# Choosing a single enterprise wiki instead of wiki farms

#### milSuite

- US Department of Defense Enterprise Social Network
- Features Mediawiki and other tools





- LIMITED TRANSPARENCY of collaboration, and information sharing across the DoD
- FISCAL CONSTRAINTS on spending/duplicative information technology across all DoD services
- RISK OF IMPROPER USE of public social media and related cyber security concerns
- ACCESSIBILITY of DoD information from anywhere and any CAC enabled devices





#### milSuite Products

milSuite is a secure DoD Enterprise focused platform with more than 650,000+ registered users. It is only available to DoD CAC holders, Active and Reserve military, DoD civilian and Contractors (no foreign). milSuite information is open by default, restricted by exception.

 THE SUITE OF TOOLS: Based on popular commercial sites milSuite consists of a professional networking site (milBook), a wiki-based encyclopedia (milWiki) a video capability (milTube), a content sharing site (milWire), and an ideas forum (Eureka)



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#### **KM Capabilities**



#### **SOCIAL BUSINESS**



- · Enable innovation through crowd-sourced ideas
- · Custom streams allow users to follow people, places, and tags that matter to them

#### FIND AN EXPERT



· Adds skills and endorse others for better targeted people search for SMEs

#### CONTENT MANAGEMENT



- · Preview files right in milSuite, comment, search or annotate without downloading
- · Reach audiences through sharing video messages

#### **SEARCH & DISCOVER**



· Access milSearch from any milSuite application in the header

#### COLLABORATE



- Post a status update directly to your group and @ people, content or places
- Start a conversation through direct messaging. add a subject, or invite more people

#### **CREATE CUSTOM PORTALS**



· Customize the way you want it through banners, avatars, tiles and widgets



## milWiki history (1 / 4)

- Began as wiki in wake of 2005 Base Realignment and Closure findings
- Established by Chief Knowledge Officer of PEO Command Control and Communications – Tactical (PEO C3T)
- Knowledge capture tool supporting move of organizations from Ft.
   Monmouth to Aberdeen Proving Grounds
- Wiki "seeded" with content by CKO team

### milWiki history (2 / 4)

- Original audience was Army acquisition organizations at Ft.
   Monmouth
- Open to all of Army
- Word spread to other Acquisition organizations and the Army at large
- Wiki team encouraged and supported this
- milWiki received Army Knowledge Management award for technical solution in 2009

# milWiki history (3 / 4)

 In 2009, opportunity came to incorporate the wiki into what would become milSuite

#### **DECISION POINT:**

Continue with a single enterprise wiki OR

Become provider of wikis to the enterprise

### milWiki history (interlude)

- Corporate information systems are typically organization centric
  - Built around info needs of managers
  - Tight restrictions on access and ability to customize
  - Based on how the organization thinks work is done
- Employees often "hack" these tools
  - Based on how the work actually gets done
  - Often using public / free tools
  - Or things just don't get done
- milSuite provides an alternative

## milWiki history (4 / 4)

- Interest in milSuite grew beyond Army
- February 2011 authentication changed from Army SSO to DoD PKI credentials
- Installation and use of SMW has helped build additional interest and drive adoption

milSuite provides a **platform** on which the DoD workforce can create **their own solutions** that support the way they actually work while also contributing to the DoD's overall knowledge base.

### milWiki (milSuite) scope

- No specifically stated purpose (e.g. reference vs. collaboration)
- Occasional requests for a separate wiki instance, but other tools in milSuite typically will meet the need





#### MarineCorpsITMCommunity JapanMaterielTeamNortheastAsia DefenseMediaActivity

MarineCorpsIntelligence ArmyLearningCoordinationCouncil Command&GeneralStaffSchool C-IEDCommunity

National Guard Logisticians MaintenanceShopChiefs Towing&RecoveryUnits MobileDevelopers

Military Chaplains L

CompanyCommander Air Force Research L

10thMountain 4thInfantryDivision Orion:ArmySeniorLeaders CryptographicDevicePortfolio

NationalGuardProfessionalEducationCenter FA59Strategists JointTaskForceNorth

ArmyCorpsofEngineers 451ESCTheaterSustainmentCommand

OPSEC&SecurityCommunities ArmyFinancialManagementSchool

Modeling&SimulationExperts NavyContinuousProcessImprovement



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# Challenges - Adoption

Awareness / marketing

Not invented here

Not a program of record

### Challenges - Tech

Wiki text

Not "web page like" enough

No local control of permissions and features

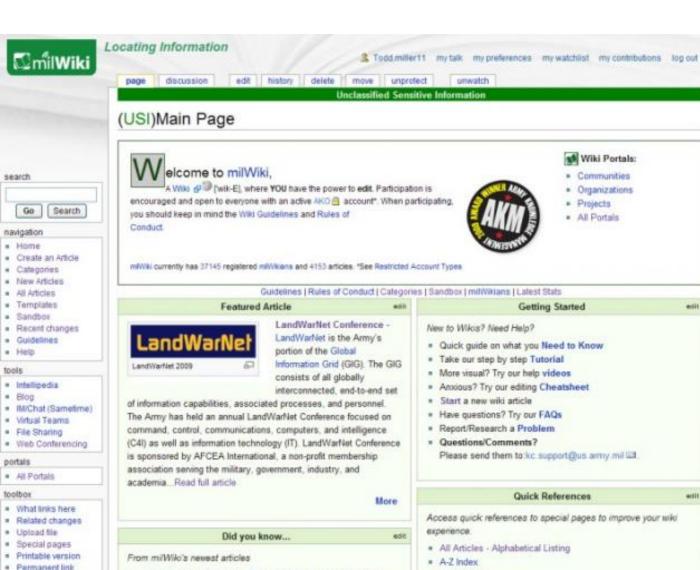
### Challenges - Culture

• I don't want to change someone else's stuff

I don't want someone else to change my stuff

I only want my team to see / edit

Not my job



\* You can use a Workflow Phase Banner on your articles to

Assistance Handbook is designed as an assessment tool for

. SPPNet is the official knowledge portal for the National Guard's

State Partnership Program (SPP), SPPNet is accessible on the

\* The Weapon Systems Acquisition Reform Act requires DoD to appoint senior officials to assess a project's performance and

. The Modular Brigade Augmented for Security Force

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