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PEO EIS PARTICIPATES IN THE **AFCEA NOVA ARMY IT DAY**

By Ms. Erin Buechel Wiczorek, Chief, Communications Division



COL Stein (L) and Mr. Haskin (R).

PEO EIS experts spoke on two successful panels focused on cybersecurity and EIS priorities at the Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Association (AFCEA) Northern Virginia (NOVA) Chapter's 15th annual Army IT Day on March 31 in Tysons Corner, Virginia. Ms. Terry Watson, PEO EIS, COL Charles Stein, project manager, Defense Communications and Army Transmission Systems, Mr. Doug Haskin, project manager, Enterprise Services, and LTC Ossie Peacock, assistant project manager, Defensive Cyber Operations (DCO), addressed a crowd of more than 500 industry representatives during the day-long summit focused on enabling Army capabilities through military and industry partnerships.



LTC Peacock addresses the Army IT Day audience.

LTC Peacock represented EIS as a member of the cyber panel. The panel explored current gaps and efforts to eliminate security

breaches, innovative protection tools, the future of cyber defense within the Army and the ways in which organizations across the Army including the PEOs, U.S. Army Cyber Command (ARCYBER), U.S. Army Network Enterprise Technology Command and Army Chief Information Officer (CIO)/G-6 are working together and with the Defense

Information Systems Agency and other services to increase security without sacrificing accessibility. Mr. Andrew "AJ" Forsyia, director, Capabilities, Implementation & Modernization, ARCYBER, moderated the panel. Other panelists included Dr. Portia Crowe, director, Cyber Ops/CIO, PEO Command Control Communications – Tactical, and Mr. Mark Kitz, technical director, System of Systems Engineering, PEO Intelligence Electronic Warfare & Sensors.



Ms. Watson.

The afternoon's acquisition panel featured Ms. Watson, COL Stein and Mr. Haskin as well as Mr. Bryon Young, Army Contracting Command – Aberdeen Proving Ground. A former PEO for EIS, Mr. Kevin Carroll, moderated the lively panel which fielded questions ranging from when the unified capabilities request for proposal was expected to be released and how the procurement process

could be accelerated to the mandatory use of existing contracts, data center migration and cloud computing. "It's important that we have this conversation with you, our industry partners, about where we are today, where we are going and what we need to get there," said Ms. Watson. "Through our collaboration and partnership, we are truly able to connect the global Army and this will only become more critical as missions rapidly change."

Throughout the day there were a number of other Army IT leaders that spoke including LTG Robert Ferrell, CIO/G-6, and Mr. Dave Devries, deputy DOD CIO. Highlights of the Army Network Campaign, status of network modernization, updates on cloud computing and mobility as well as the sustained focus on cybersecurity provided industry attendees with an important view into the Army's positions and challenges as well as future expected posture and anticipated needs. In its 15th year, the AFCEA NOVA Army IT Day is an opportunity for military and industry collaboration and a success for PEO EIS.

FMS PROJECT DIRECTOR **RETIRES**

By Ms. Michelle Walker, IT Specialist, FMS

Dr. David Powers concluded his 37 years of service at a retirement ceremony held on March 31 at Fort Belvoir, Virginia. Dr. Powers served as the project director for Force Management System (FMS) since January 2003. During Dr. Powers' tenure at FMS, he was responsible for the successful integration and consolidation of a number of legacy force management automation systems. The current system serves as the Army's base system for the Joint Chiefs of Staff Global Force Management Data Initiative. Dr. Powers has supported force management business processes at all levels of the Army having previously worked both at the Army staff level within the office of the Deputy Chief of Staff, G-3/5/7 and at the major command level within the Army Training and Doctrine Command.



COL Darby McNulty (right), Project Manager IPPS-A, presents Dr. David Powers (left) with a certificate recognizing Dr. Powers' thirty years of service to the government during his retirement ceremony held at Fort Belvoir, VA.

Congratulations Dr. Powers!



Dr. David Powers (left) stands with members of the Force Management System team during his retirement ceremony held at Fort Belvoir.

