



## **NCOIC Update to Members – May 2018**

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### **Save the Date: June 28 Update on NATO ACT Collaboration**

The consortium's next leadership meeting is set for Thursday, June 28, when you will hear the latest on NCOIC's Interoperability Verification (IV) Initiative for NATO Allied Command Transformation. Details will be shared about identification of key attributes for evaluating interoperability, as well as the verification process and plans for a medical use-case demonstration. The meeting will be held 3-5 p.m. (ET) in Arlington, Virginia; participation via the Internet is also offered. Those who join the meeting in person are welcome to stay for a networking reception at the conclusion of the meeting. Look for more details and registration information soon on the NCOIC website, but mark your calendar now. As always, you are encouraged to invite colleagues and others who would benefit from knowing about this groundbreaking project aimed at creating a standard procurement practice that examines enterprise-level interoperability -- and thus helps governments select, acquire and integrate products and services.

### **Eric Vollmecke Joins NCOIC Board**

NCOIC is pleased to announce that Eric Vollmecke has been elected to the board of directors. He is president of Sengex, a Virginia-based provider of data security solutions to government, healthcare and commercial organizations. He retired as a major general after 35-year military career in active and reserve components, during which he commanded at the squadron, group and wing levels. Vollmecke entered the Air Force as a communications officer before becoming a pilot and transferring to the Air National Guard. During the 2010 Haiti operations, he led two National Guard airlift wings and a manned ISR flying detachment that were in direct support of the operations. In his civilian career, his expertise in the technology field includes working at all organizational levels as well as across key functional support areas including systems engineering, program management and strategy development.

In 2013, Vollmecke served as Program Director of the NCOIC Geospatial Community Cloud Concept Demonstration, a successful project for the U.S. National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency designed to facilitate the agency's support of coalition partners and NGOs during a major disaster. "Eric has unique background in communications and operations, and it is a privilege to work alongside him. As a general officer in the National Guard, he has been involved operationally in natural disasters as a line officer, a staff officer and the leader responsible for re-establishing basic necessities to human lives. He is well aware of the value of interoperability and the sharing of information for the public good," said CFO Tip Slater.

### **Machine Learning is Focus of May 24 Technical Meeting**

Marc Fiammante, IBM Distinguished Engineer, will hold a short presentation on machine learning examples for linear and non-linear feature using scikit-learn Python library on Thursday, May 24 at 10 a.m. (ET) during the Cognitive Computing and Machine Learning Working Group meeting. All NCOIC members are welcome. To join the virtual meeting, contact CCML chair Raj Mukherji at [raj@mukherjiconsulting.com](mailto:raj@mukherjiconsulting.com)

### **NCOIC Presents at TIDE Sprint Event**

On April 11 in Genoa, Italy, 50 attendees at the NATO Allied Command Transformation event, Think-Tank for Information, Decision and Execution Superiority (TIDE) Sprint, received a briefing on NCOIC's Interoperability Verification risk-assessment for the Federated Mission Networking environment. The information was well received by representatives from NATO member-countries, partners and civilian institutions, who were interested in learning more, particularly the use-cases for cloud technology at strategic and tactical levels and the architecture

of federated clouds between nations. The attendees discussed issues including competition and conflict of interest and also asked for additional public documentation and presentations on the IV concept and process to the FMN secretariat to promote understanding among NATO affiliates on how this concept fits with the FMN environment.

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