

Global Combat Support System – Army (GCSS-Army) World Wide Program Update 29 October 2014

MEETING ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Date	29 October 2014
Time	1400-1600
Co-Hosts	Deputy Chief of Staff, G-4 (DCS, G-4) and the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army, Financial Management and Comptroller (PDASA (FM&C)). For this session the Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army for Financial Operations co-chaired.
Scribe	Ms. Tillman/Ms. Shally/Mr. Hinman – G-46
Organization Briefed	ASA FM&C, Program Manager (PM) Global Combat Support System-Army (GCSS-Army), Combined Arms Support Command (CASCOM), 101 st Airborne Division (ABN)
Purpose	The purpose of the session is to provide logisticians and resource managers a status and road ahead on the GCSS-Army program.

OVERVIEW:

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Topics Discussed

Opening Comments: LTG Perna, DCS, G-4 (0:00:11-05:41)

- Year End Closeout (YEC) Lessons Learned - Mr. Simard, ASA(FM&C) (0:05:50-0:11:34)
- GCSS-Army Update - LTC Romero, PM GCSS-Army (0:11:40- 0:15:06)
 - ✓ Wave 1 and 2 Update - Mr. Whittington, GCSS-Army(0:15:16- 0:45:40)
 - ✓ Training Production & Concept (i.e. DCO Capability) - Mr. Burnett, GCSS-Army(0:45:47- 0:59:33)
- CASCOM Update - Mr. Thurston
 - ✓ Update from 30 July GCSS-Army WW Program Update - Mr. Thurston, (0:59:36- 1:03:14)
 - ✓ Functional Focus Wave 2 -Property Book and Maintenance - Mr. Jones/CW4 James (1:03:26- 1:16:40)
 - ✓ Combat Training Center Rotation Updates-Mr. Thurston/ CW4 Talleyrand, 101st ABN(1:16:43- 1:21:39)
 - ✓ CAISA/VSAT Settings - CW4 Sanchez, CASCOM (1:29:04- 1:32:14)
 - ✓ Institutional Training Updates - CW2 Hizer, CASCOM (1:32:20- 1:33:56)
 - ✓ Summary – LTC Romero - (1:34:05- 1:38:06)
 - ✓ Around the Horn/Comments - Mr. Raulerson, Director, LIM, G-46 (1:38:30- 1:47:42)
- Closing Remarks - LTG Perna, DCS, G-4 and Ms. Jankovich, DASA(FM&C). (1:47:43 – End)

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1. LTG Perna, G-4 and Ms. Jankovich, DASA(FM&C) co-chaired the GCSS-Army WW Program update. HQDA senior staff leaders, logisticians and resource managers from around the world participated. A total of 25 sites joined via video teleconference and another 243 joined via DCO. LTG Perna thanked the whole community for participating in today's session and all those involved in GCSS-Army. He emphasized that this is a team effort. Ms. Jankovich informed the group of the Year End conference on 13 Nov 14.
2. Mr. Simard presented a brief on the FY14 YEC and lessons learned. He stated that frequent communication with the Command Resource Managers and proper staffing on the YEC team led to the success of FY14 close for all the commands. He emphasized that next year will be twice as big so the plan is to plus up the staff. Establish tiger teams to work with GFEBs and early coordination and collaboration with GCSS-Army to improve the funds movement Application Link Embedded process to reduce the help desk tickets throughout the year and at yearend. The G-4 tasked that for the next session briefer codify the implementation timeline of actions from the YEC AAR.
3. LTC Romero provided an update on the program. The Independent Government Test (IGT) Releases 11-13, 3-7 Nov 14 will take place at Ft Lee. The IGT is key to validating critical functional capabilities under real world operational scenarios. G-4 asked for list of functional work and priority of effort for upcoming Releases.
 - a. Mr. Whittington provided an update on Wave 1 and 2. Wave 1 continues to be a success as it reaches the halfway point of fielding, with 155 sites completed. The G-4 tasked G-46 to include an updated version of the Patch chart weekly with the GCSS-Army weekly update. The G-4 Wave 2 fielding preparation is in full swing. G-4 emphasized that fielding must not conflict with Commands OPTEMPO training events. It's important for leadership's involvement in preparing their units and completing the training and data cleansing. There is a tight window to field Wave 2 and must collaborate with units to fill the fielding slots that are still open. It was noted that the brown-out/black-out period is too long. The program needs to look at alternatives such as working weekends to shorten the period. G-4 tasked G-46 to prepare an email for him to send to General Officers to emphasize the importance of preparing for GCSS-Army.
 - b. Mr. Burnett provided an update on training and sustainment. The matrix shows that personnel are using the web-based training. If anyone is using ALUT, welcome packets need to be submitted so they can cross-level organizations. They are still doing early education for Wave 2. They don't have the manpower to leave people on the ground for 30 days. G-4 tasked G-46 to incorporate training and sustainment slides into the brief for the Chief of Staff Army (CSA). G-4 wants to show the CSA how we get units ready.
4. Mr. Thurston provided a status of the three taskers from the 30 Jul 14 session. Tasker 1: To date units at the Joint Readiness Training Center (JRTC) have not conducted a BSA jump during a rotation. Team will take a look during the next upcoming NTC rotations. Tasker 2: CASCOM continue to develop and refine a validation process in concert with FORSCOM and the NTC which will be addressed in the follow-on brief on unit rotations. Tasker 3: CASCOM is currently working with PM GCSS-Army to address business analytics. G-4 was very interested in tasker 3 and would like a private conversation with CASCOM and G-46 in the near future.
 - a. Mr. Jones presented an update on the Property Book and Unit Supply Wave 2 capabilities and enhancements. Ms. Jankovich wants the incorporation of the SAP transaction numbers into processes run through the audit readiness team. Mr. Cervone, G-44S, took tasker. CW4 James provided an update on the Plant Maintenance capabilities delivered with Wave 2 fielding. Mr. Dwyer, AMC, asked that the four tickets under CR 2317 currently scheduled for FG14 move to the left. Mr. Thurston said they expect to have capability by 17 Jan

