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RCAS PASSES THE TORCH

Mr. Dennis J. Lujan was introduced as the new Reserve Component Automation Systems (RCAS) Product Lead (PL), during an Assumption of Charter ceremony hosted by the Project Manager, Installation Information Infrastructure Communications and Capabilities (I3C2), Mr. Michael Padden on July 11, 2016, at Fort Belvoir, Virginia.



(l to r) Mr. Padden, PM I3C2, presents Mr. Lujan with the RCAS Charter. Photo Credit: Ms. Racquel Lockett-Finch, PEO EIS Graphic Designer.

Mr. Lujan assumes his new position as the 11th RCAS PL after serving as the Division Director and Information Security Officer in the Office of Technology Solutions under the Office of the Chief Financial Officer for the Environmental Protection Agency. Mr. Lujan started his federal career in the U.S. Army in 1992 serving 20 years of active military service in operational and generating force units—resulting in an Honorable Discharge in 2012. Upon retiring, he continued his federal service as a civil servant with the Department of Veterans Affairs and most recently with the Environmental Protection Agency in Washington D.C.

During his service with the Department of Veterans Affairs, Mr. Lujan served as a Senior Program Manager overseeing corporate initiatives such as the Integrated Acquisition Program, Construction Management, Software Integration and Business Process Improvements. Mr. Lujan was later assigned to the Veterans Health Administration as the principle interagency liaison to a Joint Department of

Defense / VA integrated electronic health record program. He also served as a principal advisor to the interagency Clinical Informatics Board and provided executive oversight of all joint business requirement packages going to the board for executive decision.

Among Mr. Lujan's military decorations are the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Global War on Terror Expeditionary Medal and the NATO Medal.

Mr. Lujan is a graduate of the Command and General Staff Officer Course, holds a Masters Degree in Business Administration from the Florida Institute of Technology and a Masters in Criminal Justice Administration from Oklahoma City University.

Mr. Lujan's awareness and understanding of both the military and civil service will help shape the strategic direction of RCAS. We welcome him as part of the RCAS Team.



(l to r) Mr. Padden, PM I3C2, presents Mr. George with an Army Achievement Medal for Civilian Service. Photo Credit: Ms. Racquel Lockett-Finch, PEO EIS Graphic Designer.

Mr. Sajjan (Saj) M. George, continues his role as the RCAS Deputy PL after serving the past seven months as the Acting PL; he received the Army Achievement Medal for Civilian Service during the ceremony.



PL CORNER



**MR. SAJ GEORGE
RCAS ACTING PRODUCT LEAD**

Greetings to everyone and thank you for your continued support to the RCAS organization and team. I am pleased to inform you that we are taking some innovative and transparent approaches in clearing our backlog of functional enhancements, with the support of our Prime Integrator and proactive work from the Software Sustainment Division. Our latest software release (7.0.14) delivers both new and improved application capability and functionality enhancements. The FY15 Product Refresh effort is in the final stages of implementation, and we are already preparing for the FY16 Product Refresh, the details of which will be shared with you by our Requirements Management Team in the coming weeks.

Since our last Requirements Control Board (RCB), RCAS made a huge step towards becoming a true enterprise instead of having multiple distinctly separate application access points between USARC and the 54 States and Territories of the ARNG. We worked with the Minnesota ARNG who developed a fully functional automated FLIPL (Financial Liability Investigation for Property Loss) tracking system, currently being used by multiple States, to make this an enterprise application within the RCAS suite of applications. The implementation of this enterprise application will streamline the current manual FLIPL process, provide tracking, and validation to reduce human error, resulting in actual savings to the USAR and ARNG. We are also implementing a centrally managed release installation support team, after discussion with the Data Processing Advisory Committee (DPAC) and multiple requests from the field.

As you will see in this newsletter, RCAS has a new Leader, Mr. Dennis Lujan, who assumed responsibility for the program on July 11, 2016. Mr. Lujan brings a wealth of knowledge and experience from the military and other federal agencies, and will lead the RCAS program to the next level.

Again – I thank YOU for all you do for our Soldiers and their families, as well as your interest in what our team is doing – it is my honor to serve you...

