

# Global Combat Support System – Army (GCSS-Army) World Wide Program Update 30 April 2014

## MEETING ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

<b>Date</b>	30 April 2014
<b>Time</b>	1400-1600
<b>Co-Hosts</b>	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).
<b>Scribe</b>	Ms Shally, G-46
<b>Briefers</b>	Mr. Lozano, USAREUR, Ms Garcia, 101 <sup>st</sup> ABN, Mr. Thurston, CASCOM; CW3 Santos, CASCOM, LTC Romero, PM GCSS-Army, Mr. Simard, ASA(FM&C), Mr. Whittington, PM GCSS-Army, Mr. Vest PM GCSS-Army, and Mr. Burnett, PM GCSS-Army
<b>Purpose</b>	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 Mason 0:01:11 – 0:06:50

- USAREUR Wave 1 - Lessons Learned (Mr. Lozano) 0:06:51-0:20:16
- FORSCOM/ 101st ABN - Wave 1 - Lesson Learned (Ms. Garcia) 0:20:23- 0:28:56
- CASCOM (Mr. Thurston)
  - ✓ Combat Training Centers Update (JRTC, NTC, JMRC and USARPAC) 0:29:05-0:46:41
  - ✓ Institutional Training Update/Instructor and I&KPT - 0:46:41-0:52:59
  - ✓ Logistics Information Systems Bad Data – 0:53:03 – 1:02:14
  - ✓ GCSS-Army Wave 2 Functionality - 1:04:06
- GCSS-Army Update (LTC Romero) – 1:11:51-1:16:11
  - ✓ FY 2014 Year End Preparation - Mr. Simard - 1:16:18 – 1:23:19
  - ✓ Help Desk Update - Mr. Vest - 1:23:29 – 1:27:56
  - ✓ Wave 2 Planning Update - Mr. Whittington – 1:28:06-1:37:17
  - ✓ Aruba Update – Mr. Whittington - 1:37:18 – 1:38:09
  - ✓ GCSS-Army Training and Sustainment Update - Mr. Burnett 1:39:18 – 1:50:36
- Closing Remarks - - 1:53:57

Enclosure 1: Action Items

## **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

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- The DCS, G-4 hosted a GCSS-Army Worldwide Program Update with the G-4 / Sustainment Community and with the G-8 / Resource Management (RM) Community. Also, principals / senior representatives from the HQDA staff, ACOMs, ASCCs, DRUs and subordinate organizations participated.
- The event involved worldwide participation from 35 VTC sites and the use of CASCOM's Sustainment Knowledge Network (SKN-Live); allowing live chat interaction among the 288 field participants and with HQDA principals.
- USAREUR and the 101st ABN briefed their GCSS-Army Wave 1 implementation challenges, successes, and lessons learned. Some of their recommendations were: conduct unit site visits at D-90 instead of at D-0; build flexibility into the fielding schedule; synchronize efforts with Brigade Combat Team (BCT) reorganization; and restrict walk through requisitions at the Supply Support Activity (SSA) by those undergoing conversion of their Department of Defense Activity Address Codes (DODAACs).
- Next, CASCOM led discussions on several topics: GCSS-Army deployment at our Combat Training Centers; progress on GCSS-Army Institutional Training; and ways to mitigate erroneous data from entering GCSS-Army from our legacy, logistics information systems.
- Afterwards, the GCSS-Army PM Team briefed the following topics: GCSS-Army Fielding Progress and Lessons Learned, Leveraging its Website, Preparing for FY14 Year End Close, Training, Help Desk Update, and Aruba Wireless Support for its Fielding. Highlights follow...
  - This year end close will be considerably more complex than the previous year. Last year 35 SSAs converted to GCSS-Army. This year 150 SSAs will convert. All RMs and logisticians must prepare now for a successful close to occur.
  - 35 High priority help desk tickets are open – half of which have fixes scheduled for future releases. The others are undergoing Prep and Analysis to determine a remedy.
  - GCSS-Army deploys a wireless Hand Held Terminal (HHT) / Scanner in the SSA's / LRC's. Wireless capability is delivered via CAISI and VSAT or via an Aruba wireless server. The latter requires NETCOM, ARCYBER, 7<sup>TH</sup> SIG, and CIO/G-6 support in its implementation and follow on sustainment. All are committed and actively engaged in helping out.
- The next GCSS-Army World Wide Program Update is scheduled for 30 July 2014.

Action Items are listed at Enclosure 1. For additional information/details on this update, please review the DCO recording. See the link found in the overview section above.

## **POINT OF CONTACT**

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Enclosure 1: ACTION ITEMS

#	Topic Briefing	Action	Action Office/ Lead	POC	Suspense
1	USAREUR Wave 1 Lessons Learned	USAREUR explained that they did not have POCs for vendor support peripherals. - Provide the G-4 a white paper on vendor technical support of peripherals after fielding	PdM GCSS-Army	LTC Putman	22 May 2014
2	Joint Maneuver Readiness Center	Provide a lay down to the G-4 on how APS/AWRDS will operate as GCSS-Army is fielded. Include all permutations to include unique programs in EUSA.	CASCOM	Mr. Thurston	30 June 2014
3	GCSS-Army Institutional Training	Property Book institutional training/ instruction is currently scheduled to begin in 1Q, FY16. The G-4 asked if it can be moved up earlier. Provide an update to the G4 if it can and associated factors.	CASCOM	Mr. Thurston/CW3 Santos	30 June 2014
4	LIS Bad Data	CASCOM illustrated monthly status of bad data. G-4 requested identification of all the ways to get the word out and methods to enforce the reduction of bad data.	CASCOM ICW G44 (S)	Mr. Thurston	30 June 2014
5	LIS Bad Data	Provide a periodic update to the G-4 on bad data (weekly or bimonthly)	CASCOM	Mr. Thurston	ASAP
6	Wave 2 Planning	Provide G-4 macro Wave 2 fielding schedule, synchronized with HQ DA G-3	PdM GCSS-Army	LTC Romero	31 May 2014
7	Around the Horn	Determine COAs to sustain GCSS-Army knowledge in EUSA given one-year rotations	G-46 ICW CASCOM/ PM/ EUSA	Mr. Larrabee/CW5 Wahl	31 July 2014

Enclosure 2: Questions and Answers asked via DCO

#	Attendee Asking	Question	Directed to:	Answer
1	EASB USAREUR G8	When/where are the YEC forums going to begin?	Phil Simard, ASA FM&C	Currently GCSS-Army is hosting Functional Forums on the second Thursday of every month via DCO. We will continue this until Aug and then we will begin bi-monthly updates and then in Sept we will begin weekly and the final week of Year End close we will host daily hot washes with the field. I've been coordinating this information for USAREUR with Ms Sandy Johnson and she has been attending our past Forums from USAREUR. POCs for Year Close are as follows: Clayton Covey, clayton.w.covey.ctr@mail.mil – GCSS-Army Finance Team John Vasa, john.k.vasa.ctr@mail.mil - Kim Scott kimberly.d.scott37.civ@mail.mil - Mary Riley, Mary.k.riley.civ@mail.mil -
2	Sam Parrish PEO Soldier	Would like a POC and contact info for PEO/PM roles and requirements for GCSS-A	PM GCSS-Army	Response Pending
3	Emmet Wayne, CECOM	Who is repairing the Aruba equipment when it fails in the field?	PM GCSS-Army	Response Pending
4	MAJ Browne, 8 <sup>th</sup> TSC	For wave 2, will training be developed specifically for Company Commanders and XOs	PM GCSS-army	Response Pending