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Global Combat Support System-Army, Wave 2 is coming to the Army.

As everyone will have heard by now, GCSS-Army, is the Army's single, integrated, enterprise system that supports modernized (re-engineered) tactical sustainment operations. GCSS-Army is the tactical component of the Army's larger Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) system that includes the Logistics Modernization Program (LMP), the Army Enterprise System Integration Program (AESIP) and the General Finance Enterprise Business System (GFEBS). GCSS-Army will establish a fully integrated logistics-financial management environment supporting a comprehensive view of Army readiness enabling information and resource informed sustainment decisions. GCSS-Army's enterprise based capabilities will drive policy and operational improvements for nearly every program in Army logistics including; Unique Item Identification, Condition Based Maintenance, In-transit Visibility and Product Life Cycle Management.

Where we've been and where we are headed: Standard Army Management Information System (STAMIS) applications were the best technology, software tools, and practices available in the 1980s and 1990s. The logistics disciplines of Maintenance, Supply Support, Ammunition, Property Management, and Finance matured independently, along their respective evolutionary paths leading to independent, "stove-piped" systems that do not directly share data or support enterprise understanding of Army readiness. Since these systems were first deployed, Army forces have changed dramatically. We now have smaller, faster, more agile and lethal formations fighting in concert with our sister Services over greater battle space. GCSS-Army, in conjunction with the other ERP systems, provide the modernized logistics backbone to support our forces as we evolve under the Army Operating Concept. When will your unit be fielded with GCSS-Army? The current GCSS-Army fielding schedule is located on AKO at: <https://www.us.army.mil/suite/doc/44040555>. The Headquarters Department of the Army point of contact is CW5 Joachim J. Consiglio, (703) 695-0104 (DSN 225) or email joachim.j.consiglio.mil@mail.mil.

Global Combat Support System-Army Wave-2 Property Accountability Module

As of December 2014, Global Combat Support System (GCSS-Army) Wave 1 fielding is over 52% complete and fielding continues. Wave 1 is replacing the Standard Army Retail Supply System (SARSS) for supply support activity stock record management. GCSS-Army Wave 2, includes the Property Accountability and Maintenance modules which will replace Property Book Unit Supply Enhanced and the Standard Army Maintenance System. Wave 2 is operational and has been tested by the 11th ACR and 2/1 AD. Fielding to the rest of the Army begins in second quarter, FY15 (FEB) and runs through FY17. The Wave 2 Road Shows began in August 2014. During the road show, units are provided the information needed to prepare for a successful Wave 2 deployment. To see the GCSS-Army unit pre-fielding Key Events timeline, click on this [link](#). The Headquarters Department of the Army G-4 point of contact is Lisa J. Thompson at (571) 256-4475 or email lisa.j.thompson16.civ@mail.mil.

Training- Global Combat Support System-Army (GCSS-Army) training uses industry leading software applications to create interactive lessons for process-based training. The Programs of Instruction are segmented according to user roles. These courses are being packaged in three delivery approaches: 1) Prerequisite Training delivered through Web-based lessons prior to GCSS-Army fielding, 2) Core New Equipment Training (NET) delivered as Instructor-Facilitated Training during unit fielding of GCSS-Army, and 3) Post NET (Sustainment) Training using Interactive Multimedia Instruction. To compliment this training approach, an End User Manual Plus (EUM+) is also available. To access the [EUM+ Web site](#), click the EUM+ link on the training page of the GCSS-Army Portal. For instructions on the EUM+ go to <https://www.gcss.army.mil/Training/education/WBTLessons/Using the EUM Plus Website/start here.html>. Web based training for GCSS-Army is located at the following web-sites: 1) The GCSS-Army web based training site is located at: <https://www.gcss.army.mil/Training/WebBasedTraining.aspx>, or 2) Go to the Army Learning Management System (ALMS) on Army Knowledge Online at: <https://www.lms.army.mil/> and search for "GCSS-Army" in the browse block at the top of the page. Use the down arrow at the bottom of the search results to scroll through the complete listing of online training available here.