RCAS PRESENTS AT THE AGILE IN GOVERNMENT SUMMIT 2016

Select members of the Reserve Component Automation Systems (RCAS) team provided a unique firsthand perspective on advancing agile in government during three breakout sessions at the Association For Enterprise Information (AFEI) Agile in Government Summit 2016. The summit was held at the Kellogg Conference Center and Hotel in Washington, D.C. on May 10.

The summit focused entirely on adoption of agile principles by government programs, agencies and teams, and brought together thought leaders who are implementing agile in today's environment. It featured talks by leaders, presentations of best practice, lessons learned, and new ideas in interactive sessions.

Mr. Saj George, RCAS Acting Product Lead, provided an RCAS perspective on Culture and

Organizational Change and spoke about roles, and being able to responsibly empower teams and create high trust/quality delivery environments. Mr. Jim Cook, RCAS Chief, Software Sustainment Division, presented an RCAS agile view of DevOps in Government Information Technology Systems, and Ms. Sarah Bearden, RCAS Chief, Business Management Division, discussed how agile has influenced Program Management and Governance for RCAS. Also present during the panel discussions were key staff of the RCAS Prime Integrator CACI, who assisted with the presentations. The presentations were well received and generated constructive and thought-provoking discussions among the presenters and attendees.

For more information, contact Mr. Sajjan (Saj) M. George at 703-806-3095 or by email at Sajjan.M.George.civ@mail.mil.



From left to right: Mr. Jim Cook, RCAS Chief, Software Sustainment Division; Mr. Robert Reid, RCA Program Manager, CACI; Mr. Stephen Laurence, RCA Agile Solutions Architect, CACI; Ms. Sarah Bearden, RCAS Chief, Business Management Division; Mr. Jeff Jeffries, RCA Deputy Program Manager, CACI; Mr. Saj George, RCAS Acting Product Lead; Mr. Evan Francis, RCA Agile Program Lead, CACI. Photo provided by: Mr. Saj George, RCAS Acting Product Lead.

**MEET YOUR NEW PERSONNEL
PRODUCT OWNER**



MR. BEREKET HAILE

Mr. Bereket Haile joined the RCAS team on April 4, 2016, as the Product Owner for the RCAS Personnel applications in the Software Sustainment Division. He has over 12 years of experience working for the Department of the Army as an enlisted soldier, contractor and many other customer service oriented positions.

Bereket enlisted with the U.S. Army in October 2005 as a Signal Support System Specialist (25U), stationed at Fort Hood, Texas. The training and experience from this position provided him with a solid foundation in Information Technology (IT). Bereket completed two deployments to support our mission in Iraq, for total of 26 months. Looking back at his service with the U.S. Army, he is very proud to have served his country.

Bereket is a graduate of the University of North Carolina at Charlotte (UNCC) and holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Software Information Systems with a minor in Psychology. He did an internship with Northern Virginia Community College providing desktop support and worked with Verizon as an IT Telecom Technician before joining Federal Civil Service with RCAS.

Bereket enjoys running and has participated in many running events (5K, 10K and 13K). He enjoys watching professional sports and playing sports that requires collaboration. Bereket also enjoys travelling to different countries. More importantly, his goal has and always will be, to further his education and become the best IT professional he can be. Bereket Haile is a valuable asset to the RCAS team.

RCAS RELEASE NEWS

RCAS Release 7.0.14 is deploying in July 2016, and the following is a recap of enhancements:

- The Mobilization Team is testing on Windows 10 running on Internet Explorer (IE) 11 on the pilot Army Gold Master (AGM) program. Archived Battle Rosters for the United States Army Reserve (USAR) will be able to use the old version of the Readiness Progress Review (RPR) Dialog and Reports.
- The Force Authorization Team successfully migrated all historical data to RCAS from Guard Knowledge Online (GKO). Attachments were not included in this migration; however, attachments will be accessible in Release 7.1.0. The team continues the conversion to Entity Framework with the goal of eventually allowing for applications that are not dependent on any one type/brand of database. Certain elements of the underlying code for each application will be rewritten. The focus for this release is the Force Management application for the Guard.
- The Safety and Occupational Health (SOH) application was recently analyzed by the National Safety Center at Fort Rucker to possibly be an enterprise safety application for the entire Army, USAR and the National Guard (NG). RCAS is very hopeful we could be selected to share our Safety Manager's Tool with all of the Army! In addition, a tremendous effort has been completed in SOH to update 32 Master Inspection Checklists and map each checklist item to a Hazard Reference list. If you have a Master Checklist you would like to share with other States and Territories, please submit an Engineering Change Proposal (ECP) with a copy of the checklist. A copy of a blank ECP form is located on the RCAS Homepage located on AKO at: <https://www.us.army.mil/suite/page/207093>, and click the Requirements Management folder.
- The Personnel Team has incorporated functionality of D02 Historical Load fielded scripts into the Retirement Points Accounting Management (RPAM) baseline and have exchanged retirement points data from RPAM to the Reserve Components Common Personnel Data System (RCCPDS). Also, several forms and reports will be migrated to the Unit Personnel System/Command Management System (UPS/CMS).

