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JOINT SERVICES PANEL AT **IDGA CONFERENCE** FOCUSES ON NETWORK MODERNIZATION

By Ms. Ellyn Kocher, PEO EIS Public Affairs

PEO EIS **Mr. Douglas Wiltsie** participated in a panel discussion at the **Institute for Defense and Government Advancement (IDGA) Army Network Modernization Conference** on June 24, in Reston, Virginia. The event brought together members of industry and government in panels and breakout sessions discussing solutions for modernizing the Army network.

The morning keynote panel was led by **Mr. Gary Wang**, Army Deputy CIO/G-6, and also included **Mr. Peter Kim**, deputy director, U.S. Air Force Cyberspace Operations, and **Mr. Darren Sawyer**, senior advisor for Navy Intelligence Enterprise IT, who discussed joint solutions to modernizing the network and infrastructure. **The Discussion included updates on Joint Regional Security Stacks (JRSS), Defense Cyber Operations, web vulnerabilities and big data analytics.** Approximately 75 attendees were present for the morning panel, which wrapped up with an extended question and answer period. Topics from the question and answer covering topics ranging from how to remove redundancies, the value in consolidating data to JRSS/multiprotocol label switching transparency.



COL Charles Stein



Mr. Douglas Wiltsie

Defense Communications and Army Transmission Systems (DCATS) Project Manager **COL Charles Stein** was on hand to brief conference attendees in an afternoon session. **COL Stein presented an overview of DCATS products and developing technologies** with an emphasis on areas of future expansion such as configuration management for Earth Terminal Complexes, Tech Control Facilities and Asynchronous Transfer Mode/Synchronous Optical Networking replacement.

More photos from the event can be found [Here](#)



Mr. Douglas Wiltsie, Mr. Peter Kim and Mr. Darren Sawyer

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IPPS-A OUTREACH INITIATIVE:

UNDERSTANDING TODAY'S NEEDS TO DEVELOP TOMORROW'S SOLUTION

By Mr. Andre Revell II, IPPS-A Communications Support

Integrated Personnel and Pay System – Army (IPPS-A) leadership hosted a virtual Town Hall on May 14 for over 500 Army human resources, financial management and readiness professionals. Topics of discussion concerned IPPS-A capabilities, Increment I, the Increment II way ahead, data correctness and military pay transition. The following week, IPPS-A Project Manager **COL Darby McNulty** began a four-day visit with Army National Guard leaders in Iowa and an Army executive-level oversight group in Indiana. The IPPS-A team conducted a series of outreach initiatives, including focus groups capturing stakeholder communication preferences and perceptions of IPPS-A which will be used to tailor their communications strategy.

“The goal of our outreach initiative is to share program updates from leadership, gain feedback from our stakeholders and address any questions regarding the IPPS-A program. As Army leaders, we must share our skills and knowledge and collaborate ... so that we can **develop and deploy a system that is efficient, comprehensive and meets the needs of today’s modern military,**” said COL McNulty.

IPPS-A is a web-based human resources system currently in development that will provide a comprehensive personnel and pay record for each Soldier, regardless of component. IPPS-A will alleviate the Army’s reliance on more than 40 stove-piped systems that do not efficiently share information with one another. For more information about IPPS-A, visit www.ipps-a.army.mil.



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LMP INCREMENT II

SUPPORTING THE STRONGEST ARMY IN THE WORLD

By Ms. Christine McMahon, LMP Communications



On June 19, the **Logistics Modernization Program (LMP)** received written authority from the Assistant Secretary of Defense, Acquisition, to proceed with **Wave 3 Go-Live**. Wave 3 deploys the National Maintenance Program, ammunition and expanded industrial base capabilities into the LMP operating system at three Army Materiel Command (AMC) sites. Four days later, **LMP successfully completed the Go-Live and brought critical functionality to users** at each planned site as part of the initial operational test and evaluation.

This limited fielding Go-Live encompassed a series of carefully coordinated efforts among numerous organizations, including the LMP product management office, Army Enterprise Systems Integration Program, AMC, PEO EIS and stakeholders throughout the test community and DOD. **The success of the Go-Live is a result of meticulously choreographed efforts by multiple experienced enterprise resource planning working-level teams** in the areas of test, data and training. The test team worked with users to test thousands of scripts, ensuring functionality at the transaction level; the data team partnered with sites to migrate nearly seven million data records into the system; and the training team traveled to the sites to educate and train sites' cadre, who will then educate and train end users.

