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# DESIGNING HUMAN PERFORMANCE TOOLS FOR US ARMY H2F TECHNOLOGY ENABLEMENT:

CASE STUDIES FROM THE ARMY APPLICATION LAB'S PILOT PROJECT USING THE COACHMEPLUS WARRIOR PERFORMANCE PLATFORM (WP2)

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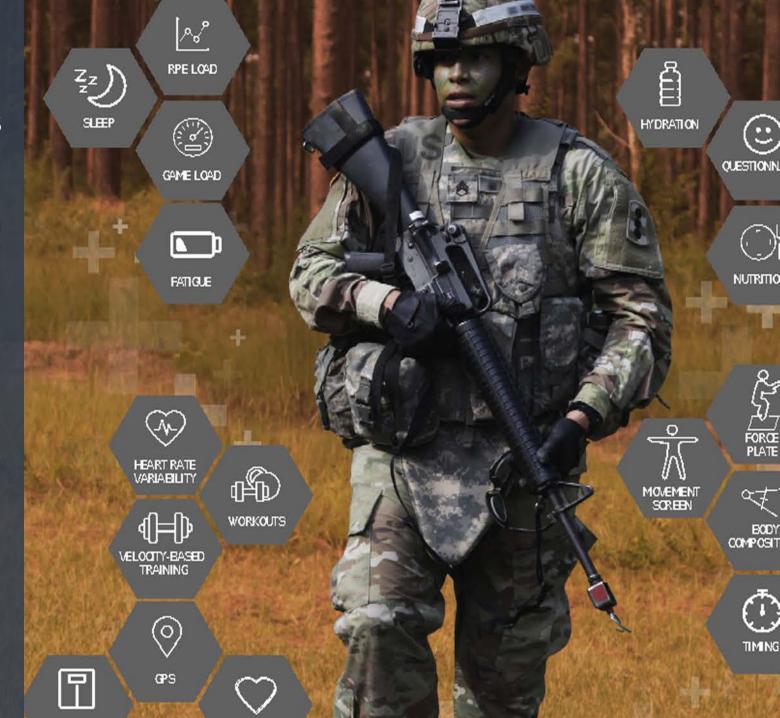
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### **Built for Coaches and Warriors**

- Use What the Pros Use
   Clients across the NFL, NBA, NHL, MLB,
   MLS and top universities and colleges.
- Over 200 Enterprise Clients
   7 years of working with enterprise clients inside complex environments.
- 30 Million Data Points per Month Human performance data from pro teams to fitness centers entered daily.
- Military Tested and Ready
   5+ years of US Army, Navy, and Air
   Force experience with multiple pilot
   studies approved for follow-on phases.





# Relevant Department of Defense Experience



#### ARMY RECOVERY CARE PROGRAM

### ADAPTIVE RECOVERY WOUNDED WARRIOR SOLDIER PERFORMANCE PLATFORM (SP2)

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### 2021-2025

### 14 SOLDIER RECOVERY UNITS (SRUs)

- Hyper-personalize rehabilitative care for our Soldier's recovery process
- Increase the accessibility and efficiency of rehabilitation for wounded warriors



#### **NAVY SBIR N171-079 – PHASE II 2017**

### **HUMAN PERFORMANCE SELF-SERVICE KIOSK AND APPLICATION**

Operational Need and Improvement: The Navy seeks a software and hardware platform that displays and shares human performance and is supported by commercially available wearable devices to include phones, tablets and physical activity tracking devices.



### 2020-2023

### NAVY DELAYED ENTRY PROGRAM (DEP)

- Improve scores on the fitness test
- Improve compliance of fitness activities
- Integrate with commercial fitness wearables
- Learn from usage patterns to improve platform



#### **USAF SBIR AF191-005 – PHASE II 2019**

#### REMOTE FITNESS COACHING FOR AIRMEN

Operational Need and Improvement: Airmen in the reserve components (Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve) go through the same intensive training as their active-duty counterparts.



### 2020-2023

### AIR NATIONAL GUARD - OH, WA

- Maintain or improve fitness standards
- Improve scores on the fitness test
- Improve compliance of fitness activities
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# **Domains**

# **Changing the Army's culture of Health and Fitness!**



### THE SOLUTION

# The Connected Fitness Experience

Remote Training

**Anywhere, anytime** is the new fitness model.

Connect Wearables

Bring your own device. Coaches cast data with the proper contextual emotion.

Hyper-Personalize

Apps can't do it alone.

More fitness goals are achieved when

Soldiers and coaches work together.



**Hybrid fitness both off-site and onsite** increase compliance and improve fitness outcomes.



**Remote Coach**. Maintain engagement in the coach-soldier relationship.



Enterprise Integration

Connecting to the data ecosystem reduces workload for busy coaches.









