

# LTG Williamson Visits PEO EIS

By Jon Walman, PEO EIS strategic communications



*LTG Williamson, ASA(ALT) MILDEP, meets with PEO EIS workforce Dec. 2*

LTG Michael Williamson, the Principal Military Deputy (MILDEP) to the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Acquisition, Logistics and Technology (ASAALT), paid a brief visit to Program Executive Office Enterprise Information Systems (PEO EIS) headquarters Dec. 2. LTG Williamson was accompanied by ASA(ALT) Command Sergeant Major (CSM) Rory Malloy and met with Mr. Douglas Wiltsie, PEO EIS, and his directors before touring several program offices.



*LTG Williamson meeting with members of the DWTS team*

LTG Williamson met with PEO leadership, program managers, and Fort Belvoir staff members. In addition, LTG Williamson and CSM Malloy were briefed on Defense Communications

and Army Transmission Systems (DCATS); Installation Information Infrastructure Communications and Capabilities (I3C2); Computer Hardware, Enterprise Software and Solutions (CHESS); Force Management System (FMS) and Acquisition Business (AcqBusiness).

The relaxed engagement allowed PEO EIS teams to highlight recent program developments and share their success stories. The MILDEP plans to visit EIS program offices located at the Hoffman building in Alexandria, Virginia, next year. 🌐

## Department of Defense Biometrics Deploys Upgrade to Biometrics Authoritative Repository

By Meg Neff, DOD Biometrics public affairs support

American service members, interagency partners, and international allies using the Department of Defense (DOD) authoritative biometrics repository to identify known or suspected adversaries may not have directly noticed a change in the level of service provided by the DOD Automated Biometrics Identification System (ABIS) over the past two months. However, since the much-anticipated upgrade was deployed by the Product Manager, Biometrics Enabling Capability (PM BEC) on October 14, users have been working on a more secure system of modernized hardware and software with enhanced transaction management, monitoring, and data-sharing features.

The upgraded system can process up to 30,000 daily transactions and hold approximately 18 million records, a significant increase over the capabilities of the legacy DOD ABIS system. In addition, DOD ABIS 1.2 automatically resolves identities at a significantly increased rate and requires less manual review by biometric examiners. These increases in efficiency are a result of the new integrated transaction manager

and the updated biometric search core matching software.

“DOD ABIS 1.2 enables the continued denial of our enemies’ anonymity, while improving the rate at which

we can share this critical information throughout the DOD and with our interagency and international partners,” said LTC Eric Pavlick, product manager for PM BEC.

In 2015, PM BEC will test and deploy the master recovery system, thereby introducing a disaster recovery capability for the DOD ABIS. Following this additional testing, a Full Deployment Decision will implement DOD ABIS as BEC INC 0, a new U.S. Army program of record. 🌐



**SGT Curtis Webb, right, and PFC Samuel R. Gronau of the 1st Cavalry Regiment, collect biometric information at an Afghan National Police checkpoint in Taktehpol, Afghanistan.**

## CHES Provides Three Day Training Event to PEO STRI

By Joanna Corcoran, CHES public affairs support

The Project Director Computer Hardware Enterprise Software and Solutions (PD CHES) hosted a three-day training event for the Program Executive Office for Simulation, Training and Instrumentation (PEO STRI) in Orlando, Florida, in November.

The first training session was a CHES 101 briefing provided by Deputy Project Director Ms. Sammi Foong and Product Leader Ms. Nicki Nargi-Wilson. Over 60 attendees were briefed on CHES contract vehicles, the Statement of Non-Availability (SoNA) process, Goal 1 Waivers, and the Consolidated Buy program. In addition to the CHES 101, a specialized video teleconference was provided to discuss the Goal 1 Waiver process strictly for PEO STRI. The Army’s Deputy Division Chief of IT Investments, CIO/G-6, Mr. Jim Mark, as well as other members of CIO/G-6, attended remotely from Fort Belvoir, Virginia.

Ms. Ylander Jones, CHES, along with buyside support

for DOD ESI, provided a COTS Software Negotiations Licensing Workshop for the remaining two days. The



**CHES Product Leader, Nicki Nargi-Wilson providing a CHES 101 briefing to PEO STRI**

two-day session offered training and tools to review and negotiate software licenses, maintenance agreements and End User License Agreements (EULA). Participants acquired the initial skills needed to resolve conflicting terms and conditions, licensing issues and achieve effective negotiation skills to support the government’s mission.