Congratulations to the entire team on a well-integrated work effort delivering critical maintenance, ammunition and industrial base functionality to support the strongest Army in the world! Next up is the march to a full deployment decision in January 2016.

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NAVAL POSTGRADUATE SCHOOL: OUTSTANDING DEFENSE EDUCATION, UNDERUTILIZED OPPORTUNITY

By Ms. Kathleen Watson Keys, Business Management Directorate, Defense Communications and Army Transmission Systems

The **Naval Postgraduate School (NPS)** in Monterey, California, was originally established as the School of Marine Engineering at the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, focusing only on science and technology. Since then, it has evolved into an educational body supporting defense and national security related interests and is open to students from all joint military services, as well as civilians. **NPS now has four graduate schools overseeing 14 academic departments, and providing 81 different master's and 16 doctoral degree programs.** NPS provides education specifically designed for the Department of Defense, tailor-made for challenging acquisition environments.

NPS coordinates with the **Defense Acquisition University (DAU)** to build curriculum that not only contains the information from DAU courses, but incorporates scholarly readings, presentations, academic research papers and in-depth exploration of acquisition theories and practices. Students also have the opportunity to achieve **Defense Acquisition Workforce Improvement Act (DAWIA) certifications** in addition to master's and doctoral degrees.

Classroom experiences go beyond the typical acquisition education required for the DAWIA certifications — students hail from different agencies, have varying backgrounds and entirely different on-the-job experiences to share. Professors are not only subject-matter experts in the field, but are also widely published in notable academic and industry media. **The program polishes communication skills and challenges understanding of the acquisition field.**

While the schools are open to students from any agency willing to sponsor them, the Army makes up less than 10% of any given class since 2002 (statistics last measured in 2013). **NPS is a hidden gem for quality defense education that is currently underutilized by the Army.**

In his commencement address June 19 at NPS, Deputy Secretary of Defense **Honorable Robert O. Work** said, "We need a new generation of analytical thinkers that foster and inculcate a culture of innovation, experimentation and adaptation." Workforce educational advancement should be an elevated priority, as its quality determines the strength of our defense future. We require enhanced military and civilian workforce education in a rapidly changing environment; NPS is a great opportunity for those willing to rise to the challenge.



Deputy Secretary of Defense, Robert O. Work and Kathleen Watson Keys at NPS Graduation Ceremony, June 19, 2015

For more information about the Naval Postgraduate School, visit <http://www.nps.edu/>

Note: **Kathleen Watson Keys** graduated from the Naval Postgraduate School in June 2015 with a Master of Science in Contract Management. She received the NPS Outstanding Academic Achievement Award for a Department of Defense Student, and the Army Acquisition Corps Award for Scholastic Achievement. She was invited to join Beta Gamma Sigma, and received a commander's coin from Hon. Work. She graduated with distinction in the top 10 percent of her class.

NEW DEPUTY PRODUCT DIRECTOR FOR ENTERPRISE COMPUTING

By Enterprise Services Communications

Mr. Keith Baylor is the new deputy product director for Enterprise Computing (EC). Mr. Baylor previously served 22 years in the Army and completed tours of duty from Kansas to Korea before retiring in 2014 to become a member of the Army's civilian workforce. He brings broad experience in acquisition, contract development and program management to EC's robust team of subject matter experts.

"I wanted to serve the Army in a different capacity," said Mr. Baylor. "As a Soldier, I learned to gather information quickly and that [skill] is going to be needed here. Cutting edge technology is truly interesting and the potential is limitless for EC's initiatives."

As deputy, Mr. Baylor will participate in the life cycle and IT management of EC's core initiatives including application migration, Army software marketplace, cloud and the common operating environment.

"Keith brings a new, sharpened perspective on acquisition," said EC Product Director Mr. Archie Mackie. "As a leader, he has a track record of building great teams and being able to work across organizations. As an acquisition expert, he's head and shoulders above the current standard. He's tuned in to the capabilities of industry and the needs and requirements of the Army so that the best options for information software management will always be presented."

