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## RCAS JOINS THE I3C2 TEAM

In November 2015, the Reserve Component Automation Systems (RCAS) was reorganized under the Project Manager Installation Information Infrastructure Communications and Capabilities (I3C2) as part of a Program Executive Office Enterprise Information Systems (PEO EIS) organizational restructure. The move positions RCAS to benefit from similar I3C2

programs and prepares us for the future while continuing to accomplish the RCAS mission today. The goal of the reorganization was mission support through an optimized organizational structure. The move under I3C2 makes RCAS more efficient and effective in meeting the needs of our Army National Guard (ARNG) and U.S. Army Reserve (USAR)

## RCAS LEADERSHIP TRANSITION BEGINS

Mr. Sajjan (Saj) M. George was introduced as the new RCAS Acting Product Lead (PL), during an Assumption of Charter ceremony hosted by the I3C2 Project Manager, Mr. Michael Padden on January 11, 2016, at Fort Belvoir, Virginia. The outgoing RCAS PL, Mr. Ralph Ocasio, departed after a distinguished tenure, and received a Superior Civilian Service Award and other recognition during the ceremony. Mr. Ocasio left RCAS to become the Deputy Project Manager for I3C2.

Lieutenant Colonel. Throughout his service, Mr. George served in a variety of leadership roles, including Deputy Director of Sustainment Directorate at General Funds Enterprise Business System (GFEBs), Deputy Chief Information Officer/G6 of the Army National Guard Headquarters, Branch Chief of Information



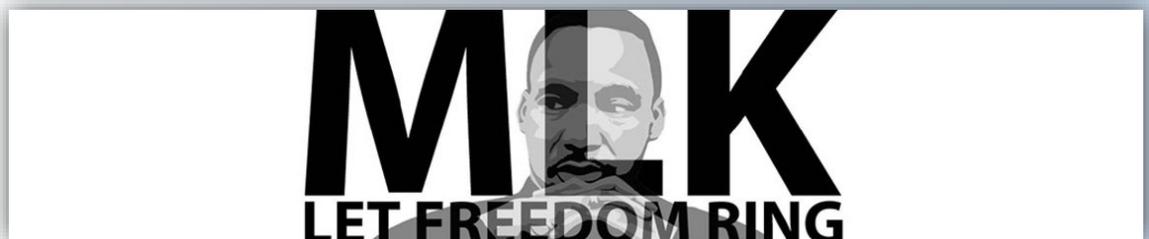
Mr. Padden, PM I3C2, presents Mr. Ocasio, outgoing RCAS PL, with a Superior Civilian Service Award. Photo Credit: Ms. Sam Soleimanifar, PEO EIS Multimedia Designer.

Mr. George assumes his new position after serving as the RCAS Deputy Product Lead since December 2014. He has over 20 years of active duty service in the U.S. Army and retired as a



Mr. Padden, PM I3C2, presents Mr. George with the RCAS Assumption of Charter. Photo Credit: Ms. Sam Soleimanifar, PEO EIS Multimedia Designer.

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. Mr. George's military awards include the Legion of Merit, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (3rd OLC), Army Commendation Medal and the Army Achievement Medal.



**PL CORNER—FAREWELL**



**MR. RALPH OCASIO  
RCAS PRODUCT LEAD**

It is hard to believe that another holiday season has come and gone – and I was certainly not expecting to begin 2016 by bidding you a farewell, and most importantly a sincere THANK YOU.

I have been selected to serve as the Deputy Project Manager for I3C2, another organizational member of the PEO EIS family. It has been both an honor and my pleasure to have served as a member of your RCAS leadership team for the past five and a half years. Being able to personally meet and get to know so many of the information technology leaders in both the Army National Guard and the U.S. Army Reserve – in the field and at the National Guard Bureau and U.S. Army Reserve Command, is an experience that I will always cherish.

I am especially proud of our RCAS team for their total dedication and individual personal commitment to provide our Soldiers and their units the highest quality information technology products and services. I believe a major contributor to our team's dedication to serving you has been your candid and professional communication with us on all of our program offerings, and I encourage you to continue to offer your comments and recommendations.

