



Common access cards ensure online security

Story by MNC-I Automation

Department of Defense computer user's world-wide will be required to use common access cards to log into their accounts, effective no later than Dec. 29, 2006. Homeland Security Directive 12, along with Joint Task Force – Global Network Operations Computer Tasking Order 06-02, requires this change.

This means that all users in the federal government will be using common access cards to access government unclassified systems.

"In Iraq we're looking to enable not only signed and encrypted email, but ultimately, the ability to log in with a CAC card and to protect access to web content.

Additionally, users will enjoy single sign on to many DOD systems, which means that users will not have to remember so many different passwords, rather they will only have to remember one personal identification number," said Brent A. Gatewood, senior systems administrator, Information Systems Division, Multi-National Corps-Iraq. "We're one of the last ones (throughout the Department of Defense) to accomplish this."

Users who do not prepare for this change will find it increasingly difficult to access systems needed to execute their jobs on the unclassified network, for example, access to Army Knowledge Online

content and intranet web servers, said Gatewood.

"Some users may have already noticed this change when attempting to renew sponsored accounts in AKO or access (U.S. Army Europe) intranet servers," said Gatewood.

For this process to work, users and information management officers need to complete a few initial steps.

"You need the CAC card reader, smart card middleware (NetSign 5.5), and certificate validation software (Tumbleweed Desktop Validator) installed to interface with computer applications.

When a CAC card is inserted, those pieces allow you to digitally identify who you are by

using the CAC card and PIN." advised Gatewood. "Users should go to the card browser function inside NetSign and make sure three certificates are on that card: the identity certificate, email certificate and signature certificate. Additionally, users must also ensure they know their PIN."

The installation of the smart card reader, NetSign and Tumbleweed programs is the responsibility of section IMOs. Users are responsible for verifying they have three certificates on their CAC, the cards are not expired and the users know their

PIN. Importantly, if the three certificates are not on the CAC, users should visit the ID card section where a real time automated personnel identification system workstation will be used to attain them. If identification cards are expired, or users do not know their PINs, the CAC will not be useable for a CAC based network logon or access to CAC public key infrastructure protected websites.

Additionally, only three attempts are permitted, when accessing a CAC, before the PIN number will need to be reset. Users and organizations are reminded that if units wait until just before the new CAC system is enforced, the RAPIDS office could be swamped with long lines of customers.

The Multi-National Force-Iraq and MNC-I Information Systems Division plans to set up CAC PIN reset workstations in the future. This system is dependent on connectivity to the RAPIDS database and its ability to match a users fingerprint with a stored copy that was made when the ID card was created; as such, CPR workstations cannot unlock 100 percent of all locked cards.

Some locked CACs can only be unlocked at a RAPIDS workstation, despite the availability of a CPR workstation. The Camp Victory Help Desk currently has one CPR workstation in production.

"We are fielding PIN reset stations to every help desk in theatre," said Lt. Col. Dave Acevedo, chief, Information Systems Division, MNC-I. "This capability is coming soon, beginning in November."

"Users should not get frustrated with (the CAC card) process," said Gatewood.

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Photo by Spc. Curt Squires, MNC-I PAO

Card readers enable users to insert their common access card to gain access to intranet sites.

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Chaplain's Corner

Set my mind

By Chaplain Charles Herring
MNC-I Chaplain Office

Set your minds on the things which are above. Colossians 3:2

When I lose my spiritual focus it is like taking my hands off the steering wheel. Without a steady hand on the wheel, it isn't long before I'm off the road and spinning in the median. I must choose to keep my mind set on the higher things. It is something I must do, day in and day out, 24/7.

