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Joint Base Lewis-McChord (JBLM) TC-AMIS II Enterprise Migration

By David Rogers

Over a five day period, 16 - 20 May 2016, AMIS supported the successful migration of Joint Base Lewis-McChord (JBLM) units and agencies to the Transportation Coordinators'-Automated Information for Movements System II (TC-AIMS II) 7.0.1 Enterprise. Twenty-six users from various units and agencies across the installation participated in the migration effort, with on-site representatives from



AMIS, US Army Forces Command (FORSCOM), the Deployment Process and Modernization Office (DPMO), and Department of the Army G4. During the migration, users received familiarization training for the new-look software, stepped through various scenarios to simulate the deployment process, and completed the transfer of 98,376 equipment records from the JBLM local TC-AIMS II server to the TC-AIMS II Enterprise.

Moving to the Enterprise expedites the retirement of the previous TC-AIMS II release version 6.3.1. The TC-AIMS II 7.0.1 Enterprise went live on 11 December 2015 addressing modernization efforts required to remain compliant with current system architecture and cyber security postures. Furthermore, migrating to the Enterprise supports the United States Transportation Command (USTRANSCOM) Transportation Tracking Number (TTN) initiative to improve in-transit visibility of cargo moving through the Defense Transportation System for Time-Phased Force & Deployment Data (TPFDD) moves. Additional new functionality includes a modernized web-based graphical user interface and Common Access Card (CAC) login, as well as performance improvements to database design to decrease query response time.

JBLM was the first in a series of FORSCOM sponsored installation migrations scheduled to occur over the coming year in order to comply with Department of the Army orders and cyber security directives. Fort Buchanan and Fort Leonard Wood quickly followed JBLM's lead, with FT Jackson and FT Rucker on schedule to migrate by the end of July.

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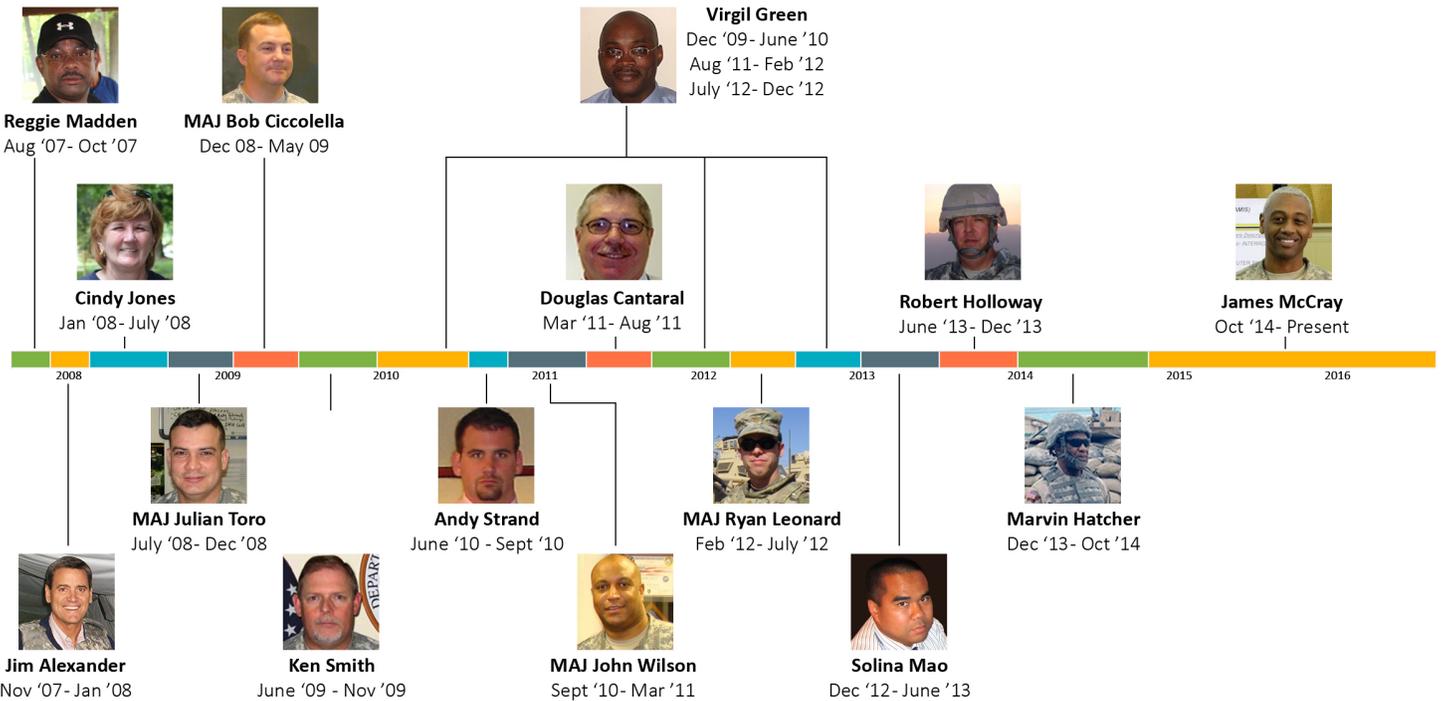
By James McCray, AMIS LNO Government Lead SWA

Since October 2014 I have had the honor of serving as the last of a line of AMIS Liaison Officers (LNO) in Southwest Asia (SWA). AMIS has provided a full-time LNO in SWA since August, 2007. During that time, 15 different AMIS personnel have filled that roll on a rotating voluntary basis. As mission requirements have changed, the decision was made to suspend this full-time, in-theater support concurrent with my redeployment at the end of September. I have enjoyed every second of my duty here. It has been very rewarding to serve on the ground and to experience what our soldiers face serving away from home, in a combat zone and far away from family, friends and co-workers.