Again, thank YOU for all that are doing, have done and will do for our Soldiers, as well as your interest in RCAS – we look forward to continuing to serve you....Be safe out there....

**THE DISTRIBUTED LEARNING PROGRAM - FY16 UPDATE**

The RCAS Distributed Learning Program (DLP) continues its ongoing support of the Army National Guard (ARNG) DL Program, which is managed by the Training Division, G-3, ARNG Directorate (office symbol ARNG-TR). RCAS performs all procurement, configuration, fielding, and technical support for the ARNG DL Program's daily operations and its initiative to provide the States with modernized Fixed and Mobile DL Classrooms. This initiative will improve the availability of DL "points of delivery" for ARNG units and Soldiers nationwide.

RCAS will enhance the capabilities of the DL Classrooms by fielding up-to-date equipment. Modernization of the Fixed DL Classrooms (FDLCs) includes replacement of client workstations, audio/visual components, network devices, and entire FDLC systems with new equipment to ensure continued Cybersecurity compliance and improved system performance and reliability. Modernization of ARNG DL Program capabilities includes continued fielding of new Mobile DL Classrooms (MDLCs) and MDLC-Lites, which enable State DL Programs to quickly relocate DL Classrooms to the point of need for required unit and Soldier military training, mission command, or shared use by authorized Joint, Interagency, Intergovernmental, or Community users. The

MDLC-Lite is an MDLC without audio/video and video teleconferencing components, making it the most portable DL Classroom system in the Army.

The Training Division provides RCAS with ARNG sustainment, technical refresh, and National Guard and Reserve Equipment Account (NGREA) funds, which RCAS will use to modernize more than 100 DL Classrooms during Fiscal Year 2016. RCAS has fielded six AV800 DL Classroom systems, five MDLCs, and nine MDLC-Lites so far this fiscal year; and, by the end of FY 2016, RCAS expects to field a total of 69 AV800 DL Classroom systems, 11 MDLCs, 31 MDLC-Lites, and 1,643 client workstations.

RCAS continues to provide DL Classroom sustainment services to the ARNG DL Program. Besides fielding modernized DL Classrooms, RCAS provides support for DL Classroom moves, workstation component upgrades, and troubleshooting of equipment and connectivity issues.

For more information about the RCAS FY 2016 Distributed Learning Program initiatives please contact the RCAS Acquisition, Infrastructure, and Integration Division Chief, Ms. Wanda Dixon, by phone at 703-806-3247 or by e-mail at [wanda.s.dixon2.civ@mail.mil](mailto:wanda.s.dixon2.civ@mail.mil).

**Mobile Distributed Learning Classroom (MDLC) Configurations**



**MDLC Student Perspective**

**Photos provided by:  
Mr. Lenny Ratliff, L-3  
RCA DLP Project  
Manager**



**MDLC Ready for Transport**



**MDLC Instructor Perspective**

## MEET YOUR NEW ACTING RCAS PRODUCT LEAD



**MR. SAJ GEORGE**

Mr. Sajjan (Saj) M. George was appointed the Deputy Project Director RCAS, under the PEO EIS in December 2014 and in January 2016 he assumed the position of the RCAS Acting Product Lead.

Saj has over 23 years of experience as a Military Service Member and DOD Civilian with key assignments including his first assignment in the Acquisition field as a Budget and Fielding officer with Distributive Training Technology Project (DTTP), part of RCAS.

Saj completed Initial Entry Training in 1992, served as an enlisted Soldier and was honorably discharged as a Sergeant in the Army National Guard before accepting a commission as an Officer in October 1995. Saj retired as a Lieutenant Colonel before joining the Army civilian ranks in December 2014.

Saj holds 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. He is a member of the Army Acquisition Corps and Level III certified in Program Management. His non-duty hours and weekends are dedicated to voluntary service with Hope Network, a non-profit organization whose primary mission is to support veterans in getting training in information technology. He loves traveling and learning about other cultures.