Benefits and Improvements Anticipated with the Fielding of GCSS-Army

GCSS-Army provides enhanced visibility and the capability to see transactional data at an unprecedented level. Logistics Managers can now look in a single system and view transactions as they occur; from funds release to the supply depot materiel release order. GCSS-Army allows maintenance personnel to multitask at a level they are not able to do in Standard Army Maintenance System Enhanced. Maintenance personnel will now be able to work in multiple Unit Identification Codes (UICs) simultaneously. They will have the ability to open multiple windows to conduct concurrent transactions without losing any information from what they were previously doing. For example they will no longer have to wait for one transaction to close out in order to move on to another task. GCSS-Army operators can have three clerks doing twelve different things at one time under the same UIC. You no longer have to log in and out of different UIC's in order to print a 5988-E or create a dispatch for another unit that you are not logged into. With GCSS-Army its as simple as opening a new window and going into the UIC that you want to go to and then doing what ever it is that you need to do under that unit, all while you are still logged into the original unit. GCSS-Army's functionality is expansive. Custom reports are available to view only what you want to see or only the types of equipment that you want to see. You are now able to view the entire Brigade or your Squadron/Battalion's services/dispatches/Maintenance Work Orders/Army Oil Analysis Program samples, as you require, at one time, on one screen.



Hardware- The Global Combat Support System-Army is an information technology investment exploiting Commercial off the Shelf and Non-Developmental software and server hardware. It will function and rely on existing computer hardware already in use by unit supply and maintenance personnel. Since GCSS-Army is a web-based application, all computer systems with the Army Gold Master image and internet connectivity are capable of connecting to the GCSS-Army system. The hardware component of GCSS-Army is limited to production and Continuity of Operations servers at the web-servicing facilities. If a unit needs a hardware refresh or to establish web connectivity, those needs will be identified during the site survey visits. The laptop component

used in the suite of Tactical Logistics Systems have been modernized through the Life Cycle Replacement program. The primary laptops associated with these systems are the DELL Model 6520 computer (NSN: 7010-01-598-8377) and the DELL Model 6510 (NSN: 7010-01-598-8591). Units reporting any of these systems as short or having an older model laptop other than the DELL 6520 or DELL 6510 Standard Army Ammunition System-Modernization should coordinate to receive the upgraded models through their respective command SASMO and G4 channel's. Commands with sufficient modernized systems on hand across the command are to first redistribute internally to fill command shortages before requesting additional assets. The Headquarters Department of the Army G-4 point of contact is Mr. Harlan Cashdollar at (703) 614-9331 or email harlan.s.cashdollar.civ@mail.mil.

Chief's Corner: Property Book Cleansing and Transition Pre-work



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Data cleansing in preparation for conversion to Global Combat Support System (GCSS-Army) is a must do priority. In order to migrate from Property Book Unit Supply Enhanced (PBUSE) to GCSS-Army, the existing data must be functionally and technically cleansed before conversion. Reconciliation with SAMS-E data, serial number comparisons and on hand balance corrections from unit inventories are just some of the data cleansing activities that must be completed. There are five areas of emphasis: 1) authorization documents, 2) serial numbers, 3) catalog management, 4) weapon system/sub system configuration and 5) vehicle/equipment master data. I have attached the Wave 2 Data Preparation [slides](#) to help you get started. A Data Cleansing Guide is also posted on the GCSS-Army website to assist Soldiers with using data cleansing tools provided by LOGSA. The GCSS-Army fielding main page: <http://www.gcss.army.mil/FieldingCenter/Main.aspx> and in the GCSS-Army Document Library at: <http://www.gcss.army.mil/Library/Default.aspx#FieldingDocumentsChecklists>. The HQDA G-4 POC is CW5 Reginald Noel at (703) 692-9485.

Do you have further questions about Global Combat Support System-Army (GCSS-Army)?

Contact the GCSS-Army Help Desk at: http://gcss.army.mil/help_desk/help_desk.html or call Commercial: 804-734-1051, DSN: 687-1051, or Toll Free: 1-866-547-1349. Or join in on the discussion by calling into the bi-monthly Wave 2 Customers' Customer Hot Line Teleconference hosted by CASCOM on the first Wednesday of the month from 0900hrs to 1100hrs and on the third Wednesday of each month from 1400hrs to 1600hrs. The dial-in number is: 1-877-989-5393 and the pass code is: 15646549.

Global Combat Support System-Army Web Resources

- United States Army's Official GCSS-Army Web-site: <https://www.gcss.army.mil/>.
- GCSS-Army System page on Sustainment Knowledge Network: <https://www.us.army.mil/suite/page/666795>.
- GCSS-Army System's Access Portal: <https://www.gcss-army.army.mil/irj/portal>.