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WESS SUCCESSFULLY FIELDS SATELLITE CONTROL TERMINAL IN JAPAN

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ASCT Terminals at Fort. Buckner WSOC. Photo by Dwayne Cartagena

Defense Communications and Army Transmission Systems (DCATS) Modernization of Enterprise Terminals (MET) program marked a significant milestone with the completion of the second Auxiliary Satellite Control Terminal (ASCT) at the Fort Buckner Wideband Satellite Operations Center (WSOC) in Okinawa, Japan, on June 18. The Fort Buckner WSOC now has the unique distinction of being the only WSOC in the world with two operational ASCTs.

Prior to this fielding, none of the Army Space and Missile Defense Command/Army Forces Strategic Command's operations centers had multiple ASCTs at one location. The ASCTs will provide E Company, 53rd Signal Battalion with greater control of more satellites and the DOD with added flexibility in executing the monitor and control mission for the Wideband Global Satellite Communications constellation, as well as the legacy Defense Satellite Communications System.

The fielding of the MET terminals at Fort Buckner was full of unique challenges that ranged from limited space to multiple typhoons, but the installation team persevered and overcame the challenges. The result gives the Fort Buckner WSOC a 300 percent increased radio frequency capability and a much more robust terminal. This last fielding culminates almost a two-year installation and test effort by Wideband Enterprise Satellite Systems (WESS) and its partners, Tobyhanna Army Depot and the Army Information Systems Engineering Command. The second Fort Buckner terminal is the fourth WSOC and the ninth of 37 terminals that WESS will field to Army units.

CHES WELCOMES HOME YLANDER JONES FROM YEAR-LONG DEPLOYMENT

By Ms. Tricia Shelley, Public Affairs, CHES



Ms. Jones ready for a flight to Kabul, Afghanistan.

In July 2016, Ms. Ylander Jones, a subject matter expert in the Enterprise Solutions Division at Computer Hardware, Enterprise Software and Solutions (CHES), returned from a year-long deployment in southwest Asia, where she served as an operations liaison lead and provided support to six PEO EIS programs in theater. Ms. Jones was responsible for day-to-day management of multiple contracts, personnel and equipment in Afghanistan, Iraq, Kuwait and Qatar.

"My experience in Kuwait and Afghanistan was challenging, fulfilling, as well as humbling to have boots on the ground serving our country. I am truly thankful and privileged to see how we collectively provide support to the warfighter standing in the midst of and implementing the Army values of loyalty, duty, respect, selfless service, honor, integrity and personal courage," said Ms. Jones.

During her deployment, Ms. Jones received a NATO Medal, Global War on Terrorism Medal and the Commander's Award for Civilian Service. Congratulations, Ms. Jones, and welcome back!



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AMIS VOLUNTEERS **TO STOP HUNGER**

By Mr. Jerry Rodgers, Communications, AMIS



Participants pose in front of the pallet of food they packaged. Photo by Jerry Rodgers, AMIS

In July, volunteers from the Automated Movement and Identification Solutions (AMIS) program donated their time to join their contractor partners, Exeter and Lockheed Martin, in packaging a large collection of food as part of the Stop Hunger Now campaign. The Stop Hunger Now organization packages and ships meals to feed people in need by engaging volunteers to package meals. It also educates thousands of people each year about hunger and inspires them to help end it. Bulk food was delivered to the work site in Manassas, Virginia, and packaged by the 65 volunteers who participated. Tasks included set-up and take-down of packaging stations and equipment, filling bins with raw

ingredients, scooping ingredients into meal bags, weighing and sealing the bags, boxing up food and stacking the boxed meals for loading onto a truck. As a result of the effort, the team of volunteers packaged 1,500 bags of food that will provide over 10,000 meals to people in need, along with a great sense of satisfaction on the part of the participants.

LMP FEATURED ON FED NEWS RADIO

By Ms. Christine McMahon, Communications, LMP



On July 22, LTC Robert Williams, product manager, Logistics Modernization Program (LMP), and Mr. Josh Call, chief of business process management, Army Materiel Command (AMC) G-3/4, joined Federal News Radio's Mr. Jared Serbu to talk about LMP and its recent Increment 2 implementation. The interview included discussions about LMP, what it does for AMC, how Increment 2 expands the current system, the benefits LMP brings to the Army and Army readiness.