## RCAS RELEASE 7.0.12 PRE-INSTALLATION TOWN HALL

Mr. Jim Cook, Chief, Software Sustainment Division (SSD) for the Reserve Component Automation Systems (RCAS), conducted the RCAS Release 7.0.12 Pre-Installation Town Hall meetings via Defense Collaboration Services (DCS) on 4 November 2015 to the Army National Guard Data Processing Installation (DPI) community. The majority of States and Territories were in attendance to discuss a number of topics related to the installation of RCAS Release 7.0.12. The System Center Configuration Manager (SCCM), the method RCAS uses to deliver RCAS Releases to the DPIs, is undergoing a migration. RCAS is currently working with Microsoft as to how this will affect future RCAS deployments. As of RCAS Release 7.0.12 (8 December 2015),



Oracle 11.2.0.4 is no longer supported for RCAS and all states should be upgraded to 7.0.12. If your state has not upgraded, it is important to upgrade as soon as possible. Many more topics were addressed and may be viewed at the following location on Army Knowledge Online (AKO) at <https://www.us.army.mil/suite/files/6748475>. The RCAS Release 7.0.12 Post-Installation Town Hall will occur 13 January 2016. If you are interested in attending future Town Halls, please contact Ms. Rita Bartholomew at (703) 806 – 3119 or at

[rita.g.bartholomew.ctr@mail.mil](mailto:rita.g.bartholomew.ctr@mail.mil). The community is encouraged to complete a brief survey at the completion of each release in order to assist RCAS in improving future deployment capabilities.

## RCAS RELEASE 7.0.13 WHAT'S NEW

RCAS ended the first quarter FY16 with Release 7.0.12 in December and begins the second quarter FY16 with Release 7.0.13. RCAS Release 7.0.13 is scheduled to deploy in March 2016 with several new functional improvements.

The Personnel team is focusing mainly on minor defects and backlog items as well as functionality to be compatible with Standard Installation/Division Personnel System (SIDPERS) developments. The Retirement Points Accounting Management (RPAM) application is the main focus with minor fixes for the Common Access Card (CAC) user name length issues, mitigation of information assurance vulnerabilities, and proper calculation of retirement points data. The Military Personnel Office (MILPO) Orders and the Unit Personnel System/Command Management System (UPS/CMS) applications will have a few upgrades specifically for Format 342 and Army Physical Fitness Test (APFT) scoring sheets.

The Mobilization Team will complete the implementation of the Total Army Personnel Database – Reserve (TAPDB-R) information exchange in replacing the retiring Regional Level Application Software (RLAS) application import for Reserve Soldiers' data and organization structure. The Battle Roster

Readiness Progress Review (RPR) Report PowerPoint slide will be updated based upon the Multi-Compo updates received from USARC. The Freeze Header Under Assign Station Personnel is new functionality that will display the Soldier and station for the large matrix.

The Safety Team continues efforts of expanding the National Guard Bureau's (NGB's) visibility into State-Level Accident reporting. The Safety and Occupational Health (SOH) application will be updated with several regulatory requirements to match Department of the Army Pamphlet (DA PAM) 385-40 such as:

- Updating Accident Type Event Codes for Aviation Accidents
- Updating Failure Code Table for UAS Aviation Accidents
- Updating Phase of Operation Code Table for Aviation Accidents

The Enterprise and Force Authorization (FA) Teams dealt with minor fixes for this release. No major new functionality was address for Release 7.0.13.

For more information on any RCAS Release, 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).

**RCAS 30 MONTH PLAN**

RCAS has established an overarching architecture framework and technology roadmap to help guide technology decisions, paint a vision for a future RCAS, and describe how stakeholders will achieve business and technical goals. The 30 Month Plan is an integral part of the technology roadmap outlining the near-term Lines of Effort (LOEs) which take into account strategic guidance from the Chief Information Officer (CIO) G6 of the ARNG and USAR. RCAS 30 Month Plan LOEs include Core Sustainment Modernization/DevOps, reduction of Oracle dependency, RPAM Rewrite and Automated Deployment as described below. and provided a helpful assessment to the ARNG and USAR leadership.

