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## TC-AIMS II Government Acceptance Testing (GAT)

*By Raquel Wampouille, AMIS Government Acceptance Test Lead*

On 25 September PD AMIS successfully completed two weeks of Pre-Government Acceptance Test (Pre-GAT) of Transportation Coordinators' - Automated Information for Movements System II (TC-AIMS II) v7.0.1.1 Unit Move. The testing was held at Exeter's Manassas's facility with on-site stakeholders from the Deployment Process Modernization Office (DPMO) and Forces Command (FORSCOM). Also participating were representatives from our Central Region, Eastern Region, Ft. Bragg, Transportation School, Combined Arms Support Command (CASCOM), European Command (EU-COM), South West Asia (SWA) and the National Guard. Eighteen testers analyzed the quality of the software application, mitigating risks and documenting any issues identified. The product proved more stable than what had been tested in the past and performed well under the intense assessment. The stakeholders were very positive and optimistic as we closed this Pre-GAT and prepare to enter into official GAT on 2 November 2015.

The AMIS program office is the essential supplier for TC-AIMS II, and sustains the system, which is designed to enable users to manage all aspects of transportation operations. TC-AIMS II provides automated support to functions performed by a wide range of users from Unit Movement Officers (UMOs) to Installation Transportation Officers (ITOs) to mode managers responsible for transportation and distribution in support of the full continuum of troop and cargo movement actions. AMIS provides an enterprise system for TC-AIMS II CONUS and OCONUS operations serving approximately 5,000 active users.

Movement planning starts with the establishment of unit move requirements and ends with the arrival of required assets at a destination point. TC-AIMS II assists unit commanders to create, maintain, manage, and update unit equipment, personnel, and deployment information. It facilitates planning and execution of organic movements incorporating the mechanism for identifying assets and requirements for force deployment/redeployment on deliberate and crisis action planning and asset tracking. In addition, the unit move function supports rail, air, and ship loading. For more information, call (703) 806-0429, or visit [www.pdamis.army.mil](http://www.pdamis.army.mil).

## PD AMIS Open House Event Shows Off New Office Space

AMIS officially settled into its new home with a ribbon cutting welcome ceremony for leaders and employees on 25 August. The pleasant earth-toned color scheme of the new furnishings added a warm and inviting atmosphere to the event, held in the refurbished concrete building. Many thanks to the PEO EIS facilities management team, Irving Newell, E.J. Wasikowski and Tony Kendrick, for accommodating our needs for a clean, dry, quality environment that adapts to the collective needs of our workforce.

Without being extravagant, the new location boosts employee morale. AMIS government civilian workers, in particular, value the free parking at Fort Belvoir, and collective team spirit has been uplifted. If you ask individual members of the team how they like the new surroundings, you're liable to hear positive responses ranging from how much safer they feel in the new location to kudos for the well appointed, upgraded, more private cubicles.

Now that the move is complete, how does Jim Alexander, the PD, feel? "At ease," he said. "It's an improvement over the office space projected for AMIS in the DOD's original plans to vacate the Hoffman center; no question in my mind."



*New Digs: Mr. Wiltzie and Ms. Watson visit the new AMIS office*

## Fort Belvoir Couple Shares TC-AIMS II

CW2 Andrew (Andy) Tochman, A CO 12th AVN BN, and Corinne Delaney both work at Fort Belvoir. However, their mutuality doesn't end there. "My former position as a Company / Assistant Battalion Unit Movement Officer (UMO), was very challenging", says Andy. "Proper training was everything. Preparing for deployment to Afghanistan was a daunting task, and there were no other trained TC-AIMS II users in the Battalion to lean on. A TC-AIMS II training course was extremely valuable and laid the groundwork for success. The [Interactive Multimedia Instructions (IMIs) made it easy to keep my commander informed. By having the ability to readily generate products that showed our organization's equipment and deployment lists, I was able to answer command questions quickly. TC-AIMS II training made the process easier to grasp and was crucial in planning and executing our deployment."

Was it coincidence TC-AIMS II IMIs are designed by Corinne? Or was it fate? The couple, engaged to be married, share values and enjoy supporting the Army mission in the nation's capital. Once married, Andrew plans to continue working with and flying aircraft. Corinne will continue her work for PD AMIS as a TC-AIMS II Training Analyst and singing at

military promotions and other functions. The wedding is scheduled this winter at the chapel on Fort Belvoir.