### CONFIGURABILITY AND SCALABILITY

# **H2F** Configuration











### "HP" as Health Promotion and Human Performance

#### **DELAYED ENTRY PROGRAM**



PREPARE FOR **RECRUIT TRAINING** 

#### **ARMY RECRUIT TRAINING**



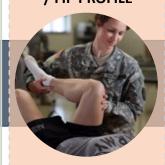
**ACHIEVE FITNESS BASELINE** 

### **FULL-CAREER ARMY**



**MAINTAIN FITNESS BASELINE** 

#### **PHYSICAL THERAPY** / FIP PROFILE



**RETURN TO** FITNESS BASELINE

#### **SPECIALIZED REQUIREMENTS**



SOF / SPECIALIZED FITNESS BASELINE

### **GUARD/RESERVE**



**REMOTE FITNESS** and MONITORING

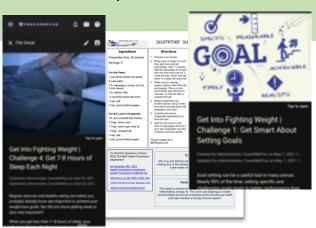
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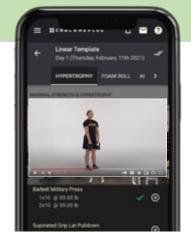


**RETURN HEALTHY CIVILIAN LIFE** 

#### PROVIDE HEALTH PROMOTION MATERIALS

**GOAL: Behavior Change / Education HIGH AUTOMATION / LIMITED STAFF** 





### MANAGE HUMAN PERFORMANCE METRICS

**GOAL: Return to Duty / Optimized Performance CUSTOMIZATION / SPECIALIZED STAFF** 









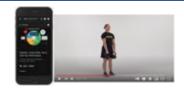




### **ACCOUNTABILITY MATTERS**

# Structure For Compliance

Who – H2F, Health Promotion, MEDCOM, CHAMP, etc. Role – Content, Programming

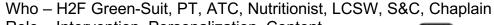












Role – Intervention, Personalization, Content















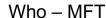
Who – Human Performance Advisor (HPA)