I believe the higher things are the positive things of God. Saint Paul provides a super list to help me evaluate my thoughts. In the letter to the Philippians he wrote, "Whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things

are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy – meditate on these things." (Philippians 4:8)

I have to make a choice to keep my mind focused on the better things. It is not automatically going to happen. I must be determined and put forth some effort if I am going to keep my mind set on the good things of God and experience his best for me. I must be especially on guard during times of adversity and in times of my personal challenges. When troubles strike, often my first thought is not higher thoughts. Negative thoughts bombard me from every possible angle. It is right then and there, I must choose to trust God and not allow myself to get down and discouraged or just give up.

It is like the transmission in my car. I can choose which way I want to go by engaging the gears. It doesn't take any

more effort to go forward than it does to go backward. It is all in the decision process. Likewise, my choices determine which way my life is going to go. If I choose to stay focused on the positive and keep my mind set on the good things of God, all the forces of darkness are not going to be able to keep me from moving forward and fulfilling my spiritual destiny. But if I make the choice of dwelling on the negative, focusing on my problems and impossibilities, it is similar to putting my car in reverse and backing away from the victory God has in store for me. I must decide which way I will choose to go.

I am convinced that my life moves in the direction of my dominant thoughts. Throughout the day, I will shift my spiritual transmission in drive for thoughts of joy, peace, victory, abundance and blessings. Only then will I move forward toward those higher things.

This Week in Military History

with Lt. Tom Lewis, Australian Forces

On October 25, 1854, 152 years ago, the British army in the Charge of the Light Brigade suffered a stunning and stupid loss, but established, once again, their reputation for bravery and incredible tactical skill.

The British, French and Turkish armies were fighting against the Russians in the Crimean War. On a fine autumn day, a series of tactical maneuvers were taking place on flat ground and on surrounding small slopes and hills. The British high command, sitting their horses on one of the higher hills, received intelligence that some British horse-drawn field guns, abandoned after an earlier engagement, were being carried off by the Russians. The British general sent orders down to a cavalry group on the valley floor in front of him to deploy after the guns and prevent them being captured. When the order, carried by Capt. Louis Nolan, a staff-officer, reached the cavalry, Lord Lucan pointed out he could not see the guns and indeed, from his point of view, he could not as they were on obscured higher ground. Somehow, the order was construed to mean attacking the only enemy guns in sight and the tactical commander, Lord Cardigan, did not question the order.

Around 673 horsemen were then given the order to advance. Troopers of the 13th Light Dragoons, 17th Lancers and 11th Hussars formed the front line. At this point, Capt. Nolan realized the mistake and tried to countermand or clarify the order. But the Russian field guns had opened up and found the range and an opportune shot hit Nolan and killed him.

The advance continued up to the gallop. As flanking small arms and light guns also opened up on the British, the advance became a charge to shorten the amount of time spent under fire in the mile-long valley. More and more casualties fell to the guns, and as the lancers lowered their weapons and the heavier cavalry drew their sabers the horses maddened with fear, accelerated to their full speed as their riders held them on course with iron control. The final moments were testimony to the abilities of British cavalry, as the Light Brigade, holding together until the end, took the guns of the Russians at the charge, tearing into the smoke-filled position and attacking the gunners. A melee saw the British achieve their aim, although with the bulk of the Russian Army nearby, many watching in astonished amazement as cavalry charged artillery, the position was not one able to be held. The troopers cut their way out of the position and fled to a safer position within their own lines.

The roll call later testified to the loss of around 150 men out of approximately 600 who made the charge and around 400 were unhorsed. Several troopers, some wounded, were taken prisoner by the Russians. Cardigan, an officer who had purchased his promotions, as it was possible at the time, refused to accept blame.

Strangely, the action has become more famous than two similarly small, but successful, previous battles on the same day. The Charge of the Heavy Brigade saw units of British heavy cavalry charge uphill to rout Russian horsemen. The holding action of 'The Thin Red Line' saw Scottish Highlander infantry hold off charging Russian cavalry.



