release 7.0.9 will be the pilot release utilizing this deployment capability replacing the costly and inefficient manual shipping of media. The automated deployment or electronic delivery uses existing System Center Configuration Management (SCCM) infrastructure for the ARNG and the U. S. Army Aviation and Missile Research Development and Engineering Center's (AMRDEC) Safe Access File Exchange (SAFE) tools for the USAR. The

PD RCAS conducted a series of successful tests using the new automated deployment process with both the ARNG and USAR communities and is on track to fully implement this new capability with the fielding of RCAS Release 7.0.9 scheduled for April 2015. The PD RCAS is excited to offer this new capability to our ARNG and USAR users and looks forward to bringing you innovations like this in the future.

For more information on RCAS Release 7.0.9 or any of the RCAS applications, please contact Mr. Jim Cook, Chief, RCAS Software Sustainment Division by phone at 703-806-3071 or by email at [jim.n.cook.civ@mail.mil](mailto:jim.n.cook.civ@mail.mil).

## RECOGNITION OF RCAS GSME SUPPORT CONTINUES

In our continuing effort to recognize the Government Subject Matter Experts (GSMEs) that do so much to keep the RCAS applications current and relevant; this edition highlights another GSME for the great work done in service to our Soldiers and our nation. We also recognize the amount of time and effort it takes to make our products and services the best they can be and sincerely appreciate the leadership for allowing our GSMEs the time to assist.



SFC Adrienne Harper  
Photo Credit: SFC Harper

SFC Harper plays an integral part as a participant in supporting the National Guard Bureau (NGB) functional lead during sprint demonstrations for the Personnel applications, especially RPAM. The PD RCAS genuinely values all of her efforts

as a GSME and thanks her for her support.

SFC Harper is also an essential and critical key element in her role as a retirement counselor in the Final Formation Program for the Recruiting and Retention Battalion. She has received numerous accolades from the West Virginia National Guard Adjutant General for her participation and successful retention rate.



SFC Adrienne Harper serves as the Retirement Points Accounting Management (RPAM) Non-Commissioned Officer (NCO) and Retirement Services Officer (RSO) for the West Virginia

Army National Guard as well as the ID Card Services NCOIC. She has served as a GSME for the PD RCAS since 2010.

SFC Harper's services as a GSME have been invaluable through her understanding of the RPAM application and guidance to the PD RCAS team regarding the vast complexities of the RPAM application. A portion of this complexity surrounds the business rules contained within the application that are responsible for calculations and other functionality where the end user will only see the results. Without SFC Harper's comprehensive understanding of the laws, regulations and other rules, it would be very difficult for the PD RCAS team to correctly apply these business rules to the RPAM application.

Without the dedicated efforts of all of our GSMEs, the RCAS Project would not be as successful. We appreciate our GSMEs for taking time out of their very busy schedules to keep RCAS applications up to date and pertinent to the Soldiers we all serve every day. Thank You!

If you or someone you know would be interested in becoming a GSME for the PD RCAS, please contact Mr. Jim Cook, Chief, RCAS Software Sustainment Division by phone at 703-806-3071 or by email at [jim.n.cook.civ@mail.mil](mailto:jim.n.cook.civ@mail.mil).

Stay tuned for more GSME recognition in future editions of the RCAS News.