Role – Program Compliance, Review

Personalization, Content







Role - Attendance, Safety Check









Who – Solders App

Role - Semi-Automation of Programming

- Capture of Data









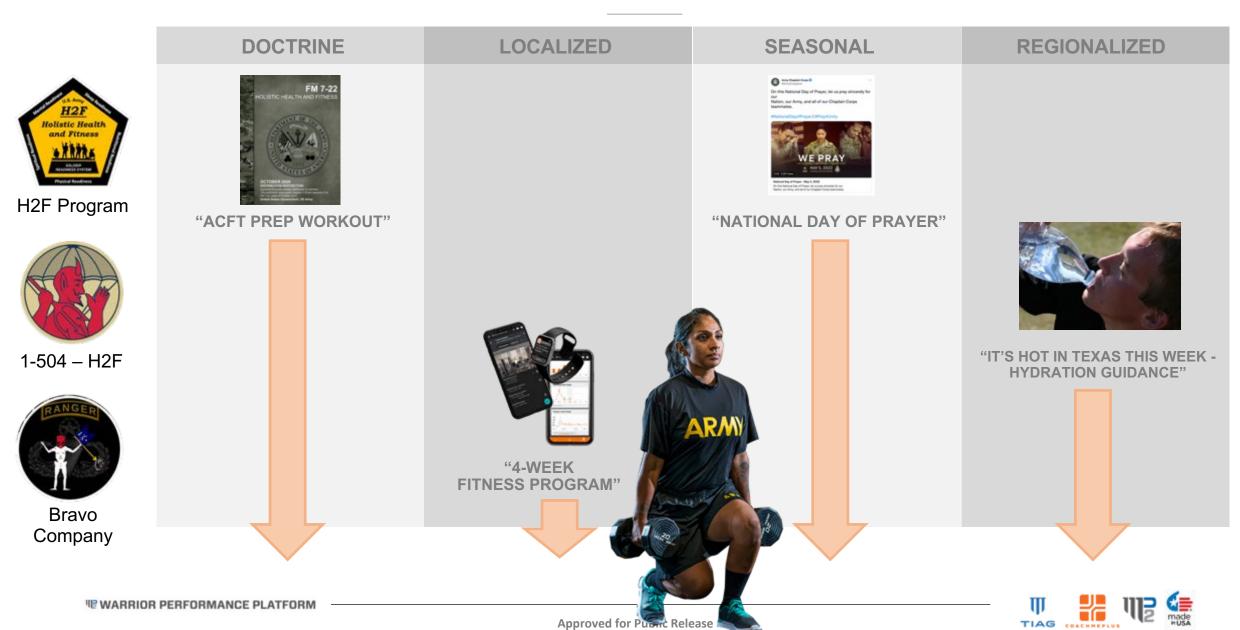






### SHARE THE LOAD

### Provide Content – Provide Context



# **H2FMS Pilot Concept**

### Holistic Health and Fitness Management System (H2FMS)

- Direct-to-Phase II SBIR sponsored by Army Application Lab (AAL)
- Army desires "digital interface tool that incorporates all five H2F domains to better address Soldier readiness and well-being"
- Three commercial athlete management system (AMS) vendors selected
- Vendor platforms were deployed sequentially at three separate Army units in round-robin fashion
- Each rotation lasted eight (8) weeks
- Vendors were evaluated based on:
- Ability to drive/encourage utilization
- Ability to support all five H2F domains out of the box





### H2FMS Goals & Objectives

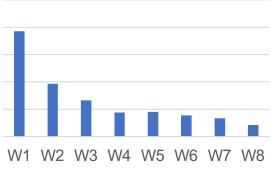
- Reduce Redundancies: The platform should aggregate information across pre-existing Army systems, accelerate access to care to the right provider, and turn data into information for leaders to make decisions.
- Scheduler: Across all pillars of H2F, practitioners need a consolidated scheduling application for individual and group classes with the ability to have director and leader oversight.
- Dashboards at Echelon: Leaders at all levels should have a consolidated dashboard of their unit's health, performance, and progression of fitness and care.
- Programming: NCOs plan and lead PRT.
- **Usability and Content:** The platform should operate as BYOD and incorporate both Paratrooper and Practitioner data collection. H2F practitioners and leaders have the ability assign content to specific Paratroopers, groups, or ALL.



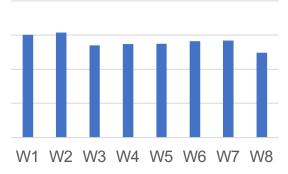


# 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne – Tracking Engagement





2.8
AVG Login/Week





62,844

**Exercise Sets Tracked** 

Built Programs
47 Coaches
107 Programs

**PHYSICAL** 

128 (10%)

Tracked Meals

7 Soldiers imported 3<sup>rd</sup> party

NUTRITION

543 (41%)

Reported Sleep Data

151 Soldiers imported 3<sup>rd</sup> party

SLEEP

543 (41%)

Reported Mindful Data

7 Soldiers imported 3<sup>rd</sup> party

**N/A**No Chaplain
Participation

**MENTAL** 

**SPIRITUAL** 





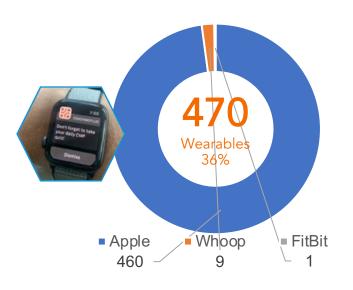






# 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne – Additional Engagement

### Wearables Integrated



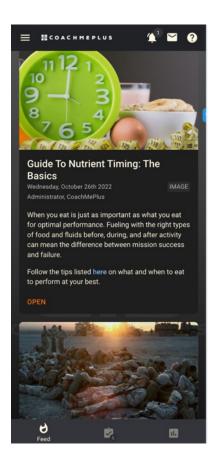




### **Encounter Requests - 71 Soldiers**

S&C TEAM	19
<b>DIETITIAN TEAM</b>	17
OT TEAM	35

### **Educational Materials**



Activity Plans - 875 Opens 92% Mobile

PHYSICAL 219 NUTRITION 254 GENERAL 402

### Educational Email - 1595 Opens 97% Desktop













# 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne – Lessons Learned

- 27% of No Shows for Scheduled Encounters: Paratroopers are constantly performing rotations in the field, jumping, preparing to jump, conducting daily operational duties, and can be assigned last minute taskings such as guard duty and staff duty. This battle rhythm creates challenges for Paratroopers to attend scheduled appointments, which had obvious implications on the success of the WP2 team and utilization of the application.
- Use of "ALL" Button Easier Filtering: Across all pillars of H2F, practitioners expressed the need to be able to mass assign content to all Paratroopers.
- Educational Content Specific to Mindfulness: Facilitating dialogue on the education gap that exists within the tactical training environment provided ample opportunity for a greater understanding of this content and how practitioners can best apply it.
- Uploads to Library: With the influx of content from multiple practitioners, the WP2 library began to slow in its loading capabilities. The WP2 Team identified this issue quickly, and the software development team made software changes to optimize load times and improve overall end-user experience.
- Role Designation and Roster Management: Account creation, role designation, and roster management of 4500 Paratroopers within the system was time intensive for set-up and requires H2F and WP2 teamwork. Long term maintenance of the system should streamline; however, unit turn-over will require constant monitoring.