RCAS is upgrading to a new operating system on the Database server which has led to a new naming convention of releases going forward. The next RCAS release is Release 7.1.0 and is scheduled to deploy October 2016. The following enhancements along with other fixes and updates are included:

- The Mobilization Planning Data Viewer (MPDV) application will freeze the header that contains station names for Soldier Readiness Processing (SRP) which will make it easier for an administrator to assign operators to the correct station, especially if there is a large number of operators. With the Total Army Personnel Database-Reserve (TAPDB-R) replacing Regional Level Application Software (RLAS) for the USAR, Unit Mobilization, Alert Notification Roster, Soldier Contact Information will change to TAPDB-R so the statement "No Value in RLAS" will not populate anymore.
- SOH will include a change of the RAC 3 Description to Medium vice Moderate. There is also a Regulatory Verbiage Change for Contact Type values for an Off Duty person in Ground Accidents.
- The Force Authorization team added fillable/searchable drop-down boxes that when in Force Management (FM) under the Graphic Briefing Assistant (GBA) reports tab, a Plan will only display if it is locked and if the data type is either FM or Troop Support Program (TS).

For more information on any RCAS Release, please contact Mr. Jim Cook, Chief, RCAS Software Sustainment Division by phone at 703-806-3071 or by email at jim.n.cook.civ@mail.mil.

**RCAS Release 7.0.14 – July 2016
RCAS Release 7.1.0 – October 2016**



RCAS RELEASE 7.0.14 TOWN HALL

Mr. Jim Cook, Chief, Software Sustainment Division (SSD) for the Reserve Component Automation Systems (RCAS), conducted the RCAS Release 7.0.14 Pre-Installation Town Hall meetings via Defense Collaboration Services (DCS) on June 30, 2016 for the Army National Guard (ARNG). The majority of States and Territories were in attendance to discuss a number of topics related to the installation of RCAS Release 7.0.14. Mr. Cook stressed Health Checks need to be sent to the RCAS Database Team at [USARMY Ft Belvoir PEO EIS List PDRCAS Database Team](#) prior to installation as well as post installation.



New installation videos are now available on Army Knowledge Online (AKO) <https://www.us.army.mil/suite/files/46678026>. The videos were created to assist RCAS Administrators with the installation process by walking the user through the installation steps. The videos go hand-in-hand with the instructions in the RCAS Installation Guide (RIG). The RCAS Release 7.0.14 Post-Installation Town Hall will occur August 3, 2016. If you are interested in attending future Town Halls, please contact Ms. Rita Bartholomew at (703) 806 – 3119 or at rita.g.bartholomew.ctr@mail.mil. The community is encouraged to complete a brief survey at the completion of each release in order to assist RCAS in improving future deployment capabilities.

LADIES & GENTLEMEN: START YOUR ENGINES !!! FY16 PRODUCT REFRESH UNDERWAY

Yes, we do know that the Indianapolis 500 was over a month ago – and we are very aware that many of you have left the starting line in this year’s Product Refresh data collection phase – Thank YOU for the very aggressive and excellent kick off. Your combined RCAS Requirements Management Team, consisting of government, program support and prime contractor staff, primary G6 staff members from the National Guard Bureau (NGB) with the States/Territories, and the U.S. Army Reserve Command (USARC), is prepared to again support you in any way we can to improve both your organizational and individual soldier operational capabilities.

This fiscal year’s program acquisition objectives are focused to products and services which will continue the savings that you initiated beginning in FY14, and products that sustain your respective organizational infrastructures, deliver needed end user

devices to support your units and soldiers, and improve overall system security.

