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Condition Based Maintenance - Store and Forward (CBM+ SaF)

By MAJ Leilani Tydingco, PD AMIS AIT Initiatives Team Chief and Fred Naigle, Senior Logistics Analyst/ SME

When you speak CBM+ you're speaking "On-Star" type capabilities for military equipment. This cost effective commercial maintenance methodology, that nearly every automobile manufacturer offers today, provides significant value to users and fleet managers to maintain high levels of reliability and warranty. However, the United States Army weapon systems equipped with on-board sensors are not yet able to effectively connect the sensor data to the engineering analysis centers necessary to exploit the capability. The Program Executive Office Enterprise Information Systems (PEO EIS) was designated the lead PEO in July 2014 to solve the architectural gap in the logistics business network. This gap requires the sensor data to be stored and processed at the platform vehicle and moved to the enterprise business intelligence centers. Once this gap in the architecture is solved by the PEO EIS, use and repair information will be made available to mechanics, supervisors and commanders to better maintain their equipment and enhance availability for the war fighter. At the same time the bulk of the platform sensor information needed for engineering and historical analysis will pass to the enterprise to improve visibility of Army-wide problems within the fleets of equipment. Improved analysis of the sensor data will enhance life cycle management of equipment and components, reduce operational and support costs, improve reliability and provide better logistics support to the Army Brigade Combat

Teams (BCT). With guidance from Program Manager Army Enterprise System Integration Program (PM AESIP), the PD AMIS Team has seized the momentum to solve the CBM+ SaF gap in collaboration with key stakeholders from Army Materiel Command (AMC), Army G-4, and the Combined Arms Support Command (CASCOM).



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A Soldier checks a Warfighter Information Network-Tactical (WIN-T) Point of Presence-equipped vehicle.

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Retiring Team Members' Message

By Tom Rigsbee and Ralph Porcelli

PD AMIS said goodbye to two of its cornerstone members, Tom Rigsbee, former AIT Initiatives Team Chief and Ralph Porcelli, former Enterprise Architecture Lead.

Ralph's major accomplishment was to help PD AMIS "Right Size" the Enterprise maintenance contracts and software renewals through strategy to "buy what we need not what we want" in discussions with our partners and the closing of the Software Development Facility. Over a 5 year period this provided PD AMIS (formerly PD Transportation Information Systems (TIS) with a cost savings/deferral of well over \$4.6 million dollars. Ralph reflected: "I have made some lasting friendships and will miss the comradery in the workplace environment. Plans are to travel and do volunteer work for the local hospital."

Tom served in positions of trust and increasing levels of responsibility over a ten-year period with AMIS (Formerly Joint - Automatic Identification Technology). He deployed to Germany as AMIS Liaison Officer, U.S. European Command (EUCOM) and U.S. Army Europe (USAREUR). There he worked closely with commanders and logisticians to tailor the RF-ITV Infrastructure to meet increasing logistics movements and shipments in support of Operation Enduring Freedom (OEF) and Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF) and the developing Northern Distribution Network which would allow surface transportation across parts of Europe and Asia into Afghanistan. This effort called for skillful communications and diplomatic relations with host and coalition nations with awareness of regional customs and business practices. Tom's farewell message was short and sweet: "Thanks for your friendship and mentorship over the last decade. Time to pass the torch to the younger generation."



AMIS Deputy, Reggie Madden, awards Tom Rigsbee (top) and Ralph Porcelli the Commander's Award for Civilian Service

Support to USAREUR

The PD AMIS office continues to be engaged throughout the world. In Europe, this involves providing support to US Army Europe for Operation Atlantic Resolve (AOR).

"Operation Atlantic Resolve is a demonstration of continued U.S. commitment to the collective security of NATO and to enduring peace and stability in the region, in light of Russia's illegal actions in Ukraine. Army Europe is leading the OAR enhanced land force multinational training and security cooperation activities taking place across Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania and Poland to ensure multinational interoperability, strengthen relationships among allied militaries, contribute to regional stability and demonstrate U.S. commitment to NATO."

--<http://www.eur.army.mil/landforceassurance>

PD AMIS, in conjunction with U.S. Army Europe, has identified locations throughout the Baltics and Poland in order to provide RF-ITV tracking. PD AMIS engineers will provide on the ground support to rotating units.



OAR Map

Director's Corner

Mr. Jim Alexander, Product Director

The challenges 2014 brought to the PD AMIS team include: the high visibility mission assigned by PEO EIS and PM AESIP to solve the CBM+ SaF gap in capability for ground systems, redeployment assistance to 53rd Movement Control Battalion (in support of the Liberia Ebola outbreak) utilizing our TC-AIMS II enterprise, and reorganization and contracting that optimizes limited and declining resources in 2015 and beyond.