CHESS, ACC-RI & ISEC HOST ITES-3H POST-AWARD KICKOFF

By Billy Cody, Public Affairs, CHES



Attendees at the ITES-3H Post-Award Kickoff Meeting.

Computer Hardware, Enterprise Software and Solutions (CHES), Army Contracting Command – Rock Island (ACC-RI) and Army Information Systems Engineering Command (ISEC) hosted the ITES-3H post-award kickoff meeting with the recently announced ITES-3H vendors at Hero’s Auditorium, Fort Belvoir, Virginia, on April 5. More than 60 representatives from CHES, ACC-RI, ISEC and all 17 ITES-3H vendors were in attendance. Ms. Sammi Foong, deputy product lead, CHES, welcomed attendees and introduced Mr. Doug Haskin, acting project director, Enterprise Services.

Ms. Deidre Harris, the CHES product leader for ITES-3H, provided an overview of the contract, including the roles

and responsibilities of stakeholders. She emphasized the dynamic nature of the contract and noted the ability for vendors to sell non-catalog items that are in-scope, then have them added to their catalogs. Ms. Harris also highlighted software-only, maintenance-only and warranty-only requirements.

Mr. David Gannon, contracting specialist, ACC-RI, covered various topics from scope and catalog refreshes to warranties and vendor reports. Mr. Gannon walked the audience through the process of submitting reports, including the order transaction report, and noted the importance of complete, accurate and timely submissions. Ms. Harris then took the floor again to provide real-world case studies including a CHES request for quote process tutorial from both vendor and customer perspectives.

Ordering through ITES-3H is currently open and more information can be found on the CHES IT e-mart at <https://chess.army.mil/>. The next consolidated buy opens on June 13.



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RCAS MARKETPLACE – MODERNIZING ARMY RC PRODUCT REFRESH

By Lesley Plitz, Requirements Manager, RCAS



The Reserve Component Automation Systems (RCAS) MarketPlace is a new capability that RCAS is developing to modernize the Army Reserve Component (RC) product refresh mission. MarketPlace is a component of the RCAS 2025 strategic vision.

Today, RCAS supports the annual Army RC product refresh

through a vast amount of collaboration, communication and exchange of a Microsoft Excel workbook between multiple offices which has become cumbersome and sometimes duplicative. With the implementation of RCAS MarketPlace, RCAS will continue to enhance the product refresh mission every year, but with a fully automated, modernized and streamlined process.

RCAS MarketPlace will provide a secure, online environment to deliver:

- An online catalog and order processing
- Automated workflows to streamline bill of material review and approval
- Online tracking of procurements from order through delivery
- Self-service reporting of procurement history with protected data access by state or territory



Development on the RCAS MarketPlace began in April and is due to be delivered by March 2017, in time to support the FY2017 Army RC product refresh efforts.

For more information on the RCAS MarketPlace, contact Ms. Lesley Plitz at 703-806-3212 or Lesley.P.Plitz.civ@mail.mil.

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EVENTS

1-8 MAY
Holocaust Remembrance

21 MAY
Armed Forces Day

6 MAY
Military Spouse
Appreciation Day

26 MAY
C4ISR & Networks
CYBERCON
Conference
Arlington, VA

10-11 MAY
AFEI Agile in
Government Summit
Washington, DC

30 MAY
Memorial Day

MC4 HOLDS TOWN HALL MEETING AT THE **FORT DETRICK CHAPEL**

By MC4 Strategic Communications Office



Mr. Matthew Maier addresses MC4 staff at a town hall meeting held in the chapel sanctuary at Fort Detrick.

Mr. Matthew Maier, product director, Medical Communications for Combat Casualty Care (MC4), held his second all-hands town hall at the Fort Detrick chapel, nine months after assuming his role as product director. During the town hall, Mr. Maier highlighted MC4's most recent program update — being named the office of primary responsibility for the Joint Operational Medicine Information Systems (JOMIS). JOMIS provides an opportunity for the MC4 staff to apply years of operational and technical expertise to this new Defense Healthcare Management Systems (DHMS) initiative.

