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Artillery repairer Thomas Kerr tightens the recuperator hydraulic line on a M119 towed howitzer. A higher than expected workload for fiscal year 2012 can be seen throughout the Nichols Industrial Complex.

Depot workload increases; temporary employees remain

by Clester Burdell
ANAD PAO

With projected workload changes for the next fiscal year, Anniston Army Depot will extend its temporary workforce appointments for an additional six months.

"Our production numbers for fiscal year 2013 look promising," said Depot Commander Col. Timothy Sullivan. "Thus giving us the opportunity to maintain our current employment numbers. The nature of this business forces us to remain flexible in order to meet mission requirements. We are hopeful that this tempo remains steady, which provides the possibility of further extensions. However, such actions are contingent on funding."

All of the depot's 386 temporary employees, whose appointments were scheduled to expire in September 2012, will be extended until March 2013.

Boosting the depot's workload includes commitments in the areas of machining and fabrication for several different vehicle programs.

Six months ago, when faced with decreasing workload requirements, the depot took steps to align its workforce levels. At that time, a total of 562 temporary employees' jobs were subject to expire as their termination dates occurred. To date, 176 of those individuals were released as their appointments ended, voluntarily resigned, or veteran conversions.

Additionally, 320 employees opted to retire under the Voluntary Early Retirement Authority (VERA)/Voluntary Separation Incentive Payment (VSIP) program. The depot continues to seek employment opportunities for displaced workers from Operation First Rate in coordination with the Calhoun County Chamber of Commerce.

Photo by Mark Cleghorn

Civilian deputy assumes command

Jesse Brown, former deputy to the commander for the Anniston Chemical Activity, took command of the organization during a Change of Responsibility ceremony July 12. See article on page 3.

U.S. Army TACOM LCMC photo

TACOM LCMC passes the flag

Maj. Gen. Michael J. Terry assumed command of TACOM Life Cycle Management Command in a ceremony June 21 in Warren, Mich. See article on page 3.

OPSEC warning: All USB devices may have memory

OPSEC CORNER

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Editor's note: USB, or universal serial bus, describes cables, commectors and communications protocols used to connect, communicate or supply power between computers and electronic devices. Such devices include, but are not limited to thumb drives, fans and lights. Below are some frequently asked questions about USB devices.

But I'm just using a little power. What's the harm?

Anything that plugs into USB can not only draw power, but can also transfer data. USB provides both capabilities.

But I turned it off. So I'm okay, right?

NO. USB supplies power; so, it's not necessary for the device to be on for data transfer to occur.

But it's not a thumb drive. So, what's the issue?

Even if it were as simple as a USB light or game controller, how do you know it doesn't have memory?

All hard drives, mp3 players, phones, etc. definitely DO have storage and, in many cases, also include wireless capability, which makes them a much greater vulnerability than a USB thumb drive. The introduction of these devices into U.S. Government systems allows for the creation of an infection vector across classification boundaries.

But I don't transfer data back and forth. I would never load my data onto a work computer.

Within seconds of plugging in a USB cable, the computer and device start exchanging information. It's during this "handshake" period that a virus or malware can begin its work and infect any computer you plug into. This data transfer may introduce a cross-domain violation or the introduction of malicious data onto a U.S. Government network.

Bottom Line

Personal devices can be charged on personal computers or with commercially available (and inexpensive) USB wall or car chargers. Plugging these devices into U.S. Government systems creates vulnerabilities which lead to significant risks to our networks and, ultimately, our information.

Don't put your information at risk. Keep personal devices off of government systems!

Work analyses document hazards

from Staff Reports
ANAD Safety Office

To qualify for the Occupational Safety and Health Association's Voluntary Protection Program, a facility or installation must have the four VPP elements:

- management leadership and employee involvement
- worksite analysis
- hazard prevention and control
- safety and health training.

This article will concentrate on element number two – worksite analysis.

A baseline hazard analysis will identify and document common hazards associated with Anniston Army Depot, such as those found in OSHA regulations, building codes and other recognized industry standards, and for which existing controls are well known.