Listen to the full interview here: <http://federalnewsradio.com/dod-reporters-notebook-jared-serbu/2016/07/army-says-logistics-system-saved-least-6-billion/>

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AVIATION LOGISTICS **ASSUMPTION** **OF CHARTER CEREMONY**

By Ms. Heather Putman, Chief of Program Operations, AESIP



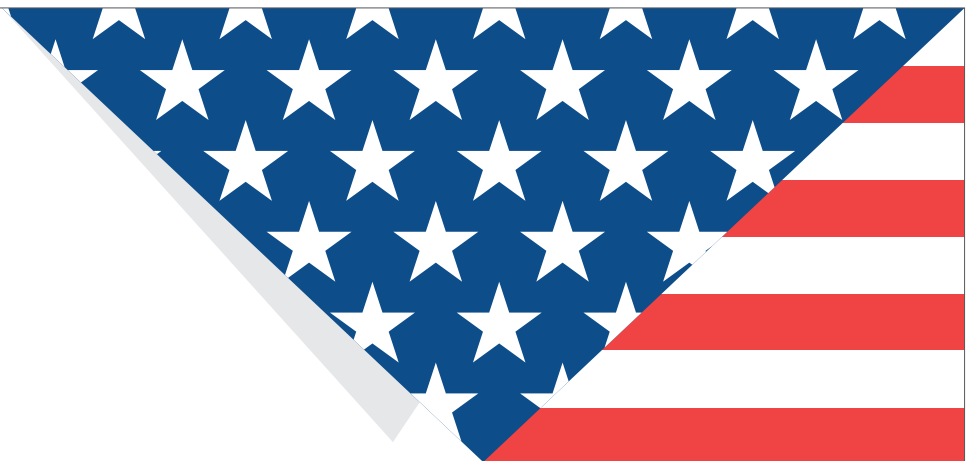
COL Culclasure (l) stands with Mr. Kendig (r) at the Assumption of Charter ceremony.

On July 13, Mr. Richard Joseph Kendig accepted the charter as the new product director for Aviation Logistics in a ceremony hosted by COL Harry Culclasure, the project manager for Army Enterprise Systems Integration Program (AESIP). The ceremony took place in the Summit at Redstone on Redstone Arsenal, Alabama. During the ceremony, COL Culclasure thanked the aviation community for their support and participation over the past year as Global Combat Support System – Army ramped up its aviation mission. He discussed Mr. Kendig's many accomplishments and concluded by welcoming Mr. Kendig and his family to the Aviation Logistics program.

Mr. Kendig previously served in PEO Aviation as deputy product manager for Apache Longbow and led large teams working through highly visible, complex and challenging issues while awarding four multibillion dollar contracts. He is a native of Garrett, Indiana, and graduated from

Chapman University with a Bachelor of Science degree in computer science. He will receive his Master of Science degree in program management from the Naval Postgraduate School of Business and Public Policy in September 2016. Mr. Kendig received the Superior Civilian Service Award in 2010, is a member of the Army Acquisition Corps and is Level III certified in Program Management, Systems Engineering and Information Management Systems.

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BARNETTE TAKES OVER AT DWTS

By Mr. Mike Walker, Operations Manager, DWTS

Mr. Patrick B. Barnette was named the new acting product lead for Defense-Wide Transmission Systems (DWTS) during a ceremony held July 28 on Fort Belvoir, Virginia. COL Charles M. Stein, project manager for Defense Communications and Army Transmissions Systems, hosted the ceremony and transitioned the DWTS charter from outgoing product lead LTC Jeff Etienne, who received the Meritorious Service Medal (4th Oak Leaf Cluster) and the Signal Corps Regimental Association Bronze Order award for his exceptional service.



(l to r) LTC Etienne, COL Stein and Mr. Barnette at the Change of Charter ceremony.

Mr. Barnette assumes his new position after serving as the deputy product lead for DWTS since August 2014. As product lead, he will manage a team of government and contractor personnel responsible for life cycle management of major defense terrestrial and satellite communications programs, including the Combat Service Support (CSS) Automated Information Systems Interface, the CSS SATCOM Very Small Aperture Terminal and the World-Wide Technical Control Improvement Program. With more than 30 years of military and civilian service, Mr. Barnette has held many leadership positions throughout his career with PEO EIS, including within DWTS as chief of training, fielding and evaluation, operations manager and senior program analyst. "I am honored to have worked for LTC Etienne and privileged to continue supporting the mission and getting the job done," remarked Mr. Barnette during the ceremony. "Thank you COL Stein for the confidence you have placed in me."

