

Global Combat Support System – Army (GCSS-Army) World Wide Program Update 23 October 2013

MEETING ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Date	23 October 2013
Time	1430-1630
Co-Host	Deputy Chief of Staff, G-4 (DSC, G-4), LTG Mason and the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army, Financial Management and Comptroller (PDASA FM&C), Mr. Speer
Scribe	Scott Larrabee, G-46
Briefers	Mr. Thurston CASCOM, LTC Romero, PM GCSS-Army, Mr. Whittington, PM GCSS-Army, BG LeMasters, 13th ESC, Mr. Simard, ASA(FM&C)
Release Date	5 November 2013
Purpose	The purpose of the session is to provide logisticians and resource managers a status and road ahead on the GCSS-Army program update.

OVERVIEW:

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before clicking to access taping. <https://connectcol.dco.dod.mil/p9cebpb70s/>

- Admin Open Remarks (0:00-0:01:26)
- Opening Remarks (0:01:27-0:10:34)
- Help Desk Tickets (0:10:35 – 0:17:40)
- Institutional Training (0:17:40-0:26:34)
- Program Overview (0:17:42-0:59:12)
 - Fielding Update
 - EXORD Update
 - Lessons Learned
 - Productivity Gaps
- 13th ESC Update – Fielding and Lessons Learned (0:59:12 – 1:17:19)
- Unmatched Disbursements (1:17:38 – 1:28:18)
- Year End Close (1:28:19 – 1:32:03)
- Working Issues (1:32:19- 1:42:48)
- Q&A and Around the Horn/Comments (1:42:49-1:55:40)

Enclosure 1: Action Items

Enclosure 2: Questions and Answers asked via DCO

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- The DCS, G-4 and the PDASA FM&C co-hosted a GCSS-Army Worldwide Program Update with G-4s/logisticians and G-8s/resource managers.
- 32 VTC sites, 219 OCONUS and CONUS locations via CASCOM’s Sustainment Knowledge Network (SKN-Live), approximately 500 participants. (some sites had numerous attendees)
- With SKN/DCO leadership was able to interact with online participants.

- CASCOM briefed Help Desk Ticket and Institutional Training. Help Desk survey has been sent out with results due by 15 November. Survey is also posted on GCSS-Army website.
- The PM GCSS-Army Team provided an update
 - Unmatched Disbursements,
 - Year End close results and lessons learned
 - GCSS-Army fielding status, to include impacts due to the government shutdown.
- The 13th ESC provided lessons learned from their preparations for fielding and highlighted the importance of leadership involvement.
- Based on online feedback received, a SASMO – only training session will be scheduled.
- Next GCSS-Army World Wide Program Update is scheduled for 30 January 2014.

Enclosed are the action items from the session and the questions and answers asked via DCO.

For additional information/details, please review the recorded meeting via the DCO link above.

POINT OF CONTACT

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Enclosure 1: Action Items

#	Topic Briefing	Action	Action Office/ Lead	Lead POC	Status	Follow on Actions	Suspense/ Status
10232013-01	Institutional Training	Update on SASMO training, getting it incorporated into the institutional training.	CASCOM	COL Barnes/Mr. Thurston			30 January WW Update
10232013-02	13th ESC	BG LeMasters needs exportable training support package (TSP)	CASCOM	COL Barnes/Mr. Thurston			Brief out 30 January WW Update???
10232013-03	13th ESC	Post lesson learned/best practices, to include 13th ESC's, on G-Army website	CASCOM	COL Barnes/Mr. Thurston			30 Nov 2013
10232013-04	Working Issues	Course of action and road ahead for the CTC rotation to include Korea	CASCOM	COL Barnes/Mr. Thurston			Brief out 30 January WW Update???
10232013-04	Institutional Training	Per COL Barnes, Article on how CASCOM leveraged the NET package to re-engineer institutional training and update our courses in "light speed".	CASCOM	COL Barnes/Mr. Thurston			30 January WW Update

