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## PEO DHMS WELCOMES NEW PROGRAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER

In March, the Program Executive Office, Defense Healthcare Management Systems (PEO DHMS) welcomed Mr. William J. "Bill" Tinston as its new Program Executive Officer (PEO). Mr. Tinston comes to PEO DHMS from the Defense Logistics Agency (DLA), where he served as the PEO. During his time there, he was responsible for the management and oversight of DLA's Major Automated Information Systems programs and special interest programs.

"I am excited to be part of the PEO DHMS team and serve this organization. I firmly believe in the mission of the organization and value the commitment and hard work of the team," said Mr. Tinston. "Information technology is only a small piece of the work we do. It's really about understanding the requirements and building relationships, ensuring we provide the best solution for the patient."

As the PEO, Mr. Tinston oversees the deployment via wave model of the Department of Defense's (DoD) modernized electronic health record, MHS GENESIS. The DoD plans to fully deploy MHS GENESIS to 9.5 million beneficiaries and 205,000 medical personnel and staff by 2023.

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**- MR. BILL TINSTON, PROGRAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PEO DHMS**



*Former PEO Stacy Cummings at the MHS GENESIS Go-Live Recognition Ceremony at Madigan Army Medical Center.*

Prior to Mr. Tinston, Ms. Stacy Cummings led PEO DHMS through several MHS GENESIS deployment milestones. These included Initial Operational Capability declaration, authority to proceed, and authority to operate. At the end of March, she transitioned to serve as the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense, Acquisition Enablers in the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Acquisition.

## MESSAGE FROM THE PROGRAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER



Greetings! Welcome to the summer edition of the Program Executive Office, Defense Healthcare Management Systems (PEO DHMS) newsletter, The Scope. Inside this issue, you will read the recent accomplishments of the PEO DHMS team to achieve our interoperability and modernization goals.

As PEO, people are my priority, and ensuring we have the right people in the right place to deliver solutions is critical to the success of this program. At the end of April, senior PEO DHMS leadership joined the Leidos Partnership for Defense Health in Kansas City to view demonstrations of the Cerner data center and its capabilities. During this time, we discussed challenges as well as opportunities to advance health IT as we move forward with our Wave deployment. I'm excited about the opportunities available to advance healthcare delivery for our patients.

In May, the Department of Defense (DoD)/Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Interagency Program Office conducted another successful DoD/VA Industry Interoperability Roundtable. We were privileged to hear the VA Assistant Secretary for Information and Technology and Chief Information Officer, Mr. James Gfrerer's perspective on interoperability. I also led a discussion regarding national interoperability, our commitment to a single, common record, and our challenge to industry to provide innovative solutions for operational medicine. I reiterated the need to focus on the patient, not the IT solution, ensuring advanced healthcare solutions for our service members, veterans, and their families. On the following pages, read more about this event and other exciting activities taking place throughout PEO DHMS and its program management offices.

In closing, thank you for your support. Together, we continue to transform the delivery of healthcare and advance data sharing through a modernized electronic health record for service members, veterans, and their families.

– Bill Tinston, Program Executive Officer, PEO DHMS

## JOMIS SPEAKS AT DEFENSE STRATEGIES INSTITUTE EVENT

Mr. David Norley, Joint Operational Medicine Information System (JOMIS) Program Management Office (PMO) Program Manager, spoke to the military health community and industry representatives at the Defense Strategies Institute's DoD/VA and Government Health Information Technology Summit in May. Mr. Norley led a discussion on new program acquisition plans and how JOMIS will work with the DHA's OpMed Functional Champion to meet new and emerging service needs. This is the first time JOMIS engaged with industry since moving towards a DevSecOps acquisition approach to continuously develop and distribute new software for deployed personnel.



David Norley, JOMIS PMO Program Manager, highlighted new program acquisition approaches for operational medicine capabilities at the Defense Strategies Institute's DoD/VA and Government Health Information Technology Summit.



## ARE YOU ATTENDING THE DEFENSE HEALTH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SYMPOSIUM IN JULY?

Visit the PEO DHMS booth to check out demonstrations of our products!



## WHAT'S NEW WITH THE JOINT LEGACY VIEWER?

In May, the Defense Medical Information Exchange program completed 13 updates for the Joint Legacy Viewer (JLV). The new features make data more accessible and provide smoother navigation for end users. See below for specific updates.



### AHLTA Clinical Notes

The Outpatient Encounters and Progress Notes widgets now include AHLTA Clinical Notes.

### DoD Surgical and Operative Reports

Users can access both Department of Veterans Affairs and Department of Defense (DoD) surgical and operative reports from MHS GENESIS and Essentris® within the Surgery/Procedure Report widget.

### Vaccine Series

The Immunizations widget includes vaccine series numbers.

### DoD Primary Care Manager (PCM)

Users can access the phone number for patient DoD PCMs on the Demographics widget.

### Filter Drop-Down Box

The character limit is significantly higher, reducing the likelihood of text wrapping. The updated filter drop-down box sorting rules allow alphanumeric sorting.

### Note Type

Within the Progress Notes and the Description column of the Documents widget, the display shows the note type when there is no title available.

