

## PM AESIP Assumes Logistics Information Systems Charter

By Desserrae Stephens, AESIP Operations Division



COL Harry Culclasure (left) presents the PD LIS charter to Mr. Ricky Daniels (right).

An official ceremony was held Oct. 9 at Fort Lee, Virginia, to recognize the Assumption of Charter for the Logistics Information Systems (LIS) program. Mr. Ricky Daniels assumed the product director charter in an event hosted by COL Harry Culclasure, Project Manager for the Army Enterprise Systems Integration Program (PM AESIP).

Product Director (PD) LIS provides the lifecycle management of all functional and technical aspects of current Army logistics information systems consistent with Department of Defense policies. These systems include the automation and sustainment of ammunition, maintenance, supply, property accountability, and finance. PD LIS manages a suite of Army logistics programs and products that provide key logistics

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information technology enablers in bridging to the single Army logistics enterprise.

“The transition of PD LIS program management responsibilities from the Software Engineering Center Tactical Logistics Directorate to the Program Executive Office for Enterprise Information Systems (PEO EIS) started over a year ago,” said COL Culclasure at the ceremony. “Despite this being the fourth realignment for the PD LIS group since 2000, the team has managed seamless operations without fail for its 160,000 users. Therefore, we did not want to change anything about

the group; just the alignment, in order to continue these accomplishments.”

Mr. Daniels is a retired Army colonel and a graduate of the Air Defense Artillery Basic Course, Infantry Advance Course, Systems Automation Course, Material Acquisition Management Course, Technical Management Course, Command and General Staff College, and the Acquisition Program Manager's Course. Upon accepting the charter, Mr. Daniels expressed enthusiasm for the opportunity to lead the program to continued success. 🌐

## Army Contract Writing System Releases Draft RFP

by Pamela Gray, GFEBS Public Affairs

The Army Contract Writing System (ACWS) released its draft Request for Proposal (RFP) for the Army's new contract writing system Aug. 8. ACWS will provide a single enterprise contract writing and management system to obtain business process efficiencies and support compliance with the Federal Financial Management Improvement Act (FFMIA).

ACWS is the latest enterprise system for PEO EIS, replacing contract writing functions currently performed by the Standard Procurement System (SPS), the Procurement Automated Data and Document System (PADDS), and the Virtual Contracting Enterprise (VCE) suite of tools. ACWS will create operational and work process efficiencies for the contracting community.

“This is an exciting time for the product office, the contracting community, and the functional proponent,” stated Product Manager LTC Ossie Peacock. “The new system represents a major step forward by subsuming three distinct systems, which will standardize training and business processes across the community.”

“We need to make sure we have the right requirements for this system. ACWS needs to meet the contract activity requirements of all Army users, including forward deployed disconnected users, installations, weapons systems, and the



secure contracting missions,” said Mr. Douglas Wiltsie, PEO EIS. “That is a big demand, and the ACWS team is certainly up to the task.”

The draft RFP describes the Army's requirements and objectives, evaluation criteria, instructions to bidders, and contract structure and incentives for industry feedback. ACWS will use modern technologies to allow for customized workflow, on-demand collaboration, and adapt rapidly to

frequent changes in regulations, policies, and procedures.

ACWS reports to the Project Manager General Fund Enterprise Business System (GFEBS). GFEBS is the Department of Defense's first Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) system to deploy to more than 53,000 end users at 227 locations in 71 countries across five continents.

GFEBS Project Manager, COL Matt Russell, intends to continue the success record with ACWS. “We are excited to get the draft RFP out, and more excited to get feedback from industry on our strategy.” Russell said. “The draft RFP is a step in the right direction to provide the Army contracting community with a new tool to conduct business more effectively and efficiently.”

The ACWS draft RFP has been provided to industry for comments only; a final RFP is expected to be released in early 2015. 🌐

## CSS VSAT Critical to Ebola Response

By Paul Tremblay, DCATS Public Affairs Support

PEO EIS-provisioned Combat Service Support (CSS) Satellite Communications (SATCOM) Very Small Aperture Terminals (VSATs) are being shipped to West Africa in support of U.S. government efforts to contain the spread of the Ebola virus, which has infected and killed thousands in Guinea, Liberia, Nigeria, and Sierra Leone.