15. Ms. Miller, ADCS, G-4, said charts had a lot of rich data. She tasked that several small DCO sessions be setup to further discuss topics.

b. Mr. Thurston provided updates on the GCSS-Army operations during unit rotations at the Joint Readiness Training Center, National Training Center and Joint Maneuver Readiness Center.

c. CW4 Talleyrand presented an update on lessons learn on the 101st ABN JRTC rotation. CASCOM provided a Sequence of Events (SOE) that guided the rotation through the GCSS-Army process from start to finish. The Division G-4 published Operation Order directing unit to follow SOE. They performed a DODAAC scrub to identify issues. They performed a “washer test” and ordered a washer and followed it through the GCSS-Army process. The G-8 performed two ZPARK releases a day. Everyone working in synch was key to success. Mr. Cervone recommended they share best business practices and lessons learned. Mr. Dwyer suggested putting lessons learn in the PS Magazine. COL Barnes, CASCOM, recommended also posting them on the GCSS-Army website.

d. CW4 Sanchez provide update on CAISI/CSS VSAT settings. GCSS-Army device settings require correct CAISI/CSS VSAT configurations. They have a mobile application that can help anyone set up and configure. CASCOM was tasked to get the word out on the application.

e. CW2 Hizer briefed the current state of the GCSS-Army training strategy. They have to reconstruct the NET training to incorporate the Property Book.

5. LTC Romero summarized topics and reemphasized Command involvement at all levels for GCSS-Army Wave 2 to be successful. Mr. Raulerson asked about capturing lessons learned on GCSS-Army operations at 2/1 AD and 11the ACR. Mr. Thurston said they have teams on the ground and get daily feedback reports. It was ask that the G-46/GCSS-Army liaisons report that information up.

6. Mr. Raulerson took closing comments from the outlined organizations. Mr. Lampros, USARPAC, brought up the ARUBA challenges after Wave 1 fielding. It was for situational awareness and to consider better ways to prepare other units in case they have same problems. Mr. Stone, FORSCOM, said they still have more units to fill Wave 2. They are waiting G-3 approval and then will give to PM. G-46 will have a Sustainment Automation Support Management Office DCO conference on 9 Dec 14. The next GCSS-Army WW is scheduled for 28 Jan 15.

7. LTG Perna provided closing remarks. He thanked everyone for putting this session together and the field for their support. His comment to the field was let us know your concerns. Don't let it fester. Get the word out to the lowest levels in the field about GCSS-Army. It's coming. Be Ready. Be prepared. Do the training. All leaders must check on training. No lip service on that. Prepare early and do it right. Leader involvement at all levels – battalion, division, corps, depot, etc – is a must. He will regularly update the SA, CSA, and VCSA. Also, Ms. Jankovich said she would share/incorporate lessons learned at the YEC conference.

