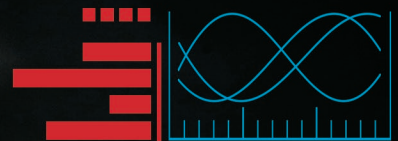


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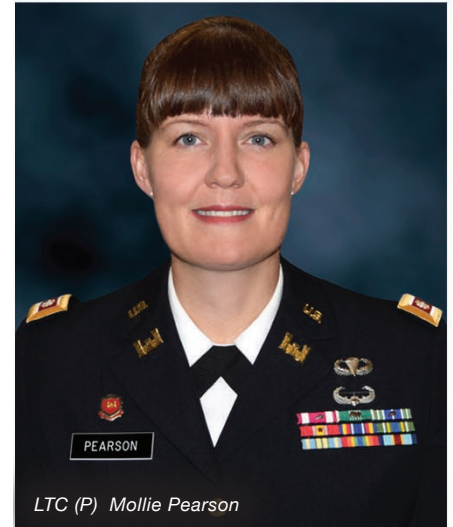
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LTC (P) Mollie Pearson

LTC (P) MOLLIE PEARSON **WINS FED 100 AWARD**

by Ms. Katherine Morgan, Communications Division

Product Manager, Power Projection Enablers (PdM P2E) **LTC (P) Mollie Pearson** has been selected as a winner of the 2015 Federal 100 Award.

Each “Fed 100” Award is presented to a government, industry or academic leader who has played a pivotal role in how the federal government acquires, develops and manages information technology (IT). LTC (P) Pearson is a natural choice for this award due to her commitment, visionary leadership and tactful diplomacy while holding sole responsibility for managing the Army’s strategic IT infrastructure outside the continental U.S.

Recently, she successfully **executed over \$1 billion in enterprise investments** while managing the most complex and diverse IT portfolio within PEO EIS. She currently oversees 124 government and contractor personnel across six global offices, on five continents.

LTC (P) Pearson was also selected to absorb the command, control, communications, computers and intelligence (C4I) mission for the U.S. Pacific Command in the Republic of Korea, playing an integral role in the \$10 billion Yongsan relocation plan/land partnership plan. LTC (P) Pearson previously managed the \$25 million C4I implementation of the U.S. Army Europe’s Headquarters in Wiesbaden, Germany and the \$49 million C4I implementation of the main communications facility in Camp Arifjan, Kuwait – both with great success.

During the past year, LTC (P) Pearson exceeded her mission objective of delivering a global, scalable and defensible network infrastructure, which enabled reliable and streamlined access to Army applications, data and enterprise services. She has provided critical power projection enabling capabilities to meet growing cybersecurity threats and give Soldiers a decisive edge on the battlefield. LTC (P) Pearson continues to shape the Army’s future by providing modern C4I and IT infrastructure upgrades in support of the Army’s LandWarNet 2025 strategic vision.

The Fed 100 Awards will be formally presented at an **industry-sponsored reception in Washington, D.C., on March 26, 2015**. Congratulations to LTC (P) Pearson on her outstanding work and this great honor!

PEO EIS PANEL HIGHLIGHTS ARMY IT DAY OPPORTUNITIES

by Mr. David Wood, Communications Division

PEO EIS Mr. Douglas Wiltsie led a panel discussion at the **Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Association (AFCEA)** Northern Virginia (NOVA) chapter's Army IT Day on Feb. 4, 2015 in Tysons Corner, Virginia. The 14th annual gathering of AFCEA NOVA brought together over 1,000 members from industry and government and featured a keynote address from Army CIO/G-6 LTG Robert Ferrell.

The PEO EIS panel was composed of Project Manager Installation Information Infrastructure – Communications and Capabilities (I3C2) **Mr. Michael Padden**, Project Director Enterprise Services (ES) **Mr. Jeremy Hiers** and Project Director Computer Hardware, Enterprise Software and Solutions (CHESS) **Mr. Thomas Neff**.

Mr. Wiltsie's comments focused on top-level EIS efforts, including modernizing the Army's network. Mr. Padden expanded on that topic by discussing how Enterprise Service Management System as a Service, a key portion of network modernization, will deliver an easy-to-use, reliable and secure IT service management capability as a managed service.