The U.S. military has quickly established the Joint Forces Command – United Assistance (JFC-UA) to support the comprehensive U.S. government response to the Ebola outbreak. United States Agency for International Development (USAID) is the lead U.S. agency in charge of the U.S. response to the Government of Liberia's request for assistance in containing the Ebola Virus Disease. The mission of JFC-UA is to oversee the construction of and facilitate staffing for healthcare facilities needed to contain the outbreak, such as a 25-bed treatment facility dedicated to treat healthcare workers who may become ill while treating Ebola patients.

U.S. Africa Command (AFRICOM) is drawing resources for this mission from:

- 101st Sustainment Brigade and the 86th Combat Support Hospital, Fort Campbell, Kentucky
- 7th Transportation Brigade, Fort Eustis, Virginia
- 1st Medical Brigade, Fort Hood, Texas

Soldiers will not be treating Ebola patients directly; rather, they will provide training to on-site healthcare personnel, and infrastructure and testing support in the form of modular Expeditionary Medical Support Systems.

As many as 4,000 personnel are being rapidly deployed for this humanitarian mission to a remote location with many critical elements. One of those elements is the CSS VSAT, which will constitute the operation's primary SATCOM sustainment link with the rest of the world.

Chief Warrant Officer 2 (CW2) Jonathan M. Griffin, Signal



DWTS contractor Mikey Gerogianis prepping CSS-VSATs for deployment to Africa.

Corps Information Systems Technician for the 101st Sustainment Brigade, explains the criticality of the VSAT team's mission. “I mean ‘critical’ as in we cannot succeed at this mission without it. Without it, we cannot communicate, we cannot keep ourselves supplied, we cannot maintain the equipment that we have. No VSAT, no mission.”

Approximately 20 CSS VSAT units will be deployed in support of this operation. As a member of Product Director Defense Wide Transmission Systems (PD DWTS), Contractor Field Service Representative Emmanuel “Mikey G.” Gerogianis and other U.S. contractors are working extraordinarily long hours to prepare these systems for deployment.

These teams are upgrading units to include the new e800 modem and replacing 4-watt block up-converter (BUC) transmitters with 6-watt BUC transmitters to provide the additional power to reach satellite assets in that part of the world, which orbit at relatively higher altitudes. They are configuring the CSS VSATs to work on the Defense Communications and Army Transmission Systems (DCATS) Communications Network (DCN) T11N network, which provides coverage across West Africa.

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Mr. Gerogianis and others are training personnel prior to their deployment. The CSS VSAT assets will require a unique orientation to connect with satellites over Africa because of their physical proximity to the equator. Deployed personnel must also learn more advanced network diagnostic and troubleshooting skills.

The Army is also providing both military and adapted

commercial internet capability to allow units to support Doctors Without Borders, the Red Cross, and other non-governmental organizations. The dynamic situation in Africa is a good example of why the Army network must be flexible and scalable to support a globally responsive force that can adapt based on mission, region, partners, and other operational conditions. 🌐

## ATIS Hosts Industry Day at Fort Belvoir

By David Wood, PEO EIS Communications Division



Mr. Phillips welcomes industry leaders to the ATIS Industry Day.

Mr. Douglas Wiltsie, PEO EIS, hosted the Army Training Information System (ATIS) Industry Day on Sept. 2 at Wood Theater, Fort Belvoir, Virginia, and kicked off the event with opening remarks.

“We have a lot of work ahead of us in moving this program forward, and we’re relying on our industry partners to help us find a solution,” said Mr. Wiltsie. “We need to identify clear technical requirements while ensuring life-cycle affordability. The solution must meet the Army’s readiness needs and must also fit our budget.”

Event presentations provided an overview of the ATIS program, including schedule, requirements and challenges. Technical discussions focused on potential architectural approaches and challenges ATIS would face during the next

year. An in-depth exchange among approximately 120 industry representatives and government panel members allowed for collaborative dialogue on several key technical areas.

Mr. Joel Phillips, ATIS project lead, felt the industry day was mutually beneficial. “We believe that by establishing open communication and being as transparent as possible with industry we can leverage their unique experience and insights throughout the acquisition process,” said Mr. Phillips.

“Based on the high level of participation of large and small business and the technical exchange that took place during the panel discussions, we are excited about the possibilities as we move forward. The other key factor that made this industry day successful was the participation of

our TRADOC user representatives both during the presentations and the technical panel discussions.”

As a follow up to this industry outreach event, the ATIS project released a Request For Information (RFI) to support ongoing market research. A Request For Proposals (RFP) is expected to be released next year. 🌐



Mr. Douglas Wiltsie hosted the ATIS Industry Day.

