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The Deployer Mission Statement:

The mission of The Deployer is two-fold:

To provide information on an improved Defense Transportation System brought by TC-AIMS II and to provide the current TC ACCIS community of system end-users, sponsors and interested parties with useful information on technology, procedures and organizational matters.

Message from the Acting PM

Welcome to the summer edition of The Deployer.

I am writing this column as the TIS Acting PM. In early May our PM, Mr. Gary Winkler, was selected to fill a Senior Executive Service position as Director, Enterprise Integration in the Army Chief Information Office/G-6. While we wish him well in his new endeavors and future successes, we will truly miss his leadership. We are anxiously awaiting the announcement of the incoming PM, which was not made at press time.



Mr. Lee DeArmond, Acting PM, TIS

Our OPTEMPO within the program office remains very high as we support a number of critical events around the world. Our top priorities are to support two separate missions with the Coalition Forces Land Component Command (CFLCC), operational testing and milestone review for our Block 2 product, and continued fielding of Block 1 to the Army and Navy.

We have had continuous on-the-ground support in Kuwait since early April. The primary requirement was to provide a portable system to be used by the Army’s Movement Control organizations to provide in-transit visibility (ITV) of personnel and equipment. While the operational employment of this capability has been slow, we continue to train organizations in Kuwait for this mission, and to provide additional training to units in Iraq next month.

Even while the ITV mission was in the planning stage, the program office had its eye on the redeployment mission. In early June, TC-AIMS II was identified by CENTCOM as the Army’s system of record for redeployment. To better assist in the planning, establishment and operation of redeployment areas, we increased the TIS in-country support team from four to ten. Today, we are providing technical and functional support to the Military Traffic Management Command’s Deployment Support Brigade which operates the TC-AIMS II systems and assists units in performing their redeployment tasks. The effort by our personnel has been nothing short of heroic, and I personally thank each one for their efforts. An especially important outcome of our mission is the reinforcement our team members receive about the importance of their work. For example, during one of our routine conference calls a team member stated, “When you see how the troops depend on you ... it’s a great motivator.”

This effort will continue for the near future. Support team personnel are rotating every 30-45 days, which means many of our program office staff will have the opportunity to provide hands-on support to our troops in the field.

Back here in Springfield, VA, our team is working the more traditional program

TIS to Host Two Workshops

by James Givens, AALPS

The Transportation Information Systems (TIS) Joint Program Management Office (JPMO) is planning two Joint Service User Workshops. The workshops will bring systems users together to provide a program update, training, demonstrations on the TIS Single Platform

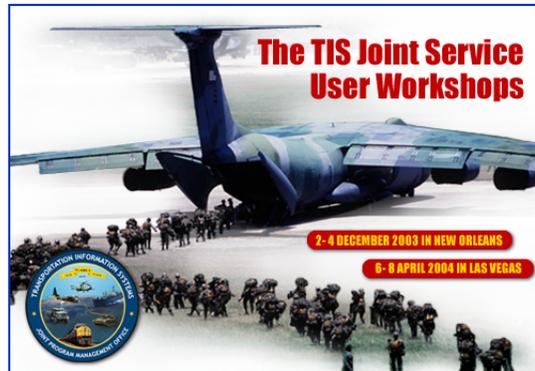
Integration (SPI) concept, automatic identification technology trends, Service implementation updates, and a number of other TIS related topics. The first workshop will be conducted in New Orleans, LA, 2-4 December 2003, to accommodate the eastern (activities east of the Mississippi River and USAREUR) community. The second workshop will be conducted in Las Vegas, NV, 6-8 April 2004 to accommodate the western (activities west of the Mississippi and USARPAC) community. Additional information will be provided on the TIS and AALPS home pages as it becomes available.

The Omni Royal Orleans, located in the French Quarter, has been selected as the host hotel for the New Orleans workshop. We are anticipating approximately 300 users at each

conference. The first day will consist of opening remarks by Mr. Kevin Carroll, PEO EIS, the key note address, Service implementation updates, automatic information technology trends and other TIS topics. On the second and third days, several workshops are planned to include the TIS Single Platform Integration (SPI) concept. The workshops will be divided into four smaller groups of 60-70 personnel each. All attendees will be provided an opportunity to participate in each of the workshops on a round-robin basis. The Omni is prepared to provide "first class" support to this event to include hookups for 20 computers in each workshop room. They will also set up Internet cages for attendees to check e-mail during their stay at the conference. On-site

registration will begin during the afternoon of 1 December 2003 and personnel may depart late in the afternoon of 4 December 2003.

The TIS Workshop Coordinator and POC for this initiative is Mr. James Givens, (703) 752-0888, james.givens@eis.army.mil. ☐



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tasks, in addition to providing support to the in-country team. We have completed work on our Block 2 product which provides additional unit movement functionality. The testing cycle began in May and will continue almost to the end of the year. The Army completed its Developmental Test in early July, and Operational Test training began at Fort Lewis on 7 July 2003. Like the Block 1 test, the Army test will utilize Fort Lewis soldiers, in addition to National Guard and Reserve Component soldiers, to conduct the test. The Navy will begin testing in July with a September Operational Test in Norfolk, VA, and the Marine Corps tests will follow.

