



The Power Connection



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Spring 2016

Upcoming Events:

- 8 MAY - Mothers Day
- 18 MAY - Asian American/Pacific Islander Heritage Potluck
- 19 May - P2E Golf Outing
- 21 MAY - Armed Forces Day
- 30 MAY - Memorial Day
- 14 JUNE - Army's Birthday-Birthday Celebration
- 19 JUNE - Father's Day
- 4 JULY - Independence Day!
- 15 JULY - Independence Day Potluck

HAILS:

Candace Rodriguez	Marilyn Mitchell
George Pegram	Thomas Jones
Marcus Smith	Rhonda Chandler
Rachel Hogue	Brian Paden
Kennis Carmichael	Carol Jaramillo
Mac McDonald	Franklin Gunn
CPT LaToya Hall	

FAREWELLS:

Janice King	Jordon Cox
Cheryl Henderson	Dustin Clements
Laynetta Meadows	Jeremy Emond
Dixie Bennett	Ryan London
Tahera Wilkins	Darlene Seminko
Jerome Smith	Millicent Lawton
Michael Parsnow	Debra Van Ness
Rebecca Hatcher	Leslie Dey
James Turner	Charity McCoy
Toni Shinn	CPT Eric Terrell

A Note from the PdM



I would like to begin by congratulating P2E on seven years! I have been honored to be a part of the last year and look forward to the upcoming years. Thank you all for your hard work and dedication, we would not be where we are without each of you. In spirit of the coming year, a warm welcome goes out to CPT LaToya Hall, who recently joined the P2E team as the APM of NETMOD-O. CPT Hall comes to us from the Great Lakes Battalion under the 3rd Recruiting Brigade, where she was in Command of the Pontiac Recruiting Company. As a West Point graduate, and recognized Soldier, CPT Hall will be a great addition to the P2E Team.

A big thank you to all who participated in the Biggest Loser Challenge; that was a fun, healthy competition! JP pulled through for the win with a total loss of 12.5%! Unfortunately, team "Slackers" didn't live up to their name and slid by "Results Matter!" with a big last week push to bring home the win. Congratulations JP and way to go everyone! Just because this competition is over doesn't mean you should stop now! Keep up the healthy living and encourage others to do the same, as I will encourage all of you to get out to the seminars and events occurring in the coming months!

As you may be aware, P2E is currently exploring areas to condense cycle times across acquisition package development. We have begun leveraging industry best practices by adopting agile principles for streamlining the development of acquisition requirements packages. The impact of sprint package development allows soldiers to receive the product (e.g., NIPR and SIPR VTC Systems, a remodeled inside plant infrastructure, and a modernized network of unified capabilities) in a more timely fashion, which translates into operational efficiencies and sustainable mission success.

THANK YOU FOR ALL THAT YOU DO!

LTC Soulé

Congratulations P2E Unsung Heroes!!

Chris Hyers
Jon Ahn

Kathleen Dunnegan
Scott Morris
Josh Miller

Lew Alleman
Judith A Baltensperg

Don't forget to nominate your unsung hero on the P2E portal!!!!



Deputy's Corner



* **First Day of Summer** – The days are getting longer, and warmer. This only means one thing, summer is around the corner! Monday 20 June is the first day of summer. Although a great time of year to be outdoors, and enjoy the heat and humidity, safety should be at your utmost concern. Keep hydrated! Dehydration can cause heat exhaustion and heat stroke. If you're thirsty, you're not hydrated. Make sure to fill up on water regularly (no, beer does not count). Avoid strenuous exercise on particularly hot days or try to go at the coolest times of day, early morning/late evening. Remember water safety! According to the CDC, water related injuries, whether on a boat or swimming in a pool, relate to many injuries and unexpected deaths each year. Keep in mind proper safety and avoid alcoholic beverages, these only increase accidents. Enjoy all those BBQ's! Relish the longer days with friends and family, but make sure to practice safe grilling: check for gas leaks, clean your grill regularly, never turn your gas on while your grill lid is closed and make sure to always have a fire extinguisher handy, and know how to use it! Store and cook food properly to prevent from food borne illness. Most importantly, if you decide to partake in alcoholic beverages, have a designated driver, call a taxi, or grab an Uber. According to MADD, two in three people will be involved in a drunk driving crash in their lifetime, don't let this be you this summer.



* **Midpoint review** – All civilian employees should have recently completed their mid-point reviews with their supervisor. Some of you got to do it twice due to an untimely server failure; I'm sure you appreciated that. Please remember that you will no longer be able to make changes to your contribution plan after 1 July 2016. This is the absolute last day you will be able to change anything on your plan. Things to think about while doing your review are what have you accomplished up to now? What has changed in the organization that needs to become a focus? The recent server failure should provide adequate reason for you to prepare your evaluation in a Word document before trying to upload it to the system.

