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# MC4 ASSISTANT PRODUCT MANAGER PROMOTED TO LIEUTENANT COLONEL

By MC4 Strategic Communications Office



LTC Zaltzman receives his LTC shoulder boards from LTC Joseph Weiss, Judge Advocate General, District of Columbia Army National Guard, and family friend, Mr. Simha Chandran.

artillery officer, and through 2009, he was a Troop Program Unit Reservist while also employed in the private sector. LTC Zaltzman successfully deployed to Afghanistan as an Acquisition Corps officer assigned to PEO Combat Support and Combat Service Support and, most notably, served as a program manager forward for Assured Mobility Systems.

In his current assignment, LTC Zaltzman serves as the assistant product manager for the product directorate office at MC4 in support of the new \$4.5 billion Joint Operational Medicine Information Systems (JOMIS) program. Mr. Maier commented on LTC Zaltzman's value at MC4, saying, "I am truly proud to have Mario on my team. His daily engagement with the JOMIS program has certainly helped me stay abreast of stakeholder attitudes and concerns and the climate in health IT right now. Mario's observations and recommendations have really moved this program forward."

Mario Zaltzman was recently promoted to the rank of lieutenant colonel in a ceremony held at Fort Belvoir, Virginia. Mr. Reginald Bagby, director, Contracting, Logistics and Process Improvements, presided over the ceremony. COL Darby McNulty, project manager, Integrated Personnel and Pay System – Army, and Mr. Matthew Maier, product director, Medical Communications for Combat Casualty Care (MC4), were also in attendance.

LTC Zaltzman is a Level III Program Management Certified Army acquisition officer with more than 24 years of military service. In December 1993, he was commissioned as a National Guard field



COL Darby McNulty administers the oath of office to newly promoted LTC Mario Zaltzman.

# CHESS, DCATS AND P2E PARTNER TO PROMOTE **HEALTHY LIVING INITIATIVE 2016**

By Ms. Irina Nguyen, Product Leader and Wellness Ambassador, CHESS



*Mr. Keith Copeland, project management specialist, CHESS, examines a worksheet designed to help attendees understand how to calculate nutritional value based on the number of servings on the nutrition label.*

Computer Hardware, Enterprise Software and Solutions (CHESS) recently partnered with Defense Communications and Army Transmission Systems (DCATS) and Power Projection Enablers (P2E) to promote Healthy Living Initiative 2016. Each program office launched separate wellness programs last year and, after great individual successes, decided to combine their efforts in 2016 to better share resources and ideas. The combined goal is to promote wellness as a part of everyone's workplace lifestyle. To gain full involvement from employees in all three program offices, quarterly prizes are awarded for participation. The more staff members participate, the greater their chances are of winning.

Wellness program participants have the option to participate in weekly, monthly and quarterly fitness activities including healthy recipe exchanges, Friday fit-walks and a monthly wellness speaker series, which are coordinated by each program office's wellness ambassador. In February, Ms. Kate Alberico and Ms. Karen Shepherd from the Fort Belvoir Kawamura Human Performance Center were invited to educate staff members about nutrition. They discussed topics such as when to eat organic versus non-organic foods and how to read nutrition labels. The event elicited a large turnout,

including the attendance of LTC Greg Soulé, project manager, P2E, and staff members from all participating program offices. Mr. Rick Klemencic, product leader, CHESS, said, "I found the discussion to be very informative, particularly the tips and handouts on nutrition facts and fluids, as well as the information on healthy eating plates and proper portions. It's a lot to consider but I think a healthy and reasonable goal is to seek 'progress, not perfection' in trying to improve our overall health via monitoring our eating and drinking habits."



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# CHESS, ACC-RI AWARD ITES-3H



By Mr. Billy Cody, Public Affairs, CHES

On Feb. 22, Computer Hardware, Enterprise Software and Solutions (CHES), in coordination with the Army Contracting Command Rock Island (ACC-RI), competitively awarded Information Technology Enterprise Solutions – 3 Hardware (ITES-3H), a \$5 billion multiple indefinite-delivery/indefinite-quantity contract.

ITES-3H is a solutions-based contract vehicle that provides a wide range of hardware solutions to government customers for purchase or lease at competitive prices. Products such as servers, workstations, thin clients, storage systems, networking equipment, peripherals and video teleconferencing and communication devices are included. In addition, relevant software, warranties and services are also made available through this vehicle. “These contracts are designed to keep up with the ever-changing mission of the Army,” said Ms. Deidre Harris, the CHES product leader who led the acquisition effort. “ITES-3H offers the most advanced and leading edge products by allowing technology refreshes as new products enter the market at discounted prices with no usage fees.”