The system equipment and product requirement collection phase is now underway, which will be followed by product validation, consolidation and documentation of the total RCAS infrastructure. This total enterprise documentation of direct support information technology requirements provide the Product Office with accurate and acknowledged information that continues to be extremely important data for the formulation of the RCAS budget. Again – Thank YOU.

RCAS Product Office Points of Contact are Ms. Lesley Plitz, Requirements Manager, phone: (703) 806-3212, e-mail: lesley.p.plitz.civ@mail.mil, and Ms. Rita Bartholomew, Requirements Management Support, phone: (703) 806-3119, e-mail: rita.g.bartholomew.ctr@mail.mil.

RCAS AUTOMATED DEPLOYMENT

New RCAS File Share — PL RCAS is excited to announce a new RCAS File Share related to the evolving automated deployment initiative. Starting with RCAS Release 7.0.14, all RCAS releases will be posted to the new share location. The intent of this share is to allow administrators to access the share to retrieve RCAS release files directly from their local RCAS Web server versus having to rely on SCCM administrators at the National Guard Bureau (NGB) to copy files down to the site locations.

To implement the new process, it’s important for RCAS sites to verify that local firewall ports are open for future deployment of RCAS releases by way of the new PL RCAS

managed share folder. The new share folder is located at the following GuardNet location:

\\ngrsb7-c1reston\RCA\RCAS

If a site cannot access the new file share they will need to submit an activation request through the standard Firewall Port Activation (FPA) process. Refer to the FPA Technical Bulletin issued on July 1, 2016 for more details on the FPA process.

For more information please contact Ms. Angela Green-Mack, RCAS Chief, Technical Officer, by phone at 703-806 -3089 or by email at angela.d.green-mack.civ@mail.mil.

RCAS “BOARD OF DIRECTORS” CONVENE FOR APRIL MEETING

Acting RCAS Product Lead, Mr. Saj George, hosted the second of this fiscal year’s Biannual Requirements Control Board (RCB) meetings on Thursday, April 21, 2016, at the United Services Organization (USO) Warrior and Family Center, Fort Belvoir, VA. Mr. George welcomed all of the board members and guests, and reinforced the board’s focus to identify and discuss program and system requirements, emphasizing the need for an interactive and open dialogue. He introduced Mr. Michael Padden, Project Manager, Installation Information Infrastructure – Communications and Capabilities (I3C2), who provided a brief summary of the recent PEO EIS revised management structure, describing the new organizational relationship between I3C2 and RCAS. I3C2 internal program updates were also presented to introduce the RCAS board members and guests to the current organization roles and responsibilities.

RCAS program management updates were presented, including the current budgetary summary provided to Government-only attendees by the Business Management Division. This was followed by update presentations from the Technical Management, Software Sustainment, Application Training, and Requirements Management program leadership staff.

Stakeholder updates were presented by the respective ARNG/USAR functional representatives relating to the RCAS Testing Process by ARNG G1 Personnel Systems; State Application Development Updates/Concerns by the United States Property and Fiscal Office (USPFO) Data Processing Advisory Committee; Station Plan Submission Application – A Success Story by the ARNG G3 Force Management; Distributed Learning Program Support Update by ARNG G3 Training Division and USAR/USACAPOC/MILCON & IT Modernization by the USARC.

Strategic initiative updates were provided by the ARNG G6 and USAR CIO/G6 leadership teams, both highlighting current organizational structures and respective responsibilities. The USPFO Data Processing Advisory Committee representative communicated the desire for the State Data Processing Managers



USO Warrior and Family Center, 5940 9th Street (Corner of 9th and Belvoir Drive), Fort Belvoir, VA 22060. Photo Credit: Fort Belvoir USO Website — <http://us.uso.org/Washington-Baltimore/Fort-Belvoir-Warrior-Family-Center/>

to assist in implementing a capability to access information from a central data base. The RCAS Acting Product Lead presented the RCAS Technology Roadmap as the business framework for both developing and implementing the 2025 Vision, and provided highlights and timelines for the Draft 100 and 500 day plans.

The Requirements Management Team continues to address the key actions identified during the meeting as well as the adjustments necessary to continue to transition this important forum to a more interactive, strategic planning organization.

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at <http://www.veeam.com>. Once you have created an account, you will be able to download the software.

