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PEO EIS CELEBRATES THE
ARMY'S BIRTHDAY

By Ms. Ellyn Kocher, PEO EIS Public Affairs

Mr. Wiltsie, PEO EIS, leads the official Army Birthday observance.

PEO EIS celebrated the Army's 240th Birthday at Fort Belvoir, Virginia, on Friday, June 12, with a cookout followed by an official observance and cake cutting.

CPT Maureen Minder, Assistant Product Manager, Army Enterprise Systems Integration Program Hub, narrated the official observance, which included remarks on the theme of selfless service from Mr. Doug Wiltsie, PEO EIS, and an invocation by Mr. Jim Kline, Director, Operations and Theater Support Directorate.

Mr. Wiltsie highlighted some of the rich history of the Army and the accomplishments of Soldiers today, while CPT Minder read from the history of the Continental Resolution. As is the tradition for Army Birthday, the first cut to the celebratory cake was made by LTC Ossie Peacock, Product Manager, Army Contract Writing System, and CPT Eric Terrell, Assistant Product Manager, Power Projection Enablers, the oldest and the youngest Soldiers assigned to PEO EIS.

The cookout and the cake cutting ceremony were both well attended by more than 150 employees and tenant neighbors. The event raised funds for the PEO EIS Organization Day on June 26, and provided an opportunity for the workforce to reflect on the importance of the tradition and history of the United States Army.

The Army Birthday is officially June 14 each year, but information about patriotic events in the local area will be shared with the EIS workforce through the 4th of July holiday.

A special Army Birthday page on the EIS website can be found at: www.eis.army.mil/abd.

Happy Birthday, Army – Hooah!

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LTC Peacock, Mr. Wiltsie, CPT Terrell

240th Army Birthday cake

CPT Terrell, LTC Peacock, Mr. Kline

PD WESS *ASSUMPTION OF CHARTER*

By Mr. James Christophersen, DCATS Communications

LTC Ancira, COL Stein and Mr. McGarvey

Project Manager, Defense Communications and Army Transmission Systems (PM DCATS) COL Charles Stein hosted an Assumption of Charter ceremony on June 4 at Fort Belvoir, Virginia, to officially recognize the change in leadership for the Product Director, Wideband Enterprise Satellite Systems (WESS). Product Manager (PdM) LTC Samuel Ancira, who has led WESS since it was chartered in September 2012, relinquished responsibility for the program. Coinciding with LTC Ancira's departure, the Army re-designated the WESS charter from Product Manager (PdM) to Product Director (PD).

In recognition of LTC Ancira's accomplishments during his tenure as PdM WESS, COL Stein presented him with the Meritorious Service Medal and the Signal Corps Regimental Association's Bronze Order of Mercury.

"LTC Ancira has done a great job of leading and managing PdM WESS from its formation through to today, bringing together programs and teams into one cohesive mission," said COL Stein. "LTC Ancira has had a positive impact on this organization and touched a lot of the folks here, and the organization definitely had an impact on him."

Mr. Michael McGarvey, who has served as the WESS deputy product manager since 2013, assumed the new charter at the ceremony as the acting PD.

"Mr. McGarvey was selected for his deep knowledge of wideband satellite communications from nearly a decade of experience working with wideband satellite systems," said COL Stein. "He was carefully selected and is well-qualified to lead PD WESS forward."

LTC Joel Babbitt, PdM, Warfighter Information Network – Tactical Increment 1, has been selected to be the next PD WESS and will assume the charter in August.

COL Stein shaking hands with Mr. Wiltsie

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CMO ON THE GO!