Enclosure 2: Q&A asked via DCO

#	<u>Question</u>	<u>Answer</u>	<u>Responsible Agency</u>
1	<i>Why did GCSS-Army move from Java to WinGui?</i>	<i>For performance improvements and to remove the dependencies on the Java Library that was causing user errors when using Java GUI.</i>	PM GCSS-Army
2	<i>Looking for a POC to discuss SSA operations at a Joint Base -MDL which operates on the AF network?</i>	<i>GCSS-Army System Engineering Division Mr. Ken Ricci (804) 734-5637 kenneth.j.ricci4.civ@mail.mil</i>	PM GCSS-Army
3	<i>Is there going to be training introduced for Signal Warrant Officers and Officers at the Signal School?</i>	<i>CASCOM will reach out to the Signal Proponency Office and begin dialogue on this, we'll address the possibility of providing some GCSS-Army Awareness training to Signal NCOs, Warrant Officers and Officers.</i>	CASCOM
4	<i>Is there a plan for the TC MOS training?</i>	<i>Although there is nothing firm at this time, CASCOM is attempting to open dialogue with the Transportation School for the orderly transition of introductory GCSS-Army training to their curriculum.</i>	CASCOM
5	<i>I see a lot of information for training regarding the quartermaster, ordnance and maintenance MOS's. Was their discussion regarding signal soldiers that are primarily in the SASMO shops? I realize that the SASMO course will transition some of their training to cover down, but that is only one class per month for 20 persons</i>	<i>Until now there has been no discussion, however, CASCOM and HQ DA G46 are in the planning phase of conducting GCSS-Army SASMO unique training via DCO. The planned initial of GCSS-A centric SASMO course is 14-002, 19 Feb - 20 Mar 14.</i>	CASCOM
6	<i>What is the link to the slides for this briefing</i>	<i>Slides are posted at //www.us.army.mil/suite/files/409879959</i>	G-46
7	<i>Did Ft Belvoir's fielding get moved to FY15?</i>	<i>Per guidance from HQ ASC FT Belvoir was switched to 15 Jan 15</i>	PM GCSS-Army
8	<i>Will a specific SASMO class be offered for Wave 2?</i>	<i>Until now there has been no discussion, however, CASCOM and HQ DA G46 are in the planning phase of conducting GCSS-Army SASMO unique training via DCO. The planned initial of GCSS-A centric SASMO course is 14-002, 19 Feb - 20 Mar 14.</i>	CASCOM
9	<i>Are Class 3, DODAAC authorized to each unit within the CMD for GCSS-Army?</i>	<i>GCSS-Army does not support class 3 bulk or normal class 3. These classes of supply should be mapped to a clean DoDAAC that is setup in LOGSA as a GFEBs DoDAAC. GCSS-Army does support 3P and 84, 85 supply/sub-supply classes.</i>	PM GCSS-Army
10	<i>Has there been any discussion of DCO connections for NET training to outlying sites?</i>	<i>NET blocks require 40 hours in a classroom and is conducted on site at a designated location agreed upon and recorded in the MOA between the PM and gaining unit. NET requires classroom computers loaded with the training software. Individuals off-site, even if DCO connections were established and could maintain connectivity would not have access to the computer applications and the "hands on" practical exercises and simulated training. Therefore, no DCO connections are planned for NET. We are working on "targeted" training sessions focused on Mission Critical Tasks that would leverage DCO in the future.</i>	CASCOM

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11	<i>Who do we contact to be put on the UMD distribution list</i>	<i>Our DFAS counterparts notified me yesterday afternoon following the WWVTC that they are working to get this report posted to AKO and discontinue the email distribution. As more and more units go live and UMDs and UMTs increase the report has grown to over 7 MBs and will only keep increasing in size. Emailing this report is now becoming and will become unsustainable. We hope to have this available for all to see on AKO hopefully no later than the week of 4 Nov. My team will notify the field when the report is available on AKO.</i>	<i>Phil Simard, PM GCSS-Army</i>
12	<i>It would be great to focus on UMD, UMC, and IDOC errors into the NET. I know its mentioned but hands on with FMZ T-Codes would be great.</i>	<i>Currently there are 2 Functional Forum Sessions per month each lasting 2 hrs to address UMD/UMC errors for units that have already been fielded the system. To provide the requested training in NET would require identification of a trade off from the existing NET training package. Inclusion in NET will be addressed with the PM Fielding team; however, since the current NET schedule is comprehensive and compressed as is, it is unlikely this financial training would be included any time soon.</i>	<i>CASCOM/Phil Simard</i>
13	<i>Should Class VIII medical items be part of the GCSS-A Post Increment 1 issues?</i>	<i>Medical (Class VIII) requirements are currently ordered and managed utilizing MC4 hardware/software. As the Army proceeds past increment 1, there will continue to be work to ensure tight integration in the sustainment community to ensure there is the proper capability for logistics, personnel service and health service to enable successful operations.</i>	<i>CASCOM/PM GCSS-Army</i>
14	<i>Where can you find the taped version</i>	<i>Taped session will be posted on http://GCSS.Army.mil website early next week.</i>	<i>G-46</i>
15	<i>Do we need contact to notify personnel of GCSS-A fielding team for a BCT that is no longer inactivating and another BCT that will be inactivating.</i>	<i>Contact Brian Stone, (910) 570-6479, bryan.m.stone@us.army.mil, he is the FC GCSS-Army Program Manager</i>	<i>PM GCSS-Army</i>