## NEW GSME VALIDATION ENVIRONMENT

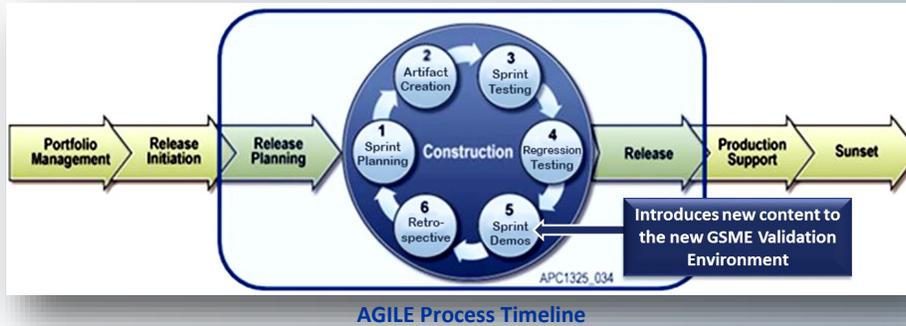
The PD RCAS has adopted a new collaborative testing approach. Selected RCAS stakeholders and end users are invited to remotely log into a production-like validation environment and get their hands on new changes as they are developed; a preview prior to the Beta event for final testing. The new Government Subject Matter Expert (GSME) validation environment now extends the engagement model with the RCAS stakeholders and end users.

When using the Agile methodology for RCAS software sustainment, it is important to the project's success that the appropriate working environment be created and maintained. Time and the construction phase depicted above, combined with stakeholder engagement and a collaborative approach is also central to building the necessary teamwork and trust in Agile projects.

The RCAS stakeholders and end users now have the opportunity to move from spectators of the Sprint Demos, to active participants. In addition to seeing the progress of a release every two weeks in an Agile Sprint Demo; GSMEs, testers and selected users are able to log into a 'GSME Validation Environment' where they can validate new application content before it goes through the Beta event for final testing and is released to the field. PD RCAS encourages and values feedback from our customers, as early and often as needed to create great quality software. This interactive approach will assist in continuing to develop quality software that is operationally well received in the field.

The new approach initially made an appearance in RCAS Release 7.0.8 and has been made more widely available during the RCAS Release 7.0.9 development phase. Keeping in lock step with the Agile methodology and Sprint iteration schedule, this 'sandbox' environment is updated at the end of each Sprint to include the

content developed and demonstrated to the customers. Using the Demo documentation as a guide provides our customer the opportunity to go one step further and test drive the new changes themselves. This is an excellent chance to 'pre' test during the construction phase, ensuring a common understanding of what the expected system behavior should be. Participation and open communication between the GSMEs, developers and other stakeholders provides clarity and fosters a collaborative relationship; both instrumental for success.



Validation in this preliminary stage increases the stakeholder confidence level that the desired changes work properly and meet the approved requirements. This also provides a window of opportunity to change course if the customer does not feel that the change meets their needs. In keeping with the Agile methodology, content can be readdressed and changed in a subsequent Sprint if necessary, and validated again before release. Successful validation in this environment, at these intervals indicates the software is suitable to proceed to the Beta event for final testing with a high likelihood of being acceptable for fielding.



Retired CW4 Randall Pifer tests the SOH application at home on the new RCAS GSME Validation Environment following a Sprint Demo Cycle. Photo Credit: CW4(R) and SOH GSME, Randall Pifer.

PD RCAS appreciates the great job our GSME's do, taking time from many other duties and responsibilities to aid us in providing high quality software to our Soldiers. As always, we look forward to this partnership and continued improvements in the future.

For more information about the new RCAS GSME Validation Environment please contact Mr. Jim Cook, Chief, RCAS Software Sustainment Division by phone at 703-806-3071 or by email at [jim.n.cook.civ@mail.mil](mailto:jim.n.cook.civ@mail.mil).

# RESERVE COMPONENT AUTOMATION SYSTEMS—SERVING THE SOLDIER...SERVING THE NATION

## RCAS "BOARD OF DIRECTORS" KICK OFF FY15

RCAS Project Director, Mr. Ralph Ocasio, hosted the first edition of this fiscal year's series of Requirements Control Board (RCB) meetings at Fort Belvoir, VA on Oct. 30, 2014. This assembly of key technical and functional leaders has been described as the Project Directorate's "Board of Directors" to address system requirements and capabilities, provide the Project Director input on resource allocation and a medium to discuss emerging technologies. Mr. Ocasio, in response to discussions from the July 17, 2014 meeting, presented a draft revision of the RCB charter. The board members agreed that the charter should be amended as discussed, and that formal staffing be conducted prior to the next scheduled meeting. Both components are interested in assuming a more active role in this process, as well as sharing their individual and collective information technology initiatives and challenges, with the intent of identifying common solutions and program management best practices. The RCAS program provides the ARNG and USAR the ideal platform to address their collective technology requirements within the enterprise information system organization.