*Corinne Delaney smooches with her fiancé, CW2 Andy Tochman*

## Director's Corner

Mr. Jim Alexander, Product Director

In compliance with the DoD ISO migration strategy, the AMIS Team completed the conversion of the CENTCOM RFID read infrastructure to ISO-only in June of this year. We released the latest TIPS Read update, as scheduled, in July. Installation of RFID read sites in Iraq in support of Operation Inherent Resolve continued from June to September, while simultaneously installing additional RFID sites in support of Atlantic Resolve in Eastern Europe. We continued to make progress with Condition Based Maintenance Plus Store and Forward (CBM+ SaF) through attendance at the Logistics Integration Capstone (LogIC) demo, followed by the LogIC update meeting, a program overview in September, and various additional meetings and IPTs. AMIS conducted its successful Pre-GAT TC-AIMS II testing in the first quarter of fiscal year 2015. All this was accomplished despite being challenged mid-year with the relocation of our office to Fort Belvoir.



A short time ago I returned from visits to our operations in EUCOM and PACOM, and I was pleased to see the results of your efforts in the field. The RF-ITV System and infrastructure, TC-AIMS II support, and our contracts' AIT/RFID products form the bedrock of our logistics technology capabilities and serve the needs of the troops in the theaters of operation. I commend each of you for your hard work and dedication to our mission, the Army and our customers.

Ongoing activity in the AMIS organization supports our goal to remain the premier provider of logistics support with identification, tracking and movement information technology and tools that serve the Army and DOD during war-fighting, peacetime and humanitarian efforts. PD AMIS strives for excellent customer relations to ensure that Soldiers all over the world receive our best products and services in support of mission critical needs. Let me once again reiterate that the AMIS team remains fully committed to supporting our users. I thank you for your on-going and continued support.

## AMIS Summer Barbecue

By the AMIS Communications Team

AMIS had the best of both worlds as they organized and enjoyed their annual team-building picnic this year. We were gifted with an outdoor setting, packed with ample picnic tables and parking, large, clean chargrills for roasting the ribs, wings, burgers and dogs, and all within walking distance. We got it on loan from a neighboring \*organization, complete with free trash removal at day's end.

In fact, the event came off like a well-choreographed dance, with all the troupes and ensembles performing on cue. The set-up committee pirouetted over hurdle after hurdle with grace, tying down flyaway tablecloths, chasing down utensils for the cooks and making sure the condiments followed the meat on the table setting arrangement.

Team spirit flowed from start to finish as every picnic participant stayed in step, all the while balancing plates piled high with ample servings of meat, hot off the fire (a huge hit with guests), and all the trimmings from classic potato salad and pork and beans to super-food summer salads and sweet, creamy desserts.

\*PD AMIS extends thanks to MICC for the use of the outdoor pavilion.



Setting the stage, left to right, Sebastian Philip, Kevin Gault and Corinne Delaney "monkey around" at the PD AMIS Summer Barbecue.

## Meet the Staff



Ms. Lark Byrd was born and raised in Franklin Lakes, New Jersey. She attended Radford University in 1996 and graduated in 2000 with a Bachelor of Science Degree. Lark has been supporting the Department of Defense since 2000, working with the Navy, Department of Homeland Security and now the Army. She joined the Automated Movement and Identification Solutions (AMIS) Team in July 2015, where she is currently an Administrative Specialist. Lark quietly focuses on effectively managing the details of the front office, including correspondence with higher headquarters, ensuring accurate time and attendance records, tracking and purchasing office supplies, etc. She assists the Deputy Product Director with coordination of the various office team-building activities. Lark has been married for 14 years to her husband, Paul and has three kids, Michael (11), Alison (9) and Jason (6). Her favorite activities are taking family trips, shopping, exercising and running around with the kids to all their activities.

## Radio Frequency In-Transit Visibility (RF-ITV) Old-timer's Reunion

By Jerry Rodgers, PD AMIS Operations Team



Reginald Madden and Jerry Rodgers of PD AMIS enjoyed an "RF-ITV Old-timer's Reunion" recently when they had lunch with some of the pioneers of the RF-ITV program. As many of you know, the program started in the

1990's under the leadership of the U.S. Army Logistics Integration Agency (LIA) and was transitioned to the PD AMIS's legacy organization, Program Manager, Joint Automated Identification Technology (PM J-AIT). Others attending were Melanie Hughes, Joe Bush, John Waddick, John Yates, Jeff Fee, and Janina Plinsky, all of whom were part of the LIA or the U.S. Army, Europe's Logistics Automation Directorate, a key partner/stakeholder in the RF-ITV Program.

## Hawaiian Shirt Day

With the recent turning off of air conditioning in the building, AMIS employees, "celebrating" the heat, decided to take matters into their own hands and have a Hawaiian Shirt Day, which has become somewhat of an extemporaneous event in the Directorate. It started on a whim several years ago when Bob Carpenter suggested we all dress up Hawaiian style for a day (and for Bob, wearing a Hawaiian shirt was a step up from his preferred summer working attire). As usual, the ruse resulted in some laughs and good-hearted ribbing which distracted from the hot work environment.



Pictured, left to right, Reggie Madden, Jerry Rodgers, Spencer Stone, Mike Morrissey, John Wloshinski, Doug Thompson, and Bob Carpenter.



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