Our Block 1 fielding effort continues with Alaska in July and August. We have asked OSD for approval to field a prototype version of Block 2 to Korea and Japan this fall. This would allow us to cut over to the Block 2 product before the final fielding decision and also would give us the opportunity to fine tune our Web-enabled capability in an operational environment. I expect to have that approval in the next few weeks and will keep you updated.

You will want to visit our Web site at www.tis.army.mil to get the latest information on two Joint Service User Workshops planned for 2-4 December 2003 in New Orleans, LA and 6-8 April 2004 in Las Vegas, NV. At the workshops you will receive an update on everything going on in TIS, enjoy great speakers and demonstrations, as well as benefit from hands-on opportunities using our applications and tools. I hope that many of you will be able to attend.

Whether you are new to The Deployer or a charter member I trust you will find all the articles and information of benefit to you. This edition, as usual, has many topics that should interest our readers. If there are additional topics you would like to see covered please contact us.

In our next issue, we look forward to introducing you to our new PM. ☐

Conversion of DAMMS to TIS-TO, a Rousing Success

by Brian Coady, Project Officer - TC ACCIS, TIS-TO

The TIS JPMO recently claimed a significant victory by delivering the Transportation Information Systems-Theater Operations (TIS-TO) system in an enterprise management mode. This fundamental transformation allows users to access TIS-TO from most platforms and in most places.

The TIS JPMO is charged with providing an automated solution to theater operation needs. While the TIS JPMO is committed to the eventual satisfaction of these needs through TC-AIMS II, they recognized that the community of users will need to rely on the TIS JPMO legacy system, TIS-TO (formerly DAMMS), for theater operations until its phase-out.

Because this phase-out will not be imminent and TIS-TO's forerunner had certain shortcomings, the TIS JPMO was motivated to pursue a new technology that will enable TIS-TO, based on a client-server model, to perform as though it were a Web-based application. To better exploit this new technology and provide relevant functionality to the user, the TIS JPMO also took this transition opportunity to streamline the system, essentially removing extraneous functionality to simplify the user's experience and improve performance.

DAMMS, the predecessor of TIS-TO, evidenced its growing obsolescence in the following ways:

- Considerable bandwidth demands during a period in which a systems' bandwidth appetite is carefully scrutinized
- Dependence on a certain suite of hardware equipment, now well beyond the useful life span and experiencing rapid attrition
- A special dependence on aging equipment called "concentrators," running on an obscure OS which demanded considerable on-site training. As each system component sent transactions to it, the concentrators represented a single-point-of-failure for the entire system
- Performance issues relating to a process whereby transactions were sent to centralized concentrations for further distribution (store-and-forward scheme)

The new technology that the TIS JPMO tapped to address these shortcomings is brought by Citrix. Citrix is known as a Web-wrapper and allows for small, browser-like applications installed on appropriate PCs, to interface with servers over the NIPERNET. Because most of the computing and storage responsibilities lie at the centralized servers, the small, local browser-like applications simply make calls to the server and present a graphic of the true application. This is especially relevant in terms of bandwidth reduction as the servers need only transfer data within their own directory structure rather than over the NIPRNET—saving considerable bandwidth over the current method that relies on highly distributed, independent clients.

While the TIS JPMO pursued this technology in the interest of alleviating the issues of obsolescence previously mentioned, there are some highly attractive side benefits:

- Platform independence allows for more flexibility in fielding
- Customer support is enhanced as Citrix provides for shadowing individual PCs. This means that remote TIS-TO technicians can either see what the user is seeing or, in fact, commandeer the users Citrix session for the purposes of training or problem diagnosis
- Centralized software distribution

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Web-Enabling vs. Web-Based

Some are dismayed because they feel as though TIS-TO has been represented as an entirely new system. Some have felt as though TIS-TO was sold as being Web-based. To set the record straight, TIS-TO is the old DAMMS, with significant streamlining operating from behind a Web-wrapper. It is what the industry terms a Web-enabled application versus a Web-based application.

To be sure, Web-based applications are the preferred solution, but this is not to say that significant gains are not achieved by going "Web-enabled." Web-based applications require only a Web browser, security and access to the Web site for a user to connect and use the product. Web-enabled applications require some type of proprietary software that acts as a "gateway" to the Web. Typically, a Web-based application is built from the ground up, in terms of interface design considerations, to exploit the Web. There is no gateway. One need only access a site using, say, Microsoft Internet Explorer and, provided one has the necessary security credentials, proceed. Web-enabled applications, however, are often applications which were built well before the advent of the Web. Often, with the Web-enabled application, the user is presented a view of the familiar interface, only through the Web. While a Web-based application does not suffer from an intervening client, sometimes, as many industry watchers will concur, it is smarter to go "Web-enabled" especially for gap measures.

Many corporations and other organizations have a significant investment in systems built well before the Web. They like the idea of providing nearly universal access for customers through the Web and they like the idea of having platform independence; But they do not like the significant investment in time and money associated with building a system from the ground up. For these organizations, the intermediate solution of Web-enabling their application is the perfect answer.

Similarly, the TIS JPMO looks at the introduction of TIS-TO behind Citrix as an ideal solution to fill the gap until the Theater Operations functionality of TC-AIMS II is delivered. With a Web-enabled product, bandwidth demands are dramatically reduced. This is because, instead of dispersed clients sending TMRs to a concentrator and on to the destination, transmissions are merely sent from one directory to another within a centralized server. The bandwidth requirements are associated with instructions or "calls" for the server to perform those actions and these are significantly smaller than the actual TMR themselves. As for the previously mentioned concentrator, which has always threatened the bane of our existence at TIS-TO, Web-enabling the product allows us to liberate ourselves from this single-point of failure. We would no longer be reliant on an archaic proprietary piece of equipment running on an obscure operating system.