Mr. Neff provided an update on the Army's strategic sourcing efforts, including a look at fiscal year (FY) 2014 sales figures. He also mentioned that the IT Enterprise Solutions (ITES) – Software contract is expected to be awarded during the end of the second quarter of FY15 and the ITES 3–Hardware contract should be awarded in the fourth quarter of FY15. CHESS is also planning to release a draft request for proposals for the ITES 3–Services in the third quarter of FY15. The nine-year contract will have a \$14 billion ceiling.

Mr. Hiers discussed the Army's Unified Capabilities (UC) acquisition, tentatively planned for FY16. According to Mr. Hiers, UC represents the next logical step of network modernization and includes integrated voice, video, chat, instant messaging as well as other potential data services. He went on to say that with a more powerful network, integration of commonly used communication and collaboration capabilities at the enterprise level are possible and eventually UC will replace much of the Army's legacy telephone infrastructure.

Another major topic of discussion and subject of many questions from the audience was cloud computing. Mr. Hiers stated that implementing the Army cloud strategy is a critical step in enabling data center consolidation. Therefore, the Army plans to establish contractual vehicles for commercial hosting services and will be conducting market research to explore ways to increase standardization and cloud management across varying hosting environments.

The EIS leaders all expressed their interest in hearing from industry and met with a number of AFCEA members following the panel discussion. Several media outlets mentioned PEO EIS in their coverage of Army IT Day; some highlights can be found on the PEO EIS website under "**In the News.**"

Click [HERE](#) for more photos from the event



PEO EIS Mr. Douglas Wiltsie

PM I3C2 Mr. Michael Padden

PD CHESS Mr. Thomas Neff

PD ES Mr. Jeremy Hiers

DCATS TEAMS UP FOR 'HEALTHY LIVING' BECAUSE A WAIST IS A TERRIBLE THING TO MIND

by Mr. Craig Powderly, Programs and Operations Director, DCATS

Defense Communications and Army Transmission Systems (DCATS) has hit upon a novel idea for building morale, increasing productivity AND improving workforce health – the **2015 Healthy Living Series** – and, so far, the results have been impressive.

Open to all members of the DCATS workforce, the Healthy Living Series has two parts. First, the PM, **COL Charles Stein**, provides monthly educational classes to enhance well-being and encourage lifestyles that improve and protect physical, behavioral and spiritual health. In January, the group conducted its first weight management class. Future presentations will include:

- Behavioral health interventions
- Physical programs
- Spiritual programs
- Environmental and social programs

The second part of the series will be a weight-loss contest between six teams, lasting through the end of March.

Ms. Tori Pleta, creator and co-organizer of the series, explained, “There’s a direct correlation between health and work performance, so why not bring health and wellness into the office?”



Ms. Chelsea Gardiner, Ms. Pleta’s co-organizer, believes that the team building is just as important as the classes and weight loss. “Morale got a fresh look when COL Stein took charge back in the fall,” she said. “This program is really bringing people together – they’re laughing, they’re talking to each other. I think it also improves productivity.”

The program’s organizers believe that leadership support is critical to organizational initiative and credit COL Stein as the program’s lead proponent and promoter. He is often first in line at weigh-ins and has ensured that all series schedules, progress reports and presentations are readily available on the DCATS internal knowledge portal.

“This is good for our people,” said COL Stein. “That makes it good for us, this organization, our mission. Which, in the end, makes it good for our Soldiers. I’m really proud of our folks for getting this up and running, and for joining in, taking it seriously. It’s exciting.”

Ms. Cindy Moore, Health and Wellness Coordinator at the Fort Belvoir Morale, Welfare and Recreation Office, has also proven invaluable to the success of the program. From the onset, she was the go-to person for topics and expertise. Another key resource has been nutrition coach **Ms. Karla Brischke**, who contributed to January’s weight management class. She has made herself available to consult with DCATS employees seeking one-on-one nutrition guidance.

With about 25 percent of the workforce enrolled in the weight-loss contest and with many more participating in the monthly educational classes, the DCATS team has a lot to be proud of.



P2E PACIFIC HOLDS INDUSTRY DAY FOR USFK STRATEGIC COMMAND CENTER

by Mr. Ki Kim, IPT Lead, SCC USFK Modernization Project

Power Projection Enablers (P2E) – Pacific Directorate, hosted an Industry Day event for the Strategic Command Center (SCC) U.S. Forces Korea (USFK) modernization project Jan. 13-15, 2015, on the U.S. Army Garrison in Yongsan, South Korea.