Veeam v8 has been successfully tested against the RCAS baseline. Based on that assessment, it is highly recommended that sites utilizing Veeam v7 as the RCAS backup solution upgrade as soon as possible to Veeam v8 because v7 is no longer supported. RCAS purchased enough licenses to cover a four-core processing environment for each site previously using Veeam. Sites are prohibited from expanding beyond the core limit so that license compliance can be maintained. To obtain the software for Veeam v8, it will be necessary to create an account at the Veeam website

A Certificate of Networkiness (CON) for Veeam 9 has been submitted to NETCOM for approval. RCAS will keep you posted on any updates. The USARC Designated Approving Authority (DAA) granted interim approval for use in the Unified Computing System (UCS) environment at Fort Bragg for 180 days. All other users, including the ARNG, must wait for Army-wide CON approval.

To find out more about Veeam or if you have any questions with reference to the software download or other Veeam license questions, please contact Ms. Amy Buckles, RCAS Software License Manager, by phone at 703-806-3230 or by email at Amelia.M.Buckles.civ@mail.mil.

THE DISTRIBUTED LEARNING PROGRAM—2016 PROGRESS

The Army National Guard (ARNG) Distributed Learning (DL) Program creates content for Guard-specific training requirements, provides access to the content through GuardU (an online learning portal), and enables delivery through a nationwide network of 379 ARNG DL Classrooms. PL RCAS supports the ARNG DL Program as the fielding office for the ARNG DL Classrooms, providing workstation and audio/video equipment refresh, modernization fielding, sustainment services, and technical support to the State DL Program Administrators and the State DL Classroom Administrators.



Members of the RCAS Training Team and the RCAS Prime Integrator DL Support Staff, set up and used the MDLC equipment to train various RCAS applications at the 260th Regional Training Institute (RTI), Fort Belvoir, VA. Photo Credit: Ms. Kelly Townsel, RCAS Distributed Learning Program (DLP) Lead.

The Training Support Branch (ARNG-TRS), Training Division, ARNG G-3 manages the ARNG DL Program, and their vision is to “take the classroom to the Soldier, not the Soldier to the classroom.” PL RCAS and ARNG-TRS have collaborated since

2007 to modernize the DL Classrooms into a mix of legacy Fixed DL Classrooms (FDLCs) and Mobile DL Classrooms (MDLCs), providing the States with a capability to quickly relocate DL “points of delivery” to the training point of need, at or near unit home stations.

During the first half of 2016, PL RCAS fielded 49 AV800 FDLC audio/video system upgrades, 17 new MDLCs, and shipped more than 1,600 refreshed workstations nationwide. DL Classroom

system upgrades and additions will continue through 2016 with 53 sites receiving new equipment.

Please contact the RCAS Infrastructure and Integration Division Chief, Ms. Wanda Dixon, at 703-806-3427 or wanda.s.dixon2.civ@mail.mil for more information about PL RCAS’s support to the ARNG DL Program.

RCAS CONTINUES MULTI-COMPONENT JAC SUPPORT

The RCAS Mobilization Planning Data Viewer (MPDV) team continues to support the Multi-Component Joint Assessment Conferences (JACs) at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, with the last support event occurring 9 thru 12 May 2016. Mr. Max Dunn, the MPDV Product Owner, assisted by Mr. Dan Costner, who provides U.S. Army National Guard (ARNG) and U.S. Army Reserve (USAR) Liaison support for RCAS, provided support as enablers at this very important conference. Enablers provide specific information and support to those units deploying soon and the RCAS enabler station is required for all USAR units. The MPDV team provides current information on the use of MPDV during the mobilization process, from building Battle Rosters for all USAR units thru Soldier Readiness Processing (SRP) event planning. Also included is information on the required submission of the unit’s mobilization data at the appropriate times from MPDV to the Department of the Army Deployment and Reconstitution Tracking Software (DARTS) system, which provides this critical data to the mobilization stations. The MPDV team also provides training and RCAS access administrator contact information as



Multi-Component JAC location at the Kansas National Guard Armory, Fort Leavenworth, KS. Photo Credit: Internet—Google Maps.

needed. The RCAS MPDV team met with all USAR units in attendance at the May 2016 JAC and many ARNG units as well.