It is easy to see why Web-enabling the product, while not the optimum solution of Web-basing the product, represents the best solution for the situation. In this case, it's "progress not perfection."

TC-AIMS II Fields Hawaii

by TIS Staff

In March 2003, a seven person team from TIS JPMO and DPMO gathered in Fort Shafter, HI to brief USARPAC and its elements on the TC-AIMS II application. This site survey entailed visits to the 25th ID Headquarters and the Force Modernization Office, the 25th ID S3 and S4 Offices, the 9th Regional Support Command (RSC), and the Hawaii National Guard.

In May, the TC-AIMS fielding team, an element of the TC-AIMS ILS Directorate, arrived on-site to begin the training, equipment configuration, data completion, and equipment allocation necessary to fulfill our commitment to USARPAC.

The 25th ID was instrumental in getting complete unit compliance with the out-of-cycle training requirements necessary to ensure TC-AIMS II implementation success. The 9th RSC contributed exceptional support in arranging for reserve soldiers to be able to attend classes outside of their normal duty cycle. USARPAC's timely intervention was a major factor in the successful Scenario-Based Training (SBT).

Seven servers, 188 workstations, 154 laser jet printers, and 39 sets of AIT were configured, loaded, set up, tested and installed in offices, classrooms and warehouses in support of the USARPAC TC-AIMS II fielding. An honorable mention should be given to Mr. James Sullivan for an out-of-the-ordinary trip to load, configure, set up and install TC-AIMS II servers, workstations and AIT equipment for the Guam National Guard.

All the successes with the fielding of TC-AIMS II to USARPAC were the direct result of the incredible efforts of Mr. Tony Jacang of the 25th ID Deployment Training Center. TC-AIMS II wishes to thank Mr. Jacang and his staff for their gracious hospitality and unselfish support. ☺

Busy Schedule Keeping the Team Slim An Update on the TC-AIMS II Fielding Team Schedule

by TIS Staff



Your fielding team is presently in Alaska with the United States Army providing training and equipment allocation to both Fort Richardson and Fort Wainwright. While this is happening, your fielding team is also providing support to the unit redeployment from Kuwait. All elements of the fielding team are also involved in preparing for an almost "Patton-like" four pincer attack on the deployment, convoy and transportation accountability issues facing the mobile force in the Republic of South Korea.

Meanwhile, the United States Army Europe (USAREUR) was provided the fielding pre-brief, which will be followed by a site survey (within the next four months). A few months after the site survey, the fielding and training execution throughout the European theater will commence.

Your fielding team is on the dead run and are getting slimmer by the minute (the interrogators are heavy!). The Integrated Logistics Support (ILS) department has decided that in their spare time they must consider pre-sites and site surveys for Fort Polk, Fort Hood, Fort Bragg, Fort Stewart, and Fort Benning. As every member of the fielding team knows, every site survey leads to a fielding, and even though the site survey lasts only a week, the fielding is generally much longer.

So, if in the near future you see some weary bodies with oddly familiar faces attached, please don't be alarmed. It is your friendly fielding team going from the IN door of one installation on their way to the OUT door of another! ☺



Announcing TC ACCIS Version 5.0.134

by Alain Wampouille, RAM Inc.

The TC ACCIS system has just released its latest version, IDP5V5.0.134, which includes an updated ECDF data reference dated 4 Mar 2003. In addition to this data update, the application now supports an improved hazardous material functionality where UMOs can correctly add and maintain hazardous records to their AUEL and DELs. To support data entry, the look-up Hazardous Reference Table has been pre-populated with more than 14,000 reference records.

In order to assist the freight office generating the CBL in verifying that the UMO's input are consistent with the DD836 hazmat forms, a hazardous material report is now available off the ring menu for the movement data functionality. This report will include information normally found on the DD836 and also will also list data type, train number, ramp ID, and railcar number on which the equipment is loaded.

In the equipment list processing module, the UMOs and UMCs can now enter and print the POD in block 7 of the MSLs, and print Military Shipment Labels (MSLs) for loads on vehicles (E records) and on special handling (G records).

On the interface scene, the AUEL FORSCOM report can now be e-mailed directly from the application to support remote TC ACCIS users. To better support air movements, TC ACCIS will now interface with AALPS by providing the following data to create a DEL record in AALPS: Line Item Number (LIN) – mandatory, index number, transportation control number (TCN), bumper number, unit identification code (UIC), shipment unit number (SUN), type data code (TDC), unit line number (ULN), priority – optional, number or hazard codes – optional, hazard codes – optional. The AALPS application will use the default dimensional data in the AALPS database to establish the record. The user will have to modify dimensional data and weights in AALPS if they are different from the default, i.e., loaded pallets and containers, before finalizing the air load plan. The TC ACCIS data will be ported either on a floppy or directly by e-mail.