## PEO EIS Celebrates the 25th Anniversary of the Army Acquisition Corps

By Elynn Kocher, PEO EIS Public Affairs



The Army Acquisition Corps (AAC) is an elite group of more than 12,000 military and civilian professionals with specialized training in acquisition management. These dedicated corps members develop, field, and sustain critical products, services, and systems to support every Soldier, every day, everywhere.

The AAC was created by GEN Carl Vuono on October 13, 1989. GEN Vuono, former Chief of Staff of the Army and Training and Doctrine Command (TRADOC) Commander, recognized a need for a cadre of professionals specially

trained in acquisition management and created the Corps for this purpose. The Corps’ 25th anniversary was October 13. PEO EIS recognized this milestone throughout October in the *EIS Communicator*, on our website, in emails to the workforce, and in social media, in concert with other acquisition community partners.

As part of the AAC25, the Army Acquisition Support Center (ASC) has spotlighted two Corps members who have led critical missions contributing to the success of PEO EIS. Their profiles are shown in the following pages.

## Spotlight on Mr. Reginald Bagby



Mr. Reginald Bagby, a 12 year veteran of the Army Acquisition Corps, has held a variety of leadership roles at PEO EIS at both the program level and at headquarters, including Program Integration Officer (PIO) and Director of Operations. He was appointed Assistant Program Executive Officer (APEO) in October 2011 and Portfolio Manager in February 2013.

As the Portfolio Manager, Enterprise Management Systems, Mr. Bagby oversees the development, integration, and full program implementation of 12 management systems supporting business and war-fighting operations. Under his management, the Project Director Enterprise Services (ES) and its subordinate organizations are critical material providers for the Army's ES efforts, which develop, deliver, and sustain enterprise level IT services that enable end-to-end communication, collaboration, messaging, content management, and application hosting across the Army, providing uninterrupted global connectivity.

Mr. Bagby's portfolio of programs includes the Reserve Component Automation Systems (RCAS), Computer Hardware, Enterprise Software and Solutions (CHESS), Acquisition Business, Human Resource Solutions (HR Solutions), Medical Communications for Combat Casualty Care (MC4), Distributed Learning System (DLS), and Force Management System (FMS).

During the past decade, the scope and focus of information systems across the Army has changed rapidly. PEO EIS has been a leader in fulfilling the Army's vision of an agile, deployable, technologically superior force that has kept pace with

the rapid speed of change in IT, and enterprise management systems have been integral to this success.

"I am proud of the work that we do at PEO EIS in supporting Soldiers every day," said Mr. Bagby in an interview supporting the AAC25 campaign. "Our enterprise efforts make our force more agile and superior, and equip them for their varied missions. We work hard every day to adapt to the swiftly changing technological demands of a global Army, and I think we do a great job meeting and exceeding those demands, especially in a time of budget uncertainty."

His leadership has been instrumental in managing upgrades to the FMS organizational servers needed to accommodate PEO EIS Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) systems. He also helped manage upgrades of DLS in support of Self Structured Development courses and a myriad of other Soldier training modules. He has also overseen the successfully fielded of two MC4 worldwide upgrades and the new RCAS.

Looking back on his career path that brought him to his current role at PEO EIS, Mr. Bagby mused, "When I was an enlisted Soldier, my goal from the first day I was in the Army was to be a Master Sergeant [E-8]; I never imagined I would be selected for Sergeant Major. It was an honor to realize selection to the highest enlisted grade based on my service record and the quality of performance in my duties, and I am still grateful to have had the opportunity to serve my country and wear its uniform."

When asked about his greatest career achievements in his more than 36 years of combined Army service, Mr. Bagby cites more personal milestones. "I consider it a great achievement that my children are college educated, and that my daughter also wore the uniform as an officer in the U.S. Army," said Mr. Bagby. "As a Captain, she was deployed twice to Baghdad during a period of heavy fighting in Operation Iraqi Freedom for a total of 27 months. I am immensely proud of all three of my children, and of my wife, who also serves as an Acquisition Corps Civilian in the Army." 🌐

## Spotlight on LTC (P) Mollie Pearson



LTC (P) Mollie Pearson, Product Manager for Power Projection Enablers (PdM P2E), has led the P2E mission since 2011. The P2E mission is to provide the full spectrum of network, information, and modernization services outside of the continental United States (OCONUS), with forward offices in Germany, Kuwait, Korea, and Hawaii. P2E products and services enable Soldiers, Department of Army Civilians, and government contractors to communicate, share, and act upon information anytime, anywhere by improving network access and modernizing IT infrastructure for the OCONUS regional networks and strategic command centers. These capabilities are achieved with modern video teleconference, voice, and data capabilities that enable Combatant Commanders to communicate effectively and collaborate with global teams, providing deployed war fighters uninterrupted connectivity despite working in complex environments and often austere conditions.

