TATRC Arrives at DHITS 2019 with a Bold Vision

"One Team, One Mission – Enabling MHS Transformation" was the powerful theme of this year's 2019 Defense Health Information Technology Symposium (DHITS) Conference which took place from 29 July – 1 August. COL Jeremy Pamplin, TATRC's Director, Mr. Ron Yeaw, mHIC's Lab Deputy, and Mr. Edward Kensinger, mHIC Project Manager participated in this exciting event which took place in Orlando, FL. DHITS is a three-day annual DoD-sponsored symposium for leading health IT professionals to share ideas, lessons learned, and new developments. Over 2,000 military medicine providers and IT professionals came together at this year's DHITS Conference. This conference, sponsored by the Defense Health Agency provides a unique venue for knowledge sharing, innovative ideas, discussion of lessons learned, and new developments.

Vice Adm. Raquel C. Bono, then Director of the DHA, stated, "It's a great venue for MHS leadership to update the industry on our progress with MHS GENESIS, interoperability and cybersecurity. It was exciting to highlight with Mr. Pat Flanders, Maj Gen Lee Payne and Mr. Bill Tinston how powerful MHS GENESIS capabilities are in supporting the military medical enterprise's prioritization of readiness, quality and safety in care, integration of services, and standardization."

TATRC's delegation was invited to present, not only in the exhibit hall within the DHA and MHS pavilion, but also in a breakout session presentation. TATRC strategically partnered their booth space to work with the Virtual Medical Center's team to share a joint presentation entitled, "Virtual Medical Center & TATRC's Operational Virtual Health Overview for Today and Tomorrow." Mr. Michael Kile, Operational Readiness Program Manager for U.S. Army Virtual MEDCEN saw the value in partnering this year and stated, "DHITS was a tremendous opportunity to discuss, share and collaborate on virtual health capabilities with peers across the enterprise, both military and civilian. This forum helps to drive a shared TATRC vision and enhance relationships that are dedicated to deliver the best technology to the Warfighter and other DoD beneficiaries."

TATRC's breakout session presentation was entitled, "Enabling MHS Transition to Autonomous Combat Casualty Care," and was attended by over sixty participants. This session allowed COL Jeremy Pamplin to outline TATRC's vision for Autonomous Combat Casualty Care, as well as lay out a plan to get there. Notable audience members included CAPT Valerie J. Riege, Chief Innovation and Integration Officer BUMED, COL Scott McIntosh, Joint Project Manager for Medical Modeling and Simulation, and LTC Sean Hipp, Director Army Virtual Medical Center. Individual meetings were also held with the PEO STRI team, several emerging operational health vendors, as well as the Army Virtual Health Office.

Overall, this conference helped TATRC broaden the MHS communities' awareness of our autonomous combat casualty care

COL Jeremy Pamplin (center) catches up with TATRC's former-Director COL(R) Dan Kral (left) and Dr. Bob Walker from DHA (right).

Mr. Ron Yeaw (left) and COL Jeremy Pamplin (right) share the stage to discuss the future or Multi-Domain Operations (MDO).

COL Jeremy Pamplin (right) shares ideas on new initiatives in Medical Modeling and Simulation with COL Scott MacIntosh (left).

focus, further establish TATRC as thought leaders in this space, provide for tech-watch awareness, and enhance our relationships with our strategic and emerging partners.

According to Mr. Ed Kensinger, "Collaborating at DHITS allowed TATRC to work directly with the Virtual Medical Center to benefit from the lessons they are learning today in order to apply them to the solutions that we are developing for the future."

TATRC Director, COL Jeremy Pamplin, shared this opinion, "DHITS is a great opportunity to interface and join forces with senior leaders in the MHS IT space to help advance digital capabilities for the medical mission in Multi-Domain Operations."

The 2020 DHITS conference will be back in Orlando, 28 – 30 July and TATRC is looking forward to once again being involved in this exciting and thought-provoking IT event. ◼◼◼