

VIS Marks Major Milestone with AN/VIC-5 Solution

By Craig Powderly, DCATS Plans and Operations



L to R: PEO EIS Military Deputy COL Darrell Bennis, Ms. Kay Burch of Northrop Grumman, VIS Product Director Mr. Ty Bledsoe and DCATS PM COL Clyde Richards during the ribbon cutting ceremony.

Vehicular Intercom Systems (VIS) conducted a ribbon-cutting and awards ceremony Sept. 27 recognizing the successful completion of the government's independent verification and validation (IV&V) of the Army Navy Vehicle Inter Communications 5 (AN/VIC-5) solution. The ceremony also served as an official kick-off, as the AN/VIC-5 has received PEO EIS approval to proceed with low rate initial production.

VIS provides vehicle intercom systems, components, headsets and ancillary hardware to the Army, Navy and Marine Corps. These products

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AcqBusiness Planning Stakeholder Forum

By AcqBusiness Public Affairs

AcqBusiness is planning a stakeholder forum for Army acquisition professionals later this year. The first Army Acquisition Business Enterprise Forum (AABEF) is scheduled for October 30 to 31 and will focus on “Developing Innovative Capabilities for the Army Acquisition Community.”

During the AABEF, attendees will hear updates on AcqBusiness’ capabilities, policies and procedures, as well as participating in various breakout sessions to learn more about AcqBusiness initiatives and current capabilities.

Additional information will be available soon via our portal at <https://acqdomain.army.mil>, and will also be shared through our Twitter feed at <https://twitter.com/pmacqbusiness>. For additional information, please contact Ms. Jackie Randolph at jacqueline.e.randolph4.civ@mail.mil. 



The Army’s Enterprise Content Management and Collaboration Services (ECMCS)

By Deidra R. McCaskill, ECMCS/Unified Capabilities


Enterprise Content Management and Collaboration Services (ECMCS) is an Army initiative to provide collaboration and content management solutions from industry to the Army as a seamlessly-integrated, centrally-funded, Common Access Card authenticated, managed service.

ECMCS will enable team collaboration, content management, records management and business process management among all Army users, regardless of location. ECMCS will also integrate with the systems used by Army forces during training and deployment.

On April 29 the Army Acquisition Executive gave approval for PEO EIS to conduct a pilot of an existing Defense Information Systems Agency-hosted and -managed solution for enterprise collaboration. The purpose of the pilot is to ensure that the remainder of the Army is ready to adopt the solution and to terminate Army Knowledge Online, stand-alone SharePoint



solutions and organizational storage drives.

The pilot is projected to last nine months and support up to 43,000 users. Those organizations that have elected to join the ECMCS community as pilot participants will directly assist in the evaluation of the DISA-managed solution. 

AESIP Changes Charter, Welcomes New Project Manager to PEO EIS

By Judith Avery, AESIP Public Affairs

Mr. Douglas Wiltsie, PEO EIS, hosted the change of charter ceremony for the Army Enterprise Systems Integration Program (AESIP) Aug. 15 at the Defense Acquisition University at Fort Belvoir, Va. During the ceremony, COL Pat Flanders relinquished the duties and responsibilities outlined in the AESIP charter to COL Harry Culclasure, the new AESIP Project Manager.

LTC Heather Putman, AESIP Technical Director, served as the narrator for the program. Following an invocation by Dr. Dave Powers, Project Director, Force Management System, flowers were presented to the spouses, Mrs. Kelley Flanders and Mrs. Margaret Culclasure.

Mr. Wiltsie presented COL Flanders with the Legion of Merit award and offered comments about COL Flanders and his four years of service as AESIP Project Manager. Following his presentation, Ms. Terry Watson, Deputy PEO, also spoke of COL Flanders and presented mementos.

COL Flanders was cited for his impressive accomplishments in setting the strategic direction for four programs, including two Major Automated Information Systems. He led several hundred program office and system integrator personnel and executed programs with a combined lifecycle value of over \$9.2 billion in support of the Army's national and tactical logistics enterprise, while achieving a positive return on investment.

