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ANAD PREPARES FOR LMP INCREMENT 2

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Anniston Army Depot (ANAD), a facility in Anniston, Alabama, for the production and repair of tracked ground combat vehicles, is busy preparing for Logistics Modernization Program (LMP) Increment 2 by working with the LMP product management office and ANAD's M1 Abrams program management team to improve work instructions for the disassembly and reassembly of the M1A2 Abrams tank.

LMP Increment 2 provides new and expanded capabilities to achieve DOD enterprise transition plan objectives. Specifically, Increment 2 automates the industrial base shop floor. ANAD has worked with the M1 Abrams program management team to ensure that tank work instructions are compatible with the shop floor automation capability in the **LMP Increment 2 Complex Assembly Manufacturing Solution (CAMS) module**. ANAD's LMP office has also supported the effort by providing knowledge of how computer aided process plans are structured in CAMS so that the work instructions will "speak the same language" as LMP CAMS.

A dedicated team of shop floor technicians and quality personnel have been essential in

performing the verification and validation of the work instructions migration into LMP. ANAD's technical publications branch has played a critical role by using requirements documents and technical manuals to create hyperlinks in LMP to each step of the work instructions, which gives shop floor users quick and easy access to information.

The ANAD team has begun training on the type of equipment and tools that will be used with LMP Increment 2, including training on handheld tablets and scanners that will be used on the shop floor to give the workforce mobile computing options and enable employees to quickly pull up the shop work instructions pertinent to that component. ANAD is embracing the changes the LMP Increment 2 will bring and working hard to get ready for Go-Live in May 2016.



ANAD employees guide a repaired turret to an M1A2 hull.

RCAS SUPPORTS THE ARNG DISTRIBUTED LEARNING PROGRAM

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The Reserve Component Automation Systems (RCAS) Distributed Learning (DL) program continues to support the Army National Guard (ARNG) DL program, which is managed by the ARNG G-3 training division. **RCAS performs all procurement, configuration, fielding and technical support for the ARNG DL program's daily operations** and its initiative to provide the Army with modernized fixed and mobile DL classrooms. This initiative will improve the availability of DL "points of delivery" for ARNG units and Soldiers nationwide.

RCAS enhances the capabilities of the DL classrooms by fielding updated equipment. Modernization of the fixed DL classrooms (FDLCs) includes the replacement of client workstations, audio/visual components, network devices and entire FDLC systems with new equipment to ensure continued cybersecurity compliance and improve system performance and reliability. Modernization of ARNG DL program capabilities includes continued fielding of new mobile DL classrooms (MDLCs) and MDLC-Lites, which enable state DL programs to quickly relocate DL classrooms as needed. The MDLC-Lite is an MDLC without audio/video and video teleconferencing components, making it the most portable DL classroom system in the Army.

The training division provides RCAS with ARNG sustainment, technical refresh and National Guard and Reserve equipment account funds, which RCAS will use to modernize more than 100 DL classrooms during the 2016 fiscal year. So far, RCAS has fielded six AV800 DL classroom systems, five MDLCs and nine MDLC-Lites and expects to field a total of 69 AV800 DL classroom systems, 11 MDLCs, 31 MDLC-Lites and 1,643 client workstations.

RCAS continues to provide DL classroom sustainment services to the ARNG DL program. In addition to fielding modernized DL classrooms, RCAS supports DL classroom moves, upgrades workstation components and troubleshoots equipment and connectivity issues.



