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ERN Update

Migration to the **Education and Research Network (ERN)** project has begun. **Professor Xavier Maruyama** was among the first to officially change his e-mail address to **nps.edu**. To date, approximately 100 Faculty email addresses have been migrated to @nps.edu. The process includes a visit to **PSD** (HeE-118) to update your CAC card with the new e-mail address. See the ERN FAQ at <http://intranet.nps.navy.mil/ITACS/ERN-FAQ-Feb2004.htm> for details.

PSD is available for services from 0730 - 0830 for PIN issuance only (reset forgotten PIN) on a walk-in basis. Provided the system is working efficiently, it will be a quick process. PSD will offer this service through Friday, 27 Feb 04. People who do not have a CAC will need to schedule an appointment at https://es.cac.navy.mil/?site_id=psdmtr or by calling the ID Card Section at x2746.

PSD will be moving to Ft. Ord on 17 March, so now is a good time to update your CAC for ERN and DTS.

Defense Travel System (DTS)

A new DoD travel manager administration program is being fielded at NPS, coordinated by SPAWAR Norfolk. It will be in production on **26 March**. DTS, which is similar to the Travel Manager we presently use, seamlessly automates the three DoD travel processes—authorization, reservation and voucher filing—in a paperless, Web-based system. DTS uses DoD Public Key Infrastructure (PKI) certificates to digitally sign documents; travelers need only a web browser plugin for digital signature authentication and system security.

Nick Pavlina of G2 Software Systems is the campus coordinator for DTS. ITACS personnel **Jay Franklin** and **Artie Gross** are installing the computer-based training software for the 84 DTS Authorizing Officials

NMCI Update

On December 18, 2003 NPS participated in a meeting with the **Naval War College** at the request of **NETC** (Naval Education and Training Command) **CIO Curt Jones**. The meeting was requested to introduce the **Naval War College** to the methodology used by NPS in assessing the scope of NMCI deployment. During this meeting, NETC used NPS as a role model for assessing the IT requirements for an educational institution.

- The **NMCI Executive Committee** meeting was held in Washington, D.C. on December 18, 2003. The meeting was chaired by the **VCNO ADM Michael G. Mullen** and was attended by all Navy Echelon II flag officers. **Chief of Staff COL Dave Smarsh, Dr. Christine Cermak, LCDR Todd Pugh** attended on behalf of **RADM David Ellison**. **ADM Mullen** reiterated the Navy's commitment to NMCI and support of EDS. The overall status of NMCI implementation was reported by each Echelon II commander.
- In January 2004, **Dr. Christine Cermak** and **LCDR Todd Pugh** attended the NMCI quarterly conference, held in conjunction with AFCEA. During the conference, separate meetings were held with SPAWAR, NETC, NWC, and EDS to review NPS plans for NMCI implementation. Dr. Cermak invited EDS and SPAWAR to visit NPS in order to more fully understand the NPS research university mission and to help frame future discussions of NMCI implementation.
- Beginning in January 2004, **LCDR Todd Pugh** has participated in bi-weekly conference calls (one with all NETC Echelon II and III commands and one with NETC, SPAWAR, and EDS).
- Seat order finalized in NET (NMCI Enterprise Tool) for NPS Phase I NMCI implementation. These seats all fall in the administrative/base support areas. We will continue to assess all seats at NPS to determine those that can be transitioned to NMCI.
- The NMCI implementation team, comprised of **EDS, SPAWAR, and NETC** staff accepted Dr.

(AOs) on campus. AOs who have Mac computers should contact [Lary Moore](#) or [Mike Nichols](#) for their training materials. Northrop Grumman Mission Systems will be at NPS in late February to train the lead administrators.

FA Implementation

Public Works will soon begin renovation of the old War Lab that will be part of the expanded service space for the Technology Assistance Center (TAC). Watch for news of the TAC Grand Opening.

Cermak's invitation, and will be visiting NPS on March 2-3. The team will meet with NPS leadership, the NMCI Faculty Committee (chaired by **Professor Peter Denning**), individual faculty members, ITACS staff. The purpose of the visit is to familiarize the team with NPS research university mission, the IT environment, and plans for NMCI implementation.

- **Dr. Cermak** will host an IT leadership meeting at NPS next month for colleagues from the **U.S. Naval Academy** and the **Naval War College** to discuss NMCI project status and possible common IT issues and future work together.