



Army MEPRS Program Office Newsletter

Bacon's Bits

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Just when I thought things couldn't possibly get any worse after Informatica, the EAS help desk contract was renegotiated and as a result, we lost our "experienced" help desk personnel; then along came the EAS IV 6.0 release with no training and no insight nor even the slightest clue as to what the changes were and since then DMHRSi, EAS, and the Repository have been down more than they have been up. Although, I didn't throw my hands up in the air and completely give up, I did feel the need for some retail therapy. I went out and bought not one, but two pair of shoes. I have to say, it did make me feel better and for the few minutes it took me to buy those two pair of shoes, I forgot about all the challenges we are still facing.

Seriously, I know how easy it would have been for you guys to just give up, but you didn't and once again your perseverance and dedication were evident as the Army met the March suspense with a 97% compliance rate. Words alone cannot express my sincere appreciation for your continued dedication, but thank you. Everyone at AMPO recognizes your hard work and it is very much appreciated.

As I mentioned above, there was neither training nor insight as to the changes with 6.0. We are reading through the Functional Users Guide (FUG) to determine what has changed and we ask you to continue to do the same. Unfortunately, Web1 does not have the full functionality you are accustomed to; however, Desk1 does, but you to have run all the EASi reports out of Web1. We are still working with the EAS Program Office to convert reports to the Desk1 version. As we learn and discover what has changed, we will certainly share. BOXi, Web1, Desk1...whiskey, please. As an old Chinese proverb says "To get through the hardest journey we need take only one step at a time, but we must keep on stepping".

Online CHCS/WAM training opportunities are being offered this summer. You can read more about this and the introduction of ancillary workload to MEWACS in the May edition of the MEPRS.INFOrmer.

Father's Day is 17 June and AMPO would like to wish all the Father's and Grandfather's a very Happy Father's Day.

Have a great month!



BEST-OF-THE-BEST

Army Medical Treatment Facilities (MTF) MEPRS Office personnel are known for their dedication and meticulous performance of their duties. This is evident when reviewing the compliance with requirements placed on them from within their commands along with those imposed by MEDCOM.

MTF Ranking is based on point values assessed for compliance with current FY EAS Timeliness, Defense Medical Human Resource System internet (DMHRSi) Timecard Compliance, Financial Reconciliation submission, Narrative submission, Discrepancies for FY07-FY12 (AMPO Discrepancies, and Unauthorized FTE's), and un-validated discrepancies on the Advice and Assist Reports generated as a result of MEWACS data population. Contact your AMPO analyst for additional details on the ranking methodology.

MEDCEN:

FT. HOOD
DIANE PAPKE & STAFF

EXCEPTIONAL EFFORTS!

BEDDED:

WEST POINT
MARIE PALMIERI & STAFF

CONGRATULATIONS!

UNBEDDED:

REDSTONE ARSENAL
CATHY COLLINS & STAFF

AWESOME JOB!

EASi Reports—Business Objects

As a result of the deployment of EAS Release 6.0 there are now two versions of Business Objects for use when processing EASi data. The reports within EASi utilize the Web1 version of Business Objects. This version of Business Objects has limited filtering and export capabilities. Filtering within the Web1 version is limited to selecting one data element per Object.

Exporting of reports from the Web1 version also has limited capabilities. The previous version of Business Objects allowed exporting the file in text, Excel, or dBase format, the current version allows for exporting a file in Excel, PDF, or CSV (comma separated values) format. Care should be taken when exporting the file in CSV format. Data elements may not align properly when exporting in CSV format. Sites have identified this as a problem when exporting the Financial Pure Data File in a CSV format.

AMPO recommends exporting the reports by using the Export report in Excel format option. Using this option places the report in Excel in the same format as is displayed in the Reports function of EASi. Using this option will require some manipulation of the report to remove the blank and total lines. This is easily accomplished when filters are applied within Excel to identify the rows which have the "Total" in the row or blank rows.

Each report exported will have different adjustments/manipulations required in order to make the report usable within Excel.

Additional questions should be addressed to your AMPO Analyst.