MDLC Student Perspective



MDLC Instructor Perspective



MDLC Ready for Transport

Photos by: Mr. Lenny Ratliff, L-3 RCA DLP Project Manager

A CAREER OF SERVICE: LTC HEATHER PUTMAN RETIRES

By: Ms. Ellyn Kocher, Public Affairs, PEO EIS

LTC Heather Putman, director of program operations, Army Enterprise Systems Integration Program (AESIP), retired at a ceremony held Jan. 16, 2016, at the Women in Military Service for America Memorial Hall of Honors in Arlington, Virginia. The ceremony was officiated by the Army G-4 assistant deputy chief of staff, **Ms. Kathleen Miller**, and honored LTC Putman's Army career. In her more than three years spent with AESIP, LTC Putman achieved successes and increasing responsibilities, serving first as the technical director and then moving into her leadership role as the program operations director. LTC Putman's husband, Jeremy, received a certificate of appreciation for his support of her career, and her three children received flowers and hugs of appreciation. Other family in attendance included LTC Putman's father, **Mr. David Bartold**, her mother, **Ms. Pamela Adrian**, her in-laws and several friends.



LTC Heather Putman

"The development, integration and implementation of the enterprise resource planning systems is hard work but these are game-changing systems for the Army's efforts to modernize and automate logistics processes," said **COL Harry Culclasure**, project manager, AESIP, in his remarks. "Heather quickly acclimated to the team, learning the intricacies of these very complex programs. Heather worked tirelessly on the efforts to obtain major milestone approvals for Global Combat Support System-Army and the Logistics Modernization Program — significant accomplishments that have and will continue to drive the programs' success."

Congratulations, LTC Putman, and thank you for your service!

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COL Harry Culclasure (L) and LTC Heather Putman (R)



Ms. Kathleen Miller (L) and LTC Heather Putman (R)

REVERSE AUCTION CAPABILITY NOW AVAILABLE THROUGH CHES

By: Mr. Billy Cody, Public Affairs, CHES



As the Army seeks to increase competition and decrease procurement costs, a simple yet innovative capability has been added to the Computer Hardware Enterprise Software and Solutions (CHES) IT e-mart: reverse auction. **In a reverse auction, the roles of the buyer and seller are swapped** as multiple vendors bid down for a request for quote (RFQ) instead of the traditional auction in which buyers bid up for a product. Army leadership has strongly encouraged the use of reverse auction by establishing reverse

auction spend goals for simple fixed-price supplies and commercial services procurements.

The reverse auction capability allows CHES customers to use the framework of the RFQ tool they are already familiar with to submit a requirement to vendors. The vendors, in turn, compete for the award by bidding down their prices. Finally, the customer reviews for technical acceptance and best value before making the award. The customer benefits from having several price options available and **CHES' guaranteed "no-fee-included" for contract vehicles**. Contracting officers seeking to meet reverse auction goals with commercial off-the-shelf (COTS) IT procurements through CHES contracts can now utilize the reverse auction capability through the CHES IT e-mart, making it a one-stop shop.

With these added benefits, **reverse auction promises to be the ideal option for lowering COTS IT procurement costs**. The reverse auction capability is currently active at the CHES IT e-mart (<https://ches.army.mil/>) with a no-fee option for Army customers.

If you would like to attend a training session on how to utilize reverse auction, please contact Joanna Corcoran (joanna.m.corcoran.ctr@mail.mil) or Billy Cody (william.m.cody14.ctr@mail.mil).

WOMEN **MAKING HISTORY**
CELEBRATING **WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH MARCH 2016**

FORT RILEY **NETMOD-C INSTALLATION**

By: Mr. Anwar Habibi, Project Team Lead, APM CONUS, I3MP

In November 2015, the Installation Information Infrastructure Management Program (I3MP) completed critical installation campus area network modernization efforts at **Fort Riley, Kansas**, as part of the **Network Modernization – Continental United States (NETMOD-C) project**. These efforts provide soldiers with a faster and more secure network for their administrative and operational mission requirements. The **NETMOD-C project is a completely new way of delivering capabilities with the Army as the systems integrator** and is being fielded by a team of personnel from I3MP, 7th Signal Command (Theater), Regional Network Enterprise Center (RNEC), Army Information Systems Engineering Command, Tobyhanna Army Depot and local Signal Soldiers. According to **Mr. Mathew Pavlik**, I3MP's NETMOD-C assistant project manager, this approach “delivers a faster and cheaper solution than the conventional method of using a contracted system integrator-provided solution.”