Mr. Ocasio presented the projected program budget posture by highlighting the differences between FY14 and FY15 – a 50% reduction in both Operations and Maintenance (O&M) and Other Procurement Army (OPA) funding. A brief discussion followed regarding the next scheduled budget presentation and the importance of IT capital investment funding for both components. Other topics presented and discussed included the impact that external resource distributions to both components is having on

the prime contract spending ceiling; the FY14 Product Refresh final procurement phase; the FY15 Environment Refresh kick off this month; application release status; Oracle migration schedule; and the initiative to automate the delivery of software updates beginning with Release 7.0.9. Additional customer support topics discussed were RCAS Level I support; hosting of select ARNG G6 software applications and Continuity of Operations (COOP) capability; and identification of other applications which are duplicating current RCAS capabilities.

RCB Co-Chair updates included an overview of the USAR G6 task organization and their linkage to the DA and U.S. Army Forces Command, their primary lines of effort and an overview of the current development of the ARNG G6 500 Day Plan. This plan serves as a critical tool for planning resource and personnel requirements. Additionally the Chairman of the National Guard Information Management Advisory Council (IMAC) shared the Virtual Desktop Infrastructure (VDI) solution being implemented in the Colorado ARNG.

The Requirements Management Team continues to address the key actions and adjustments necessary to transition this important forum to a more interactive, strategic planning organization. The next formal meeting is tentatively being planned for March 2015. For more information about the upcoming RCB meeting please contact Ms. Lesley Plitz, RCAS Requirements Manager, by phone at (703) 806-3212, or by e-mail at [lesley.p.plitz.civ@mail.mil](mailto:lesley.p.plitz.civ@mail.mil).

## THE DISTRIBUTED LEARNING PROGRAM - FY 2015 UPDATE

PD RCAS is in the process of implementing a five year refresh cycle of Distributed Learning Program (DLP) classroom systems for the Army National Guard (ARNG). This effort will support the ARNG training branch's (ARNG-TRN) initiative to bring training points of delivery closer to the Soldier. With the advantages of the Mobile Distributed Learning Classrooms (MDLC) and MDLC-Lite the training point of delivery provides a transportable learning environment that may be deployed as each State ARNG desires.

By refreshing existing classrooms with up-to-date training systems, RCAS will enhance the training experience for Soldiers using up-to-date equipment. The five year refresh cycle involves the replacement of equipment ranging from client workstations, audio/visual components, network devices and entire classroom systems that will follow this refresh plan as well as specific classroom refreshes per direction of the ARNG Training Branch. This five year plan will focus on replacing equipment that is out of warranty, bring classrooms up to the current classroom system baseline and will be timed so that future equipment refreshes will be in alignment with warranty expirations.

With the support of ARNG sustainment dollars and receipt of National Guard and Reserve Equipment Appropriation (NGREA) funding, PD RCAS plans to refresh approximately 100 classrooms during FY15 and through the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter of FY16. Fourteen AV800 classroom systems and five MDLC have been installed so far this fiscal year. Forty AV800 systems, 20 MDLC systems, 20 MDLC-Lite systems and 970 workstations are currently planned for delivery. The MDLC-Lite is a mobile classroom system without audio/video and video teleconferencing components.



**CPT Richards, 398th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion (CSSB), instructs Soldiers in a DLP Classroom in Chantilly, VA using the latest DLP technology. Photo credit: Chamele Winkfield, RCAS Instructor.**

RCAS continues to provide classroom sustainment services to the ARNG DLP. Support for classroom moves, workstation component upgrades and troubleshooting equipment and connectivity issues are performed along with the AV800 and MDLC refreshes.