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Sheraton Tysons Hotel, Vienna, VA

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Patriot Day

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GAIN 2016 Conference,
National Conference Center, Leesburg, VA

GCSS-ARMY **WELCOMES NEW PdM**

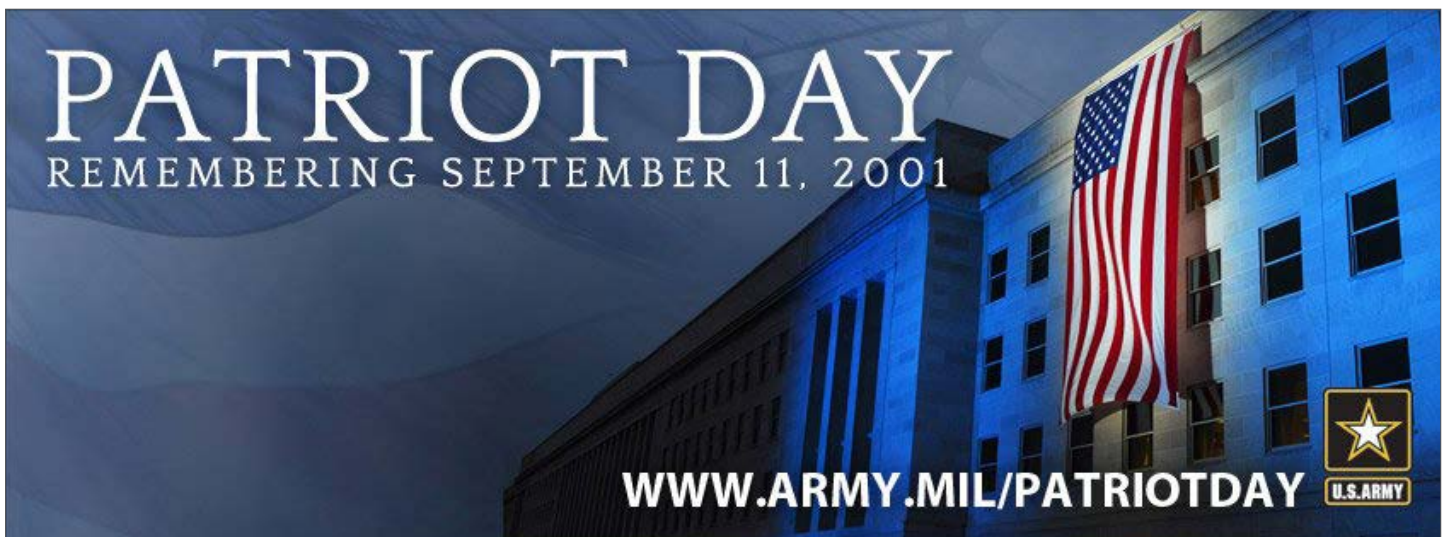
By Mr. Jim McDonough, Support Operations Branch Lead, GCSS-Army



(l to r) Mr. Robert Zoppa, COL Harry Culclasure and LTC Preston Hayward during the Aug. 2, 2016, Change of Charter ceremony at Fort Lee, Virginia.

On Aug. 2, LTC Preston J. Hayward accepted the charter as the new product manager (PdM) for Global Combat Support System – Army (GCSS-Army) at a ceremony hosted by COL Harry Culclasure, project manager, Army Enterprise Systems Integration Program (AESIP). The ceremony took place in the Ball Auditorium at the Army Ordnance Center and School on Fort Lee, Virginia. During the ceremony, the acting product manager for GCSS-Army, Mr. Robert Zoppa, relinquished the charter and resumed his duties as deputy. COL Culclasure praised Mr. Zoppa's contributions to the program and welcomed LTC Hayward and his family to the GCSS-Army program and Fort Lee community.

LTC Hayward comes to the GCSS-Army program from the Army Corps of Engineers in Wiesbaden, Germany, where he served as a contracting officer supporting multiple construction projects in the Balkans and Poland. He is a native of Green Bay, Wisconsin, and graduated from the University of Wisconsin – Oshkosh in 1997 with a Bachelor of Science degree in international business and received his Master of Science degree in logistics management from the Florida Institute of Technology in 2004. During his Army career, he completed the Basic Airborne Course, graduated from the Combined Arms and Services Staff School and Intermediate Level Education at Fort Lee and is a certified Level III Acquisition Professional in Program Management and Contracting.





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