The NETMOD-C team began the project in July 2015 and successfully completed it just three months later in October – two weeks ahead of schedule. The upgrades, valued at \$5 million, accounted for 400 end-user building hardware installs totaling approximately 1,000 edge access switches. The NETMOD-C project **implemented a new architecture that is standardized at each base, post, camp and station**, thereby increasing Fort Riley's network speed and the link into the global information grid. In addition, it provided routing centralization to the Defense Information System Agency joint base-customer edge routers.

With support from the local uniformed soldiers of Fort Riley 1st Infantry Division, the NETMOD-C project was able to save approximately \$200,000 in travel expenses. The project concluded with a close-out and award and recognition ceremony from the RNEC leadership.

COL MCNULTY FEATURED ON FEDERAL NEWS RADIO

By: Ms. Katherine Hutton, Communications, IPPS-A

On Jan. 20, **COL Darby McNulty**, the project manager for the Integrated Personnel and Pay System – Army (IPPS-A), was interviewed on Federal News Radio during the “On DOD” segment hosted by **Mr. Jared Serbu**. In the interview, **COL McNulty discussed program progress and the recent challenges IPPS-A has encountered**. He focused on the importance of data correctness, auditability and the deployment of Increment I. Most importantly, he emphasized the role of the Soldier and their families in IPPS-A's mission and noted that a modern IT system for human resource functions will greatly improve quality of life across the Army.

To hear the interview and read the accompanying article, go to <http://federalnewsradio.com/on-dod/2016/01/on-dod-army-on-multiyear-campaign-to-fix-its-personnel-records/>.

NEW YEAR, NEW YOU: **SCOTT ERVIN'S STORY**

By: Ms. Rosalie Fehrmann, Strategic Communications Specialist, P2E

Many begin the new year with a goal to eat better, exercise more and live an overall healthier life, but quickly find this is easier said than done. However, with a bit of encouragement and friendly competition, **Mr. Scott Ervin**, deputy product manager, Power Projection Enablers (P2E), turned his goal to live a healthier life into a reality. This is Mr. Ervin's story:

In March 2015, I had just returned from a week-long overseas business trip. Upon hitting the tarmac at Dulles, my phone rang. It was my mother calling to tell me that my father had fallen on a patch of ice a week earlier and was hospitalized with a fractured hip that also set off a series of heart attacks. My father was already suffering from multiple myeloma, a type of cancer that causes the body's bones to slowly break down, and was dying a slow death. I was told to come home immediately as there was nothing more the doctors could do for him. I drove back to Columbus, Ohio, where my father died two weeks later.

At that point, I began to reflect on my life and overall health. I weighed almost 300 pounds, my diet regularly consisted of my favorite junk foods and physical fitness was not a part of my daily routine. I knew that something needed to change quickly to improve my quality of life. Around this time, P2E started a "**Biggest Loser**" challenge based on the television show of the same name where contestants compete to see who can lose the most weight within a specified time period. **I used this as the motivation necessary to get started** and, with the outstanding support of my teammates and many salads, I lost 45 pounds and eventually won the title of P2E's Biggest Loser. However, I didn't stop there. Rather than treat this as a diet, **I turned my new eating habits into a new lifestyle** by reducing my sugar intake, choosing healthier options and integrating exercise into my routine.

An important lesson I learned through the Biggest Loser challenge is that diet is significantly more important than exercise in this equation. I found that if I could control what I consumed, I had much more control over my weight loss. So, **eight months later, I have lost almost 70 pounds** and am starting to find my optimum size. Life has become pretty much normal again, and I am hopeful that I have added years to my life, or at a minimum, my time here should be much more enjoyable.

As with successful project management, you must apply the project management life cycle process:

- positive thoughts
- management of calories and exercise
- lifestyle changes
- circle of support

A Veteran of the United States Army, Mr. Ervin has been a part of the P2E organization for two years.

