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MilTube brings video-sharing behind the DoD firewall

The military workforce can now share videos behind secure network firewalls with the debut of milTube.

The new website meets the Department of Defense's need for a dynamic way to share videos – including training, ceremonies and news clips – across installations worldwide. With channels, categories and tags, users can easily watch, upload, sort and search content.

Because all activity takes place behind the firewall, the video and audio are protected from unauthorized viewing and distribution. That makes milTube a safe military alternative to commercial video-sharing sites like YouTube.

“Video is an extremely powerful tool for storytelling and sharing information among personnel,” said Justin Filler, deputy director of the MilTech Solutions Office, an Army organization. “MilTube provides a secure, internal environment for those connections to take place across the Armed Services.”

The site is a companion to several other professional networking tools behind the firewall, including milBook, milWiki and milBlog. Known as milSuite, the integrated tools mirror what users are familiar with at home: wikis, blogs and social networking sites such as Facebook, LinkedIn and Twitter. With firewall protection, users from all branches and organizations can share official unclassified internal information and engage in dialogue.

There are now more than 88,500 milSuite users across the Armed Services.

At a time when Department of Defense senior leaders are stressing efficiencies and cost savings, milSuite reduces duplicative efforts and facilitates knowledge sharing by creating a living encyclopedia where personnel can create, discover and verify information.

MilTube is a natural addition to the family, fulfilling a consistent request from members of the workforce for a central interface to upload and access video and audio files.

“People across the DoD are collaborating on various programs and efforts in ways that were not possible before milSuite,” said Todd Miller, an Army contractor supporting milSuite. “We do our part by delivering the new features users are looking for, including video capability. We look forward to seeing how our users bring knowledge to the community through a completely different medium.”

To meet bandwidth challenges at different military bases, milTube diagnoses platform needs so users can watch and upload videos at any location. It will support multiple video formats as well as audio-only streaming. It will be available on both desktop and mobile devices.

MilSuite is assigned to the MilTech Solutions Office, a government organization of the Army’s Program Executive Office for Command, Control and Communications-Tactical (PEO C3T).