**Core Sustainment Modernization / DevOps**

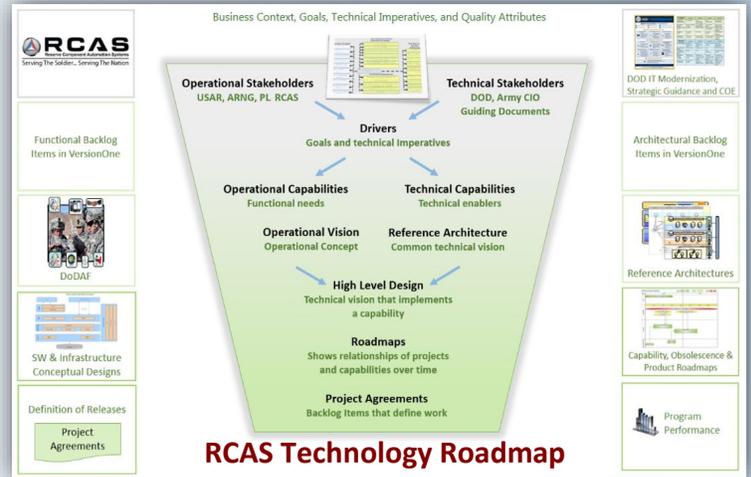
As RCAS evolves using the Agile Methodology, the teams will continue to strive to produce more working software functionality by way of sprint cycles. To fully realize the potential of Agile, RCAS is looking to incorporate more automation across development and operations areas, an initiative commonly referred to as DevOps. The intent is to streamline processes and shorten the time it takes to implement software upgrades at state and territory locations. DevOps will produce many benefits to include:

- Continuous software delivery to allow for faster delivery of application features and fixes
- An automation framework to produce more stable development and operating environments
- Enhanced collaboration that will synergize development and operational areas resulting in more efficient processes and increased levels of automation beneficial for development, deployment and support efforts
- Better quality of RCAS products

The ability to produce software faster paired with more stable and repeatable environments will allow development teams to more effectively sustain and improve RCAS systems and applications to better serve the RCAS mission.

**Reduction of Oracle Dependency**

RCAS intends to reduce dependency on Oracle, the primary database for RCAS applications and Information Exchanges (apps/ IEs), with a vendor-agnostic database that provides an overall better value in terms of licensing, maintenance costs and technical functionality. RCAS apps/IEs that have not been modernized to date make heavy use of the Oracle-proprietary Procedural Language/ Structured Query Language (PL/SQL). Overuse of PL/SQL logic over time has resulted in RCAS currently being locked into Oracle as the database vendor. Considering the increased licensing costs for Oracle Enterprise Edition and our desire to modernize RCAS apps/ IEs toward streamlined Reference Architectures, it's in our best interest to find an alternative to Oracle. RCAS will achieve both business and technical value by removing program logic out of the database and into a more modern architecture as well as eliminate database vendor dependence in support of establishing a solid



foundation to evolve in the future. Most of these changes are in application architecture and will not impact value-added functionalities from being done as scheduled.

**RPAM Rewrite**

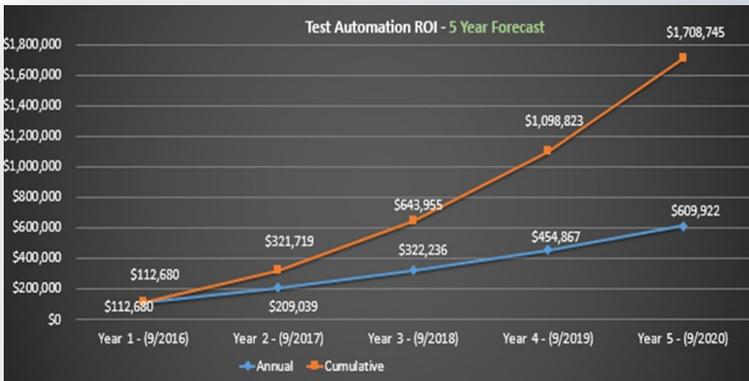
RCAS has launched an initiative to rewrite the RPAM application using a dedicated team focused solely on rewrite. A second team will continue to support the currently fielded version by way of routine enhancements and bug fixes. The rewrite will eliminate the Oracle PL/SQL from RPAM and move the application to a new Reference Architecture that will work with any future vendor-agnostic database. The fielded version will continue to stay on Oracle until the rewritten application is ready for implementation.