"COL Flanders significantly improved Army logistics, as well as positioning the programs for continued success in transforming business processes," Mr. Wiltsie commented. "Pat's contributions to the Army's overall combat effectiveness and modernization of the Army's enterprise logistics systems were monumental in scope. He applied a Soldier's understanding of the complex, interrelated tasks required to achieve ready and



COL Harry Culclasure receives the AESIP Charter from Mr. Douglas Wiltsie.

responsive logistics while leading the adoption of transformational capabilities in Army logistics."

Mr. Wiltsie welcomed COL Culclasure to the PEO EIS family, noting that his background has well-equipped him to assume leadership of AESIP. He graduated from the Citadel and was commissioned into the Field Artillery in 1991. He served in numerous tactical assignments both in country and abroad. He deployed to Kuwait in 2002 and served in Operation Iraqi Freedom as the Contingency Contracting Branch Chief for the 3rd Infantry Division. He is also the former PM for Consequence Management, working with DoD specialized consequence management units providing rapid acquisition, rapid fielding, analytical labs, communications, commercial off-the-shelf solutions and sustainment support.

Mr. Wiltsie remarked in closing: "COL Culclasure, I know you will do a great job. You have our confidence and support and we look forward to great things." 🌐

No Looking Back for Team LMP

By Christine McMahon, LMP Public Affairs



With the Logistics Modernization Program (LMP) Increment 2 Milestone B in the rearview mirror, the LMP team turns its attention to the program's three main efforts – Increment 1 sustainment, transition of services and Increment 2 fielding.

In addition to compliance and other sustainment efforts, the LMP Increment 1 team continued work with AESIP on Business Objects (BO) business intelligence tool, which provides self-service access to data, enables enhanced data analysis, facilitates rapid and collaborative decision making, and provides improved performance tracking and asset visibility through detailed reporting, queries and dashboard views. The team is working to enable LMP data within the AESIP BO tool to allow for greater reporting capability at Army Materiel Command (AMC).

The LMP team also is working with AMC, PEO EIS, Army Shared Services Center (Army-SSC), and Acquisition, Logistics and Technology Enterprise Systems and Services (ALTESS) transitioning LMP from Computer Sciences Corporation (CSC) to the government. CSC's role as the

lead systems integrator will be taken over by Army-SSC and ALTESS will host the system.

Wave 1 of LMP Increment 2 is set for limited fielding in December 2013. This wave includes the beginning of enterprise resource planning (ERP) integration and reengineering, which will include interfaces with AESIP for syndicated manufacturing part numbers and automatic returns item list, as well as BO functionality. These will be released into the system for all LMP users. Parallel to Wave 1 limited fielding, the team will be building and testing Wave 2, which will further enhance ERP integration and reengineering with e-procurement, total package fielding, and enterprise data warehouse, as well as provide non-Army managed items and Army Prepositioned Stock functionality.

With future LMP Increment 2 milestones set firm in their sights, along with compliance, sustainment and transition of services work, the LMP team is looking forward to continuing its efforts to strengthen AMC's support to Soldiers around the world. 🌐

WESS Recognizes the 50th Anniversary of the Washington-Moscow Hotline

By Craig Powderly, DCATS Plans and Operations

COL Clyde Richards, PM DCATS, and Mr. Stephen McClintock, Deputy Product Manager, Wideband Enterprise Satellite Systems (PdM WESS), attended a ceremony on Aug. 29 marking the 50th anniversary of the establishment of the Washington-Moscow Hotline.

The ceremony featured high profile speakers from both countries and was conducted at the Earth Station at Fort Detrick, Md., which is an integral part of this historic Direct Communications Link (DCL) between the U.S. and Soviet governments.

The communications link was initially established via undersea cable in 1963 to avoid breakdowns in communications such as those that occurred during the Cuban Missile Crisis. The two nations shifted to satellite technology in the early 1970s. Fort Detrick joined the system in 1978 as a U.S. communications ground station supporting the Nuclear Risk Reduction Center (NRRC) communications for the U.S. State Department.

