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ON THE MOVE!

A NEW PD TIS LEADERSHIP TEAM



Jeremy Hiers, PD TIS

Effective 10 May 2010, Mr. Jeremy Hiers assumed the charter for the Product Director, Transportation Information Systems (PD TIS) mission. He replaces Ms. Tami Johnson who served as PM TIS for three years.

“The number one priority established by Ms. Johnson was providing support to deployed and deploying units. That priority will not change,” said Mr. Hiers.

“However, as the Army faces a number of new fiscal challenges, PD TIS will find ways to deliver products faster, cheaper, and better than before. PD TIS is well-positioned to meet this challenge.”



Douglas Haskin, DPD TIS

Ms. Johnson stated, “Mr. Hiers is a well-known and highly respected member of the TIS Team. His knowledge and vast systems expertise will be a tremendous benefit to TIS customers.”

Mr. Douglas Haskin will serve as the Deputy Product Director. Mr. Haskin formerly served as Chief, Operations Division responsible for the management of fielding and training activities, functional technical group, curriculum development, and regional office oversight. In his new position, Mr. Haskin will work closely with the PD to ensure customers experience an integrated management team supporting the TIS mission.

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ARMY MOBILITY SYSTEMS CONFERENCE

PD TIS co-sponsored the first Army Mobility Systems Conference in Newport News from 5 to 7 April 2010 with PM Joint – Automatic Identification Technology (PM J-AIT), Product Director Battle Command Sustainment Support System (PD BCS3), and PM Movement Tracking System (PM MTS). This conference provided a venue where a wide audience could discuss and collaborate on the connectivity and commonalities of products within the four sponsoring organizations.

“We had just over 280 attendees, with approximately 75% being from our user community. I believe the most successful event during the conference was the end-to-end demonstration of information flow between Transportation Coordinators’ – Automated Information for Movements System II (TC-AIMS II), J-AIT, MTS, and BCS3,” said Tami Johnson, PEO EIS Portfolio Integration Officer. “From the attendees I spoke with, they believed they left with a greater understanding of the capabilities we provide. We have already been asked to repeat the demonstration at the DoD AIT’s Global Team Meeting and several other events.”

Highlights of the conference included a keynote address by Mr. William Moore, Deputy to the Commander, Combined Arms Support Command (CASCOM) and a panel discussion on current operations in Afghanistan. There was also a Mobility

Systems Demonstration that was given throughout the conference to demonstrate how the four systems can be networked together to provide a powerful tool for logisticians and commanders alike. In addition, 15 exhibitors provided literature and demonstrations on their services and technologies that support our programs.

Feedback from the conference was very positive. Based on attendee evaluations, 95% said the conference met their expectations and they would likely attend the next conference. Here are some specific attendee comments:

“Great information sharing, professional interaction, and productive.”

“Much more than expected -- definitely a feel good unity building event. A must to attend!”

Plans are currently underway to conduct the next Mobility Systems Conference in Spring 2011.

AIR MOVEMENT REQUEST (AMR) ROLLING OUT

By Amy Wentz, Functional Analyst

PD TIS deployed a team of functional and development staff to Bagram, Afghanistan, and surrounding Forward Operating Bases (FOBs) to assist the support team already on the ground with training and implementing AMR, a system that tracks requests for travel, flights, passengers, and cargo. Together with the 82nd Aviation Brigade, Combined Joint Task Force-101 (CJTF-101), 419th Movement Control Battalion (MCB), and Movement Control Team (MCT) members throughout Theater, the system is now being used to process live AMRs. A team was also sent to Camp Shelby, MS, to participate in an exercise for the 184th Expeditionary Sustainment Command (ESC). The 184th ESC was the first unit to implement AMR in an exercise preparing them for their upcoming deployment to Afghanistan.

OPERATION UNIFIED RESPONSE SUPPORT IN HAITI

In February 2010, PD TIS deployed a six-person team to Port-au-Prince, Haiti, to provide support to units deploying as part of Operation Unified Response. The support provided included upgrading older versions of the TC-AIMS II software to the newest release, providing over-the-shoulder training and expertise on various subjects, and troubleshooting Installation Transportation Office (ITO) systems to expedite the deployment process.

After arriving in Haiti, the team trained the 3rd ESC staff on TC-AIMS II Theater Operations (TOPS) and Unit Move (UM) capabilities.