Finally, we have integrated a helpdesk utility that will give the UMCs or the ITO the ability to purge outdated GBL/CBL data for a TDC. This is necessary if the TDC is to be re-used (e.g., Roving Sands, NTC rotation), so that the old information doesn't conflict with the current information. It complements the delete TDC function in ITO equipment list processing. ☐

Armed Services Go "High Tech" with Distance Learning Classes

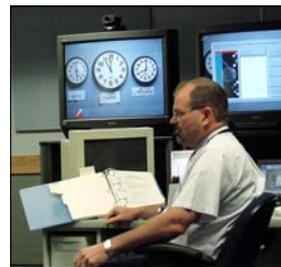
by Charles E. Lukasek, Chief Mob/Mvmt Training Center, ARRTC

"WXOW" Channel 19, a Lacrosse, WI television channel, spent most of last Friday at the Army Reserve Readiness Training Center (ARRTC), Fort McCoy WI, learning more about the advances in Distance



WXOW (Channel 19, Lacrosse, WI) interviews Mr. Lukasek of the Titan Corporation

Learning (DL). They were particularly interested in the training provided by the contracted team with Titan Corporation, Mr. Ed Lukasek and Mr. Joel Kendhammer. Lukasek and Kendhammer, commonly referred to as "Team Titan," used this opportunity to inform the local communities about the ability to teach the TC-AIMS II course by using DL. "We have broadcasted the TC-AIMS II training within and outside of CONUS to receiving classrooms, since the project was implemented," said Lukasek. To date, more than one hundred students have received the training, with Alaska and Hawaii being the most remote locations. "Our Armed Services are second to none and this type of training allows troops to remain at their assigned location while receiving this technically advanced TC-AIMS II training," according to Lukasek, a Titan DL instructor.



Kendhammer, the second half of "Team Titan" stated, "Our Armed Services' philosophy is to be a quick response Army, and we must be able to rapidly train troops." TC-AIMS II has provided the best tool for the commands to have full visibility of all assets for mission planning. This software program

has been taught from the ARRTC using the DL modality since early Oct 02. All students who have received training have passed with the average score in the ninetieth percentile.

One soldier mentioned that she liked DL because it allowed her to stay close to her family rather than traveling to get the training. While many students admit it takes some getting used to, all of them agreed that it is a very effective and efficient way of learning in the 21st century.

Mr. Chuck Lukasek said, "The high training scores provide a valuable insight regarding the TC-AIMS II training success using the DL modality. We can teach TC-AIMS II and other mobilization classes to any military group, anytime and anywhere in the world." ☐



War Heroes Help Pentagon Celebrate Army's 228th Birthday

*An article from the Army Link News, June 2003 Issue **
Written by Staff Sgt. Marcia Triggs

WASHINGTON (Army News Service, June 13, 2003) - Soldiers who deployed to the Iraqi desert to fight and restore freedom helped celebrate the Army's 228th birthday today at the Pentagon.

Vice President Dick Cheney and Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld were among the special guests who took time to pay tribute to an Army at war and transforming. The celebration took place June 13, a day before the actual birthday.

Gen. Tommy Franks, the commander in chief of the U.S. Central Command, was given two standing ovations during the hour-long birthday tribute in the Pentagon's courtyard. Franks was celebrating his last Army birthday while in uniform.

"He would scold me if I credited him with winning the war," said Deputy Secretary of Defense Paul Wolfowitz referring to Gen. Franks. "The global war on terrorism is being won by brave young men and women who risk their lives on the ground. But he [Franks] put the plan together for those who are fighting the fight, and he needs to be recognized."

Franks commanded the U.S. forces to battlefield victories in Afghanistan and Iraq, and has announced that he will retire this summer.

It's been 36 years of service for Franks, but it's only been four years for former prisoner-of-war Chief Warrant Officer Ronald Young. Young was captured during Operation Iraqi Freedom when his Apache Longbow helicopter was shot down.

During the birthday celebration, Young was one of six soldiers who were recognized for their service during the war. He's been called a hero, but says that he doesn't consider himself as one.

"I was shot down, that's not very heroic to me. It's the young guys I'm proud of that are making a difference," said the 26-year-old stationed at Fort Hood, Texas. "It's not just Army, it's a joint effort. I met one of the Marines that helped rescue us, and he was only 18, with less than a year in the Corps."

The joint effort that made the war a success was also echoed by Sgt. Allen Rushing, a Ranger from Fort Benning, Ga. Not just the Army works well together, but the military as a whole, Rushing said.

A statement that shows the Army is not just changing its equipment, but its mindset also. Army veterans from the first Gulf War have been quoted as saying that they never saw other members of the Armed Forces while deployed to Iraq.

"Soldiers from 228 years ago wouldn't even recognize this Army," Wolfowitz said. "This is the best Army that the world has ever known, but have no doubt that it's not the best Army that the world will ever know."

Rumsfeld credited the Army's transformation from the Cold War era to a 21st-century fighting force to Gen. Eric K. Shinseki, who retired June 11 as the Army chief of staff.

"I want to salute a man ... whose energy and drive made a difference," Rumsfeld said in honor of Shinseki.

Shinseki wasn't there to hear the remarks, but about 300 soldiers and civilians listened as the vice president gave thanks to soldiers on behalf of President George W. Bush.

"On the Army's 228th birthday, I would like to thank every member of the U.S. Army for what you do for all of us," Cheney said. "Wherever you go, you bring justice, freedom and the hope for a better day."