**Automated Deployment**

The Automated Deployment initiative was established to improve speed, quality, reliability and efficiency of RCAS deployments. The initiative has three phases: Phase 1 – Implement electronic delivery of files by replacing the traditional FedEx DVD shipments of quarterly releases; Phase 2 – Utilize an upgraded SCCM 2012 network to deploy files to the RCAS web servers and Phase 3 – Link Automated Deployment and DevOps initiatives to produce auto installation capabilities at each site. RCAS has successfully implemented Phase 1 by replacing the FedEx shipments to each site by using SCCM to deploy files to local SCCM distribution sites. This capability has been implemented since Release 7.0.9. We have entered Phase 2 where RCAS has teamed up with the National Guard Bureau (NGB) to configure a new RCAS forest within the SCCM 2012 forest on GuardNet. The RCAS forest will designate the RCAS servers as distribution sites bypassing the local SCCM distribution sites that are currently being used to transfer files. As this initiative evolves, the vision is to deploy files directly to the RCAS servers with the ability to invoke auto installations through either local or remote administration .

For more information on the RCAS 30 Month Plan, contact Mr. Saj George, RCAS Acting Product Lead, by phone at 703-806-3095, or by e-mail at [sajjan.m.george.civ@mail.mil](mailto:sajjan.m.george.civ@mail.mil).

**TEST AUTOMATION DELIVERS ROI**



Did you know RCAS has implemented more than 500 automated test scenarios? The implementation of a Test Automation Framework has enabled the RCAS software sustainment teams to transition from manual testing to an automated testing model. In 2016, the Test Automation Team plans to continue to increase the number of automated test scenarios by converting predefined test procedures and to create new test requirements discovered through advanced automation techniques. Increased levels of Test Automation allow for greater test coverage and earlier detection of problems per release. Earlier detection of defects will prevent support incidents in the field and improve overall software quality.

RCAS can estimate the potential Test Automation Return on Investment (ROI) over the next 5 years, by estimating the automated smoke, functional and core regression tests anticipated for future releases. The graph above shows a 5-year forecast (Sept 2015 – Sept 2020) of test automation ROI when compared to manual testing; the blue line shows individual year and the orange line shows cumulative cost avoidance, which allows RCAS to do more for our ARNG and USAR customers.

**AUTOMATED RIP PROCESSING ON RCA A-IDE**

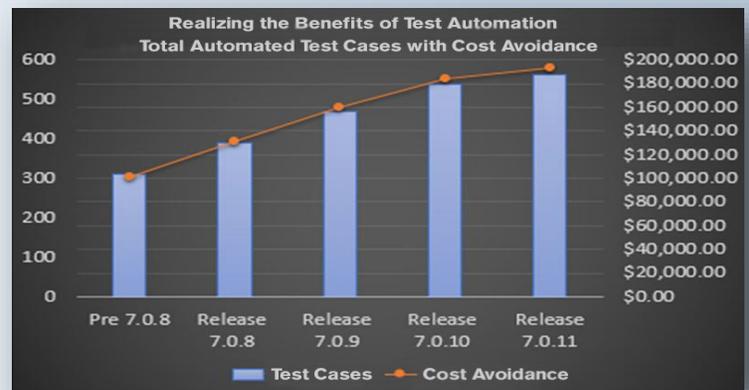
Over the past few years, the RCAS Prime Integrator (L-3 National Security Solutions) has experienced significant budget cuts and staff reductions, but has sustained an increasingly higher level of performance. That success is dependent on its ability to innovate and adapt to a constantly changing environment.

One of the cornerstones of innovation for RCAS is the Prime Integrators implementation of the Reserve Component Automation Agile-Integrated Data Environment (RCA A-IDE) (pronounced "ARCADE"). The IDE consists of a collection of integrated dashboards and collaboration tools which enables RCAS to perform with increasing efficiencies. The program transparency and efficiency that RCA A-IDE provides is a significant achievement for the program.