For more information on the RCAS FY15 Distributed Learning Program initiatives please contact the RCAS Infrastructure and Integration Division Chief, LTC Jeffrey T. Yon, by phone at 703-806-3090 or by e-mail at [jeffrey.t.yon.mil@mail.mil](mailto:jeffrey.t.yon.mil@mail.mil).

**RCAS MPDV TRACKS CRITICAL SOLDIER READINESS DATA**

In 2014 the RCAS Mobilization Planning Data Viewer (MPDV) Soldier Readiness Processing (SRP) support team provided on-site assistance for 13 SRP events throughout the 50 states, three territories and the District of Columbia. The RCAS MPDV application tracks critical Soldier readiness information for Commanders and unit leadership across the Army National Guard (ARNG) and U.S. Army Reserve (USAR).



**PFC Christopher Hickman, 358th Civil Affairs Brigade, S1 SRP Support Team, enters a Soldier's readiness data into MPDV during a recent RCAS supported SRP event. Photo Credit: Mr. Pete Van Schagen, RCAS Strategic Communications.**

The use of MPDV allowed unit leadership in these organizations to accurately assess the mobilization readiness of over 2,700 Soldiers and effect appropriate changes to ensure that each Soldier reported to their respective Mobilization Station with as many Soldier readiness reporting requirements reflected as a 'GO' as possible. The ability to use barcode scanners to check Soldiers into and out of the event as well as through individual SRP stations significantly reduced overall SRP processing time. Using MPDV, Commanders and unit leadership had immediate access to their unit's Soldier readiness status through online reports like the

Soldier Readiness Processing Status Tracker report. Leadership could also track Soldiers by name through each SRP station using the Event Situation Report and were able to track NO GOs, including comments, using the MPDV 'NO GO' report.

The control and real time visibility of Soldiers that the MPDV SRP event module provides is one of the most beneficial aspects of the MPDV application.



**SSG Meagan Erickson, 704th Chemical Company, Unit Administrator, inputs a Soldier's readiness data into MPDV at the personnel station during an SRP event that the RCAS MPDV team supported. Photo Credit: Mr. Pete Van Schagen, RCAS Strategic Communications.**

Want to know more about MPDV and what it can do for you, go to the RCAS homepage on Army Knowledge Online (AKO) at <https://www.us.army.mil/suite/page/207093>. There you will have access to the latest MPDV briefings, contact information, MPDV schedule of events and much more.

If you would like MPDV on-site SRP support, contact Mr. Max Dunn, MPDV Product Owner, by phone at 703-806-3128, or by e-mail at [max.g.dunn.civ@mail.mil](mailto:max.g.dunn.civ@mail.mil).

**WORKSHOPS AND SRP SUPPORT ARE AVAILABLE NOW**

RCAS MPDV can help make your next SRP event or Workshop successful. To assist unit personnel, unit administrators and commanders with the use of this time-saving MPDV tool, the PD RCAS offers MPDV Leadership Workshops, briefings and Soldier Readiness Processing (SRP) support for all levels of command. This support is fully funded by the PD RCAS so there is no cost to the field. The Leadership Workshops and briefings clarify how MPDV fits into the larger scope of pre-mobilization.

SRP support events are practical site visits aimed at providing:

- Assistance with setting up a customized MPDV SRP event
- Assisting SRP Station Operators with their role using MPDV

- Assistance running "Real Time" MPDV SRP status reports
- Participating in out brief/AAR sessions, as requested

PD RCAS is tentatively scheduled to provide SRP support for the following events:

4 - 9 Mar 2015	JFHQ(-) Michigan ARNG, Lansing, MI
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To request MPDV support or a project briefing contact Mr. Max Dunn, MPDV Product Owner, by phone at 703-806-3128, or by e-mail at [max.g.dunn.civ@mail.mil](mailto:max.g.dunn.civ@mail.mil).