Hope is the word Sgt. 1st Class Keith Gates used when he described what he provided to the Iraqi people as a civil affairs noncommissioned officer.

"My job was to act as a liaison and explain why the Army was there," the Fort Bragg soldier said. "Our goal was to help them feel at ease, find out their needs and then provide for them."

There have been 157 soldiers lost in Afghanistan and Iraq, said Sgt. Maj. of the Army Jack Tilley.

"Today is about remembering those sacrifices that so many soldiers have made," Tilley said. "It's not about numbers: it's about husbands, wives, fathers, sons and daughters. We have won on battlefields because of soldiers, their spirit, tenacity, heart and their blood."



Deputy Secretary of Defense Paul Wolfowitz, Acting Army Chief of Staff John Keane, Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld, Vice President Dick Cheney, Sergeant Major of the Army Jack Tilley and the Army's oldest NCOs, Master Sgt. David Mitchell, cut the Army birthday cake at the Pentagon June 13.
- Spc. Bill Putnam

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For those soldiers who gave their life, the birthday celebration began with the laying of a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknowns.

“It was the soldiers before us who set the bar of selfless service so very high and made many personal sacrifices to defend this nation,” said the acting Army Chief of Staff Gen. Jack Keane who was reflecting on the wreath-laying ceremony. “They established a tradition of service that now defines who we are as military professionals.”

The Army is no doubt busier than it has ever been since World War II, Keane said. It has maintained its forces in the Sinai, Kosovo, Bosnia, the Philippines and Korea. It has fought two vastly different wars. One on Afghanistan’s snowy mountains, and one in the open mobile desert of Iraq.

“We have demonstrated to the world, the Army’s remarkable capability and flexibility,” Keane added.

The birthday celebration also included remarks from the acting Secretary of the Army Les Brownlee, and the cutting a six-foot, red, white and blue cake. Among the honored guest were Capt. Andras Marton, a Judge Advocate General officer from the 101st Airborne Division, who was injured in Kuwait when a grenade was thrown into his tent; Sgt. Melvin Hargrove, a Reservist with an engineer battalion in Colorado, whose unit was part of the rebuilding project in Iraq; Cpl. Allan Poyle, a linguist from Fort Hood, Texas, whose leg had to be amputated from the knee down after a wall fell on him. 🖨

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Acting Secretary of the Army Les Brownlee, Acting Army Chief of Staff Gen. John M. Keane and Sgt. Maj. of the Army Jack Tilley lay a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknowns June 13 to observe the Army's 228th Birthday.

Army Software Development Test

by Gloria McBroom

The Army Software Development Test (SDT) 74A was conducted during the scheduled period of 23 June through 2 July 2003 in the TIS JPMO test lab, Springfield, VA. The purpose of this SDT was to exercise the TC-AIMS II Block 2 software version 74A.1 using Army Subject Matter Experts (SMEs) as target audience users, and the Army Master Scenario Events List (MSELs) to determine the system’s readiness to support an Operational Test and Evaluation using realistic test players employing the Army business process.

Testing focused on the functional capabilities and responses of the system: the degree of performance met as prescribed by Key Performance Parameters, and operational requirements as documented in the service scenario-based test procedures. The procedures are sequenced based on the Army business process and validated by the SMEs. Measures were also taken to record performance of Critical Technical Parameters and Critical Mission Functions encountered during the scenario.

In the main, the test was a success. After TIS JPMO made fixes to some items deemed critical, ATEC gave a positive assessment and authorization to continue on to the operational test phase. 🖨

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Another significant side benefit is the good experience the TIS JPMO team will gain in the operation of TIS-TO. This experience will serve the team well as it prepares the way for Block 2 implementation, expected this fall.

The Lead Site Verification Test (LVST) concluded on [date] roundly confirmed that this new implementation of TIS-TO is ready for prime time. Although there were initially start-up glitches, the implementation team quickly diagnosed the problem as something not associated with the system per se. It seemed that the unintentional pressure against a laptop’s touchpad caused unexpected results. The solution was low tech: applying a small, rectangular piece of cardboard. After the fix: Everything was golden.

The TIS-TO team is now busy performing user training and, throughout this effort, discovering that the tool is regarded with open appreciation. 🖨

Business Management Directorate, Acquisition and Management

by Mike Helms, Chief, Acquisition Management

As stated in last quarter's issue of The Deployer, the role of expediting program documentation through the approval process in order to meet milestone decision points as well as certain elements of project control, belongs to the office of Acquisition Management. Each milestone decision point requires that numerous program documents undergo extensive revisions to focus on the block of development approaching a Milestone B or C approval decision. A host of activities in the Test and Evaluation arena also must occur with supporting documentation. The approval chain for these documents and activities requires precise scheduling along a restrictive critical path.

The Milestone C decision for Block 2 of TC-AIMS II is scheduled for December 2003. Acquisition documentation review and approval is proceeding smoothly, with the Test and Evaluation Master Plan already approved by OSD and the Acquisition Strategy in the final approval stages. The CIO Assessment, which addresses Clinger-Cohen Act compliance issues, will be submitted soon for approval action.