The depot will document the baseline hazard analysis of the installation's sampling strategy and identify health risks – accurately assessing employees' exposure including duration, route, frequency of exposure and number of exposed employees.

An examination of each job on the installation and the routine tasks and procedures associated with it will help the Safety Office determine what dangers exist and may lead to elimination of the problems. Employee assistance in this process will be important to its success.

Significant changes in job duties, such as different tasks employees are asked to perform, new materials used or a change in equipment or facilities, must also be evaluated to see what dangers exist, so they may be eliminated or controlled.

A work site analysis must contain:

- Samples, tests and analyses that follow nationally recognized procedures
- Self-inspections that cover the entire site at least quarterly (weekly for construction) conducted by trained staff, with written documentation and hazard correction tracking
- A written hazard reporting system that enables employees to report their observations or concerns to management without fear of reprisal and receive timely responses
- Accident/incident investigations conducted by trained staff with written findings that aim to identify all contributing factors
- A system that analyzes injury, illness, and related data – including inspection results, observations, near-miss and incident reporting, first aid and injury and illness records – to identify common causes and needed corrections in procedures, equipment or programs

The next VPP article will cover element 3 – Hazard Prevention and Control.

ANAD DOIM is tops in AMC

DOIM CORNER

from Randy Heflin
ANAD DOIM

At the end of June, Anniston Army Depot's Directorate of Information Management was inspected by teams from the Department of Defense Information Agency specifically for The U.C. Cyber Command.

The Defense Information Systems Agency holds the keys to all connectivity for the networks – both Unclassified but Sensitive Internet Protocol Router Network, abbreviated as NIPRnet and the Secret Internet Protocol Router Network, SIPRnet – here at ANAD.

Of course, DOIM is responsible for all network compliance issues and must answer to DISA and CyberCom. If compliance and standards are not up to par on our networks, DISA may disconnect the installation.

Major commands, such as TACOM LCMC and Army Materiel Command perform annual inspections or site assistance visits in order to ensure ANAD DOIM is maintaining compliance.

These inspections often have a smaller magnitude and scope than the DISA inspections. DISA looks at three major aspects of our network: the desktops, servers, and printers in which an all audit scan of the systems are performed; the Security Technical Implementation Guides, Standard Operating Procedures, and policy letters; and network compliance (switches and routers), host base security systems and more.

DOIM received an Excellent Rating, scoring 88.9 percent, on the NIPR and an Outstanding Rating of 92.1 percent on the SIPR. This averaged to 90.5 percent overall.

If the DOIM had scored a 70 percent or lower, DISA would have returned in six months for an even tougher re-inspection. This would not have been good.

As it was, the DOIM rose to the challenge and met it head on.

This has been a very busy year for information technology. While the inspection was going on, the Enterprise Email migration was in full swing. This past year, in spite of a force restructuring, DOIM has completed the DISA inspection, Enterprise Email migration, the Department of Defense Information Assurance Certification and Accreditation Process, tripling of the network bandwidth, installation of infrastructure in new buildings on the installation and much more.

Great work Team DOIM!

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TACOM welcomes new commander

by Don Jarosz

TACOM Public Affairs

WARREN, MICH. -- In a formal ceremony held June 21 at the Detroit Arsenal, Maj. Gen. Michael J. Terry took over as the commander of the U.S. Army TACOM Life Cycle Management Command, succeeding outgoing commander Maj. Gen. Kurt J. Stein.

Officiating at the ceremony was U.S. Army Materiel Command Deputy Commander Lt. Gen. Dennis L. Via. "Mike has plenty of sand in his boots and knows what it takes to support our warfighters," Via told the audience when speaking about Terry. "He has experience, vision and passion to position TACOM for exciting years ahead."

Terry received a warm welcome by the workforce and he told the crowd how excited he was to be at TACOM. "In the short time that I've been here, I've witnessed the dedication and professionalism of the staff," Terry commented. "I give you my word that I will do my very best to match your commitment to excellence."