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Enclosure 1: Taskers

#	Topic Briefing	Action	Action Office/ Lead	POC	Suspense
20141029-01	Year End Close Lessons Learned	G-4 wants to codify the implementation timeline of actions from the YEC AAR.	GCSS-Army/ASA FM&C	LTC Romero/ Mr. Simard	20150128 Next WW
20141029-02	PM GCSS-Army Update	Provide G-4 a list of functional work/priority of effort for future Release, i.e 14, 14.1 and 14.2	PM GCSS-Army	LTC Romero	20141115
20141029-03	GCSS-Army Wave 1 & 2 Update	Update Patch chart biweekly and send up with the GCSS-Army weekly update	G-46 and PM GCSS-Army	CPT Manganaro/ Mr. Whittington	Ongoing
20141029-04	GCSS-Army Wave 1 & 2 Update	Layout contingency plan to address concerns and impacts for fielding in Sep. 2015	PM GCSS-Army	LTC Romero/ Mr Simard	20150128 Next WW
20141029-05	GCSS-Army Wave 1 & 2 Update	Draft GEM for G-4 to send to General Officers to emphasize importance of preparation for GCSS-Army.	G-46	CW5 Wahl	20141117
20141029-06	GCSS-Army Training and Sustainment Update	Incorporate training charts into G-4 brief to CSA and VCSA. How we are getting the units prepared?	G-46/ GCSS-Army	CPT Manganaro/ Mr Burnett	20141120
20141029-07	CASCOM Taskers from 30 July GCSS-Army WW	Schedule meeting with G-4/G-46 in reference tasker #3 on business analytics	G-46/ CASCOM	Ms Shally/Mr. Thurston	20141115
20141029-08	Wave 2 Property Book & Maintenance	ASA(FM&C) wants the incorporation of SAP transaction number vs DOC # in processes to be run thru the audit readiness team	G-44(S)	Mr. Beynon (Mr Cervone)	20141120
20141029-09	Wave 2 Property Book & Maintenance	Work with AMC to move 4 tickets under CR 2317 currently scheduled for Release 14 to move to the left. Get back with Ms. Miller.	PM GCSS-Army	Mr. Hinman	20141120
20141029-10	Wave 2 Property Book & Maintenance	Set up DCO sessions for each of the Property Book/Unit Supply and Plant Maintenance	GCSS-Army /CASCOM	Mr. Hinman, Mr. Jones and CW4 James	20141205

		functionality (as shown on chart 33 and 34) that will be delivered with Wave 2. Be sure G44S and G44M functionals are included.			
20141029-11	Combat Training Center Rotation Update	Publish and share 101 st ABN best practices and lessons learned PS Magazine and GCSS-Army Website. Provide to AMC and CASCOM	AMC and CASCOM	CW4 Talleyrand	20141125
20141029-12	CLOSING REMARK	Prepare star notes	G-46	CPT Manganaro	20141105 COMPLETED

Enclosure 2: DCO Question and Answers

#	Asked by	Question	Answer	Answer By
1	CW4 Brown, Dawn I Corps, G4 S&S	What was the point made in the room that will be laid out on next WW update?	A breakdown of what impacts there will be for the year end closeouts and how it affects the fielding of Group 7 (11 Sep 15)	Diana Shally G46
2	LTC Joe Grigg – COARNG	Is this saying the SIC B items will be entered manually?	SIC B “Durable items” will be accounted for in your Provisional SLocs & migrated with unit supply hand receipt data.	GCSS-Army, Mr Whittington
3	MAJ Garcia-Castro, Ohio SASMO	Where is the latest by unit schedule for Wave 2? I've looked all over GCSS-A site.	It is not on the website yet as we awaiting key updates from FORSCOM and AMC. Key ACOM leads within all COMPOs have the working copy. Contact your ACOM G4 for the latest.	GCSS-Army, Mr Whittington
4	COL Martin, 593d ESC	When developing the Dashboards are we considering how they will be linked to BCS3?	GCSS-Army doesn't link directly to BCS3; requisite data is provided to LOGSA who updates BCS3.	GCSS-Army, Mr Whittington
5	COL Martin, 593d ESC	What was the question asked by Ms Jankovich?	The question was...SAP vs. DOC #, need to run through audit readiness	Diana Shally G46
6	LTC Martin, Ops Grp, NTC	What is the average time for a requisition to go through the entire process? The clerk order the part through issue of the part?	It depends. If funds management (ZPARK) is on or Release Strategies is on, then the requestor will have to wait for the assigned managers to review and approve for the requisition to move forward to the issue. Most units keep ZPARK on and release strategies flag high dollar/excessive quantity and other reviewable condition request before an issue can be made. Go to our website (gcss.army.mil) LIBRARY TAB (Training Documents)	GCSS-Army, Mr Whittington

			and review the Materiel Manager Smart Book for codes	
7	HARE, MICHAEL J CW2 USA	Where can we acquire the CASCOM SOE?	<p>The CASCOM Sequence of Events (SOE) for both the NTC and JRTC are in draft and under continuous review and modification. They will soon be placed on the GCSS-Army Web Site for any and all to download and use. Current editions are attached.</p> <p> JRTC GCSS-Army Sequence of events 7</p> <p> Copy of NTC GCSS-Army Sequence</p>	Mr Thurston, CASCOM
8	APONTE, NATANAEL J CW3 OTHER USA:	When will institutional be available to Transporters and the maintainers of the Army Watercraft? They are introduces to property management and systems maintenance.	Any course material that teaches Property Book, Unit Supply - PBUSE, Plant Maintenance - SAMS, Warehouse/SSA - SARSS within Transportation will need to be transitioned to GCSS-Army courseware and lesson plans because the legacy systems will no longer be taught. Suggest you contact the CASCOM G3/5/7 at 804-765-7096 to further this discussion.	Mr Thurston, CASCOM