“The Fort Detrick Earth Station provides U.S., Russian and other former Soviet world leaders with a format for communicating during times of crisis. This was most evident during recent times of crisis like September 11,” said COL Richards.




The image above was taken at the event of the 50th anniversary of the Hotline on Aug. 26, 2013, and shows what it looks like today.



The image above shows the Hotline terminal room of the National Military Command Center at the Pentagon in July 1976.

“Prior to the hotline, the two super powers communicated via mail or teletype through official channels.”

Predecessor organizations to DCATS and WESS were involved in the initial acquisition of commercial satellite communications (SATCOM) technology for the DCL. That system has since expanded to include direct links not only with Moscow but with the capitals of several former Soviet bloc countries, including Belarus, Kazakhstan and the Ukraine, in order to track nuclear missile technology.

Today, WESS is responsible for acquiring and sustaining SATCOM terminals and their baseband equipment, both in the U.S. and at these overseas NRRC locations. “In fact,” noted Mr. McClintock, who has worked with U.S. SATCOM since 1987, “we have just begun planning for a system-wide 2016/2017 modernization campaign at the Fort Detrick Earth Station, which is going to be the next step in this ongoing story.” 

Checkmate – CHESS Teammate Retires

By G.W. Burnside II, CHESS Operations

Ms. Victoria “Vicki” C. Johnson, Chief, Operations and Technical Management Division, for Computer Hardware, Enterprise Software and Solutions (CHESS) retired Sept. 30 after more than 38 years of federal service.

Johnson previously served as the Chief, Logistics Management Division, managing a civilian team of five product leaders with a contract base of approximately \$15.5 billion in hardware, approximately \$304.4 million in software and approximately \$20.5 billion in services contracts.

She also served as team lead for the Network Service Center and Enterprise Technology Office (ETO) providing direct support managing the internal operating budget of approximately \$12 million. She provided analytical and staff support to the ETO by establishing and providing overarching policy and guidance, acquisition strategy and implementation support. Johnson also represented the PEO EIS Chief Information Office (CIO) at the Joint PEO/Army Materiel Command CIO Council, Joint SharePoint Technical Working Group and on the Program Management Tools Pilot effort with the Office of Assistant Secretary of the Army for Acquisition, Logis-

tics, and Technology.

CHESS Project Director, Mr. Brendan Burke, said of Johnson:

“Vicki’s contributions over the past 38 years of federal service are immeasurable. Her hard work, innovative thinking and perseverance ensured the overall success of the CHESS mission and the reputation of PEO

EIS within the Army information technology community.”

Johnson plans to continue her volunteer work efforts after retirement. She will be putting her green thumb to good use while tending to her garden and plans to further her cooking and baking knowledge—an effort her husband will be sure to enjoy! 🌍



Ms. Victoria “Vicki” C. Johnson

Clemons Honored with Achievement Medal for Civilian Service

By Roger Lotz, DoD Biometrics Public Affairs

What would you do if someone’s life rested in your hands? Several months ago, Ruth Clemons, security officer for DoD Biometrics, was faced with this test. It was just after noon when Ruth noticed a coworker in distress. Clemons saw that her teammate was staggering and beginning to buckle as he moved down the hall, showing the first signs of a stroke.

Clemons’ adrenaline kicked into high gear, and she moved to help as the employee slumped and fell into her arms. Clemons knew that an ambulance was needed and that building security should be alerted. She began calmly giving instructions to other coworkers who had now gathered to assist, staying by the individual’s side and directing



Ruth Clemons of DoD Biometrics receives the Army’s Achievement Medal for Civilian Service from COL Sandy Vann-Olejasz, PM DoD Biometrics.

assistance efforts. When Clemons became concerned because emergency responders had not yet arrived, she

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CIO PEO EIS Rolls-Out Enterprise SharePoint 2010 Portal

By Lauren Pavlik, PEO EIS CIO Staff

The PEO EIS Chief Information Office (CIO) has successfully deployed a SharePoint capability that will better leverage knowledge resources across the enterprise. Our tacit knowledge processes are being transformed into efficient, Information Technology (IT)-based workflows accessible through one cohesive knowledge management portal.