U.S. Army TACOM LCMC photo

Maj. General Michael J. Terry, the new commander for TACOM Life Cycle Management Command, makes his remarks to the audience following the change of command ceremony June 21.

Terry previously served at Fort Shafter, Hawaii, where he was the commanding general of the 8th Theater Sustainment Command. He has commanded at every level from company through theater support command, and held a wide variety of important staff positions.

Stein had served as TACOM commanding general since January 2010. He will be going to Fort Bragg, N.C., where he will be commanding general of the 1st Theater Sustainment Command.

The TACOM LCMC integrates Army acquisition, logistics and technology responsibilities, authorities and processes to enable a closer relationship among all its partner organizations that develop, acquire and sustain the capabilities provided by ground and Soldier systems around the world. Their mission is to provide and sustain mobility, lethality and survivability for Soldiers, other services and our Allies through ground combat, automotive, marine and armaments technologies.

Headquartered in Warren, Mich., with a workforce of approximately 23,000 worldwide; TACOM supports over 2,000 fielded systems and over 34,000 components that make those systems work.

CMA installs Brown to lead Anniston Chemical Activity

by Michael Abrams

ANCA PAO

The Anniston Chemical Activity has a new leader and, for the first time in ANCA's 17-year history, that leader is not a Soldier.

Jesse E. Brown, III, was installed as ANCA's Civilian Executive In Charge during a brief ceremony last week. Brown has been the deputy to the commander since 2003, serving five of ANCA's nine military commanders.

Don E. Barclay, acting director of the U.S. Army Chemical Materials Agency, Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md., presided over the Change of Responsibility ceremony. With the assistance of Anniston Army Depot Sgt. Maj. Jeffery Marcon, Barclay passed the ANCA flag from the outgoing commander, Lt. Col. Willie J. Flucker Jr., to Brown.

Flucker has served as the ANCA commander since July 2010. His next assignment is at the Pentagon as the Military Assistant to the Undersecretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness.

ANCA's main mission was the safe storage and maintenance of seven percent of the U.S. stockpile of nerve agent and mustard agent munitions. The last chemical munition stored on the depot was safely destroyed last September in the Anniston Chemical Agent Disposal Facility. With the elimination of the Anniston chemical munitions stockpile, ANCA and ANCDF workers are now preparing for the closure of related activities and facilities.

Brown's new mission is to lead the ANCA civilian team through the final inspections and cleaning of the storage igloos for return to the depot. Additionally, all vehicles, equipment, and facilities need to be prepared for issue to other organizations or disposal. Simultaneously, Brown will manage a workforce reduction in force. Managers will assist employees who want to continue their federal careers, they will help others who will be transitioning to the private sector, and other employees will be counseled as they prepare for retirement.

Brown, a civil engineer from Talladega who graduated from the University of Alabama, has been a Department of Army Civilian employee for 30 years. Flucker, a Detroit native, has been a Soldier for more than 28 years. He has college degrees from Excelsior College and from Central Michigan University.

Barclay had words of praise for both Flucker and Brown.

"Convinced that Anniston Chemical Activity employees are the source of the activity's success, Lt. Col. Flucker was resolute in his commitment to achieving closure using Chemical Activity personnel and resources. Millions of dollars in contract costs have been avoided and, more importantly, valued Anniston Chemical Activity employees have remained employed to perform critical closure work," said Barclay.

Photo by Mark Cleghorn

Col. Darryl J. Briggs, CMA director of Stockpile Operations, presents the U.S. Army Chemical Corps Regimental Association Order of the Dragon medal to Lt. Col. Willie J. Flucker Jr. The medal was one of the honors presented to Flucker during ANCA's Change of Responsibility.

In reference to Brown, Barclay said, "We at the U.S. Army Chemical Materials Agency have had the good fortune of watching Mr. Brown's career development for the past 13 years. Brown's familiarity with all of the organizations, activities, and agencies doing business on Anniston Army Depot; his personal knowledge and experience at the ANCDF Field Office; and his many successful years as the Anniston Chemical Activity Civilian Executive Assistant are sure to serve him well in the coming months."