PD TIS established a UM cell to facilitate redeployment of 82nd Airborne units and the 3rd ESC to their home stations. The UM support to redeploying units included assistance in building and/or updating Organization Equipment Lists (OELs) and Unit Deployment Lists (UDLs). The team supported the 3rd ESC's relief, the 377th Theater Sustainment Command (TSC), as they assumed the Haiti sustainment mission.



Mike Senski and Ron Davis in Haiti March 2010

PD TIS established a central TOPS cell at the Deployment Redeployment Coordination Cell (DRCC), and the process of establishing remote cells at the Aerial Port of Debarkation (APOD), Sea Port of Debarkation (SPOD), Logistics Support Area (LSA), and 7th Sustainment Brigade (SB). The team established TC-AIMS II TOPS capability to facilitate the Transportation Movement Request (TMR) process for JTF-Haiti. The team assisted the units in writing the shipping information to the Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) tags and uploaded the data to the In-Transit Visibility (ITV) server.

PD CORNER

PD TIS, Jeremy Hiers

PD TIS remains “On the Move,” striving daily to provide quality products and services to its customers. PD TIS recently completed development of and began testing the next version of TC-AIMS II. Version 6, named the Barstow build, will be released in the 4th Qtr of this year. PD TIS recently completed initial implementation of AMR in Afghanistan, automating the process for tracking flight requests, flight status, passengers, and cargo for Army aviation. In early April PD TIS co-hosted the Army Mobility Systems Conference with PM J-AIT,

PD MTS, and PD BCS3. The conference provided over 280 system users with a good understanding of the capabilities provided by each system. The conference also gave all four PMs the opportunity to gain valuable insight into the needs and expectations of their users that will be used to further improve their products and services.



I am looking forward to working with each of you as we continue to support Warfighter requirements now and in the future.

MEET CHARLES McCracken



Charles McCracken joined the PD TIS team in August of 2004. He is currently Chief, Functional Management Branch. Charles' responsibilities include ensuring that TC-AIMS II, AMR, CMOS, AMFT-ITV, and future Turbo

Trans meet their milestones as well as functionality for our customers. Above all, the Functional Team's goal is to put out a quality product in order to better support the Warfighter.

Charles came to TIS as a Subject Matter Expert (SME) for the Automated Air Load Planning System (AALPS). He is part of the Customer Service Center (CSC) Helpdesk Tier 2 Team to provide excellent customer service for AALPS users. He retired from the Air Force as a Chief Air Crew Member after serving 24 years. Charles graduated from Campbell University with a Bachelor of Arts degree in History.

GOLDEN CARGO EXERCISE IN INDIANA

By Joseph Shaw, Chief, Exercise Branch

Golden Cargo is a national exercise training Army Reserve, National Guard, and Active Components in multifunctional logistics. It offers Military Occupational Specialty training, to include shipping/receiving, inventory, transportation, movement control, documentation, and hazardous materials handling.

The exercise branch is gearing up to play a vital role in supporting Golden Cargo 2010, working closely with the 310th ESC located in Indianapolis, IN. The team will support participating MCTs, MCB, Combat Sustainment Support Battalions (CSSBs), and the ESC with training, systems integration management, system administration, and subject matter expertise.

This year, the exercise will operate from various Continental United States (CONUS) locations. The exercise branch will implement TOPS from all sites assisting the Soldiers with creating Movement Requests (MRs), processing TMRs, convoy planning, route orders, asset management, and highway regulation.

ISO MIGRATION

By Doug Haskin, DPD TIS

PD TIS is taking steps to become compliant with the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) format for Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) tags. The ISO-compliant tags are replacing the legacy American National Standards Institute (ANSI) tags currently in the field. The reason for this migration is the fact that the total pool of unique tags identification numbers for ANSI tags is nearly exhausted. PD TIS is tasked to ensure compliance for TC-AIMS II software and hardware. In order to accomplish this, the TC-AIMS II software baseline will be



modified to include a version of tag writing software that is ISO-compliant. PD TIS will also provide a firmware upgrade to fielded AIT equipment, enabling it to read and write both ANSI and ISO tags. PD TIS Regional Offices will be contacting all Army installations fielding TC-AIMS II equipment to coordinate assistance visits to upgrade the hardware firmware. PD TIS plans to be complete with the migration effort by June 2011. More information about ISO migration is available at the PM J-AIT Web site (www.ait.army.mil/technology/iso_migration.html).



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