**UPCOMING CONFERENCE SUPPORT**

PD RCAS provides conference support at the following events:

<b>Army National Guard Joint Assessment Conference</b>
Fort Leavenworth, Kansas—2nd Qtr. FY15, 16-19 Mar 2015
<b>U.S. Army Reserve Joint Assessment Conference</b>
Fort Bragg, North Carolina—3rd Qtr. FY15, 15-18 Jun 2015

If you are planning to attend any of these workshops or conference events, visit the RCAS area for a software demonstration and to discuss RCAS products and services.

To request RCAS participation at your next conference or workshop event, contact Mr. Max Dunn, MPDV Product Owner, by phone at 703-806-3128, or by e-mail at [max.g.dunn.civ@mail.mil](mailto:max.g.dunn.civ@mail.mil).

**RCAS TRAINING CORNER**

**TAKING CARE OF SOLDIERS**



**MSG Gaston, 313th MCB, delivers an additional module of instruction to Soldiers who have been trained to use the full capabilities of the MPDV application. Photo credit: Chamele Winkfield, RCAS Instructor.**

When Mr. Steve Longoria was introduced to RCAS fifteen years ago, he was an Active Guard Reserve (AGR) Soldier in Texas. As a First Sergeant, his mission was to equip Soldiers for peak performance. For the past eight years, Steve has worked as an RCAS instructor, bringing that same quality to the classroom. RCAS applications are used for a variety of critical functions that address safety, pay and mobilization, to name a few. RCAS instructors know from experience that data must be entered without error. Instructor Walt Bailey served 22 years with the active component Army, including four years in Force Authorization (FA). Instructor Bill Blaine started in aviation and has been actively involved with Safety and Occupational Health (SOH) for more than thirty years. All RCAS instructors are seasoned and work diligently to meet Soldiers' RCAS training needs with every class they teach.

In December 2014, Walt Bailey taught Mobilization Planning Data Viewer (MPDV) – an application that holds data for Soldiers being mobilized – to 13 Soldiers from the 398<sup>th</sup> Combat Sustainment Support Battalion (CSSB) and 313<sup>th</sup> Movement Control Battalion (MCB) units. Training was conducted on-site at a Distributed Learning Classroom (DLC) in Chantilly, Virginia. With the Soldiers preparing for a real world mission, Walt focused on hands-on exercises designed to demonstrate immediate benefit. During an upcoming Soldier Readiness Process (SRP) event, these Soldiers will use MPDV to collect information on each departing Soldier, and data will be transmitted to mobilization sites to be read during deployment through the Deployment and Reconstruction Tracking Software (DARTS) system. Completing MPDV training ensures that these Soldiers know what needs to be done and how to accomplish it.

PD RCAS provides training for multiple RCAS applications. You can view current RCAS training schedules and other training

opportunities by logging into the RCAS AKO Homepage at <https://www.us.army.mil/suite/page/207093>, clicking on the Training Support tab at the top and then clicking the RCAS Online Training link on the left.

Additional high level training videos outlining the RCAS Release 7.0 applications are also available on the RCAS AKO Training Support page at <https://www.us.army.mil/suite/files/25111775>.

For more information on RCAS training and to schedule training for your site, contact Mr. Robert G. Medley, RCAS Training Manager, by phone at 703-806-3163, or by e-mail at [Robert.G.Medley.civ@mail.mil](mailto:Robert.G.Medley.civ@mail.mil).



**PFC Oularsi, 398th CSSB, assists RCAS Instructor, Mr. Walter Bailey, by working through the MPDV application modules in the classroom. Photo credit: Chamele Winkfield, RCAS Instructor.**



**13 Soldiers from multiple USAR units prepare to mobilize using MPDV; with RCAS Instructor Mr. Walter Bailey. Photo credit: Chamele Winkfield, RCAS Instructor.**



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