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Agile in USMC: MCRISS II

MCRISS II is the USMCs first cloud based and mobile capable enterprise business system which improves the timeline from conception to development and provides customer impact by delivering its Minimum Viable Product (MVP). BETA testers are helping to drive change and become early adopters of new technology -- giving customers exactly what they want and need using Agile delivery approach. Review this presentation given at NDIA 2019 Agile in Government conference (May 2019).

To see the full presentation, select the link.

Delivering Warfighter Value: Make It Happen

Adam Furtado, Chief Engineer for Air Force’s Kessel Run transformational software development initiative, shares some lessons learned from his experience over the last two years. He challenges the viewer that "Delivering meaningful outcomes in the field requires a mechanism in place to identify, iterate and measure these outcomes. … At the end of the day, your job is not to get the requirements right, your job is to change the world!"

Watch his TedxDAU talk given at Decisive Edge forum in June 2019:
https://www.dau.edu/team/AgilePilots/Pages/Videos-and-Multimedia.aspx

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Ask an Expert

Q: I have heard that there is a DoD Enterprise program to promote DevSecOps across the Department to include easier acquisition of tools and services. How can I find out more including the current status?

A: Mr. Nicolas M. Chaillan, Air Force Chief Software Officer (CSO) presented an overview of the DoD Enterprise DevSecOps Initiative during the Cyber Security & Information Analysis Center (CSIAC) webinar on 20 AUG 2019. The webinar covered the vision for transforming DoD software acquisition into secure, responsive software factories. It describes the examination and exploration of the utilization of modern software development processes and tools to revolutionize the Department's ability to provide responsive, timely, and secure software capabilities for our warfighters.

Meet the PM

Jason Glavich has been the Program Manager of the Marine Corps Recruiting Information Support System II (MCRISS II) since 2016 and the Legacy MCRISS System since 2018. He earned a Masters of Science in Program Management from Excelsior College and is a member of the DoD Professional Acquisition Corps, and the Project Management Institute. His first acquisition positon was as an Active Duty SME on the Expeditionary Fighting Vehicle program in 2005. After completing his active duty time he supported Marine Corps Systems Command as a Senior T&E Engineer overseeing command level T&E efforts. In 2016 he took control of the MCRISS II project. The first major accomplishment of this project was working with Marine Corps Recruiting Command to bring actual USMC recruiters into the project team to ensure the system would be built to the actual needs of the Marine Corps and having the Marines themselves drive each system requirement would ensure that happened. His time on MCRISS II has been focused on changing the culture to accept Agile principles, focusing on working software over extensive documentation and showing the rigor that is involved in Agile development. One of his favorite quotes focuses on Agile needs, "Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot, nothing is going to get better. It's not." By Dr. Seuss. This highlights the MCRISS II mission, to give teams and individuals ownership of their work, this will yield a better product by allowing those who care the most to take part in designing it for their fellow Marine Recruiters.

Announcements & Events

- 30 SEP – Agile Pilots Town Hall 0930 to 1300 @ Pentagon, Rm 1D548
- DEC – Section 874 Pilot Program Completion Report to Congress

Questions or Comments?

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