Seventeen vendors were awarded contracts, including all six ITES-2H vendors and nine small businesses. “The Better Buying Power initiative encourages increased small business involvement and opportunity and ITES-3H achieves that,” said Mr. Tom Neff, product lead, CHES. “More than half of awards went to small businesses while one small business from ITES-2H graduated to a large business in ITES-3H.”

Ordering will begin after the contractors’ phase-in periods and will be open to the Army, Department of Defense and all federal agencies, including authorized government contractors supporting these agencies.

For a full listing of awardees and further information on ITES-3H, visit the CHES IT e-mart at <https://chess.army.mil/Content/Page/chess%20news>.

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# SUCCESSFUL FIELDING OF 1<sup>ST</sup> MET SMALL FIXED TERMINAL AT FORT MEADE

By Ms. Fay S. Seymour, MET Implementation Team, WESS



A small fixed terminal at Fort Meade.

Defense Communications and Army Transmission Systems (DCATS) Modernization of Enterprise Terminals (MET) program marked a significant milestone Feb. 17 with the successful fielding of its first small fixed terminal at the Wideband Satellite Operations Center (WSOC) on Fort Meade, Maryland.

The 4.8 meter dual-band satellite terminal will serve as an auxiliary satellite control terminal (ASCT) for the wideband global satellite communications (WGS) constellation, and is being fielded to

the 53rd Signal Battalion. Prior to this fielding, the Fort Meade WSOC was the only operations center of its kind without an organic ASCT, requiring the unit to rely on co-located antennas from another command to support their mission. The new terminal will provide much-needed flexibility in executing the monitor and control mission for the WGS constellation and the legacy defense satellite communications system.

This fielding is the culmination of a five-month installation and test effort by Wideband Enterprise Satellite Systems (WESS) and its partners, Tobyhanna Army Depot and the Army Information Systems Engineering Command, who completed the project one month ahead of schedule. The Fort Meade terminal is the eighth of 39 terminals that WESS will field to Army units; more than 90 terminals will be fielded across the Department of Defense.

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Gold Star Spouses' Day

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IDGA NetMod Conference, Washington, DC

# DEPLOYED DIGITAL TRAINING CAMPUS *SUPPORTS OPERATION ATLANTIC RESOLVE*

By Ms. Megan Quick, Public Affairs, DLS



*Soldiers assigned to K Troop, 3rd Squadron, 2nd Cavalry Regiment, conduct mandatory training at the Deployed Digital Training Campus System (DDTC) facility at Drawsko Pomorskie Multinational Training Area.*

U.S. Army Europe (USAREUR) Training Information Infrastructure (TII), Training Support Activity Europe (TSAE) recently received four Deployed Digital Training Campuses (DDTCs) to support the distributed learning needs of several deployed units, including one in Drawsko Pomorskie, Poland. The unit, supported by the Training Support Team Poland from TSAE, immediately set up the DDTC to support Operation Atlantic Resolve (OAR), which is a demonstration of continued U.S. commitment to the collective security of NATO and to enduring peace and stability within the region.

The DDTC, developed by the Army's Distributed Learning System (DLS), provides deployed Soldiers with the ability to work on their military education

while overseas. By providing units with a DDTC as part of their deployment equipment, leaders can ensure their Soldiers' education and self-development does not fall behind, even when stationed at austere outposts. Mr. James Coon, manager, USAREUR TII, stated, "the DDTCs have proven to be an invaluable training asset to Soldiers deployed in support of OAR. The feedback received from Soldiers and leaders has been extremely positive and units have remarked that they wish they had more time out of their very busy schedules to use the DDTCs."

The four DDTCs supporting OAR have, so far, provided Soldiers with over 3,000 training hours. Platoon leaders are using the DDTCs to plan their upcoming operations and research the mission essential task list associated with the multinational training in Poland, and human resource personnel are able to update personnel records and training files.

CPT Dennis Greenberg, team leader of Civil Affairs Team 8041 supporting K Troop, 2nd Cavalry Regiment, commented, "This resource is an absolute game changer as it relates to mission command and our ability to plan and coordinate civil affairs operations." Frequently, Soldiers do not have access to the equipment they need to work on their professional development while deployed, which can lead to delayed promotions. Mr. Stan Davis, product director, DLS, explained that DDTCs "provide deployed Soldiers a means to access training, and by completing training, gain promotion points so they can move on in rank. The Soldiers assigned to K Troop have leveraged their DDTC to its fullest extent — it's clearly been a force multiplier for this unit."

Brigades or battalions can request a DDTC from their higher headquarters as they are planning for deployment and certify unit system operators with a three-day training course. Then, a DDTC will be issued to the unit on a temporary hand-receipt and returned after the deployment like any other piece of equipment.

For more information, visit [www.dls.army.mil](http://www.dls.army.mil)



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