For additional information on CHES 101 briefings or specialized CHES trainings please contact Ms. Joanna Corcoran at [joanna.m.corcoran.ctr@mail.mil](mailto:joanna.m.corcoran.ctr@mail.mil). 🌐

# LMP Incremental Functionality Comes in Waves

By Christine McMahon, PD LMP public affairs support

It's been a busy year for the Logistics Modernization Program (LMP), especially for LMP Increment 2. In mid-January 2014, the LMP completed Increment 2 Wave 1 Go-Live. Wave 1 deployed capabilities to further integrate Army and other Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) programs and support re-engineering efforts for full end-to-end integration of logistics and financial processes.


Wave 2 capabilities went live in August 2014. Along with additional ERP integration, new functionality was released. The Non-Army Managed Items functionality modernizes other source of supply Army owned and managed assets, allowing the Army Materiel Command (AMC) to support supply mission needs at the tactical and national levels. The Army Prepositioned Stock functionality strategically prepositions vital war stocks worldwide to anticipate needs, reducing deployment response times. Through Wave 2, AMC received



an integrated, automated solution for planning and managing APS secondary items.

Testing, training, and data management are underway for Wave 3, which includes Expanded Industrial Base functionality to support the shop floor. Wave 3 also adds National Maintenance

Program functionality synchronizing LMP and Global Combat Support System - Army for demand, consumption, end-item asset tracking, production execution and tracking, and billing and accounts payable. Finally, Wave 3 features Extended Ammunition functionality, which will minimize interfaces to the LMP and provide improved ammunition data accuracy, economy, efficiency, and effectiveness. Wave 3 is on track to Go-Live in June 2015.

To learn more about the LMP and Increment 2, visit [www.army.mil/lmp](http://www.army.mil/lmp). 

## CAISI Achieves Full Materiel Release; Transitions Hardware to CECOM

By Patrick Barnette, deputy product director, Defense-Wide Transmission Systems (PD DWTS)

On November 7, MG Bruce T. Crawford, Commanding General, U.S. Army Communications-Electronics Command (CECOM), cleared the Combat Service Support (CSS) Automated Information Systems Interface (CAISI 2.0) for Full Materiel Release (FMR). This marks a major accomplishment for Product Director, Defense-Wide Transmission Systems (PD DWTS), which has managed this system from inception in the early 1990s to this important juncture.

DWTS falls within the Project Manager, Defense Communications and Army Transmission Systems (PM DCATS) portfolio of programs. CAISI 2.0 is the largest tactical wireless network in the DOD. An easily portable communications solution that provides secure local area network connectivity for real-time transfer of sustainment and other tactical data, CAISI connects forward-deployed sustainment personnel with established logistics operations in the rear.


DWTS had previously walked CAISI 2.0 through Full Operational Capability, to confirm that all units in the force structure scheduled to receive the system 1) have received it and 2)

have the ability to employ and maintain it. With achievement of FMR, the Army has deemed the system not only mission-worthy, but also fully safe and supportable.



*Soldiers train at Fort Bliss on correct assembly procedures for the CSS CAISI.*

In rating the system, MG Crawford determined that CAISI has passed all test and evaluation objectives; all health, environmental and safety reviews; all Army interoperability and information assurance requirements; and all system sustainment requirements in accordance with AR-700-142.

With these milestones achieved, the program wraps up its hardware sustainment transition from DWTS to CECOM, which has assumed responsibility for all hardware maintenance, while PD DWTS maintains total life cycle management. 

# PdM P2E Team Completes Gray Cyber Center Project, Wiesbaden, Germany

By Courtney Cashdollar, PdM P2E strategic communications



**Mr. Daryle Sewell, PdM P2E Europe SETA Support and QBE Sr. Program Manager; LTC (P) Mollie Pearson, Product Manager, PdM P2E; Mr. Douglas Wiltsie, Program Executive Officer, Enterprise Information Systems (PEO EIS); COL Jimmy Hall, Jr., Commander, 5th Signal Command; Mr. Tom Dunaway, Director, PdM P2E Europe Directorate; and Mr. Albert Adams, WIPC IPT Lead and Deputy Project Support Officer, PdM P2E Europe.**

The Product Manager, Power Projection Enablers (PdM P2E) team completed the Gray Cyber Center project in Wiesbaden, Germany, October 30. PdM P2E worked extensively with the 5th Signal Command in the development and implementation of the information technology infrastructure portion of this 52,000 square foot facility.

