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SUBJECT: Trip Report

1. Purpose: Attend DMO IPT Meeting at AFAMS, Orlando, FL
2. Traveler(s): Lt. Col Breitbach, Mr. Norm Tucker, Mr. Mark Tucker
3. Itinerary: Depart Dayton, OH/Arrive Orlando, FL – 17 FEB 04
Meeting – 18-19 FEB 04
Depart Orlando, FL / Dayton, OH – 19 FEB 04
4. Discussions:
 - A. Each IPT meeting held for the DMO IPT will be broken into three working groups (WGs) as defined in the IPT charter. The three WGs are the Operations Management WG (OMWG), the Technical Management WG (TMWG) and the Program Management WG (PMWG). This report from Norm Tucker will cover the highlights of the TMWG. Mark Tucker attended the PMWG and Lt Col Breitbach attended the OMWG.
 - B. Several briefings were given during the TMWG: Rapid Distribution Database Development (RD3), a JNTC initiative; Test and Evaluation Network Architecture (TENA); DMO capabilities; DISA network waiver and DTOC approach and business model. The ANG DTOC presentation is well known to the AFRC community so this will not be discussed in this trip report.
 - C. The RD3 briefing indicated how the joint community will develop and utilize databases in the offing. The basic concept will be to leverage existing databases to form the environment for future exercises at the joint and coalition levels. JFCOM leads this initiative and AFAMS is the only AF POC on this effort. Basically, this briefing was information as it may apply to how we at the AF level will develop our database schemas for AF live, virtual and constructive (LVC) exercises.

- D. Not much to say about TENA at present other than it appears to be the avenue to link the live entities to the virtual and constructive entities.
 - E. The waiver process for the DISA network was discussed as the DMO IPT does not see using the DISA network as an advantage to conducting DMO exercises. Basically, the DMO/DMT exercises in the past have been operating outside the DISA network via a waiver that was applied for and granted each year. The IPT has some concerns for the future as each year it becomes more difficult to gain waiver approvals. The IPT continues to push the point that higher priority DISA network customers could impact a given DMO exercise by limiting the DISA network bandwidth during a contingency. No other solution was discussed at this meeting other than to continue the waiver process each year.
 - F. Much of the discussions on the second day centered on the upcoming Joint Red Flag (JRF) scheduled for May 2005. Basic details to be worked out in the coming months are who will be tied into the exercise and how. What the database region will be. How will the exercise be managed and controlled? Expect the next meeting will go into greater detail on the planning the JRF event.
5. Conclusions/Recommendations:
- A. Send personnel to the next meeting with CASNET experience and knowledge. Each subsequent meeting will discuss in detail how the VRF will be conducted and how the selected players will connect.
 - B. There appears to be training transformation funding available to pursue networking initiatives that benefit the joint community. Lt Col Lawhead, HQ AF/XPPC, is the AF focal point for these initiatives. Examples of valuable initiatives are common database usages, joint briefing/debriefing capabilities, scenario generation capabilities, etc.

Sincerely,

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