



## **NCOIC Update to Members – February/March 2018**

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### **Interoperability, NCOIC Activities Featured in European Magazine**

The new issue of *The European – Security and Defence Union* magazine contains a special section on interoperability and features two articles about NCOIC. In one, Gen. Harald Kujat (Ret), former chairman of the NATO Military Committee, stresses that interoperability is a global issue that requires an understanding of culture, business value, governance and technology. The other piece, by Tip Slater, NCOIC chief financial officer, highlights the consortium's accomplishments during the past 14 years and makes the point that interoperability is definitely achievable. To read the articles, go to <http://www.ncoic.org/images/news/European-Feb18-2.pdf>

NCOIC members who would like to receive a complimentary online subscription to *The European – Security and Defence Union* should send an email to NCOIC Media Relations at <http://www.ncoic.org/contact-us>

### **EDA Meeting to Focus on Interoperability Verification**

NCOIC representatives are meeting this week with several leaders of the European Defense Agency and will present an overview on the consortium's mission, history, resources and current activities, particularly the Interoperability Verification Initiative for NATO Allied Command Transformation. The IVI project is aimed at enabling an organization like NATO to quickly identify products and services that minimize integration risk, cost and time. NCOIC believes that a collaboration with EDA will create greater success in realizing interoperability across and among groups with common interests and missions, like disaster response.

This EDA meeting comes on the heels of a successful discussion with NATO ACT in late January, which was part of a series of leader briefings and technical working sessions between NCOIC and NATO that are moving IVI forward to support the development of NATO's Federated Mission Networking environment. NCOIC is also preparing to make an IVI presentation at the NATO ACT Think-Tank for Information, Decision and Execution Superiority (TIDE) Sprint event in April in Genua, Italy. This forum enables experts from the NATO member-countries, partners and civilian institutions to discuss the challenges they face in interoperability and command and control.

### **Mark Your Calendar for March 20 Leadership Discussion**

Registration is now open for "Know Before You Buy or Sell: NCOIC Interoperability Verification Update" on Tuesday, March 20. Speakers will share what's been happening with the Interoperability Verification Initiative for NATO Allied Command Transformation. You'll hear an overview of the project, current status, short-term plans and how companies can benefit by getting involved early-on. The meeting will be held at 1:30 p.m. (ET) in Arlington, Virginia; participation via the Internet is also offered. Those who join the meeting in person are welcome to attend lunch at 12:30 and stay for a networking reception at the conclusion of the meeting. Details on the NCOIC website at: <http://www.ncoic.org/news-events/events>. You are encouraged to invite colleagues and others who would benefit from knowing about this exciting collaboration between NCOIC and NATO.

### **Welcome to Two New Advisory Council Members**

NCOIC is pleased to announce that James D. (Dave) Bryan and Roosevelt (Ted) Mercer, Jr. have joined the consortium's Advisory Council.

Dave Bryan is president and CEO of Bryan Business Management and Technology. He retired from the U.S. Army as a major general in 2004, after more than 34 years of active military duty during which he served in a variety of command and staff positions at every level. In his business career, he has held executive roles with Northrop Grumman Corp, ManTech International Corp. and USfalcon, Inc. He is board chairman for UltiSat, Inc. and has served on many other boards, including Eutelsat America Corp., Vancro, Inc. and DB Networks, Inc. He is a recognized technical expert in Department of Defense enterprise terrestrial and space-based telecommunications, information technologies, global network operations, cyber security and strategic business planning.

Ted Mercer is director of the Interagency Planning Office for the Next Generation Air Transportation System at the U.S. Federal Aviation Administration, where he provides executive direction to a dynamic multi-agency and international partnering organization focused on future NextGen technology, policy and collaborative activities. Prior to joining the FAA in 2016, he spent almost a decade in the private sector with Geospatial Systems, a division of ITT Exelis. Prior to this, he served in the U.S. Air Force for more than 32 years and retired in 2008 at the rank of major general; his last military assignment was as the director of Plans and Policy for the U.S. Strategic Command at Offutt Air Force Base in Nebraska.

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