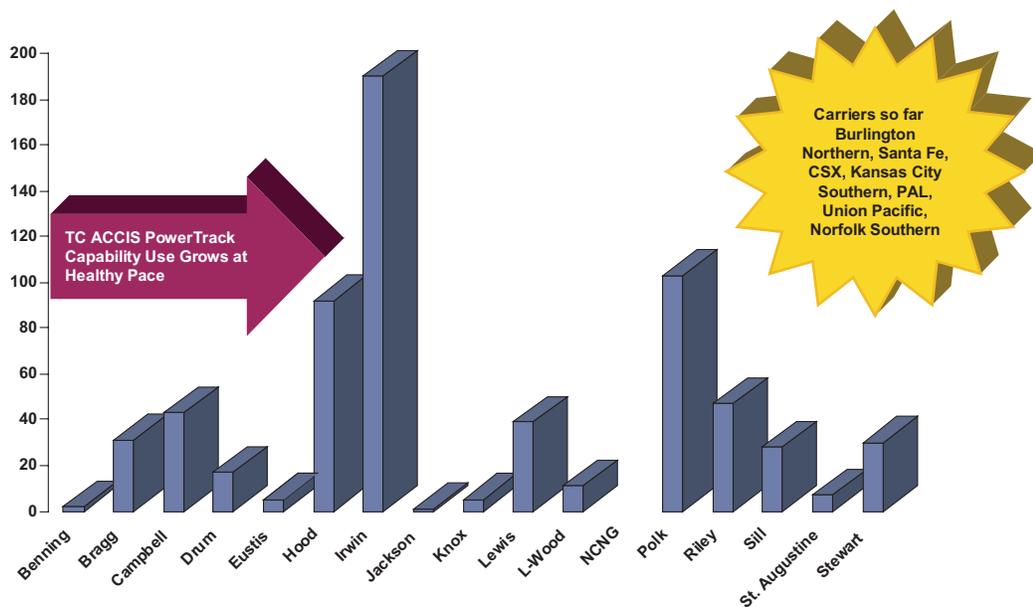
In order to monitor and control project activities and risks, we rely on management tools such as the Master Integrated Schedule and the Project Risk Management Program. The

integrated schedule displays activities that are key elements for program success along a time line. It is a useful reference to display project activities within all JPMO offices and is used as a visual reminder to initiate certain actions to prevent schedule disruption.

The Risk Management program involves the structured display of project risks in a software tool called Risk Radar. Using this tool, we look at uncertainties that may threaten program schedule, funding, system operation and acceptance. These uncertainties, or risks, are assessed in terms of their likely occurrence, and the ability of the program to avoid them or in other ways reduce that likelihood. The program office also looks at what we would do, should some risk actually materialize (e.g., contingency planning). Taken together, this exercise is useful in terms of quantifying, to the best degree possible, uncertainties. These assessments are not merely mechanical, as subjective analysis of factors is always allowed. Armed with a quantifiable appreciation of risks and tempered by subjective considerations, we are able to prioritize our attention. It's a way to ensure that, as an organization, we address "first things first."

More information from the TIS JPMO Business Management Directorate will follow in the next edition of The Deployer. 📧

At First Glance: TC ACCIS → PowerTrack Interface Continues Strong Use



ARRTC Trains AALPS to Standard—Thousands of Miles Away

by Charles E. Lukasek, Chief Mob/Mvmt Training Center, ARRTC

The Army Reserve Readiness Training Center (ARRTC) at Fort McCoy, WI conducts AALPS Function User Training in resident and distance learning (DL) Modes.

In the spring of 2002, the Automated Air Load Planning System (AALPS) course successfully trained, tested and graduated eleven AALPS students from a distance of two thousand miles. This was a landmark day for the eleven active duty soldiers from Fort Irwin, CA and for that matter, the Mobilization and Movement Training Center ARRTC. SFC Paul Powell, Course Team Leader for the AALPS course, demonstrated that Fort Irwin students were able to interact with their instructor at Fort McCoy and effectively showed their newly acquired skills entirely in accordance with the course program of instruction. This fully supports the Training and Doctrine Command's (TRADOC) concept of training, "Any Where, Any Time."

The 19 April 2002 class at Fort Irwin was conducted in Digital Training Facilities operated by The Army Distributed Learning Program (TADLP). Taught in a DL environment, this one class negated approximately \$14K in TDY costs for the U.S. Army. In addition, analysis indicates that when compared to test scores for students in traditional classroom training, the AALPS test scores for students in video teletraining are not significantly different.

The AALPS course itself is a one-week functional user class. The student learns to operate AALPS in the automated process of computerized air movement planning and execution. AALPS allows students to create various force options and packages, deployment equipment lists, unit movement data, air movement plans, and cargo/passenger load plans tailored to their unit's needs in a standalone exportable fashion. At the end of the course, students keep the AALPS software for use at their units.

Since April 2002, the ARRTC has successfully returned to Fort Irwin, CA several times to instruct AALPS in a DL environment. In addition, the ARRTC has also delivered AALPS training to U.S. Air Force loadmasters and the Seabees of the U.S. Navy. DL training has been successfully delivered to West Los Angeles, CA, Harrisburg, PA, Fort Bragg, NC, Fort Carson, CO, and March AFB, CA.



Whether in residence or from a distance, be it the Army, Air Force or Navy the ARRTC is delivering AALPS Functional User Training to the transportation community.