This collaborative meeting provided the Basic Ordering Agreement (BOA) industry partners with information on the SCC USFK modernization effort to improve solicitation and allow for information gathering and sharing between Army government officials and participating companies. Twelve of the sixteen BOA industry partners participated in the three-day event. Briefings were given by **COL Kevin Payne**, J6, USFK; **Mr. Michael Hunter**, director, P2E – Pacific; **Mr. Nathan Acree**, contracting officer, U.S. Army Contracting Command – Rock Island (ACC-RI); and **Mr. Ki Kim**, Integrated Project team lead.

The SCC USFK project is focused on the modernization and upgrade of USFK mission command facilities, specifically the Command Information Display System and Theater Secure Video Teleconference System – Korea (TSVS-K).

Participants traveled to three different geographically dispersed locations and toured 15 facilities, including the command center in Seoul; operations support center and rear command post; USFK main battle staff command center sites; southern hub video teleconferencing control center; and Command Post Theater Air Naval Ground Operations (CP TANGO). The orientation allowed industry representatives to familiarize themselves with the complexity of the impending project.

The conference concluded at CP TANGO with a wrap-up session. The USFK J3 and J6, 1st Signal Brigade staff, ACC-RI and P2E-Pacific teams all contributed to a successful event, collecting valuable comments, information and lessons learned.



P2E-Pacific Director Mr. Michael Hunter outlines P2E-Pacific Projects



COL Kevin Payne, J6, USFK, outlines Commanding General's VTC & Display requirements and the operational context they are used in

WOMEN **MAKING HISTORY**
CELEBRATING **WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH MARCH 2015**

STEVE REICHARD NAMED MC4 DEPUTY PRODUCT MANAGER

by MC4 Strategic Communications

Mr. Steve Reichard has been named deputy product manager (DPM) of Medical Communications for Combat Casualty Care (MC4). Mr. Reichard reports directly to LTC Danny J. Morton, MC4 product manager (PDM). As DPM, Mr. Reichard is responsible for program management, the integrated schedule, system performance and regulatory compliance and also serves as the principal advisor to the PM. "I'm essentially responsible for the daily happenings within the organization," he said, "and I'm very excited about the opportunity."

"Steve brings a wealth of medical experience and acquisition knowledge to the DPM role," said LTC Morton. "He stepped right in and is making a positive impact to a challenging time in the program. I look forward to working with Steve in his new capacity."

Mr. Reichard's major areas of focus will be fielding the next MC4 major system upgrade in the latter half of fiscal year 2016, helping shape the establishment of joint program management office and providing for the operational component – referred to as Segment 2 – of the new DOD electronic health record.

Mr. Reichard has been with MC4 since July 2012. Prior to being named DPM, he was MC4's senior program analyst and deputy director for the business management division. He spent the bulk of his career at Fort Detrick in the U.S. Army Medical Research and Materiel Command (USAMRMC) where he served as a contractor and government engineer and was DPM and PM on several USAMRMC projects.

Congratulations to Mr. Reichard on his new role in MC4.



Mr. Steve Reichard, MC4 DPM

RCAS WELCOMES NEW DEPUTY PROJECT DIRECTOR, SAJ GEORGE

by Mr. Pete Van Schagen, RCAS Strategic Communications



Mr. Saj George, RCAS DPD

Mr. Sajjan (Saj) M. George was appointed the Deputy Project Director (DPD) for the Reserve Component Automation Systems (RCAS) in December 2014.

Mr. George has over 20 years of active duty service in the U.S. Army covering operations, resource, cost, acquisition and program management, budget and personnel administration, as well as SAP enterprise resource planning (ERP) project management. In December 2014 he retired from military service as a lieutenant colonel.