Flucker had words of praise himself for the ANCA employees he led, as well as for the depot organizations and the civilian agencies he partnered with for the past two years.

"Our continued success is a testament to the flexibility and the professionalism of our incredible workforce, a group of wonderful patriots that I'm honored to have been able to work beside," he said.

Brown was the last speaker to address the ANCA workforce, family members, and guests at the ceremony. He said, "I would like to thank Lt.Col. Flucker for the last two years and commend him on how well he guided ANCA during this transition from chemical operation to the closure phase. He was truly the right commander at the right time.

"As we move forward, I have every confidence that, through the efforts of the dedicated ANCA employees, we will close in the same manner as we operated for so many years – safely, efficiently, and professionally."

Making it new: Machinists create equipment for Soldiers

by Jennifer Bacchus

ANAD PAO

Anniston Army Depot, long known for its work bringing military equipment to like-new condition, is quickly gaining a reputation for building new military equipment.

As the depot wraps up one manufacturing program, the SPARK II mine roller, the installation is ramping up production on two others – one to provide upgrades for the RG-31, or Mine Resistant Ambush Protected vehicle, and the other to manufacture bar armor.

Sending out SPARKs

Production of the SPARK II mine roller system began in March and is slated for completion this month.

The depot is fully assembling 270 mine rollers and is contracted to provide 90 parts kits for the SPARK II. These kits will contain all the mine roller components in a disassembled form, so replacement parts for rollers already in service can easily be retrieved and installed.

Patti Sparks, the process optimization manager for the Manufacturing, Cleaning and Finishing Value Stream in the Directorate of Production, said the mine rollers have been a top priority for her division, due to their need on the battlefield.

"We are doing everything we can to get the work completed," said Sparks. "Our division has borrowed employees from other work centers and some areas are working around the clock. The dedication and support of our workforce is amazing."

One area where that dedication is evident is in the component assembly shop, supervised by Barry Alverson.

Photo by Jennifer Bacchus

Jeffrey Holt, left, drives a pin into part of the SPARK II mine roller assembly while James Robinson, rear, and Wayne Vice assist. The mine roller's purpose is to trigger and detonate explosives.

Photo by Jennifer Bacchus

John Flood assembles the SPARK II mine roller's backup battery compartment.

There, a crane was moved from one end of the building to the other to facilitate another assembly line for the SPARK II.

"As our employees work through this program, they are striving to find the easiest and most efficient way to put it together," said Alverson.

The shop's employees designed supports to assist in the assembly process, holding each of the six wheel arms for each side of the roller.

But, the component shop is far from alone in its devotion to this program.

The cable shop is creating wiring harnesses for the SPARK II mine roller battery enclosure. This battery enclosure is a back-up system for the mine roller. It ensures the roller's hydraulics can be operated even if power from the vehicle is unavailable.

"Our shop has a small crew working on the mine roller program, but, the program has such a high priority that, at the end of each day, when our employees complete their work on other programs, they go to the mine roller area to work overtime on the wiring harnesses," said David McCluskey, supervisor for the Cable Repair Branch.

Depot employees also improved upon the original design, adding insulation to the battery posts to prevent shorts as well as sealing and labeling all wiring to keep out water and aid in repairs.

Ricky Bentley, branch chief for the Fabrication and Master Scheduling Division within the Directorate of Production Management, said the program would not have been possible in the time frame achieved if it had not been for the hard work of everyone involved – from contracting and the depot's mailroom through the planners and schedulers to the employees on the shop floor.

Anniston's manufacturing capabilities gained attention last year when the depot was called upon to quickly create iron scrapes for use in a mine plow, according to Mitar Jovic, assistant acquisition manager at TACOM Life Cycle Management Command for the SPARK II mine roller program.

"Anniston was a great producer of the iron scrape, an enabler as we call them, so, we had confidence Anniston could produce the SPARK II program," said Jovic.

With the manufacturing work of this equipment comes a new label for ANAD. The depot is now the original equipment manufacturer for the SPARK II.