“PEO DHMS’ vision for JOMIS is to provide seamless, integrated sharing of standardized health data among DOD, Department of Veterans Affairs and private sector providers to modernize the electronic health record software and systems supporting DOD clinicians,” said Mr. Maier. “My vision for MC4 is to have the Army play a leading role in implementing that vision. We have an opportunity to change medical IT for the operational warfighter for the better. I want to jump on that opportunity.”

MC4 is ramping up to play a large role in supporting the JOMIS project management office as they are responsible for providing IT capabilities to support the operational medicine environment. Mr. Maier also outlined the climate of change in Army medicine and how new leadership brings new challenges. As a program office, it is MC4's responsibility to support leadership messaging and help craft the ever-changing topography of supporting providers, shareholders and patients with new technology, improved processes and ideas that will ultimately reinforce the professionalism of Army medicine.

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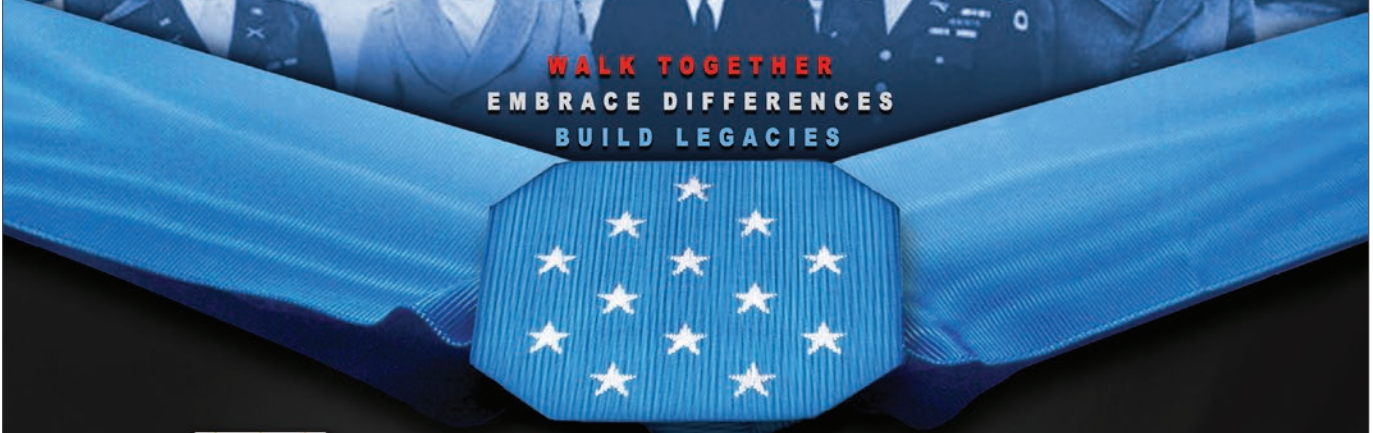
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1ST Filipino Battalion



Chinese-American Composite Wing
14TH Air Force



442ND Infantry Regimental
Combat Team



100TH Infantry Battalion

The photo is of the 1st Filipino Infantry Regiment with dignitaries in forefront. From Left to Right: Colonel Robert S. Offley, Major General Alvan C. Gillem, Jr., Vice President Sergio Osmeña Sr., Colonel Roger S. Fitch, Colonel Clinton A. Pierce.
(Photo courtesy of the U.S. Army)

SCAN AND VIEW MOMENTS IN HISTORY



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P2E RECOGNIZED IN SWA

By Ms. Rosalie Fehrmann, Strategic Communications Specialist, P2E



LTC Soulé displays the 335th TSC commander's coin he received on March 3.

Power Projection Enablers (P2E) was recognized for their productivity in Southwest Asia (SWA) on March 3 at the 335th Theater Signal Command's (TSC) Project Synchronization Review (PSR) on Camp Arifjan, Kuwait. The P2E product manager (PdM), LTC Gregory Soulé, accepted the commander's coin presented by BG Lawrence Thoms. This award came as a pleasant surprise to LTC Soulé as he was finishing his Network Modernization brief regarding implementation timelines and mitigation plans for both Camps Arifjan and As Sayliya, Qatar.