PD AMIS can't move forward if everyone is going in different directions, so we remain on the right track of sustaining the RF-ITV system, supplying TC-AIMS II software, and providing AIT and RFID technologies, products and services. Through consistent collaboration among team members, AMIS fellowship thrives, enhancing AMIS team building events: the very successful first annual luau potluck, the traditional, plentiful Thanksgiving potluck and the highly anticipated and classic holiday party and gift exchange. The LNO care packages and "Toys for Tots" drive exceeded all previous efforts. PM AESIP's continued oversight illuminates the path and fuels the team's determination and belief. PD AMIS, perpetually "under construction", is still building champions.



AMIS Staff Gives Back

Support to Warriors and Families

By Alfred Naigle, PD AMIS Senior Logistics Analyst,
(President, Lyle Foundation, OH, PADENJ Board Member)

The Colonel D. Lyle Hohnstine Memorial Foundation and Operation Homefront (OH), PA/DE/NJ, join to host an annual Golf Tournament to benefit veterans, wounded warriors and families of the Iraq and Afghanistan wars. Since 2009 the tournament has raised more than \$110K for OH to provide emergency financial and other assistance, including more than 100 mortgage free homes annually, the Salute Military Golf Association (SMGA) to use rehabilitative golf experiences to improve the mental and physical condition and enhance the quality of life of wounded warrior players, and Wounded Warrior Project



SMGA Warrior Golfers with Executive Director, OH, PADENJ (in blue)

(WWP) that honors and empowers wounded warriors by raising awareness and enlisting the public's aid using direct programs and services.

For more Information

Lyle Foundation: www.lylememorialfoundation.com
Operation Homefront: www.operationhomefront.net
SMGA: www.SMGA.org
WWP: www.woundedwarriorproject.org
TSF: www.ourstonefoundation.org

Help for People in Need

By Spencer Stone, PD AMIS Instructional Designer
(Chief Operating Officer, The Stone Foundation)

The Stone Foundation (TSF) aids individuals and families in the poorest communities of the world. The collective expertise of the founders of the organization in the fields of medicine, technology and education has helped promote innovative solutions for community sustainment. Their goal is to facilitate lasting change by strengthening capacity for self-help, promoting health awareness, creating educational opportunity and delivering relief where necessary. For over a decade, TSF has provided health care screenings to those without medical access, hurricane relief, food and clothing for the homeless, educational material and solar electricity, funding for worldwide clean water projects and new agriculture technologies to third world countries.



Gordon's Early Childhood Institute children

Meet the Staff



Lieutenant Colonel Julian Toro was raised on the island of Puerto Rico. He enlisted in the United States Army Reserve (USAR) in 1986. He attended college and the Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) in Ponce, Puerto Rico. In 1993, he graduated with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Computer Science and received his commission as a 2nd Lieutenant in the Signal Corps. His military experience includes 20 years of service in the U.S. Army Signal Corps, over five years in the Army Acquisition Corps and over three years as Inspector General. Among his assignments, Lieutenant Colonel Toro served as the Assistant Product Manager (APM) for the Reserve Component Automation System (RCAS), APM Army Human Resource Systems (AHRS) and APM Joint - Automatic Identification Technology (J-AIT) under Program Executive Office Enterprise Information Systems (PEO EIS), Ft. Belvoir, Virginia. Lieutenant Colonel Toro has been deployed under Operation Joint Endeavor, Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom. He has a Master of Science degree in Management of Information Systems from the University of Maryland, European Division. He is a graduate of the Command and General Staff College (CGSC), and the Advance Joint Professional Military Education (AJPME) at the Joint Forces Staff College. He arrived in October 2014 and currently serves as Assistant Product Director, Automated Movement and Identification Solutions (PD AMIS) on the Acquisition Support Team. PD AMIS extends a warm welcome to Lieutenant Colonel Toro.

GWAC SOLE Award Recipients

By Jerry Rodgers, PD AMIS Product Management Support

Five PD AMIS members received Logistics Specialty awards from the Greater Washington Area Chapter (GWAC) of the International Society of Logistics (SOLE) at the Chapter's 17th Annual Awards Program Luncheon held at the Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall Officers Club on 29 October 2014. The GWAC Awards Program was initiated in 1998 to recognize individual achievements in the logistics field in the Greater Washington Area. Recipients were selected from the various logistics specialties and received distinctive certificates recognizing their achievements. PD AMIS 2014 award recipients were:

Mike Senski—Software Support
Solina Mao—Configuration Management
Klaus Stroup—Contract Management
Corinne Delaney—Life Cycle Product Support
John Wloshinski—Supply Support

We salute our awardees and congratulate them on their outstanding achievements.



PD AMIS 2014 GWAC SOLE award recipients pictured from left to right: Mike Senski, Solina Mao, Klaus Stroup, Corinne Delaney, and John Wloshinski



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