RCAS support as enablers was also made available to all ARNG units in attendance. The RCAS station is not a required station for ARNG units. The ARNG does not require the use of MPDV for building their Deployment Manning Document but many units still use the SRP support

module of MPDV. Both ARNG and USAR units must still use MPDV for submission of soldier readiness data to DARTS. Many ARNG units and soldiers stopped by the RCAS station asking questions and receiving updates on MPDV.

The RCAS MPDV team plans on providing support to the next Multi-Component JAC scheduled in August 2016 at Fort Leavenworth.

To request RCAS participation at your next conference or workshop event, contact Mr. Max Dunn, MPDV Product Owner, by phone at 703-806-3128, or by e-mail at max.g.dunn.civ@mail.mil.

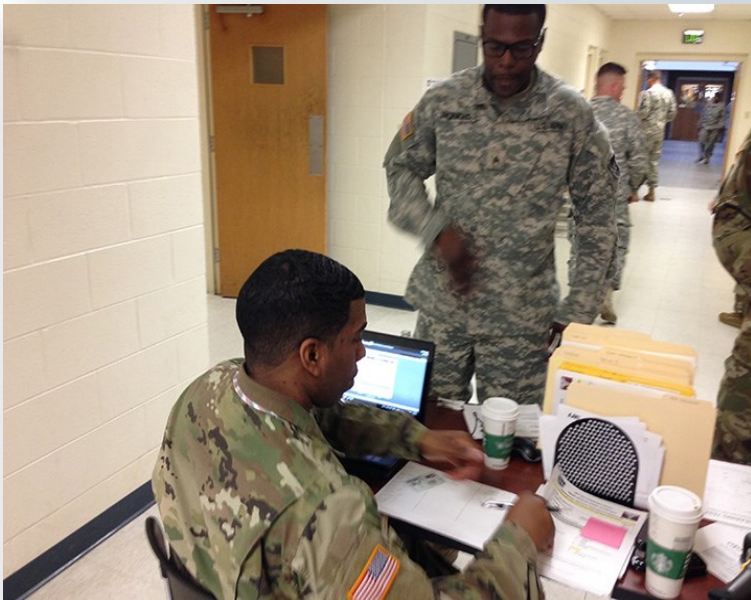
RCAS SRP SUPPORT CONTINUES

The RCAS Mobilization Planning Data Viewer (MPDV) Team continues to support Soldier Readiness Processing (SRP) events. This past April, Mr. Max Dunn, the RCAS MPDV Product Owner, supported an event for the 314th Press Camp Headquarters (PCH) at the U.S. Army Reserve (USAR) Center located at Fort Jackson, SC, on 15 and 16 April 2016. The event was a combined SRP consisting of Soldiers who are deploying as well as those receiving a comprehensive medical review to ensure current immunizations, dental examinations and hearing check data is recorded in MPDV. During this SRP event each Soldier had the opportunity to discuss any medical issues or concerns with a surgeon.

The event, conducted by the 99th Regional Support Command (RSC) for the 314th PCH, processed over 100 Soldiers during the two day period. Soldiers were checked into the event and its various processing stations using a Soldier's Common Access Card (CAC) which automatically pulls up the Soldiers information in MPDV. This saves valuable time and makes the process easier and much faster.



MSG Orlando, 99th RSC SRP Support Staff, checks a Soldier into the SRP event by scanning the Soldier's CAC. Photo Credit: Mr. Max Dunn, RCAS MPDV Product Owner.



SGT Haskins, Medical Readiness NCO, 99th RSC, checks soldiers into the mass medical event using MPDV during the SRP event. Photo Credit: Mr. Max Dunn, RCAS MPDV Product Owner.

The support provided had a very positive impact on the unit's ability to capture accurate Soldier Readiness data into the enterprise web-based MPDV application. Unit leadership expressed their satisfaction with the immediate soldier visibility and control that MPDV provided throughout the SRP process.

To assist unit personnel, unit administrators and commanders with the use of this time-saving MPDV tool, RCAS offers MPDV Leadership Workshops, briefings and SRP support for all levels of command. This support is fully funded by RCAS so there is no cost to the field.

Want to know more about MPDV and what it can do for you? Go to the RCAS homepage on Army Knowledge Online (AKO) at <https://www.us.army.mil/suite/page/207093>. There you will have access to the latest MPDV information, briefings, contacts, the MPDV schedule of events and much more.