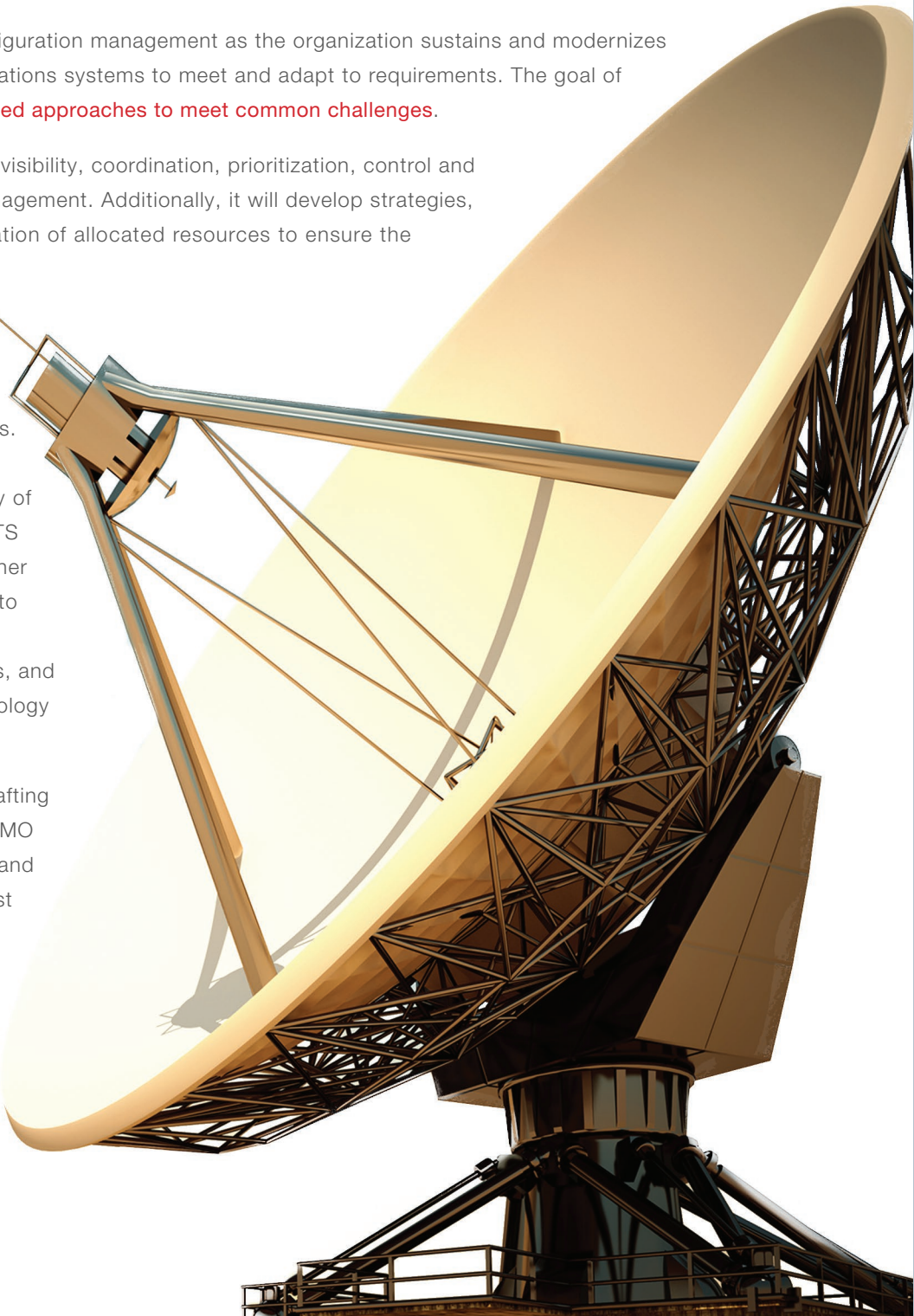By Mr. Noel Acevedo, Director, PM DCATS Technical Management Division

PM DCATS is establishing a centralized Configuration Management Office (CMO) to improve alignment of the internal and external community partners that influence strategic satellite and terrestrial communication systems.

The CMO will provide cradle-to-grave configuration management as the organization sustains and modernizes strategic satellite and terrestrial communications systems to meet and adapt to requirements. The goal of the CMO is to enable proactive, standardized approaches to meet common challenges.

Development of the CMO will enhance the visibility, coordination, prioritization, control and automation of configuration and asset management. Additionally, it will develop strategies, objectives and metrics and provide arbitration of allocated resources to ensure the integrity of facilities.

An important part of the CMO's plan is to establish and empower a Configuration Control Board (CCB), which will enforce approved strategies, objectives and metrics. If needed, the CCB will arbitrate facility resource allocations to ensure the integrity of facilities baseline and may call upon DCATS program managers, site operations and other subject matter experts. Expected benefits to stakeholders include improved operational readiness; optimized human capital, assets, and budget resources; and consolidated technology use and investment.

The next steps to develop the CMO are drafting and circulating the charter for input. The CMO will also seek support of industry partners and meet with stakeholders to discuss how best the CMO can also support their needs, capabilities, information and systems.

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CHESS HOSTS SUCCESSFUL INDUSTRY DAY

By Ms. Joanna Corcoran, CHESS Communications

On June 10, PEO EIS hosted a Computer Hardware Enterprise Software and Solutions (CHESS) Industry Day at Fort Belvoir, Virginia. The event, which drew representatives from over 500 companies, facilitated Army and industry collaboration for the upcoming Information Technology Enterprise Solutions – 3 Services (ITES-3S) and Army Desktop Mobile Computing – 3 (ADMC-3) requirements.

Deputy PEO Ms. Terry Watson gave opening remarks, and CHESS Project Director Mr. Tom Neff provided industry representatives his unique insights on the planned ITES-3S and ADMC-3 procurements. CHESS Product Leaders, Mr. Keith Copeland and Ms. Dawn Bare, presented information about the planned Requests for Proposals alongside Army Contracting Command – Rock Island Contracting Officers, Ms. Joelle Donovan and Mr. Ryan Pierce. After the Industry Day presentations, a no-host lunch was held at the Fort Belvoir Officers' Club to provide a networking opportunity for attendees.

Industry Day briefings as well as procurement-specific questions and answers are posted to FedBizOpps and the CHESS IT e-mart at https://chess.army.mil.