In addition to providing RCAS with support tools, RCA A-IDE also provides the RCAS Product Office and the Federal Systems Integration and Management Center (FEDSIM) with process engines to automate some of the government's internal processes. Capabilities in use today include automated process engines such as Travel Authorization and Contract Data

**REALIZING THE BENEFITS OF TEST AUTOMATION:**

- Increasing the number of automated test scenarios promotes reusability of test software used for new bug discovery that contributes to an evolutionary testing model.
- Testers are able to dedicate more time on case specific tests while automation handles routine tests that can be repetitive and time consuming.
- The Test Automation Framework is a consistent platform for all Testers.
- Testing best practices are easily shared across multiple software test projects to promote efficiency, reliability and cost effectiveness.
- Automation promotes transparency by providing real-time data to stakeholders who have insight into what software changes are needed to best serve the RCAS mission.



For more information on RCAS Test Automation, please contact MAJ David A. Weltheroth, RCAS Test Manager by phone at 703-806-3385 or by email at [david.a.weltheroth.mil@mail.mil](mailto:david.a.weltheroth.mil@mail.mil).

Requirements List (CDRL) Government Review and informational Program Performance dashboards.

One new initiative is the Request to Initiate Purchase (RIP) process engine. The RIP process engine provides web-based forms and automated workflows to route purchase requests through formal processes which include acquisition compliance, purchase approval, and procurement. This automates and streamlines the Program's existing processes, and allows RCAS to track RIPs through completion. The capability is being developed incrementally using established Agile development methodology, and is scheduled to complete in May 2016.

The RIP process engine is a first step of an overall strategic roadmap on the RCA program to provide the Army National Guard and U.S. Army Reserve with a comprehensive suite of integrated tools that support the lifecycle of its modernization and product refresh program.

For more information on RCA A-IDE, 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).

**“KNOWING WHAT YOUR SOLDIERS NEED”  
FY15 PRODUCT REFRESH UPDATE**

Another significant benefit achieved as a result of your continued outstanding support to this RCAS initiative, is the documenting of both the individual Soldier and their unit’s information technology system needs. The process of identifying, validating and documenting your total RCAS infrastructure and direct support requirements, provides you and your respective component leadership teams accurate facts and figures, which continue to be critical information in the formulation of the RCAS budget. This requirements management process initiates and maintains the lines of communication with the Soldiers and key unit personnel that make this entire process happen. Your support has again been absolutely outstanding. Thank YOU!!

As we wrap up the FY15 Product Refresh program, please assist your respective Property Book Officers (PBO) and support staff in accounting for your products and services with the required documentation and the appropriate signatures on the Material Inspection and Receiving Report (DD 250). In addition, please include a copy of the authorized DA Form 1687 (Notice of Delegation of Authority – Receipt for Supplies) as it is now an Army Audit requirement. Our team is available to assist you in any way.

For more information on the FY15 Product Refresh Update, contact Ms. Lesley Plitz, 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).

**RCAS “BOARD OF DIRECTORS” KICK OFF FY16**

RCAS Project Director, Mr. Ralph Ocasio, hosted the first edition of this fiscal year’s series of Requirements Control Board (RCB) meetings. The first session of FY16 was held at the Metro Park Conference Center in Alexandria, VA on 22 October 2015. This forum continues to offer the ARNG and USAR information technology leaders and functional stakeholders the ideal platform to address their individual and collective technology requirements within the Department of the Army enterprise information system organization.

both components is having on the prime contract spending ceiling; software engineering updates and application training; the FY15 Product Refresh final procurement phase for both the ARNG and USAR and the FY15 RCAS Environment Refresh status.

Ralph Ocasio, Project Director, presented the FY15 Storage Area Network (SAN) Warranty renewal and the VEEAM refresh updates; the migration of USAR application; and the revision of the RCB Charter. The next formal RCB is scheduled for 21 April 2016, with the location to be determined.

The Project Directorate staff presented the projected program budget posture by highlighting the differences between FY15 and FY16, including the impact that external resource distributions to

For more information on the RCB, contact Ms. Lesley Plitz, Requirements Manager, by phone at 703-806-3212, or by e-mail

**RCAS SAYS FAREWELL TO A TRUE LEADER—MR. RALPH OCASIO**

On 7 January 2016, RCAS staff and guests said farewell to a true leader, Mr. Ralph Ocasio at the Fort Belvoir Golf Club. Distinguished guests included the Director, Contracting, Logistics and Process Improvements for the PEO EIS, Mr. Reginald L. Bagby; the ARNG G6, Chief, Plans, Policy and Resource Division, COL Daryl P. Brach and the Product Lead, Computer Hardware, Enterprise Software and Solutions (CHESS), Mr. Tom Neff a former RCAS Project Director.