* **A time for recognition and celebration** – In addition to celebrating Americans Independence on 4 July, The United States of America recognizes our freedom in many ways over the coming months. Public Service Recognition Week, Military Spouse's Day, Armed Forces Day, Memorial Day and the Army's Birthday all give us a time to thank those that serve this nation; from federal government employees, to Military, and military spouses who stand behind them in support, remember all the individuals who put in hard work and dedication to this country.



P2E in the News!

Congratulations to Monica Walker for her Spotlight in this quarters AL&T Magazine! Check it out at the link below!

<http://usaasc.armyalt.com/#folio=46>



LTC Gregory Soule and BG Thoms

P2E Recognized in SWA

Power Projection Enablers (P2E) was recognized for their productivity in Southwest Asia (SWA) on March 3, 2016 at the 335th Theatre Signal Command's (TSC) Project Synchronization Review (PSR) located in Camp Arifjan, Kuwait. LTC Gregory Soulé, Product Manager (PdM) accepted the Commander's Coin presented by the 335th TSC Commander, Brigadier General (BG) Lawrence Thoms. This award came as a pleasant surprise to LTC Soulé, as he was finishing his Network Modernization (NETMOD)

brief regarding implementation timelines and mitigation plans for both Camps Arifjan, Kuwait and As Sayliyah (CAS), Qatar.

In the short time LTC Soulé has been the PdM for P2E, he made many effective changes in order to gain efficiencies through process evaluation and improvement, resulting in time to contract and cost savings. "This is a perfect example of flexibility," BG Thoms said before taking the stage to present the coin.

"It is a proud moment for me" LTC Soule 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. In my mind that's what his presentation represents."

Attendees at the PSR included representatives from US Central Command (CENTCOM), Army Central Command (ARCENT), Network Enterprise Technology Command (NETCOM), Defense Information Security Agency (DISA), Chief Information Officer (CIO) G-6, and Ms. Terry Watson, Program Executive Officer, Enterprise Information Systems (PEO EIS).



P2E and PEO Around SWA



Clockwise left to right: P2E Conference room on Camp Arifjan, Kuwait; Ms. Watson, Victor Hernandez, and other PSR attendees at a dinner social; LTC Soulé, Al Cruz, and Mike Hunter at PSR dinner; Wayne Sok, CPT Webb, Mike Hunter, and Victor Hernandez at PSR dinner; Photo wall displayed in P2E office at Camp Arifjan, Kuwait; Mike Hunter, CPT Webb, Victor Hernandez at PSR dinner.



Congratulations Mark Smith!

On 29 March, 2016, P2E had the honor of awarding Mark Smith with an Achievement Medal for Civilian Service. Mr. Smith exhibited expertise, exceptional professionalism, and dedication over the President's Day holiday, when he successfully resolved a critical communications issue at the Combined Naval Forces Korea (CNFK) headquarters facility at Busan, Korea. This act resulted in praise from the Deputy Commander, U.S. Naval Forces Korea and

the Deputy Commander for Transformation, U.S. Forces Korea. The initiative, leadership, and professionalism displayed by Mr. Smith reflects great credit upon himself, Power Projection Enablers, and the United States Army.



P2E Team, you are invited to enjoy some food, golf activities, and great company at this quarter's moral event!

WHERE: Fort Belvoir Golf Club @ The Bar and Lounge; 8450 Beulah St, Bldg. 2920 Fort Belvoir, VA
WHEN: 19 MAY 2016 @ 1600

For questions, visit the Golf Club website or contact Rey Quebral

P2E MAKING APPEARANCES

On 26 APR, 2016 Mr. Scott Ervin presented on a panel with Mr. Ralph Ocasio, Deputy Project Manager (DPM) I3C2, and Mr. Kevin Chinn, Assistant Product Manager (APM) NETMOD CONUS (NETMOD-C) at the Institute for Defense and Government Advantage (IDGA) Military Network Modernization Conference in Crystal City, VA. They each had a few moments to discuss modernization in their respective programs. Mr. Ervin spoke of past efforts completed in Europe and Southwest Asia, along with future efforts of NETMOD-OCONUS in Hawaii, Alaska, Germany, Japan, and Korea, to include the continuation of the YRP/LPP Korean Transition.

Top Right: Mr. Ralph Ocasio, Mr. Scott Ervin, and Mr. Kevin Chinn answer questions from audience.

Bottom Right: Mr. Scott Ervin takes the podium.





P2E/Rock Island Collaboration Meeting

Army Contracting Command - Rock Island (ACC-RI) was invited to visit P2E in March 2016, to participate in a contracting processes interchange. The most relevant topics of conversation during this session were the P2E processes for developing the Acquisition Requirements Package (ARP), and the ACC-RI processes, starting from when they receive the ARP, through the award of the contract. The opportunity allowed all parties involved to have an in-depth dialogue in a

face-to-face setting. This meeting aided in further understanding and full appreciation of the intricacies and complexities of the acquisition process, and the required steps to get a well-defined requirement to a contract award. Both P2E and ACC-RI felt the face-to-face interaction helped to facilitate an understanding of the processes, manage expectations, ensure a collaborative work environment, and overall, helped with building trust between the teams.