As AMIS LNO, I oversaw and coordinated the support provided by 12 field service personnel. I worked daily with AMIS customers, some located in Afghanistan as well as those in Kuwait and other parts of the CENTCOM

area of operations, to better understand their needs. This wide dispersion of customers made face-to-face communications challenging. While on the ground in Afghanistan, I was not able to attend important meetings in Kuwait where many of our customers met. On the other hand, while I was in Kuwait, I was unable to maintain that daily personal contact with customers in Afghanistan. The most rewarding experience for me was answering trouble tickets and installing new sites with interrogators in a timely manner for the soldiers without impeding their mission and to allow them to track equipment moved from their home base to deployment location and redeployment to home base. It is very satisfying to know that soldiers and units are using capabilities that we are providing in locations where they are needed to perform their mission.

RF-ITV SWA LNOs Duty Timeline



Leader's Corner

Mr. Jim Alexander, Product Leader

Recently we held an AMIS strategic planning session to map out a course for the future of AMIS. A couple of ideas became clearly necessary to pursue. First we need to revalidate the AMIS mission and vision statements that will serve as the foundation for development of our out-year (FY16-22) program plan. Following that, we will develop a FY16-22 program plan for the AMIS organization that consistently delivers quality products and services to our customers and other stakeholders and creates an environment that maximizes employee productivity. While these tasks are simply stated, they are much more difficult to do successfully, and I will need the help of each of you to further develop and execute these essential building blocks for the future of the organization.



As part of the discussion, I was reminded that we must keep the mission and organization of AMIS in the forefront of the Army and Department of Defense strategic asset visibility programs. Some of the things we can do to maintain our prominence to our higher leaders and customers, and Soldiers in particular:

- Brief the Pre-Command Course for logistics officers on both RF-ITV and TC-AIMS II.
- Explain AIT and TC-AIMS II capabilities at the exercise and deployment planning meetings and follow up with during their actual deployment during the equipment preparation phase at home station.
- Determine if the DA G-4 is still hosting professional education sessions during the lunch period and request the opportunity to provide a class on our systems twice a year.
- Discuss with Defense Acquisition University (DAU) and Defense Logistics Agency (DLA), both here at Ft Belvoir, the possibility of setting up recurring demonstrations of RF-ITV capabilities.
- Discuss with the Joint Staff the possibility of briefing any logistics conferences hosted or sponsored by the Joint Staff.

I look forward to discussing these and other ideas with you in coming weeks. The time ahead and how we fit into it are too important to leave to chance. Let's plot our course and move out smartly into the future together.

Stop Hunger Now!

Members of AMIS joined systems contractors Exeter (TC-AIMS II) and Lockheed-Martin (RF-ITV) on 21 July 2016 in packaging a large cache of food as part of the "Stop Hunger Now" campaign. The event was sponsored by Exeter who invited AMIS and Lockheed-Martin employees to participate. "Stop Hunger Now" packages and ships meals to feed people in need by engaging corporate, student, civic and faith-based volunteers to package meals and 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, VA 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 and stacking the boxes on a pallet ready to load onto a truck. The product of the team building effort was over 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.



Play Ball!

There was a fantastic turnout for the Potomac Nationals game! In attendance were a total of 48 AMIS Team members to include Exeter, Lockheed Martin, and their families. The event was kicked off with a tailgate before the game, which consisted of a variety of food and games for the kids. The entire event was capped off with the Potomac Nationals winning 3 to 2. Thank you to everyone that attended, and AMIS hopes to have a bigger turn out next time!



Meet the Staff



Mr. Paul Krumhaus is a support contractor serving as a program analyst on the AIT Initiatives Team, and focusing on Item Unique Identification (IUID). He originally joined AMIS (at that time PM AIT) in 2003, coordinating AIT support for uniquely identifying assets in the Army Recapitalization Program. Since the birth of the DoD Item Unique Identification initiative in July 2003, he has focused on the AIT component of implementing IUID across the Army. Early on, he was one of the educators acquainting the Army community with the coming of IUID. He has helped shape many of the governing documents for IUID to include Military Standards 129 and 130, the DoD Guide to Uniquely Identifying Items, and Army Regulation 700-145 and has provided subject matter expertise to ASA(ALT), Army G-4, AMC and its subordinate commands and the acquisition community. His primary focus today is on assisting the acquisition community with the many aspects of IUID planning and implementation.

Paul began his soldiering as a Recruit E-1 in the California Army National Guard. After 23 years of traditional Guard service, he began 10 years of active duty, including assignments as a medical logistician in National Guard Bureau, AIT Action Officer in Army G4, Assistant Chief of Staff in the Combined Arms Support Command (CASCOM), and Chief of the Logistics Support Division in Army Directorate of National Guard Bureau. He resides in Annandale, Virginia with his wife Susan.

AMIS Family Member Honored



The AMIS Family would like to express congratulations to one of our extended family members, Mr. Glen Scott, husband of Denise Scott, upon his receipt of the distinguished “Roy Wilkins Renowned Service Award” by The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP). The NAACP has celebrated in honoring the Armed Services & Veterans for over 107 years. The Roy Wilkins Renowned Service Award is presented annually to a number of American military and civilian personnel who have distinguished themselves by contributing to military equal opportunity policies and programs. The Roy Wilkins Renowned Service Award was instituted in 1975 in recognition of the distinguished service of Roy Wilkins, the fifth NAACP Executive Director, who established the NAACP Armed Services and Veterans Affairs Department in 1969. This award salutes those who continue the struggle for equality in the Armed Services. The members of AMIS join Glen’s proud wife Denise in saluting her husband who has exemplified strength, patience and understanding while working for the Department of Army for over 30 years as both a soldier and civilian.



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