The presentation by Ms. Wanda Dixon, Chief, Acquisition, Infrastructure and Integration Division of a Crystal Eagle was one of many gifts and recognition that Ralph received during the ceremony. Photo Credit: Pete Van Schagen, RCAS Strategic Communications.

He entered into the Army Reserve serving in various positions retiring as a First Sergeant in January 2004. As a DoD civilian Ralph served in a number of key positions culminating with his assignment as the Chief of Operations for the Product Manager Joint-Automatic Identification Technology (PM J-AIT) under the PEO EIS; and as Acquisition Analyst with the Program Management Directorate, PEO EIS where he oversaw numerous acquisition programs, before joining the RCAS team.

Ralph provided expert leadership and guidance to RCAS for over five and a half years, starting as the Deputy Project Director in March 2010 and then being appointed as the RCAS Project Director in June 2012. Ralph’s U.S. Army career spans over 25 years, with service both in uniform and as a DoD civilian. He entered the U.S. Army in 1981 and served ten years of active service as a Logistician, ultimately receiving an Honorable Discharge in 1990.

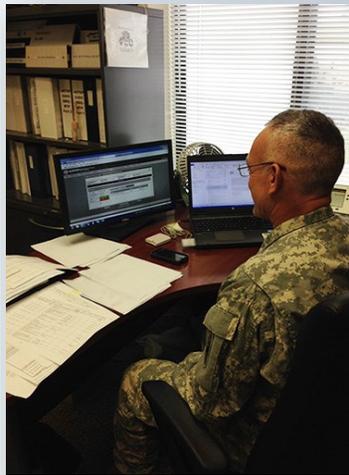
Everyone congratulated Ralph on his selection as the Deputy Project Manager, I3C2. We greatly appreciate

all that Ralph has done and will continue to do for RCAS. We will miss him, but we know he will be close by and will be watching over RCAS in his new leadership role. We wish him all the best now and in all his future endeavors.

**NEED HELP USING MPDV FOR YOUR NEXT SRP—JUST ASK RCAS**

OK, so you need to set up a Soldier Readiness Processing (SRP) event and need to provide your leadership with readiness data during the event. You are thinking about using the RCAS Mobilization Planning Data Viewer (MPDV) application, but you are not sure how it really works or about some of the changes and enhancements to the application. Need help, just ask the RCAS MPDV Team and we will assist.

MPDV provides your leadership with real time Soldier readiness data throughout the event. Just ask LTC Orellana, Commander, 387th Medical Battalion, monitoring a recent SRP event for one of his units, right from his office workstation, where he was able to view real time readiness data on his Soldiers.



**LTC Orellana, Commander, 387th Medical Battalion, monitors an SRP event from his office workstation. Photo Credit: Mr. Max Dunn, RCAS MPDV Product Owner.**

and pie for Soldiers during the three day event and would not except donations. NOW THAT IS CARING FOR SOLDIERS!

Using MPDV can help make your next SRP event or workshop more successful. To assist unit personnel, unit administrators and commanders with the use of this time-saving MPDV tool, RCAS offers MPDV Leadership Workshops, briefings and SRP support for all levels of command. This support is fully funded by 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 and participating in out-brief sessions, as requested



**SFC Torresortiz, 332d Medical Brigade, Acting First Sergeant and Unit Administrator logs into MPDV to begin the SRP event. Photo Credit: Mr. Max Dunn, RCAS MPDV Product Owner.**

Mr. Max Dunn, the RCAS MPDV Product Owner, supported the event this past October at the Luis E. Martinez Reserve Center in Miami, Florida. Over 117 Soldiers from the 332d Medical Brigade were processed using MPDV.

Max also supported a medical SRP event, hosted by the 99th Regional Support Command at Fort Dix, NJ back in November. The SRP support staff used MPDV to scan the Common Access Cards (CACs) of 1500 Soldiers from 19 different units, to check Soldiers into and out of the SRP event and track their progress at the SRP stations over the course

of three days.

