

Greg,

Here are some comments from the supervisor who used the PAS/CAC system during our recent Operational Readiness Inspection that I thought you might be interested in. I allowed him to try it out on a trial basis to see how it would work for us and he was quite impressed, as you will see below. Feel free to interact directly with Maj Cloutier.

Again, thank you for your outstanding support of our unit.

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Colonel,

In short - PAS/CAC is amazing! There possible applications for this system are numerous and we have only scratched the surface of it's value to the organization.

As a manager of an area that fields two or three new system a year, I have to say that this a rare treat; a system that works as-or-better than advertised!

In short order, we were at least basic-user/administrator trained and operating and were able to maintain 100% accountability in our facility during our inspection within a few minutes. Not only were the inspectors impressed, but our wing members were as well. After the first time through our checkpoint, members were registered in the system, making further passes expedient (and frankly enjoyable). It further reinforced the importance of carrying identification (and as a fringe benefit, ensured members were removing their CAC from their workstations - which also improves COMSEC discipline).

I recommend that we appoint a database expert on base (and I do have someone in mind) to become more familiar with the intricacies of the system (i.e. tying the system to a central database, establishing multiple checkpoints, maintaining update files for new personnel). One recommendation made, was that a system be placed in MPF, such that whenever new members receive their CAC's, they would 'register' with PAS/CAC at the same time (to ensure the dbase is continually being updated).

We did have a couple ideas for the programmers as well,

#1) We had wished it had the ability to do a mass check-in/check-out. You are able to 'select' a large group of people from the 'in/out' list, but you couldn't change the status of the whole group the way you could an individual.

This would be useful when the base goes from Charlie to Alpha at which point, we just wanted to move everyone to 'out,' so we could start over.

As it was, we had to move each record individually to 'out.'

#2) The 'reports' tool could be expanded to provide additional data - one idea is providing the ability to total

We also wondered if the developer would be willing to give greater access to the programming so we could change some of the terminology on the GUI... There are some odd things that it's not picking up off the CAC's too (such as rank), and I think it would just take some tweaking. Maybe we could ask a technician to come up (or someone could travel to them) to discuss some potential changes face-to-face?

There's a lot to discuss, but what the ORI proved was that it's a discussion worth having!

Thanks for making the system available Sir, let me know how you wish to proceed.

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