The ACC-RI team that attended came away from the discussions with a heightened sense of alliance and partnership with the P2E team. “The benefit of setting aside a day or two of training/collaboration is that it allows the teams to step away from the normal short and quick, day to day exchanges, to a couple of days that fosters and allows a dynamic and productive conversation amongst the teams” said Justin Trine, Information Technology Branch C Chief, ACC-RI. “I believe that the productivity will be further realized as the teams continue to build cohesion amongst each other.”



“Under my tenure, I believe there is a great relationship of mutual respect between ACC-RI and P2E,” said Jorge Caballero, P2E’s Acting Acquisitions Director. Having the opportunity to partake in informal, collaborative training sessions to discuss topics of interest between both parties, will only further help the teams to become more effective and efficient throughout the acquisition process, aligning with the P2E goal of supporting the Warfighter.



PMLC & Policy Updates

Recent Initiative & Publications

- *Standardized Project Site Document Library
- *Launched Sandboxed Project Site for testing and training
- *PMLC WBS and Schedule Template
- *Policy 16-04 Government Issues Cellular Telephone Usage
- *Policy 16-05 Personnel Movements and Accountability Standing Operating Procedures
- *Integrated PMLC Phase Structure into the Portal
- *PMLC Guidebook
- *PMLC Documents Templates

Initiatives & Publications in Progress

- *Automated dashboard and reporting capabilities
- *Updated Templates Library
- *PMLC Documents Templates
- *Risk, Issue and Opportunity Process
- *Portal Based Funding Request
- *Schedule Management SOP
- *Records Management Process
- *Change Management Process



P2E ALL HANDS MEETING

March 31, 2016 P2E held an all hands meeting. The main topics of discussion included the progress in capability sets, PMLC, NETMOD-O and organizational structure WIPTs. Each directorate had the opportunity to speak on updates and accomplishments in their respective theatres. The meeting concluded with coins given by LTC Soulé to Cassie Robinette, Miguel Buddle, Aurora Speed, Darlene Seminko, and ACC-RI team members, Mariellen Crosson and Michael Lansing.



LTC Soulé Travels to Germany



Top Left to Right: P2E team and PEO team visit 5th SC HQ; P2E/PEO group visits Heidelberg; P2E team lunch; P2E's QPR Conducted in Germany.

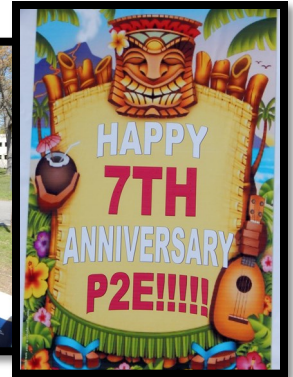
Middle Left to Right: Historical Tour of USAG Stuttgart; LTC Soulé, Mike Hunter and Rosalie Fehrmann visit P2E Germany team at the P2E HQ at Mainz Kastel.

Bottom Left to Right: P2E/PEO team dinner; P2E/PEO visit 5th SC HQ; LTC Soule meets with COL Norton, 5th SC G3.

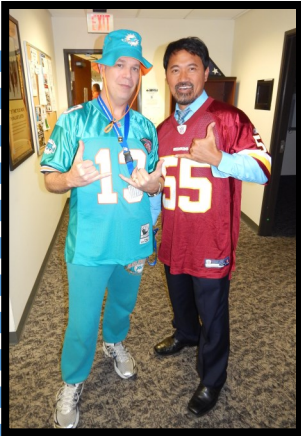


HAPPY 7TH ANNIVERSARY

On April 15th P2E came together to celebrate the 7th anniversary. The luau/bbq theme was a hit and fun was had by all. Thank you for all who participated and contributed! Here's to another great year of success!



Around P2E



Top left to right: Mike Hunter and Rey Quebral celebrate the Super Bowl; Sherman Green, Angelia Bautista, and Charity McCoy; Group photo at Kuwait PSR.



Middle rows: PMLC training for all P2E PAC personnel held in Korea; Charity McCoy and Rosalie Fehrmann support their Super Bowl teams;



Bottom left to right: Keith Urano, Angelia Bautista, LTC Soulé, and Miguel Buddle enjoy Super Bowl festivities; Farewell luncheon for Debbie Van Ness

Have any news that you want to share??? Please email Miguel Buddle (miguel.s.buddle.civ@mail.mil) or Rosalie Fehrmann (Rosalie.c.fehrmann.ctr@mail.mil) to have updates added to next month's newsletter!