To request MPDV SRP support or a project briefing contact Mr. Max Dunn, MPDV Product Owner, by phone at 703-806-3128, or by e-mail at max.g.dunn.civ@mail.mil.

UPCOMING CONFERENCE/EVENT SUPPORT

RCAS is exhibiting and/or providing support at the following events:

<p>Army National Guard and U.S. Army Reserve Multi-Component Joint Assessment Conference (JAC) and SRP Support Events</p>
<p>Multi-Component JAC Support—Fort Leavenworth, Kansas — 4TH Qtr. FY16, 8-12 August 2016</p>

If you are planning to attend any of these workshops or conference events, visit the RCAS area for a software demonstration and to discuss RCAS products and services. The RCAS Team is available to provide briefings and answer RCAS related questions at various ARNG and USAR events.

To request RCAS participation at your next conference or workshop event, contact Mr. Max Dunn, MPDV Product Owner, by phone at 703-806-3128, or by e-mail at max.g.dunn.civ@mail.mil.

RCAS TRAINING CORNER

PERSONNEL APPLICATIONS WELCOMES NEW TEAM – RCAS

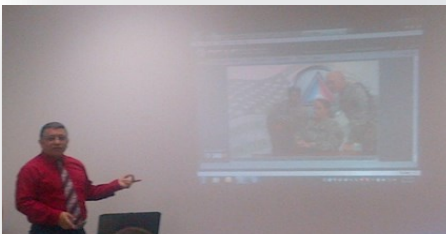
Personnel (PER) applications will benefit from a newly consolidated management team. Ms. Althea Wilson, the highly respected Functional Manager for the RCAS PER application, Retirement Points Accounting Management (RPAM), is also taking the lead on Military Personnel Office Orders (MilPO Orders) and the Unit



RCAS Director of Training, Mr. Robert G. Medley, left and new PER Product Owner, Mr. Bereket Haile right, standing inside the RTI facility. Photo Credit: Pete Van Schagen, RCAS PAO Support.

Personnel System/Command Management System (UPS/CMS) applications. These PER applications have a new RCAS Product Owner, Mr. Bereket Haile, who works directly with the software applications sustainment team and collaborates with Ms. Wilson, to ensure that system user priorities are reflected in software sustainment releases. Mr. Haile is featured on page three of this newsletter under "Meet Your New Personnel Product Owner".

The RCAS Training Team, under the direction of the RCAS Training Director, Mr. Robert G. Medley, and managed by the RCAS prime integrator, Ms. Catherine Kent, will support the new PER applications management team. In mid-June this year, Instructor Steve Longoria took Ms. Wilson and Mr. Haile through the details of the PER applications at the D.C. Army National



RCAS PER Instructor Mr. Steve Longoria teaching the PER apps via VTT from PEC. Photo Credit: RCAS Training Support Team.



RCAS PER applications training being received via VTT by Mr. Steve Longoria at the 260th RTI at Fort Belvoir, VA for RCAS staff. Photo Credit: Ms. Kelly Townsel, RCAS Distributed Learning Program (DLP) Lead.

Guard (ARNG) 260th Regional Training Institute (RTI) on Fort Belvoir. Beginning in mid-to-late autumn, the RCAS Training Team will offer regularly scheduled monthly PER application classes at the RTI and at a variety of sites through, Video Tele-Training (VTT), Video Teleconference (VTC) and Defense Collaboration Services (DCS). As always, we will continue to provide instruction on Mobilization Planning Data Viewer (MPDV) and Safety and Occupational Health (SOH) applications to the Reserve Component (RC). Check the RCAS Training Calendar, available on the [RCAS website](#) on Army Knowledge Online (AKO), for details.

To schedule training for your organization, contact Mr. Robert G. Medley, RCAS Training Director, at 703-806-3163, Robert.G.Medley.civ@mail.mil, or contact Ms. Catherine Kent, RCAS Training Manager at 703-434-6231, Catherine.Kent@caci.com. Alternatively, you can submit a "Request for RCAS Training – APPLICATION NAME" helpdesk ticket through the NGB Helpdesk at nq.ncr.arng.mbx.helpdesk-ngb@mail.mil, or 800-821-3097. For the USAR, contact your Major Subordinate Command Point of Contact for RCAS application training.



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