If you are interested in having this AALPS course broadcast to your location, contact the POC listed below. Also, check with your ATRRS personnel to view currently scheduled classes. AALPS is class number 921-411. ARRTC POC is Mr. Charles Lukasek at the Mobilization and Movement Training Center, CML 608-388-7270/DSN 280-7270, or Mr. Tim Shuffield, Operations, CML 608-388-7203/DSN 280-7203. You may also visit the ARRTC Web site at www.rrtc.mccoy.army.mil. 

Updating Port Codes and Country Codes

TC ACCIS has received a list of aerial port and water port codes that need to be added or updated within the system. Port codes and country codes within TC ACCIS may be changed by the ITO user. They are used when generating Military Shipment Labels. Changes may be due to local needs or may be prescribed by MILSTAMP as interim changes to update port code and country code tables on TC ACCIS.

Below are the procedures for adding/modifying a port code. Following these procedures you will find links to access MS Excel documents of aerial and water port codes that need to be added/updated.

When required to add a new port code:

****Note**** Three-digit Port Code is prescribed by MTMC and recorded in MILSTAMP.

- 1) Login as ITO level
- 2) From the Main menu, select **3 - Shipment Planning**
- 3) From the Shipment Planning menu, select **6 - Reference Tables**
- 4) From the Reference Tables menu, select **H - Port Codes**
- 5) From the Port Code ring menu, select **1 - Add**
- 6) All information for the fields that follow will be extracted from MILSTAMP or given to you when a new port entry is required.
 - a) Port Code Unique three-digit Port Code (required)
 - b) DMOD "A" for Air and "S" for Surface (deployment mode required)
 - c) Port Name Common Port Name (required)
 - d) Address Freight Address (NOT required)
 - e) City City (NOT required)
 - f) State State (required ONLY if in the U.S.)
 - g) Country Country (mandatory blank if within the U.S.A., otherwise required for all others)
 - h) ZIP ZIP Code (NOT required)
 - i) Ammo Indicator "y" if ammo is accepted, "n" if ammo is not accepted (required)

To modify a Port Code, perform steps 1-4 from above instructions, then follow:

****Note**** Three-digit Port Code is prescribed by MTMC and recorded in MILSTAMP.

- 5) From the Port Code ring menu, select **2 - Modify**
- 6) Type in
 - a) the existing **Port Code** and press **ESC**, or
 - b) to select from a list, press **F6**
 - 1) then press **ESC**
 - 2) highlight the country desired and press **ESC**
- 7) Update the specific fields needed
 - a) Port Code Unique three-digit Port Code (required)
 - b) DMOD "A" for Air and "S" for Surface (deployment mode required)
 - c) Port Name Common Port Name (required)
 - d) Address Freight Address (NOT required)
 - e) City City (NOT required)
 - f) State State (Required ONLY if in the U.S.)
 - g) Country Country (mandatory blank if within the U.S.A., otherwise required for all others)
 - h) ZIP ZIP Code (NOT required)
 - i) Ammo Indicator "y" if ammo is accepted, "n" if ammo is not accepted (required)

When required to add a new independent country:

- 1) Login as **ITO level**
- 2) From the Main menu, select **3 - Shipment Planning**
- 3) From the Shipment Planning menu, select **6 - Reference Tables**
- 4) From the Reference Tables menu, select **J - Country**
- 5) From the Country Code ring menu, select **1 - Add**
- 6) At the Country Name field, enter the country name and press **ESC**

To update a country, perform steps 1-4 from above instructions, then follow:

- 5) From the Country Code ring menu, select **2 - Modify**
- 6) Type in
 - a) The Country Name and press **ESC**, or
 - b) to select from a list press **F6**
 - 1) then press **ESC**
 - 2) highlight the country desired and press **ESC**
- 7) Overtyping the **Country name** with your required change, then press **ESC**



Click on the appropriate link below to download the aerial and water port code documents.

Aerial Port Codes

Water Port Codes

Individual instructions may be found in the TC ACCIS – End User Manual, Sections **11.3.1.16** and **11.3.1.18**. 

Transitions

After 31 Years of Government Service, Brenda Malick Retires

by Raquel Soranzo, RAM Inc.

Since July 1989, Brenda Malick was the Unit Movement Administrator and System Administrator for TC ACCIS supporting the 101st Airborne Div (AASLT) and its support elements at Fort Campbell, KY. Brenda's expertise in unit movements is well known throughout the movement arena and that expertise was called upon by many installations and members of the transportation community. Bill Bailey at FORSCOM refers to her as: "One of the Four Queens of Transportation."

In October of 2002, Brenda assumed a new position as Chief of Unit/Material/Passenger Movements with the Transportation Division, Readiness Business Center. She remained there until 30 April 2003, the date she retired from the government after 31 years of federal service. Yet instead of going fishing or attending doll auctions, one of her hobbies, Brenda is back at work.

On 1 May 2003, a private contractor, J&J/BMAR Joint Venture, LLP, was selected to provide the manpower for the Readiness Business Center's supply, maintenance and transportation divisions. Brenda accepted the position of Transportation Manager for the contractor providing oversight for all transportation functions.

We at TC ACCIS wish her well in her new job and thank her for her many years of support and dedication. ☺

TC-AIMS II Bids Moni Posey Farewell

by Raquel Soranzo, RAM Inc.

June 20, 2003 was Moni Posey's last day as a member of the TIS team. Her announcement earlier that week that she was leaving to accept an "unbelievable" job opportunity came as quite a surprise. The reality of her departure did not register until she dropped by to say good-bye.