This “one-stop-shop” for content management will enhance PEO EIS’ collaboration efforts and revolutionize the accompanying business processes. In this deployment, a number of existing processes or data calls have been automated for ease of use and better efficiency.

PEO EIS program offices successfully migrated from previous SharePoint instances to the current SharePoint include AcqBusiness, Installation Information Infrastructure Modernization Program and Power Projection Enablers. All programs have individual site collections to perform their own content management, including migrations from AKO or share drives. All these steps have been taken to in accordance with PEO leadership goals and guidance – namely that users across the PEO EIS enterprise will conduct their business on the portal by the end of fiscal



The PEO EIS SharePoint Enterprise Portal homepage.

year 2013.

Training is available to all on the portal’s homepage via the “Training” tab. If programs would like more hands-on training, please contact the CIO Knowledge Management team for information.

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used her own cell phone to verify that an ambulance and paramedics were on the way. Once on the phone with the 911 operator, she began describing the victim’s symptoms.

Clemons, who had worked in a hospital for five years, had some experience with emergency situations and knew the protocol for such an event. As it turned out, her actions were critical to ensuring speedy response to the emergency situation.

Clemons received the Army’s Achievement Medal for Civilian Service at a DoD Biometrics town hall meeting in July. The award read: “Her efforts led to the survival of a fellow

coworker...Her quick thinking, poise, collateral reaction, and measured follow-through were noted by the coworker’s doctor to be a critical contributor to survival.”

Mr. Douglas Wiltsie, PEO EIS, also signed a Star Note in gratitude for Clemons’ quick response, stating, “Your leadership and selfless service are great examples for all who work with you to follow.”

Clemons said of the recognition, “I was totally shocked. I almost teared up as the award was being read.”

Congratulations to All of Our Award Winning Staff!

By PEO EIS Public Affairs



Lee James of GFEBs, Lauren Pavlik of CIO and Frank Thurman of ES are July 2013 Heroes of the Month.



Gina Graves of IPPS-A and Ryan Greeney of CIO are August 2013 Heroes of the Month.



Irina Nguyen of PMD received the 2013 Federal Computer Week Rising Star award.



Larissa Riviezzo of JPI and Miguel Buddle of P2E (not pictured) are September 2013 Heroes of the Month.

GCSS-Army Observes Change of Charter Ceremony

By Lee Eustace, GCSS-Army Public Affairs

The Project Manager, AESIP hosted a change of charter ceremony for the Global Combat Support System-Army (GCSS-Army) on July 3 at Fort Lee, Va. The ceremony welcomed incoming Product Manager (PdM) LTC Christopher Romero, and honored LTC Timothy Domke, the outgoing GCSS-Army PdM. Approximately 80 people attended.

Following the national anthem and invocation, COL T. Pat Flanders, Project Manager, AESIP, the parent organization of GCSS-Army, presented LTC Domke with the Meritorious Service Medal on behalf of the PEO EIS, Mr. Douglas Wiltsie.

COL Flanders lauded LTC Domke for guiding the GCSS-Army team through the Milestone C Decision, an Initial Operational Test and Evaluation, and a Full Deployment Decision, as well as



LTC Romero (right) receives the GCSS-Army Charter from departing PdM LTC Domke and AESIP PM COL Flanders.

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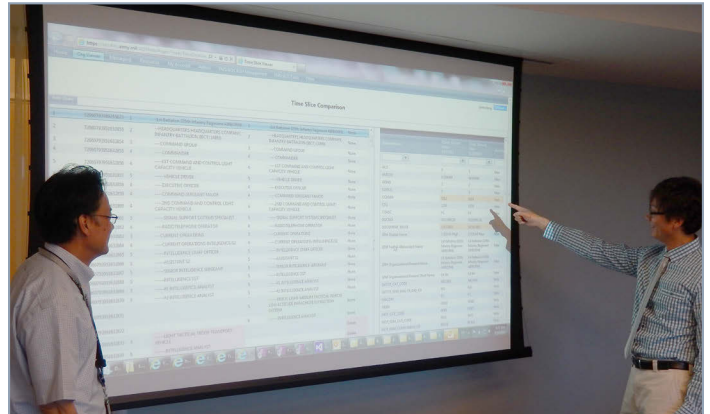
FMID Retention Phase: A Critical Enabler of Army Enterprise Systems

By FMS Public Affairs

On July 31, the Force Management System (FMS) announced the successful deployment of the Army Organizational Server's (AOS) Force Management Identifier (FMID) Retention Phase 1 capability, further enhancing the Army's implementation of the Global Force Management Data Initiative (GFMDI).