EC provides future-focused solutions that modernize and optimize enterprise IT activities through cost effective and policy-compliant delivery of cutting edge infrastructure and services.



Mr. Keith Baylor was named Deputy Product Director, Enterprise Computing in June 2015, bringing his experience in acquisition, contract development, and program management to EC's robust team of subject matter experts.

BEC CHANGE OF CHARTER

By Ms. Ellyn Kocher, PEO EIS Public Affairs



LTC Eric Pavlick

Mr. Brian Raftery

Photos by Ms. Sam Soleimanifar

DOD Biometrics Project Manager **COL Sandy Vann-Olejask** hosted a Change of Charter ceremony for Biometric Enabling Capabilities (BEC) June 25, at Fort Belvoir. Outgoing product manager **LTC Eric Pavlick**, who has led BEC since April 2012, relinquished the charter to **Mr. Brian Raftery**, a retired Army officer. BEC is the DOD central authoritative biometric repository, with a workforce of more than 25 military, civilian and contract personnel, managing annual investments exceeding \$60 million.

GFEBBS-SA CHANGE OF CHARTER

By Ms. Pamella Gray, GFEBBS Communications

LTC Matthew Schramm relinquished the charter for General Fund Enterprise Business System Sensitive Activities (GFEBBS-SA) to **LTC Timothy McGrew** at a change of charter ceremony June 29, in Alexandria, Virginia, hosted by General Fund Enterprise Business System (GFEBBS) Project Manager **COL William Russell**.

At the ceremony, **COL Russell commended LTC Schramm** for his work and dedication during his tenure as product manager, GFEBBS-SA, "Based on some tough lessons learned, some significant accomplishments, tremendous risk reduction and great work by [LTC Schramm] and his team, it really couldn't have been done any better."

Echoing COL Russell's sentiments, LTC McGrew said, "We will continue with the tradition of excellence, improvement and teamwork as we move forward. Thank you for what you have done and for providing me with a smooth transition."

LTC Schramm was the first product manager for GFEBBS-SA and faced the challenge of starting up a new sister program to GFEBBS, the first enterprise resource planning system to fully deploy within the Army. Today, GFEBBS and GFEBBS-SA work together to provide sensitive activity communities tools for decision support information, analytical data and sustainment of warfighting capabilities.

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COL Russell (center) transfers the GFEBBS-SA charter from LTC Schramm (L) to LTC McGrew (R)

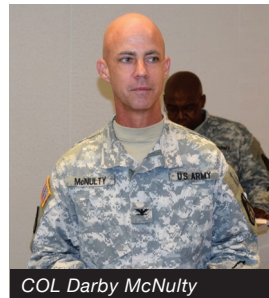
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Mr. Gregory Riley



Mr. Lee James



COL Darby McNulty

AHRS CHANGE OF CHARTER

By Mr. Parchell Patton, AHRS Communications

The charter for Product Director, Army Human Resource Systems (AHRS) was formally transferred from **Mr. Gregory D. Riley** to **Mr. Lee A. James III** on June 15 at a ceremony hosted by **COL Darby McNulty**, project manager, IPPS-A.

Mr. James will oversee the delivery of cost-effective standardized and interoperable human resources solutions for Soldiers. He will also manage the development of the commander's risk reduction dashboard, the latest addition to the AHRS portfolio.

At the ceremony, Mr. James remarked that he is "motivated by the opportunity to serve a purpose greater than self," and his leadership philosophy is "mission first, Soldiers and Civilians always; be a team player and strive for win-win solutions, set and enforce high standards and treat everyone fairly."

Prior to his assignment at AHRS, Mr. James served as the deputy project director for the Force Management System program from December 2014 to June 2015.

ACQBUSINESS WELCOMES NEW PRODUCT MANAGER

By Ms. Arlene Goyette, AcqBusiness Communications

LTC Keith G. Harley assumed responsibility as Product Manager (PdM), AcqBusiness July 2 during a change of charter ceremony hosted by Mr. Douglas Wiltsie, PEO EIS, in Alexandria, Virginia.

Already a member of the PEO EIS team, LTC Harley previously served as the acting deputy PdM and project lead integrator for Medical Communications for Combat Casualty Care in Fort Detrick, Maryland. He assumes the charter from COL Delisa Hernandez who has led AcqBusiness since 2012.