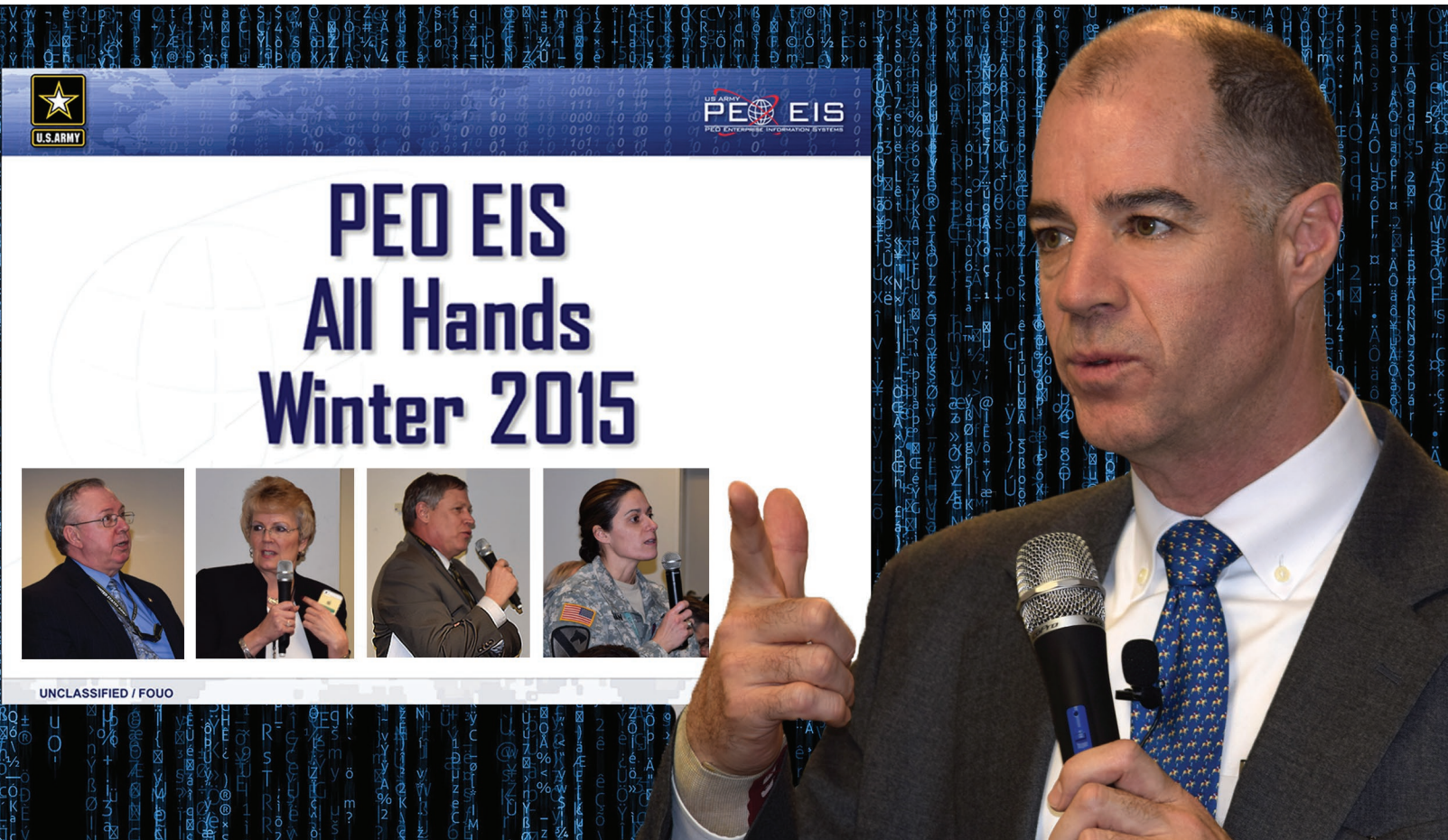
Mr. George's key military assignments include Deputy Director of Sustainment Directorate at General Funds Enterprise Business System (GFEBs); Deputy Chief Information Office (CIO)/G6 of the Army National Guard (ARNG) Headquarters; and Branch Chief of Information Technology, Program Management and Program Objective Memorandum (POM) Development Officer for the ARNG G6. He served one combat tour in Iraq as the Deputy, Joint Acquisition Review Board and the Multi-National Corps Budget Execution Officer.

Mr. George holds a Bachelor of Engineering in Electronics and Communication and a Master of Business Administration in Finance. He is a member of the Army Acquisition Corps and is Level II certified in Program Management.

We welcome Mr. George as a valued member of the RCAS team.