The AOS is the Army's tool for meeting the Vice Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff's mandate for the services to provide force structure data that is interoperable, fully hierarchical and reflects historical, present and future Army force structure authorizations. The key attribute of the AOS organizational chart data is its expansive hierarchy spanning from worldwide down through the Department of Defense, the Department of the Army and individual billet and equipment authorizations. This master data provides DoD Enterprise IT consumers a stable and complete authorized force structure picture from which to tie personnel, logistics, resourcing and security data.

Due to the unique FMID tagging to each node and relationship in the organization tree, along with the use of publish/subscribe change transaction distribution, DoD Enterprise IT consumers are no longer required to establish their own



Members of the PD FMS Team analyze Army organizational changes using the FMID Retention Tool Suite.

hierarchy, attach their own primary keys to the data, or identify differences between versions or time slices of organizational charts by internal comparisons.

Consistent and authoritative master data is a critical enabler for the Army enterprise resource planning systems—GCSS-Army (Logistics), GFEBS (Resourcing) and IPPS-A (Personnel)—and provides stable enterprise-wide FMIDs for evolving Army operating and generating units. 🌐

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initiating the complex fielding effort. LTC Domke attributed the success of GCSS-Army to the entire team, highlighting these milestones as a testament to their commitment and abilities.

Incoming PdM LTC Romero, a native of Long Island, N.Y., graduated from the State University of New York at Oneonta in 1989, and received his Master of Science in Project Management from the Florida Institute of Technology in 2005. LTC Romero completed the Basic Airborne Course at Fort Benning, Ga., the Combined Arms and Services Staff School, and Intermediate Level Education at Fort Belvoir, Va. LTC Romero is a Certified Level III Acquisition Professional in Program Management and Level I in Test & Evaluation. His last assignment was at the Missile Defense Agency where he served as a Program Element Manager.



Deputy Product Manager Mr. Robert Zoppa hands the GCSS-Army Charter to incoming PdM LTC Romero. Also pictured are outgoing PdM LTC Domke and AESIP PM COL Flanders.

LTC Romero's remarks following the transfer of charter recognized that LTC Domke left "big shoes" to fill. His wife, close friends and mentors were in attendance, and LTC Romero thanked them for their support and encouragement. After the ceremony, LTC Romero hosted a reception for the attendees. 🌐

Army Medical Program Prepares to Upgrade EMR System

By Rachel Collins, MC4 Public Affairs

The Product Manager Medical Communications for Combat Casualty Care (MC4) announced in September that the current Army electronic medical record (EMR) system is in the final stages of preparation for a major upgrade that will better support EMR users, Soldiers and veterans whose care is electronically documented.

The next iteration of the MC4 software suite, known as EMR 2.2.0.0, will include an operating system upgrade from Windows XP to Windows 7. The upgrade will also replace Micromedex, a medical reference application, with Lexicomp. Additionally, a graphical user interface for the Theater Medical Information Program Composite Health Care System Cache, better known as [TC2](#), is anticipated in the new release. TC2 provider order entry (POE) will notably improve the medical staff's experience accessing and documenting inpatient health care, ordering ancillary services and viewing medical test results.


In compliance with Department of Defense requirements, EMR 2.2.0.0 [will require Public Key Infrastructure - Enterprise](#)

[\(PKI-E\) certifications](#) for each MC4 system.

While these changes will result in a new business process for deploying units, PKI-E will

enhance security and assure users they are communicating with trustworthy systems.