In his remarks, Mr. Wiltsie highlighted the successes AcqBusiness achieved under COL Hernandez's leadership, awarding her with the Defense Meritorious Service Medal.

Mr. Wiltsie welcomed LTC Harley by praising his prior achievements, demonstrated leadership and extensive acquisition background. He expressed confidence in LTC

Harley's ability to propel AcqBusiness to new levels of

success given his professional experience, which includes roles as a Department of the Army systems coordinator for the Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Acquisition, Logistics and Technology) Force Projection Systems, an assistant product manager, a military intelligence officer and multiple deployments.

"I am looking forward to leading this top-notch team of Army acquisition professionals — a team of teams — that will advance the acquisition, design, development and sustainment of the next generation of information technology-based solutions in support of the Army acquisition domain," said LTC Harley.



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TERMINATION OF CHARTER AND AWARD CEREMONY HELD FOR JPI

By Ms. Michelle Marzec, DOD Biometrics Communications

Photos by Ms. Sam Soleimanifar

DOD Biometrics Project Manager **COL Sandy Vann-Olejasz** hosted a termination of charter and awards ceremony June 24 at Fort Belvoir to officially recognize the termination of charter of Joint Personnel Identification (JPI), and the departure of **LTC Jackie Barnes**. LTC Barnes held the title of product manager, JPI, since February 2013 and, in recognition of her service and leadership, was presented with the **Meritorious Service Medal**.



Mr. Wiltsie congratulating LTC Barnes and her mother



COL Vann-Olejasz awarding LTC Barnes with certificate of appreciation

JPI was established to design, engineer, develop, acquire, field and sustain Army biometric tactical collection capabilities to capture data from non-U.S. persons of interest to be enrolled into the **DOD Automated Biometric Identification System (DOD ABIS)**. Biometric data in DOD ABIS is used to positively identify known or suspected adversaries.

LTC Barnes completed the program's mission for an automated tactical biometrics capability configurable for multiple operational mission environments. Currently, 10,176 biometric devices have been deployed worldwide. LTC Barnes led a workforce of more than 40 military, civilian and contractor personnel and managed annual investments exceeding \$80 million. She departs JPI for G 8 Program Analysis and Evaluation, in Washington, DC.



COL Sandy Vann-Olejasz and LTC Jackie Barnes



LTC Jackie Barnes



Mr. Douglas Wiltsie

NEW PRODUCT DIRECTOR AT MC4

By MC4 Communications Team

On July 7, **Mr. Matthew Maier** assumed the charter as product director for the Army’s Medical Communications for Combat Casualty Care (MC4) during a ceremony at Fort Detrick, officiated by PEO EIS Portfolio Manager **Mr. Reginald Bagby**.

Mr. Maier was selected through the **first-ever Product Director Centralized Selection Board** earlier this year. As the first civilian to lead MC4, he was entrusted with its charter in part due to his extensive acquisition experience.

“It is a great honor and privilege to assume the charter for MC4,” Mr. Maier said. “I am humbled and uniquely proud to be selected to join the distinguished and experienced team at MC4 and look forward to working together to support the health and well-being of our Army Soldiers.”



Mr. Reginald Bagby presents the MC4 charter to Mr. Matthew Maier

Mr. Maier also stated that he is eager to transition MC4 into the future, including focusing on internal communications and personnel needs, providing outstanding customer service and positioning MC4 to play a key role in the next generation electronic medical records (EMR).

Mr. Bagby recapped the important function MC4 systems serve, stating that “EMRs impact Soldier care and give them peace of mind,” and expressed his confidence in Mr. Maier’s ability to lead the organization.

MC4 integrates and fields the Army capability to digitally capture medical treatment data in operational environments, enhancing continuity of care and enabling a comprehensive lifelong EMR for service members.

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P2E CHANGE OF CHARTER CEREMONY AND FAREWELL

By Mr. Russell Price, P2E Communications

LTC Gregory S. Soulé was introduced as the new product manager (PdM), Power Projection Enablers (P2E) during a change of charter ceremony hosted by Installation Information Infrastructure-Communications and Capabilities Project Manager **Mr. Michael Padden** June 30 at Fort Belvoir. The outgoing PdM P2E, **COL Mollie A. Pearson**, departed after a distinguished tenure, during which she won the 2015 Federal 100 Award, was selected as one of the top 25 Army Acquisition Officers ("25 for 25") for the Acquisition Support Center's Army Acquisition Corps' 25th anniversary and was nominated for the 2014 Secretary of the Army's Award for Product Manager of the Year. COL Pearson will be attending Army Senior Service College for 2015-2016.