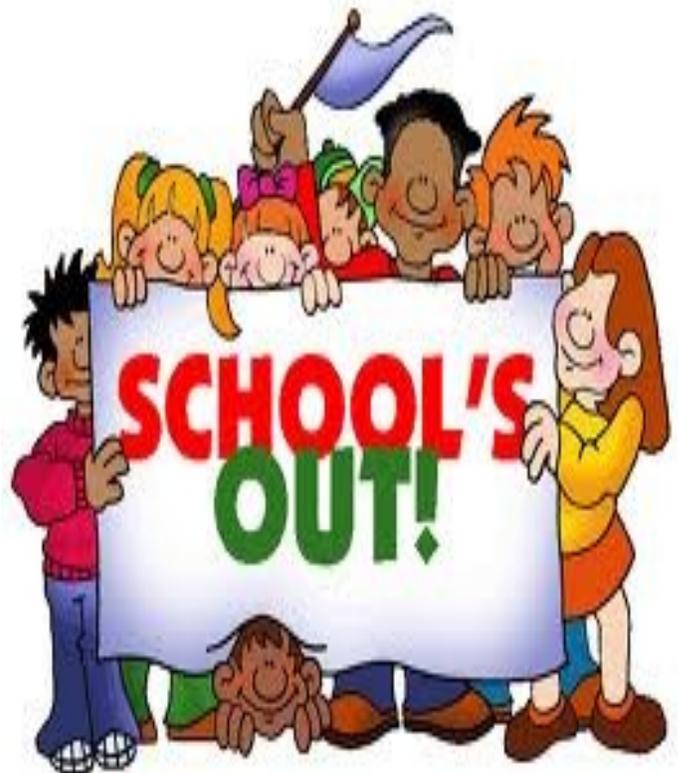
Post Deployment of EAS IV v6.0/6.0.0.1 & Access to EASIV Repository

To ensure continued access to Business Objects post-deployment of version 6.0; personnel were asked to submit an EAS IV User Validation Form to Ms. Audrey Heil. Unfortunately there was not a seamless transition. Some users are not able to log on to the Repository and from the application side are not able to run reports. DHSS post deployment of EAS IV v6 protocol to gain access is to go through your service POC. Please contact your AMPO analyst via e-mail and CC the MEPRS Army Func Spt to obtain the EAS IV Account Request Form. Please 'DO NOT SUBMIT' a Trouble Ticket or Request through the MHS Helpdesk, as it will be rejected. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact your AMPO analyst.

DMHRSi Timecards for Personnel Deployed or Personnel On Leave without Pay (LWOP)

DMHRSi will now automatically enter and submit timecards for personnel who are deployed and for personnel on LWOP. MEPRS and HR must make a few adjustments to the human resources (HR) record and then the system will auto populate the timecard with the data and submit it at the end of the pay period.

Starting next week, AMPO will be conducting regional training session for MEPRS on the new functionality. Watch for the emails next week with your region's date/time. Maximum participation is encouraged.



Question: How often should I run the DoD Batch and Timecard Status Report to check timecard compliancy?

Answer: The DoD Batch and Timecard Status Report can be ran as often as needed by the site to ensure timecard compliancy. AMPO requirements are that the report be ran the 16th day after the end of a pay period and just prior to transmission, where it must be at 100%. AMPO validates compliancy at time of transmission for MTF Ranking.



AMPO Analysts and Sites They Support

Site staff should contact their AMPO Analyst for assistance no matter what the issue (functional questions related to coding, EASi, DMHRSi, GFEBs, Account Request Form, stuck timecard, etc). Always include MEPRS Army Func Spt on your message because if your AMPO Analyst is unavailable, the other Analysts will be able to assist. Please include Elizabeth Arzola on messages relating to Account Request Forms and stuck timecards.

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- 0047 - FT Gordon
- 0048 - FT Benning
- 0049 - FT Stewart
- 0060 - FT Campbell
- 0069 - FT Meade
- 0086 - West Point
- 0105 - FT Jackson
- 0109 - FT Sam Houston
- 0110 - FT Hood

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- 0057 - FT Riley
- 0061 - FT Knox
- 0075 - FT Leonard Wood
- 0098 - FT Sill
- 0108 - FT Bliss
- 0121 - FT Eustis
- 0122 - FT Lee
- 0612 - Seoul

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- 0064 - FT Polk
- 0089 - FT Bragg
- 0131 - FT Irwin
- 0330 - FT Drum
- 0606 - Heidelberg
- 0607 - Landstuhl
- 0609 - Bavaria