Approximately one year into the project, 5th Signal Command realized the magnitude of the effort and engaged PdM P2E to manage the \$6.16 million IT infrastructure project to engineer, furnish, install, secure, and test a Command, Control, Communications, Computers, and Intelligence (C4I) system for the cyber center.

The resulting facility, located at Clay Kaserne in Wiesbaden, Germany, consolidates tactical, theater and strategic



**Outside the LTG Robert E. Gray Cyber Center**

communications functions in support of U.S. European Command, US Africa Command and US Army Europe. This complex facility system now manages all services networks to enhance cyberwatch oversight complexities from Stuttgart, Germany and serves as the network and communications provider for over 40,000 users in Europe.

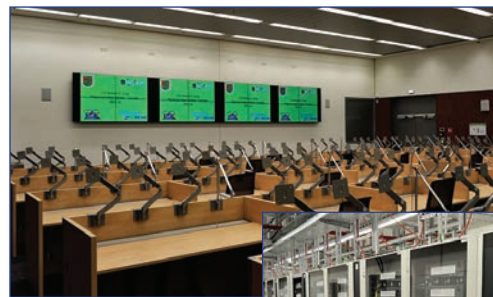


**Left to right – PdM P2E Team including Mr. Howard Kump, Mr. Tony Moles (Director TMD), MAJ Basquez, Mr. Mike Moseley (Director, Europe/Southwest Asia) and Mr. Albert Adams.**

This state-of-the-art building encompasses modern C4I technology and is expected to significantly expand its scope of activity in the coming years.

Mr. Albert Adams, PdM P2E integrated project lead, successfully managed this project with supporting leadership from Mr. Michael Moseley and Mr. Tom Dunaway, PdM P2E Europe directors, and LTC (P) Mollie Pearson, PdM P2E.

*The 5th Signal Command is already using the cyber center to support Soldiers across the world!* 🌐



**Inside the LTG Robert E. Gray Cyber Center – Europe in Wiesbaden, Germany.**



# PD RCAS Achieves Full Implementation of its Latest Software Release

By Pete Van Schagen, RCAS strategic communications

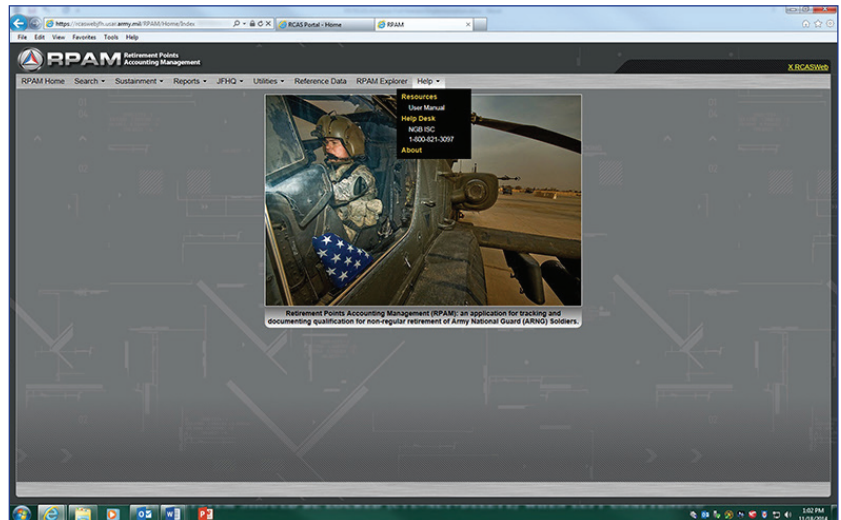
The Project Director Reserve Component Automation Systems (PD RCAS) successfully fielded its latest software release, 7.0.8, in October.

In approximately a month, the release was deployed and fully implemented for use by Army National Guard (ARNG) and U.S. Army Reserve (USAR) Soldiers across the 50 states, three territories, and the District of Columbia. This expeditious fielding and implementation reflects a continued confidence by RCAS stakeholders in the software sustainment and release management processes and synchronizes all ARNG and USAR commands across the same software release baseline.