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ARMY CHESS
COMPUTER HARDWARE,
ENTERPRISE SOFTWARE AND SOLUTIONS

HAPPY 4TH OF JULY
FROM PEO EIS

ARMY APPLICATION MIGRATION BUSINESS OFFICE
MOVES FORWARD WITH CONSOLIDATION MISSION

By: Enterprise Computing Communications Team

In support of the Army Data Center Consolidation Plan (ADCCP), Product Director, Enterprise Computing (PD EC) established the Army Application Migration Business Office to serve as the single point of contact for all Army enterprise system and application owners during migration to DOD-approved enterprise facilities.

Since its establishment in 2014, this office has assisted more than 250 systems and applications from roughly 40 commands by providing both strategic and technical migration guidance, including enterprise facility capabilities and service offerings to system and application owners. The office centrally tracks migration tasks, evaluates options and provides guidance throughout migration activities.

"The PD EC team has made significant strides in moving the mission and effort of ADCCP forward," said EC Product Director Mr. Archie Mackie, Jr. "While some elements of the migration process are standardized, application and system owners are pleased to know that the Army Application Migration Business Office tailors each migration on a case-by-case basis."

Any command that owns an Army enterprise system or application may contact the Army Application Migration Business Office for support via the following methods:

Send an email to usarmy.belvoir.peo-eis.mbx.army-app-migration-office@mail.mil. Enter the subject "Application Migration" and include your name, email, phone number, organization, command and (primary) application name.

To enter a support ticket, go to: https://esd-crm.csd.disa.mil/app/ask. Enter your email address and use the subject "Application Migration." Fill out the question field and choose product "Application Migration." Then, several request types will be displayed. Select "Request for Information" and click OK and continue to submit your request.

Or call: 1-866-335-2769 (ARMY) and press option #4.

P2E HOLDS INDUSTRY DAY
FOR YONGSAN RELOCATION PLAN

By: Mr. Russ Price, P2E Communications Team

The Power Projection Enablers (P2E) Acquisitions Directorate hosted an Industry Day on May 14, at Fort Belvoir, Virginia, to provide General Services Administration industry partners the opportunity to hear further details on the Request for Task Order Proposal (RFTOP) for the Yongsan Relocation Plan/Land Partnership Plan (YRP/LPP) Increment 2C effort.

The event provided a general overview of the RFTOP process and the requirements to submit a proposal, and was followed by a presentation of the P2E product office from Product Manager COL Mollie Pearson. Participants also reviewed the Increment 2C project and how it fits into the overall YRP/LPP master plan, and received a briefing on the contract data requirements list. The Industry Day concluded with a question and answer session where attendees were given the opportunity to ask additional questions to the YRP/LPP Increment 2C contracting officer.

The YRP/LPP program began in 2012 with Increment 1 to provide Command, Control, Communications, Computers and Intelligence (C4I) systems integration, design, core infrastructure implementation and temporary communications. Increments 2A and 2B followed in 2014 to provide outside and inside plant active infrastructure to C4I-intensive facilities. YRP/LPP Increment 2C will migrate systems, provide multiple command information display systems and transition the networking and virtualized data center infrastructures for U.S. Army Garrison – Humphreys. Incremental work will continue through 2017.

All proposals for the YRP/LPP Increment 2C effort were due June 19, 2015, with an anticipated contract award no later than September 2015.

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EVENTS

2 JULY
AcqBusiness Change of Charter,
Metro Park Center, Alexandria, VA

3 JULY
Independence Day Holiday (observed)

4 JULY
Independence Day

7 JULY
MC4 Assumption of Charter, FT Detrick

10 JULY
I3MP Change of Charter, FT Belvoir,
Heroes Auditorium

15 JULY
PM Collab, FT Belvoir

16 JULY
Biometrics Change of Charter,
FT Belvoir, Thurman Hall

30 JULY
IPPS-A Inc. II Change of Charter,
Hoffman II, Alexandria, VA

TAO TRAINING INITIATIVE
AN EXERCISE IN EFFICIENCY

By: Technology Application Office Communications Team

Project Director, Technology Application Office (PD TAO) held a three-day training event in March addressing Army programs and concerns. Discussion focused on substance abuse, suicide prevention, and Sexual Harassment and Assault Response and Prevention (SHARP). Workforce topics included ethics, threat awareness and reporting, insider threat and defensive foreign travel, security, and the Contractor Performance Assessment Reporting and Defense Travel Systems.

The event covered 90 percent of mandatory Army and TAO-specific training requirements, with 96 percent of TAO staff in attendance. By holding the event over a three-day period, the TAO program office was able to ensure all remote employees completed their mandatory training in one trip rather than many, thus avoiding an estimated $10,000 in travel, lodging and lost labor expenses.

TAO Administrative Officer **Ms. Sharon Kollman**, who orchestrated the event, explained the approach, "Integrated, one-stop training events make sense in both time and money, especially in an environment of fiscal restraint and scrutiny."

TAO staff members pose for a group photo during their three-day training event.