Photo by Spc. Sean C. Finch, MNC-I PAO

Spc. Kyle Collings, administrative clerk, Special Troops Battalion, Multi-National Corps-Iraq, remembered two of his friends in a ceremony Friday afternoon at the Camp Victory Chapel. Spc. Natasha Vines and Pfc. Lena Karungi lost their lives in a train accident, last week in Germany. Both were part of the rear detachment for V Corps, and will be missed.

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Letters from home

Staff Sgt. Michael Shipman, Company C, 86th Signal Battalion,

Michael, I just wanted to let you know that the kids and I miss you and love you! We know you're safe and at a good place, everyone says so, and to hear you, the kids are just so excited everytime they get to talk to you. We're all doing good and will continue to wait for your return home. Come home soon, safe and sound!

Miss you and Love you Always, your wife and kids

Camp Victory Three-day Forecast

Sunday



Partly cloudy
High: 87 F
Low: 66 F

Monday



Partly cloudy
High: 89 F
Low: 66 F

Tuesday



Thunderstorms
High: 89 F
Low: 67 F

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From Spc. Joe Rickett 622-3301

MNC-I, PMO Customs Training

Who: ALL Brigade Separates on VBC
What: Customs Class for BDE that fall under MNC-I
When: 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Nov. 7, 2006
Where: Al Faw Palace / 3rd floor / Euphrates Conf. Rm
Why: For BDE's to have Certified Customs Inspectors to inspect subordinates units redeploying within their Brigades.

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Trial defense servicemembers earn patch

Story provided by MNC-I SJA TDS

In 1980, the Army created an independent organization of defense attorneys and paralegals - the U.S. Army Trial Defense Service. The TDS mission is to defend Soldiers that are suspected and accused of crimes and facing court martial, nonjudicial punishment, administrative separation or other adverse action.

Since 1980, TDS has functioned as a worldwide organization divided into nine regions around the globe. TDS has more than 340 officers, approximately 130 are active component officers and about 212 are reserve component officers. There are more than 60 RC paralegals.

There are 19 TDS defense counsels and 10 paralegals currently assigned to the Central Command area of responsibility, and further assigned to offices in Baghdad: Camps Victory and Liberty, Ramadi, Tikrit, Mosul, Kirkuk, Balad, Talil, Bagram Air Base in Afghanistan and Camp Arifjan in Kuwait.

To help show that the TDS counsel is

independent, TDS counsel has never been required to wear the shoulder patch or insignia of the local organization or command. Instead, from 1980 until June 19, 2006, the officers assigned to TDS wore the distinctive patch designed for use by War Department overhead personnel. The patch consists of the familiar blue star and white background with a red border and was authorized for all personnel assigned to the Army Field Operating Agencies unless the FOA was authorized a shoulder sleeve insignia in its own right. Until this year, TDS had never been authorized its own SSI.

In the summer of 2005, shortly after taking over as the new Chief of the Trial Defense Service, Col. Larry Morris, asked that members of his organization submit designs for a new patch that would be distinct to TDS.

"My only direction was the old patch be incorporated into the new one," said Morris. "Several designs were considered over the next year. In the end, several ideas taken from the proposed designs

were incorporated into one new distinct SSI."

On June 19, 2006, the U.S. Army approved the new SSI unique only to the members of the TDS and its reserve component counterparts. The new patch was subsequently approved by the Institute of Heraldry on August 17, 2006.

"For better or worse, you portray a lot about yourself by what you wear," explained Morris. "So long as what we wear gives us an opportunity to show what we are, it's better than giving a speech."

The new shield-shaped patch reflects the nature of legal defense work. The sword supporting scales of justice represents the mission to defend Soldiers at courts-martial and adverse proceedings. The sword also signifies that TDS personnel are Soldiers as well as lawyers. The glory, mullet, and the red border are carried over from the former Department of the Army Staff Support patch previously authorized for wear by the TDS, and provide a historical link to its organizational heritage.