PEO EIS SHARES INSIGHTS AT **ALL HANDS MEETING**

by Mr. Jon Walman, Communications Division



Mr. Douglas Wiltsie, PEO EIS, hosted an All Hands meeting on Feb. 19, 2015, at the Hoffman building in Alexandria, Virginia. More than 100 personnel attended the meeting in person, while others participated virtually by viewing the live stream of the event through more than 500 internet connections at multiple sites across the country.

Mr. Wiltsie discussed a broad range of topics during his presentation and revealed new PEO EIS mission and vision statements. He highlighted **program accomplishments and recognized recent industry awards recipients**. Presentation subjects included environmental factors likely to influence future PEO operations and organizational updates, such as civilian hiring opportunities and workforce implications likely to result from the planned growth of the PEO EIS portfolio of programs.

Mr. Wiltsie also addressed several questions from the in-person and virtual audiences on myriad topics, including telework policy, crisis response, hiring and promotion opportunities, as well as a recommendation to adjust scheduling of civilian performance evaluations.

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JOHN HOWELL DISCUSSES ARMY'S PLAN FOR UNIFIED CAPABILITIES AT AFCEA SMALL BUSINESS EVENT

by Ms. Alison Dickson-Kozloski, PD ES Strategic Communications Support

Mr. John Howell, Product Director for Enterprise Content Collaboration and Messaging (PD EC2M) presented an overview on Enterprise Services/EC2M's current focus, including upcoming Unified Capabilities (UC) and Army Knowledge Online (AKO) activities at the Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Association's (AFCEA) Fort Belvoir small business networking session on Feb. 3.

"We have an affordability issue between all the legacy systems and requirements," said Mr. Howell. "If we're going to get to the next generation of service, the Army must prioritize its enterprise requirements."

Mr. Howell stressed the need to focus on progressing to the next generation of technologies, not simply replacing current capabilities as the Army expands the use of managed enterprise services.

"AKO was the first Army enterprise capability and it continues to serve us well. However, the days of owning and operating are numbered," he explained. "Most capabilities within AKO will eventually be replaced by managed services."

Mr. Howell went on to say that one capability that must be maintained at high rates of availability is Single Sign On (SSO), as it is critical to end-users and more than 600 applications that have SSO integrated into their design. Eventually, SSO will be replaced by a future authentication/authorization service, but until it is defined and funded, SSO will remain the primary service.



For UC, Mr. Howell said the Army is not likely to initiate an acquisition for UC as a service in fiscal year (FY) 2015, due to limited resources. Instead, the Army plans to continue market research and requirement development efforts in order to release a request for proposal in FY 2016.

"We've been here before," Mr. Howell stated. "Last year we asked you specific questions about deploying a limited set of capabilities on a very limited timeline. Now that we've got the time to redefine the requirement, **we need industry's help in showing us what's possible.**"

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ITES-SW CONTRACTS AWARDED

by Ms. Dorothy Bowen, CHES Product Leader

On Feb. 11, 2015, **Computer Hardware Enterprise Software and Solutions (CHES)**, in association with Army Contracting Command – Rock Island (ACC–RI), awarded a landmark indefinite delivery/indefinite quantity (IDIQ) software contract, **Information Technology Enterprise Solution – Software (ITES–SW)**. The ITES–SW initiative is the first contract of this type to be awarded across the Army. This contract vehicle will streamline the acquisition process by centralizing procurement of commercial off-the-shelf software products and related services. ITES–SW was developed in support of high demand, low dollar value specialty software products that are not currently available on an Enterprise License Agreement (ELA) or DOD Blanket Purchase Agreement (BPA) Enterprise Software Initiative (ESI). This contract focuses specifically on software products that have obtained a **Certificate of Networthiness** applicable under the following categories: IT Utility and Security, Modeling and Simulation, Multimedia and Design, and Program and Development. Three vendors were awarded contracts under this acquisition, a small business, **Four Inc.**, and two large businesses, **Immix Technology Inc.** and **Carahsoft Technology Inc.** A complete description of the scope of products and services can be accessed via the CHES IT e-mart Request for Quote (RFQ) process at <https://ches.army.mil>.

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Fort Belvoir Officer's Club

27 MAR
LTC (P) Pearson Promotion Ceremony
Fort Belvoir Officer's Club

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ASC Training with Industry
Fort Belvoir Officer's Club