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Thomas Vanzant is the Global Broadcast Service Operations integration lead for the Joint Program Office at U.S. Central Command. In his role as Integration Lead, Vanzant is responsible for assisting the warfighter with integration of critical data and video services that require dissemination in the Operation Enduring Freedom, Operation Iraqi Freedom, and Horn of Africa CENTCOM areas of responsibility. The GBS program currently supports more than 100 receive suites with over 1 TByte of data and video products daily to users deployed in the CENTCOM AOR.

Prior to his position as the GBS integration lead, he was the GBS and Digital Video Broadcast — Return Channel Satellite Theater information manager for the J3-CT Command, Control, Communications, Computer, and Intelligence directorate at USCENTCOM. Vanzant was responsible for planning, integrating, managing, and directing both GBS and DVB-RCS operations supporting the warfighter in the CENTCOM AOR.

Prior to USCENTCOM, Vanzant served as the operations manager for the GBS Satellite Broadcast Manager (SBM) facility in Norfolk, Va., and as the site manager for the GBS SBM in Sigonella, Italy. He also served as a Surveillance Towed Array Sensor System Mission Supervisor and Senior SATCOM technician onboard U.S. Navy Ocean Surveillance ships and onboard the Research Vessel Cory Chouest supporting development of the Low Frequency Active sonar system.

Vanzant has been a telecommunications professional for more than 20 years and supports mission critical systems that are deployed and in use worldwide.

Vanzant is currently pursuing a degree in information systems technology with the University of Maryland University College. In his role as operations manager for the GBS SBM, he received the Raytheon Technical Honors Award for 2005.