In the short time LTC Soulé has been the PdM for P2E, he has made many effective changes in order to gain efficiencies through process evaluation and improvement, resulting in time to contract and cost savings. "It is a proud moment for me," LTC Soulé said as he addressed the team. "This is an opportunity to acknowledge all the good work of the SWA team, with support from all others

across the staff that have enabled us to turn the tide and show progress in this difficult theater."

Attendees at the PSR included representatives from U.S. Central Command, Army Central Command, Network Enterprise Technology Command, Defense Information Security Agency and Chief Information Officer/G-6 as well as the PEO EIS, Ms. Terry Watson.



LTC Soulé and Ms. Terry Watson stand with other representatives attending the SWA PSR at Camp Arifjan.

HR SOLUTIONS BUDGETER TO **RETIRE**

By Mr. Glenn Hershfeld, Operations Manager, HR Solutions



Ms. Barbara Nall

After 37 years of dedicated civilian service to the Army, Ms. Barbara Nall, lead budget analyst, Human Resource Solutions (HR Solutions), will retire on May 31. Ms. Nall began her career at Fort Knox, Kentucky, in 1979 as a clerk typist for Ireland Army Community Hospital and then as a supply technician for the 16th Cavalry Regiment. Ms. Nall discovered her true expertise when she accepted a position with the U.S. Armor Center's Directorate of Human Resource Management as a budget analyst.

Ms. Nall went on to serve as a budget analyst in various progressive positions with the U.S. Army Armor School Recruiting Command and the Army Center Substance Abuse Program. In March 2012, Ms. Nall joined PEO EIS as a budget analyst supporting HR Solutions. Ms. Nall's vast knowledge of Army budgeting policies and procedures and her expertise with the Army's General Fund Enterprise Business System was absolutely crucial to HR Solutions' successes.

Ms. Nall and her husband, Luke, are avid University of Kentucky basketball fans and their retirement plans are to spend more time with their two daughters and three grandchildren and to travel the country in a never-ending quest for better fishing locations.

Congratulations, Barbara! You will be missed by the HR Solutions staff and the Fort Knox community.

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ADMC-2 EXTENDED THROUGH OCTOBER 2017

By Billy Cody, Public Affairs, CHES



The CHES Army Desktop and Mobile Computing – 2 (ADMC-2) contract vehicle has received an 18-month extension. Previously scheduled for expiration on April 23, 2016, ADMC-2 will now be open for ordering until Oct. 23, 2017.

The extension includes a six-month base extension, a six-month option and two three-month option periods.

The scope of ADMC-2 includes commodity purchases of commercial off-the-shelf desktops, notebooks, ruggedized

and semi-ruggedized devices, personal digital assistants, printers, scanners, power supplies, displays, video conferencing equipment, digital cameras, displays, transit cases and related accessories and upgrades. Limited services include installation, asset tagging, imaging, site survey and system configuration. Ordering is open to Army, DOD and other federal agencies.

Please contact CHES customer support with any questions at armychess@mail.mil or 1-888-232-4405.

TAO TRAINS UP

By Sharon Kollman, Management Services Specialist, TAO

In the current environment of fiscal restraints, one stop training events make important sense both in time and dollars. With that philosophy in mind, Technology Applications Office (TAO) held their annual mandatory training event March 22-23. The training covered a wide range of topics, including the Army's substance abuse and ACE suicide prevention programs, Sexual Harassment/Assault Response and Prevention, the Defense Travel System, ethics and the Threat Awareness and Reporting Program. Nearly all TAO staff attended the training, which covered 90 percent of Army and TAO-specific training requirements. By holding a single two-day event, TAO completed the training requirements for the vast majority of the workforce, including remote staff, at once rather than holding several different trainings over the course of the year.

The following week, TAO conducted a Federal Employees Retirement System seminar for civilian personnel, which

included the Medical Communications for Combat Casualty Care team. Additional training scheduled for April and May will cover technical investigations and studies of compromising emanations from electronic data processing equipment, known as TEMPEST. Keeping the workforce trained on the latest technology is a very critical part of TAO's mission and many hours of scheduling and coordination went in to making these training sessions come together.





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