### “Break-the-Glass” Policy

Consent to audit sensitive data is only required once per patient session for all sensitive data viewed instead of prompting users each time they open a document. Exiting a patient view will close all JLV tabs and Windows to ensure patient safety.

### Discontinued/Expired Medicine

Discontinued/expired medicine is included when copying medicine to the clipboard; previously, only active medicine was included.

## JOMIS DEMONSTRATES SYSTEMS AT FT. BRAGG

In March, the Joint Operational Medicine Information Systems (JOMIS) Program Management Office demonstrated Mobile Computing Capability (MCC), Theater Medical Data Store (TMDS), and Medical Situational Awareness in Theater (MSAT) to the U.S. Army's Security Force Assistance Command (SFAC) and other Army stakeholders at Ft. Bragg, NC. JOMIS demonstrated point of injury documentation using MCC on the Army's Nett Warrior tactical radio and mobile platform to transfer data from device-to-device, device-to-AHLTA-Theater, and device-to-TMDS. JOMIS also provided an in-depth demonstration of TMDS and MSAT, including reporting and mapping features.

### Coming Soon

Stay tuned for new features inside MCC which will enable communications across tactical radio networks. The SFAC would like to pilot MCC and use TMDS and MSAT with upcoming Security Force Assistance Brigade deployments, which will deploy with the same Nett Warrior hardware and radios used in the demonstration.



## STAKEHOLDERS GATHER FOR INDUSTRY INTEROPERABILITY ROUNDTABLE

*“The Innovation Pathway to Achieve Seamless Care”*

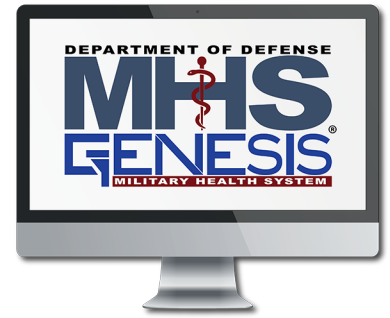
In May, the Department of Defense (DoD)/Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Interagency Program Office (IPO) conducted its 8th semi-annual DoD/VA Industry Interoperability Roundtable, with the theme of “The Innovation Pathway to Achieve Seamless Care.”

The event brought together attendees from the DoD, VA, the Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, academia, and private sector. Leadership from the DoD and VA discussed current initiatives, such as progress on MHS GENESIS and Office of Electronic Health Record Modernization/Cerner activities; status of the DoD/VA IPO’s health data sharing projects; as well as interoperability influences and lessons learned on delivering quality patient care. The event also featured panel discussions on healthcare innovation led by participants from Google, EPIC, Cerner, Health Level Seven® International, Partners Health Care, the Argonaut Project, and others. Click [here](#) to learn more.



## PREPARING FOR MHS GENESIS

As the implementation of MHS GENESIS at Mountain Home Air Force Base (AFB), Naval Air Station Lemoore, Travis AFB, and the U.S. Army Health Clinic Presidio of Monterey approaches, the DoD Healthcare Management System Modernization (DHMSM®) Program Management Office and the Leidos Partnership for Defense Health continue with deployment activities.



The DHMSM Deployment Team hosted kickoff events at Wave Nellis. They briefed the site commanders and their executive teams about the MHS GENESIS deployment process and key roles and responsibilities. The team also outlined pre-deployment activities and requirements and addressed questions and concerns.

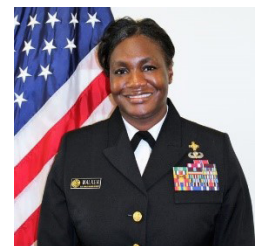
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On June 12, Mr. Bill Tinston, PEO, Program Executive Office, Defense Healthcare Management Systems, and Dr. Lauren Thompson, Director, DoD/VA Interagency Program Office, joined senior leadership from the Defense Health Agency and the VA’s Office of Electronic Health Record Modernization to testify before the House Committee on Veterans Affairs’ Subcommittee on Technology Modernization. They discussed the current status of the electronic health record implementation and interoperability at the DoD and VA and answered questions from members of Congress. Click [here](#) to watch the testimony.

## DOD/VA IPO TEAM MEMBER RECEIVES MILITARY IT LEADERSHIP AWARD

In May, the Armed Forces Communications & Electronics Association’s (AFCEA) Washington, D.C., chapter honored Cmdr. Mellissa Walker, United States Public Health Service, as a recipient of the 2019 Military IT Leadership Award. This award recognizes outstanding officers and enlisted service members for their significant contribution



to the warfighter through the use of information technology. As a program manager with the Department of Defense (DoD)/Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Interagency Program Office, Cmdr. Walker received the award for her superb support to improve access to legacy systems health data, also applicable to future systems. In addition, the award recognized her leadership in refining and exploring alternative methodologies to identify data element gaps impeding interoperability and data exchange between the DoD and VA. Cmdr. Walker also exhibited decisive bravery in her deployments to assist first responders with recovery efforts following Hurricanes Florence, Irma, and Harvey. Click [here](#) to learn more.

## How to Prepare for a Doctor’s Visit

- + Be honest about symptoms
- + Write down questions or concerns
- + Ask questions about prescriptions
- + Ask for clear instructions after surgery
- + Take a family member



Did you know: June was Men’s Health month. This month is dedicated to raising awareness about health issues related to men. Click [here](#) to learn more.