P2E also supports base realignment strategic initiatives, enabling the European Installation Consolidation Mission by installing high-tech communications in new offices and facilities throughout Europe, including U.S. Army Europe's new headquarters in Wiesbaden, Germany; and supporting the 2015 Strategic Alliance between the Republic of Korea (ROK) and the United States by moving more than 20,000 Soldiers and civilians to Camp Humphreys as part of the Yongsan Relocation Plan and Land Partnership Plan.

LTC (P) Pearson has been a member of the AAC since 2003, and has served in the Army for nearly 22 years. "The

Army offers numerous opportunities and I am grateful for every opportunity I have been afforded," she said. "In passing my first milestone – earning my Jump Wings and fulfilling one of my original goals in joining the Army – I gained the confidence to move forward through many additional milestones in my career."

LTC (P) Pearson's unconventional career began when she was commissioned as an engineer officer, although she graduated with an undergraduate

degree in psychology. In her first assignment as a new engineer officer, she led a team that built roads along the Demilitarized Zone in Camp Howze, ROK, where she learned the value of trusting her Non-Commissioned Officers for their experience and competence. At the time, she was the only female officer on Camp Howze.

LTC (P) Pearson also was the only engineer officer at the Air Defense Artillery School Officer Advanced Course, serving as an S1 in the 3rd Signal Brigade, and later commanding two companies at Fort Hood, Texas, prior to transitioning to the Acquisition Corps. These assignments provided her a lot of unique leadership opportunities

As part of the Acquisition Corps, LTC (P) Pearson's initial assignments included transforming the organizational structure of the Army Engineers and assisting in developing Army Battle Command software requirements for the Army Engineer, Chemical, and Military Police schools. Her next assignment was implementing ERP systems for the Army, namely the Army Enterprise Systems Integration Program (AESIP), before taking command of P2E.

"My career proves that the Army is a team sport that requires strong relationships, determination, skilled mentors, teamwork and the willingness to learn and take risks," said LTC (P) Pearson. "It also shows the importance of good leaders and a strong family. I have been blessed with exceptional leaders throughout my career (not always senior to me) as well as a supportive family." LTC (P) Pearson and

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her husband, a senior leader in the Army Corps of Engineers, have three children – a 14-year-old son, and 12- and 2-year-old daughters.

LTC (P) Pearson says she owes a great deal of credit for her success to the values she learned in her upbringing, and credits her husband and children. "I have been blessed with a family who supports my career," she said, "as well as having been blessed with many career opportunities while juggling the demands of being a Soldier, a mother, and a military spouse."

LTC (P) Pearson's career has been rewarding in ways she never expected – especially the satisfaction derived from "being a part of something bigger and more important than myself. The greatest satisfaction of serving in the Army Acquisition Corps is the ability to spearhead change; making decisions that directly influence Soldiers' ability to do their job and protect our nation. It is very rewarding when I'm told that the work my team did helped make someone's job easier or made their life better," she said. "I'm very proud to be in the Army, and very proud to be part of the Acquisition Corps." 🌐

# HEROES OF THE MONTH



*PEO Enterprise Information Systems is pleased to recognize great individual contributions and unsung heroes across the organization*

**July 2014**

**August 2014**



*Robert Chisley*  
PD RCAS



*Amanda Lomeli*  
HQ CIO



*Briann Schambach*  
PdM WESS



*Andrew Lamb*  
PdM P2E

***On behalf of the U.S. Army, the Acquisition Corps and PEO EIS, congratulations on a job well done!*** 🌐

## Calendar of Events

- 28 OCT** PD EC Assumption of Charter, Community Center, Ft. Belvoir
- 30 OCT** PEO Site Visit, Newport News, VA
- 11 NOV** Veterans Day
- 20 NOV** PEO Site Visit, Ft. Detrick, MD
- 27 NOV** Thanksgiving

- 11 DEC** PM Collaboration Meeting, PEO HQ
- 12 DEC** PEO EIS Holiday Party, Waterford Hotel, Springfield, VA
- 25 DEC** Christmas

