



Greetings friends, colleagues and mission partners! I am thankful for the opportunity to work with and for each of you, leading DISA and JFHQ-DODIN. In this Drumbeat, I am going to highlight some important innovations and policies coming out of the agency as well as several key senior leader changes.

In July I released my [Strategic Plan](#), to guide the agency's support of the Secretary of Defense's three [lines of effort](#). *Building a more lethal force, Strengthening Alliances and Attracting New Partners and Reforming the Department for Greater Performance and Affordability*, vector us to be DoD's premier combat support IT provider.

### **DISA's Senior Leader Changes**

I am happy to announce [Army Maj. Gen. Garrett Yee](#) is now serving as [Assistant to the Director, and has become instrumental in engaging with mission partners and industry](#).

The agency also welcomed its new Senior Enlisted Advisor, Air Force Command Chief Master Sgt. David Klink, as we retired Air Force Command Chief Master Sgt. Andrea Gates. Chief Klink will focus on our people, our mission and mission partner outreach.

### **Dominance through agility**

DISA is committed to "*Reforming the Department for Greater Performance and Affordability*." When you are leading new efforts, hidden obstacles are expected. However, DISA's ability to quickly adjust course demonstrates our commitment to excellence in all we do.

- [DMUC STIG update prompts iPhone users to update their device passcodes](#)

DoD SAFE replaced the U.S. Army Aviation and Missile Research Development and Engineering Center's, Safe Access File Exchange (AMRDEC SAFE) with a no-fee, DoD-wide method to securely transfer unclassified files up to 8 gigabytes that cannot be sent through email. Common Access Card users may send files to anyone by "Dropping Off" a file. Users can also ask someone without a CAC to send files by clicking the "Request a Drop-Off" button.

- [DoD Secure Access File Exchange achieves Initial Operating Capability](#)

### **DoD modernizes authentication standard**

To streamline identity verification and improve interoperability, [DoD mandated the Personal Identity Verification \(PIV\) Authentication \(Auth\) certificate standard](#) for access to DoD IT assets on the The Non-classified Internet Protocol (IP) Router Network (NIPRNet). DISA achieved the authentication milestone in August. Learn how to verify a card's compliance in this article.

- [Don't get locked out – update your CAC's Personal Identity Verification-Authentication certificate](#)

### **Strengthening Alliances with our industry partners**

DISA is hosting the Forecast to Industry, Nov. 4 at [Martin's West](#) in Baltimore County. This is our opportunity to brief industry about DISA's acquisition process and upcoming procurement plans. At this no-cost event, agency leaders will discuss acquisition issues, requirements and planned procurements for fiscal years 2020 and 2021.

- [DISA hosts Forecast to Industry 2019](#)

Classified mobile capabilities, assured identity and secure access to data from anywhere at any time ensures information dominance for the department. In August, agency representatives shared how these capabilities provide the roadmap to mobility during a panel moderated by Maj. Gen. Garrett Yee at TechNet Augusta 2019.

- [DISA's combat support portfolio ensures information dominance for DoD](#)
- [DISA's assured identity initiative featured on NBC News](#)

DISA has signed the Provisional Authorization to host DoD IL2 mission data in the cloud. This also reduces the steps industry partners go through for FedRAMP Moderate authorized solutions to address DoD customer needs. This approach will provide significant benefit to DoD and the cloud industry.

- [DISA streamlines approach to cloud authorizations](#)

### **We are hiring!**

As our mission continues to expand, we seek to add dedicated individuals to our team of more than 7,000 civilians worldwide. Please help us spread the word! Here is a direct link to [our current openings](#), along with more [information about careers at DISA](#).

### **Keep in touch**

Follow DISA on social media. Check [facebook.com/USDISA](#), [www.twitter.com/USDISA](#) and [linkedin.com/company/disa](#) to receive daily updates about the capabilities we are developing and missions we are serving. You can also [sign up to receive email updates](#) on topics of your choice.

I encourage you to share information within your organization and [provide feedback regarding these events and other DISA outreach efforts to the Mission Partner Engagement Office](#), your DISA field office or liaison officer in your area.

### **What does DISA's Mission Partner Engagement Office do?**

DISA is a complex agency, which can make it difficult to find the right person to talk to. We created the Mission Partner Engagement Office, or MPEO, divided into groups that serve specific mission partners, intended to be your first point of contact within DISA.

- MPEO serves to provide you information on DISA's capabilities, assist with service requests, resolve issues and concerns, and facilitate communication with the agency. [Learn more about MPEO in this article](#).

I appreciate our partnerships and value DISA's role in ensuring your mission success. I look forward to updating you again soon.