



# NEW DTMS IMPROVES TRAINING MANAGEMENT, TRACKING OF SOLDIERS' TRAINING RECORDS

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Improvements to the Army's premier training management tool make it easier for commanders to plan exercises and keep track of their Soldiers' training records. The new version of the Digital Training Management System (DTMS) launched at the end of 2014.

"Version 7 of DTMS reflects the changes that Soldiers and commanders wanted. DTMS is more powerful and is easier to use," said MAJ Tripp Smith, project manager and help desk lead. "The new version helps commanders at each step of the training management process from plan and prepare to execute and assess. It also maintains a Soldier's training history from hire to retire."

DTMS allows users to communicate and coordinate across the chain of command. It also features calendars to plan and schedule training.

Some of the improvements include:

- A new calendar drag and drop feature that facilitates the scheduling of training events.
- Quick link shortcuts to frequently used functions such as reports, unit organizational hierarchy tree views, and Soldier management.
- A job book and leader book function that assists small unit leaders in managing individual Soldier training and small unit collective training. As Soldiers move to other units, their DTMS digital information follows them and is updated digitally through the automated interfaces.
- Software updates that improve system performance and reliability, increase training management support to divisions and above, and provide capabilities for future enhancements.
- A course manager tab that will replace the Resident Individual Training Management System (RITMS), which Army schools and initial military training use to conduct institutional training management. This tab in DTMS v7 will

replace RITMS starting in March 2015 and will assist the U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command units with managing testing, individual training records, classes, courses, and other topics.

DTMS is a resource that impacts Soldiers and commanders throughout the Army. For unit leaders and trainers down to squads and even team leaders, DTMS provides a digital version of the Soldier's individual training record, job book, and leader book to better inform training management decisions and reduce manual data entry as new Soldiers arrive or move to other units.

For commanders and training managers, DTMS provides an easily accessible record of training and replaces the old mission essential task list crosswalk with a digital version called the Combined Arms Training Strategy. It allows commanders to formulate a training plan and synchronize it with Army doctrine. Commanders and training managers can also quickly query records to track the status of any unit or individual training, to include weapons qualification, physical training, mandatory training and other training completion information.

To help commanders use DTMS, more than 4,000 trainers and users across the Army have attended courses to learn about DTMS version 7 and its improvements. To familiarize Soldiers with the improvements, the site provides links to videos and manuals. You can also call the help desk at (913) 684-2700 or DSN 552-2700.

DTMS is maintained by the Training Management Directorate at Fort Leavenworth, Kan. It is a subordinate organization of the Combined Arms Center - Training, which manages training support and training development programs.

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