# 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne – Success Stories

### A Soldier's Thoughts on Access and Utilization of the Application:

"The CM+ application is an opportunity to gain access to more resources, tools, and educational content. This **application solves**the issues of communication, accessibility and Soldier performance/participation tracking. It is an incredible way to make this stuff

more accessible to the Force rather than the small percent."

De-identified Soldier Survey

### Accessibility to All H2F Practitioners

CM+ was the first pilot that provided access and usage to the entirety of the 82nd H2F Team, particularly the Nutrition and Occupational Therapy Teams. The CM+ application possesses the ability to record nutritional content, with a breakdown of macroand micro-nutrients. It further allowed the Dietitians to see what each Soldier is consuming on a day-to-day basis.

— Dietitian Team

### Ease of Programming

Anyone is able to go in on any device, mobile or desktop, and write up a program in minutes. Multiple practitioners shared their excitement about this feature; they appreciated that they were able to work on programs in the office, at home, and on the road.

S&C and Injury Prevention Teams

### Alerts via SMS

One of the key features developed by the WP2 Team during the latter four weeks of the pilot phase was the ability for practitioners to receive SMS notifications when a Soldier wished to speak with them.

– OT Team

### Commander engagement

LTC Means expressed his pleasure with the CM+ application, highlighting his ability to utilize it both as a Battalion Commander and as an individual. He recommended the following sustainment and improvements: Leaderboards and Goals communities, Training Program selection, Direct request for communication through WP2 team, Education on landing page.

- LTC Means - 3-73 (CAV) Commander







### Next Steps

# Currently executing 12-month extension to further refine operating model and prepare for broader deployment.

### **Key Activities:**

- Ongoing operational pilots with the 82<sup>nd</sup> ABN and other resourced and non-resourced Army units
- Cybersecurity Accreditation Currently undergoing 3PAO assessment in pursuit of DoD Provisional Authorization (PA) at IL-4, as well as an Authority to Operate (ATO)
- Army Data Fabric Integration
   Exploring and prototyping integration with Army Vantage and other authoritative Army and DoD systems, as well as multiple H2F-related data warehouse initiatives
- Core platform enhancements to better support the operational requirements of the H2F program



### **Priority Enhancements**

#### CLASS SCHEDULING AND APPOINTMENT SCHEDULING

Solution: The class scheduling capability currently exists within the commercial CoachMePlus product and will be incorporated into the H2F deployment.

# SPEED IMPROVEMENTS - MULTIPLE SYSTEM LOCATIONS

Solution: Implement the software and system improvements and optimizations identified during the pilot period.

#### MACRONUTRIENT TARGETING

Solution: We will develop a target for calories per day. This daily caloric goal can then be allocated, on a percentage basis, by both meal and by macronutrient.

#### **MEAL BUILDER**

Solution: A meal builder function that integrates with the Macro Nutrient Targeting capability. Dietitians will be able to set daily caloric goals and build a meal plan around these targets.

#### CREATING MICRO GROUPS AND "FRIENDING"

Solution: Determine what controls should be placed on user posting to limit the interactions to H2F-related activities and content.

### IMPROVED PROVISIONING- ACCOUNTS AND GROUPING

Solution: New methodology for assigning Soldiers to groups. Potential methods include user self-selection, practitioner assignment, or commander assignment. We will create the functionality and work with the 82nd Airborne Soldiers to determine what is most effective.

#### MISSED ENCOUNTER AUTOMATION –THE 27%

Solution: "Missed encounter" automation to allow an H2F Practitioner to assign an activity. Report function to track missed appointments by unit so leaders can increase compliance and accountability.

### REARCHITECT FITNESS BUILDER - IMPROVED SCALING

Program Sequencing, Fitness Builder Library Management, and speed enhancements.

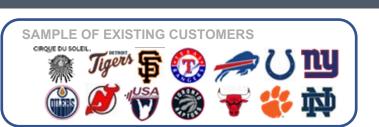






# Thank You









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### ARMY SBIR PHII H2FMS Pilot (2022-2023)

#### HOLISTIC HEALTH & FITNESS MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

The Army currently measures Soldiers' health primarily using physical fitness data. This ignores the other four readiness domains targeted by the Army's Holistic Health and Fitness (H2F) initiative: sleep, nutritional spiritual, and mental. A digital interface tool that incorporates all five H2F domains so we can better address Soldier readiness and well-being.



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### **US ARMY RESERVE H2F PILOT (2021-2022)**

#### 81st READINESS DIVISION H2F TECHNOLOGY SUBCONTRACT

Operational Need and Improvement: Provide Prime Contractor and 81st Readiness Division with a software solution to improve unit and individual readiness through education and training across the spectrum of human performance.