Mr. Padden transitions the P2E Charter from COL Pearson to LTC Soulé

Additionally, colleagues, friends and family held a farewell luncheon for COL Pearson, during which she was awarded the **Meritorious Service Medal and the Signal Regiment's Bronze Order of Mercury**. In attendance was PEO **Mr. Douglas Wiltsie**, who spoke about COL Pearson's superb leadership, as well as her many successes and accomplishments.

LTC Soulé comes to P2E from PEO Soldier, where he was the assistant PdM for Ground Soldier. He is a Level III program management and Level II information system certified army acquisition officer and has over 18 years of military service. Throughout his service, LTC Soulé has served in a variety of leadership roles, including a combat tour in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom II.



Mr. Douglas Wiltsie and COL Mollie Pearson



LTC Gregory Soulé



Mr. Douglas Wiltsie and COL Mollie Pearson

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PEO EIS HOLDS ANNUAL ORGANIZATION DAY

By Ms. Ellyn Kocher, PEO EIS Public Affairs

The annual **PEO EIS Organization Day** was held Friday, June 26, at Fort Belvoir, bringing together colleagues and their families for a day of sport and camaraderie.

The morning kicked off with traditional sporting activities before the heat set in, including volleyball games, the Mr. and Ms. Universe fitness competition and Army displays.

The moon bounce was a huge draw for the youngest attendees, along with kids' games that included water balloons, tug o' war, and other activities. The traditional dunk tank was no disappointment this year, **as teammates dunked PEO Mr. Doug Wiltsie 13 times**, and **COL Charlie Stein**, project manager, Defense Communications and Army Transmission Systems a whopping 26 times!

In its second year, the PEO EIS Mr. and Ms. Universe brought out some fierce competition. Congratulations to **Ms. Patrecia Williams** for the "Ms. Hanging Leg Raises", to **MAJ Jonathan Judy** for the "Mr. Pull-ups" and to the **product director, Wideband Enterprise Satellite Systems** team for winning the volleyball tournament!

Many thanks to the **Operations and Theater Support Directorate** for all of their hard work in planning and executing this event for the enjoyment of PEO EIS employees and their families and friends.

Happy summer, and Army Strong!

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View more photos from the event [HERE](#)



EC2M ENGINEERS

TRANSITION DISASTER RECOVERY SITE



By EC2M Communications Team

In March 2015, the **Army Knowledge Online (AKO) Disaster Recovery (DR) site** officially ceased operations. The significant milestone emerged in response to a directive issued by the Army's Office of the Chief Information Officer (CIO)/G-6 — a directive that led to streamlined, improved performance and substantial annual cost savings for the government.

Last year, the Army Requirements Oversight Council approved revised requirements, allowing Enterprise Content Collaboration and Messaging (EC2M) to retire the AKO DR Data Center. **Shutting down the site saves the government costs associated with network circuits, software licensing, maintenance and use of the facility.** The AKO project office within EC2M removed more than 1,000 pieces of equipment valued in excess of \$24 million from the DR facility ahead of schedule.

AKO is incorporating 430 items into its Fort Belvoir data center to enhance the environment or store as spare equipment in case of future hardware needs. This makes the primary site a more capable data center, positioned to fill the Army's current needs and evolving requirements. AKO single sign-on and lightweight directory access protocol functions will maintain an off-site continuity of operations capability at the Acquisition, Logistics and Technology Enterprise Systems and Services facility.

NEED A GREEN BELT?

PEO EIS AND ASACALT) TO HOST AN LSS GREEN BELT CLASS

17-21 AUG (WEEK 1) &
21-25 SEPT (WEEK 2)

FT. BELVOIR, VA!



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<https://www.atrrs.army.mil/atrrscc/course.aspx> (School 142 OSA-OBT LSS GB 1 (Phase 1 and Phase 2)/ Class 33).

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