A special thanks goes out to the volunteers of the American Red Cross. The volunteers provided coffee, bagels, cookies, muffins

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 information, briefings, contacts, the MPDV schedule of events and much more.



**99th RSC Soldiers operating the check-in and check-out stations, using MPDV during the Medical SRP event at Fort Dix. Photo Credit: Mr. Max Dunn, RCAS MPDV Product Owner.**

To request MPDV SRP 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/EVENT SUPPORT**

PD RCAS is exhibiting and/or providing support at the following events:

<b>Army National Guard and U.S. Army Reserve Multi-Component Joint Assessment Conference (JAC) and SRP Support Events</b>
Multi-Component JAC Support—Fort Leavenworth, Kansas — 2nd Qtr. FY16, late February or early March (Tentative)
SRP Support — USAR 84th Training Command, Fort Knox, KY — 19-21 February

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.

The RCAS Team is available to provide briefings and answer RCAS—related questions at various ARNG and USAR events.

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**

**KEEPING UP WITH OUR SOLDIERS** – U.S. Army Reserve and Army National Guard Soldiers are on the move, and RCAS Training is on the move with them! In 2015, RCAS Instructors taught more than 500 students across the 54 states and territories. From Hawaii to Puerto Rico, from Minnesota to Florida, and from California to New York, Soldiers needed RCAS training and our Instructors met that need. It's been a productive year, with improvements to RCAS software, Training management infrastructure, and our Instructor team, too. Our goal for 2016 is to really help students see the many and varied benefits of using the RCAS suite of applications...to make their jobs easier.

RCAS Training is delighted to introduce our newest Instructor; Mr. Andrew (Drew) Lewis joined the RCAS team as a Training and Development Associate in September 2015. Starting with the Mobilization Planning Data Viewer

(MPDV), Mr. Lewis provides training on the many RCAS Applications for both the Army National Guard and Army Reserve. Currently serving in the Army Reserve as a Senior Instructor for the 104th Training Division, SFC Lewis can really relate to our students. He has over 16 years of military experience, serving in both the United States Marine Corps and United States Army. As a Marine he first served in the Marine Corps Security Forces Regiment in the 2nd Fleet Anti-Terrorism Security Team Company, and then 2nd Battalion 3rd Marine Infantry Division, before joining the Army Reserve 80th Training Division in 2002. He is currently with the 104th Training Division as a Senior Instructor, training Reserve Officers' Training Corp (ROTC) Cadets and Reserve Soldiers in leadership training and basic infantry skills. Mr. Lewis has been deployed to many countries, including Iraq, Afghanistan, Australia, Germany, Okinawa and Spain. Mr. Lewis earned a Bachelor of Applied Science Degree in Terrorism and Counter Terrorism Studies and an Associate of Arts degree in Communications. We are honored to have him on our team, and our students are happy, too.

**FORCE AUTHORIZATION IN ACTION** – In early December, Instructor Drew Lewis traveled with key members of the RCAS Force

Authorization (FA) software development team on a trip to the U.S. Army Reserve Command (USARC) at FT Bragg, North Carolina. He witnessed just how much the RCAS FA applications contribute behind the scenes in the development, creation, and mobilization of

Army units – much of it unseen by the Soldiers who are most affected. USARC uses RCAS FA applications to manage many moving parts, and many units, like spokes on a very big wheel that is constantly evolving. FA applications help the Army National Guard and Reserves administer, manage, and mobilize units, personnel, and resources, pulling information from multiple databases such as The Army Authorization Documents System (TAADS). Each FA application within RCAS supports USARC administrative and mobilization functions at the headquarters level. Once a unit is authorized for reorganization, relocation,

mobilization, or inactivation it is disseminated from division, to brigade, down to individual Soldiers. By gaining a big-picture understanding, software developers can continue to improve RCAS applications, and Mr. Lewis can provide a broader service to RCAS students. We hope to serve YOU in 2016!

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**Instructor Drew Lewis, far right, with the students of his first MPDV class, Army Medical Department (AMEDD) Professional Management Command (APMC), in Forest Park, GA, October 2015. Photo Credit: RCAS Training Team.**



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