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**Navy Combines Two Program Offices into Naval Enterprise Networks**

WASHINGTON, D.C. (Feb. 25, 2011) — The newly created Naval Enterprise Networks Program Management Office (PMW 205) was officially stood up during a ceremony on Feb. 24 at the Navy Memorial. The program office combines the former Navy Marine Corps Intranet (NMCI) Program Management Office (PMW 200) and Next Generation Enterprise Network (NGEN) Program Management Office (PMW 210), both of which were formally disestablished as part of the same ceremony.

During the ceremony presided over by Program Executive Officer for Enterprise Information Systems, Rear Adm. Charles “Grunt” Smith, he welcomed Capt. Shawn Hendricks, USN, as the new program manager. “The corporate knowledge, experience and success of the NMCI and NGEN program offices were world class, and invaluable to the DON. That corporate knowledge and experience are retained and rest within the same personnel that will shortly be forged under the skillful, innovative and dynamic leadership of Captain Shawn Hendricks into one end-to end enterprise terrestrial network team,” Smith said.

The establishment of the new program office consolidates the functions of the former PMW 200 and PMW 210. “The establishment of the Naval Enterprise Networks Program Management Office is a strategic and natural evolutionary step in the acquisition of our Information Technology (IT) networks for the Department of the Navy,” Smith said. “This is our opportunity to unify the Department’s terrestrial networks and data management to improve capability and service while saving significant dollars by focusing our efforts under one program office and one enterprise network construct.”

Smith offered a special thanks to the leaders of those two program offices, Capt. Scott Weller, USN, Program Manager of PMW 200 and Capt. Timothy Holland, USN, Program Manager of PMW 210. During the ceremony Weller and Holland were each individually awarded the Legion of Merit for exceptional meritorious leadership and management of their programs.

NMCI was created in 2000 to consolidate thousands of stove-piped networks into one centralized, secure Naval Network through a first-of-its kind acquisition approach to information services consolidation, technology standardization and enterprise-wide oversight of network operations. NGEN is the follow-on acquisition approach to providing enterprise network services originally consolidated under NMCI, and represents the continuous evolution of the Department of the Navy’s (DON) enterprise networks. The contract for NMCI services ended on Sept. 30, 2010. An NMCI Continuity of Services Contract (CoSC) for NMCI services began Oct. 1, 2010 with the incumbent provider, Hewlett-Packard (HP) Enterprise Services, to bridge the timeframe between the end of the NMCI contract and the competitive award of NGEN Increment 1 contracts. In its first increment, the NGEN acquisition approach will start with the same architecture of the network under the NMCI contract in 2010. Modeling the acquisition after Fortune 500 CIO best practices for information technology use within their own firms, the NGEN acquisition is taking a segmented approach to acquiring IT services.

“Over the past 10 years, NMCI has transformed from a business system into an essential battle space used to protect national security, providing Sailors and Marines the IT tools they need to complete their missions,” Smith said. “PMW 200 have been teaming to revolutionize the shore-based networks, while PMW 210 has focused on assuring that we maintain these efforts and prepare for the future. As we establish PMW 205, the new program management office will oversee the transition from NMCI to NGEN, a critical capability for the Department’s warfighters.”

“PMW 205 is about the future,” Capt. Shawn Hendricks, said. “It is a future that provides virtualization, agility, flexibility, mobility and security - all delivered at a better price than they are today. There are no secrets - it is clear what we must do.”

Guest speaker for the PMW 205 establishment was James E. Thomsen, Principal Civilian Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Research, Development & Acquisition (RDA). Thomsen spoke about the vision in creating NMCI and the accomplishments of PMW 200 and PMW 210 in creating a secure, computer network to outpace current and future cyber threats and challenges.

“Captain Hendricks, you are inheriting two excellent programs,” Thomsen said. Issuing a challenge to the new PMW 205 program manager, Thomsen continued, “Take the network we have today, that we are so dependent on and with the help of our industry partners, not miss a step and not lose any ground in reliability, supportability and performance.”

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#### About the Navy Marine Corps Intranet

The Navy Marine Corps Intranet (NMCI) provides secure, seamless, and global end-to-end connectivity to more than 700,000 Department of Navy personnel at more than 3,000 sites in the continental United States, Hawaii and Japan. NMCI is a comprehensive information and communications network that replaced existing shore-based networks with one secure intranet, delivering access, interoperability and security through voice, video and data services. For more news from NMCI, visit the NMCI website. (<http://www.public.navy.mil/spawar/PEOEIS/NMCI/Pages/default.aspx>)

#### About the Next Generation Enterprise Network

The Next Generation Enterprise Network (NGEN) represents the continuous evolution of the Department of the Navy’s (DON) enterprise networks and will provide secure, net-centric data and services to Navy and Marine Corps personnel. For more news from NGEN, visit the NGEN website. (<http://www.public.navy.mil/spawar/PEOEIS/NGEN/Pages/default.aspx>)