Moni provided leadership and direction to the training development and delivery for TC-AIMS II. Her efforts have been key during a period in which we have transitioned from traditional classroom instruction to video tele-training. She helped build the foundation for training in the combined enterprise and VTT modes that will be evaluated as a part of the Block 2 Operational Tests from July through August. Moni has been an invaluable asset during her tenure and she leaves a legacy that others can use as a measurement of success.

Moni, we wish you all the best in your new position. ☺

Gary Winkler—We Hardly Knew You

by Brian Coady, Project Officer - TC ACCIS, TIS-TO

Somewhat shy of his 2nd anniversary with the TIS JPMO, Mr. Winkler faced the appealing disruption in his tenure by being elevated to an SES within HQDA, G6.

During his stint as the 4th PM with the program, Mr. Winkler racked up accomplishments at a frenetic pace. First, he completely restructured the TC-AIMS II deliverables, in consonance with Clinger-Cohen mandates for smaller, but more rapidly developed packages.



Mr. Gary L. Winkler

TC-AIMS II went from big, nearly unmanageable deliverables to five discrete blocks, each with overlapping schedules.

The blocks are developed using the spiral incremental process, recognized by industry as the best way to minimize risk and shorten schedules.

Mr. Winkler then oversaw a successful Milestone III decision for Block 1 and began the fielding of that inaugural delivery. He also provided organizational synergy by bringing under one roof the programs of AALPS, TIS-TO, TC ACCIS and TC-AIMS II. To reflect the league of transportation systems that had emerged under his leadership, Mr. Winkler had the program renamed Transportation Information Systems.

Finally, nearly at the eve of his departure, Mr. Winkler stepped up to the plate and volunteered the program for a baptism of fire of sorts: The TC-AIMS II support of our nation's efforts in the Southwest Asia Theater. The first effort in this support mission was the acquisition, development and fielding of a ruggedized version of TC-AIMS II which, because of its ability to connect to iridium satellites, could communicate nearly anywhere. Now we are engaged in the redeployment support mission from the theater. Without a doubt, this experience is netting positive experience and lessons learned that will make the product and our service to the customer better. None of this would be possible without the aggressive commitment of Mr. Winkler.

Mr. Winkler's new position is Director, Enterprise Integration, where he oversees implementation of Army Knowledge Management at the enterprise level, including the development of a knowledge-based workforce.

Mr. Winkler, we wish you great success! ☺

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We Wish Major Gena Bonini a Warm Farewell

by Raquel Soranzo, RAM Inc.



MAJ Gena Bonini

Major Gena Bonini came to TC-AIMS II in June 2002 from the Office of the Chief, Army Reserve. She was the Assistant Executive Officer (XO) to the Reserve's Commanding Officer.

During her year here at TIS JPMO, MAJ Bonini held the position of fielding team chief, heading a team of approximately 12 people. MAJ Bonini worked on the fielding schedules, distribution quantities, procurement actions and on certain hardware specifications. She oversaw the fielding of TIS to Fort Lewis, WA and Fort Shafter, HI. Along with these primary sites, there were some incidental sites that were fielded as well. Among these were several State Army Reserve Centers and the following schools: Transportation School at Fort Eustis, VA, the Regional Training Sites in Sacramento, CA and Fort McCoy, WI.

In June of 2003, MAJ Bonini leaves the TC-AIMS II project for a position in the Full Time Support Personnel Directorate within the Army Reserve Personnel Command (AR-PERSCOM) in St. Louis, MO. She will run the Active Guard Reserve Career Management Office. We will certainly miss her bright disposition, her thoughtfulness, ability to bring disparate ideas to a coordinated solution, and her management technique which brought together technicians, management and development teams into a cohesive unit.

We wish MAJ Bonini all the best in her new position. ☺

PEO EIS Holds its 2003 Summer Picnic

by Mark Watson, Chief, Resource Operations for BMD

The 2003 PEO EIS annual Summer Picnic was held on 20 June at the Fort Belvoir Wells Field House. Due to the unusual monsoon season that hit the East Coast this year; the picnic was forced inside a shelter. But even as the rain fell outside, the festivities were spirited inside with music, food and drink, games for the kids, door prizes, and the main event—the PEO Championship Volleyball Tournament.

As defending champs, TIS felt they were on every team's hit list. This year, after winning their first two games, TIS again advanced to the winner's bracket of the finals where they faced a determined team from PEO, OMSD. However, even though PEO OMSD played a tough game, TIS successfully defended their title.

No doubt teams are probably already recruiting ringers for next year's game to try and stop the volleyball dynasty that is TIS! And TIS plans to be ready! ☺





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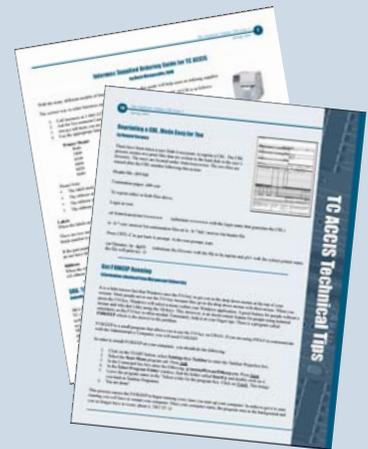
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