SECURITY

"They should simply contact their IMO when they have questions. (The IMO) will have resources available to assist them. IMOs are the first line of defense for PKI."

With the CAC in use, the military network may be better protected than in the past.

"Government computer systems world-wide are attacked on a daily basis," said Navy Chief Warrant Officer 2 Todd M. Smith, public key infrastructure project officer, MNF-I. "Without the CAC card and PKI, we leave ourselves vulnerable to other governments and terrorists on a daily basis."

Although computer users may not look forward to this change, information systems experts advise it is essential in securing the military network.

"This is a necessary process to safeguard the Department of

Defense information and infrastructure," said Acevedo.

Generally, when passwords are passed across public networks, they can be captured and potentially de-coded by various programs, despite encryption that is used on passwords. After using a CAC, that information will be denied to hackers, since passwords will no longer be sent over the network, rather digitally-signed requests will log in.

"Technology for the CAC system is easily installed," said Gatewood, "but if there are any questions, the Camp Victory Help Desk is here to support."

"This is a DoD directive we are implementing and it's important that all units aggressively implement the CAC reader and install the software now," cautioned Acevedo, "failure to get our users compliant will result in their inability to access local and DoD networks across the enterprise."

The Marines cordially invite you to the
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November 10, 2006
 at the Al Faw Palace Rotunda.

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 Join us for birthday cake in the ballroom after
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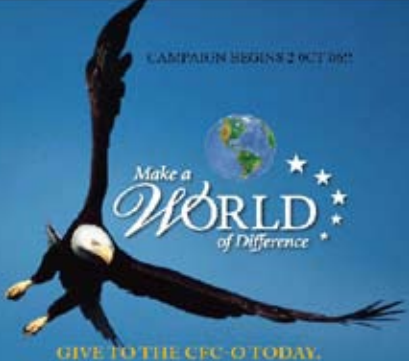
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WHEN: Walk-ins - Monday - Friday - 1 p.m. Sharp
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Lunch 11:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.
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Lunch 11:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.
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5 p.m. - 7 p.m.
- Golby Troop Medical Clinic**
Sick Call Hours:
Monday - Friday 7:30 a.m. - noon
Saturday & Sunday 9 a.m. - noon
- Dental Sick Call:**
Monday - Friday 7:30 - 10:30 a.m.
Saturday 9 - 10:30 a.m.
- Mental Health Clinic:**
Monday - Friday 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Saturday 9 a.m. - noon
- Post Deployment Health Briefings:**
Monday - Friday 1 p.m.
- Pharmacy:**
Monday - Friday 7:30 a.m. - noon, 1 - 4:30 p.m.
Saturday & Sunday 7:30 a.m. - noon
- Legal Assistance/Claims**
Saturday - Thursday 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Friday 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
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Sunday 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
- ID Cards**
Monday - Friday
9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

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SEXUAL ASSAULT RESPONSE COORDINATOR (SARC)

CERTIFICATION TRAINING

4 Nov 06, 9 a.m.-5p.m., Camp Victory, Al Faw Palace Ballroom

Certification Student Requirements:

Officers: MAJ/CW3 or higher

NCOs: SFC or higher

Students must have appointment orders in hand on the morning of the class.




Maximum class size: 10 students (priority to brigades without a SARC)

Submit names to SGM Lacy, MNF-I/MNC-I SARC, evy.lacy@iraq.centcom.mil, NLT 31 Oct 06.

Submit letters from home

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Friday:
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0845 Traditional Protestant Worship
1000 Roman Catholic Confession
1030 Roman Catholic Mass
1200 Gospel Protestant Service
1400 Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints Service
1600 Episcopal / Lutheran Worship
1800 Contemporary Protestant Service
2000 Knights of Columbus 1st/3rd

Saturday:
1000 Seventh-day Adventist Bible Study
1100 Seventh-day Adventist Service
2000 Roman Catholic Mass



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Friday
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Sunday
Church of Christ 3 pm
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