Several exciting new features across all RCAS applications are included in this release:

- An enterprise-wide change to the functionality of the RCAS help link that enhances the user experience by providing a more resourceful interface with drop-down menus.
- The Composite ARNG Safety Development & Assessment Program (CASDAP) questionnaire / inspection checklist allows Safety and Occupational Health application users to complete their CASDAP self-assessments.
- A new outbound information exchange using a web service for the force authorization application.
- Within the Mobilization Planning Data Viewer application counts have been added to various screens and reports to reflect the number of male and female Soldiers associated.
- The Personnel Team continues improvements within the Retirement Points Accounting Management application regarding the Interstate Transfer import function and the Military Personnel Office Orders application now allows publications of orders for inactive units.
- The Unit Personnel System/Command Management System application is positioned for an upcoming Standard Installation/Division Personnel System (SIDPERS) update.

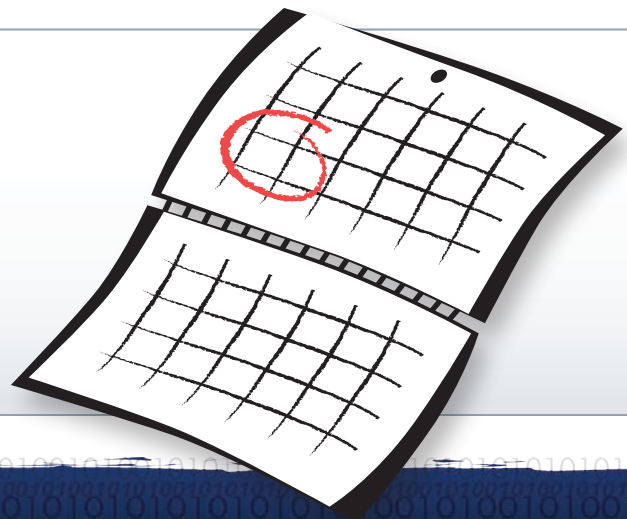
Using a very dynamic and hands on approach to fielding its software releases, the PD RCAS ensures that all of its users have access to new enhancements at the same time, validating the PDs desire to get software improvements to the field faster and more reliably than ever before. 🌐



Screen shot of the new RCAS application help link drop down menu. Photo provided by Pete Van Schagen, RCAS strategic communications

## Calendar of Events

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| <b>25 DEC</b> | Christmas                        |
| <b>1 JAN</b>  | New Year's Day                   |
| <b>14 JAN</b> | PM Collaboration Meeting, PEO HQ |
| <b>24 FEB</b> | Federal Networks 2015 Conference |



# Global Combat Support System-Army (GCSS-Army) Program Update


By Vernon (Lee) Eustace III, logistics branch lead, program management division, PM GCSS-Army

On November 7, GCSS-Army conducted its first Independent Government Test (IGT) on its Wave 2 solution that replaces the Property Book Unit Supply Enhanced (PBUSE), the Standard Army Maintenance System-Enhanced (SAMS-E), and the Standard Army Maintenance System-Installation Enhanced (SAMS-IE). The IGT record test was executed with the support of the logistics and financial capabilities developers under the observation of Army Test and Evaluation Command, Director of Operational Test and Evaluation, and Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Developmental Test and Evaluation. This IGT focused on deployment functionality with some maintenance and Property Accountability functionality that supports deployment. While results of the IGT have not yet been received, GCSS-Army has received positive feedback from the test community and capabilities developer.

By the end of December, GCSS-Army will have fielded its Wave 1 solution to 40 U.S. Army Forces Command units, 38 Army National Guard units, 20 United States Army Reserve



CW4 Patrick I. Offor evaluates GCSS-Army during the recent IGT at Fort Lee, Va.


Command units, 24 Army Sustainment Command (ASC) Directorates of Logistics (DOL) and 55 U.S. Army, Europe units, completing 56 percent of Wave 1 fielding. For the latest information on GCSS-Army or its fielding effort, please visit our website: [www.gcss.army.mil](http://www.gcss.army.mil). 

## HEROES OF THE MONTH



**November 2014**

PEO Enterprise Information Systems is pleased to recognize great individual contributions and unsung heroes across the organization

**On behalf of the U.S. Army, the Acquisition Corps and PEO EIS, congratulations on a job well done!** 



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