MC4 captures health information for Soldiers when they receive care in garrison and down-range. The system data helps ensure that Soldiers have a secure, accessible, lifelong EMR, resulting in easier access to medical benefits, peace of mind and better informed health care.

For more information about MC4 or EMR 2.2.0.0, please visit www.mc4.army.mil. 



New Army T-11 Parachute Uses AMIS' pRFID Technology

By Beth Alltop, AMIS Strategic Communications


It was no surprise when the 82nd Sustainment Brigade's 11th Quartermaster Company asked the Assistant Product Director, Automated Movement and Identification Solutions (AMIS), MAJ Ryan Leonard, to jump using the Army's new T-11 parachutes. After all, AMIS provides the enhanced Parachute Tracking System (ePTS), a pilot program that automates the management and tracking of all T-11 parachutes for the 11th Quartermaster Company via passive radio frequency identification (pRFID) technology.

After much anticipation, the day came for the tailgate jump out of a C-130 aircraft to test ePTS. On July 25, MAJ Leonard met with the 11th Quartermaster Company and the Air Force's Special Operations team at Fort Bragg, N.C. "I had not jumped in 14 years," said MAJ Leonard. "Fortunately, I got the chance to work with a high-speed 82nd Airborne Division Jumpmaster, and he retrained me on basic jump opera-

tions as well as the operational details of the T-11 parachute. It was a great chance to get back in the field, work with Soldiers, and see how the acquisition process touches their day-to-day operations, and in this case, with ePTS."



MAJ Ryan Leonard jumps with the Army's T-11 parachute that uses AMIS' pRFID capabilities. Photo by Mr. Bryan Keys, AMIS program management support specialist.

This opportunity allowed AMIS the ability to demonstrate confidence in ePTS by using the technology in the field with our customers. It also exhibited one of AMIS' main objectives of leading from the front and backing our mission to support Soldiers while exceeding their expectations. 

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allow the members of crew-served vehicles to communicate in the extreme noise environments that are common to combat vehicles. They improve situational awareness through effective crew communications while providing crew members with critically needed hearing protection. Now officially available for procurement, the AN/VIC-5 represents the most advanced iteration of this product set.

The ceremony was held at the Mallette Training Facility, Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md. Project Manager, Defense Communications and Army Transmission Systems (PM DCATS), COL Clyde E. Richards, Jr., hosted the ceremony, which drew approximately 50 attendees. MG N. Lee Price, until recently PEO Command Control Communications-Tactical (C3T), and Mr. Kevin Carroll, former PEO EIS, and COL Darrell Bennis, PEO EIS Military Deputy, were just a few of the distinguished guests participating in the ribbon-cutting.

Representing industry partner Northrop Grumman Cobham Intercom (NGCI) was Ms. Kay Burch, Northrop Grumman Vice President for Communications, Intelligence and Networking Solutions. COL Richards, Ms. Burch and VIS Product Director Mr. Ty Bledsoe each shared remarks with the attendees.

Mr. Bledsoe thanked all those that worked on the new system: “This was also an opportunity to express our appreciation to all of the outstanding designers, engineers, acquisition professionals and administrators who took a critical field requirement and built a truly modernized, highly durable, highly reliable, vehicle intercom solution.”

Team members instrumental in bringing the AN/VIC-5 solution to production resented with certificates of appreciation, including Mr. Sidney Backman, Ms. Betsy Morgan, Ms. Susan Tyndall, Mr. Stephen Wallace and Mr. James Ward. Although unable to attend the ceremony, Ms. Nicole Barboza, Ms. Gina Chiarella, Ms. Dailonna Dozier, Mr. Eric Krouse and Mr. Eddie Tomaszewicz were also singled out to receive certificates of appreciation. Mr. John Nagy was presented with a certificate of achievement, as was Ms. Teresa Brown who was not able to attend. Receiving the highest award at the event was Ms. Nancy Severns, who earned the Army Commander’s Award.

“We are officially open for business,” stated Mr. Bledsoe. “Thanks to these great people, the AN/VIC-5 is now fully tested, fully supported, ready to integrate and ready for procurement.” 