Hardware updates

A long-term program began in May to upgrade the MRAP, giving the vehicle additional mounts for cameras and antennae. With the depot slated to provide more than 900 kits to the Army, this program will extend well into the next fiscal year.

According to Brian Vice, a production controller for the Directorate of Production Management, the installation is ahead of schedule, as the products initially scheduled for June were completed and shipped in May.

"This is a winning team. Everyone has done a good

job of planning and producing," said Vice.

According to Bentley, the upgrades are a response to the terrain many of the vehicles will travel through.

"The camera mounts will enable Soldiers to see in the high mountains better," said Bentley.

Raising the bar

Last week, the depot began work on a new upgrade program for bar armor to protect the Army's Husky vehicle.

The armor is designed to explode a projectile outside the vehicle, keeping it from piercing the vehicle's armor and ensuring the safety of the Soldiers.

Anniston's version of the bar armor is an upgraded variant of the type already in use on the Husky and the MRAP. It was developed, in part, by the men and women here.

Michael McCartney, a maintenance management specialist for the Fabrication and Manufacturing Division said the depot collaborated with engineers from the Army's Tank Automotive Research, Development and Engineering Center to find the best way to create the bar armor based on drawings TARDEC supplied.

"We worked with one of our suppliers to extrude the steel used for the bar armor in the chevron pattern desired, so our machinists only have to cut it to length."

"The depot worked with the customers on this program," said Joe Lackey of the Directorate of Production's Manufacturing Division. "TARDEC sent us drawings and we talked to them about what would work and what wouldn't."

The current program calls for fabrication of 16 bar armor kits for Australia through a foreign military sales contract and 20 kits for the Army with the potential for additional work in the future.

Photos by Jennifer Bacchus

ABOVE: Donald Slick paints wheel arms for the SPARK II mine roller. BELOW: Jesse Taylor places a completed wheel arm for the SPARK II mine roller in a stand.

Photo by Jennifer Bacchus

Jenny Haynes assembles wiring components for the SPARK II mine roller's backup battery.

Golden movements

Reserve units train with munitions center

by Jennifer Bacchus

ANAD PAO

Approximately 240 Army Reserve Soldiers trained at Anniston Army Depot for two weeks, beginning July 6, as part of Golden Cargo, a nationwide training mission.

The 826th and 395th Ordnance Companies from Wisconsin as well as five transportation companies from Alabama, Georgia, Florida and Puerto Rico came together with their command battalion, the 828th Transportation Battalion, headquartered in Livingston, Ala., to transport 1,500 short tons of 155 mm. projectiles 450 miles to Crane, Ind.

The Soldiers were supported while on duty here by another group of reservists, the 4224th U.S. Army Hospital of Iowa.

In a few short days, these units from various areas of the United States learned to work together as a team and, with the assistance of the Anniston Munitions Center, were instructed in the proper techniques to safely move munitions from storage and transport them over long distances.

"All of these Soldiers came together and, in less than two days, we were executing our mission," said Lt. Col. Charles Joines of the 828th Transportation Battalion.

Joines thanked ANMC and ANAD for the logistical support provided to his troops, from staging ammunition for each day's load to efficiently performing security and equipment inspections, saying the assistance made the Soldiers feel like part of the depot family.

"It all came down to teamwork," said Joines. "You would think we had been working together for months at this point."

"We staged 3,486 pallets of 155 mm. artillery rounds and assisted the Soldiers in inspecting and loading 74 trailer loads for movement to Crane Army Ammunition Activity in Indiana where the rounds will be demilitarized," said Lt. Col. Randall DeLong, commander of ANMC. "We received fantastic support from ANAD staff and security in this effort and all of the Soldiers expressed appreciation for the hospitality of ANAD/ANMC employees and the surrounding communities."

During the first days of the mission, ANMC employees were more hands-on with the Soldiers – using a form of the buddy system to ensure each reservist was familiar with the equipment and knew how to handle munitions. Then, as the troops became more confident in their abilities and the ANMC employees were confident in the Soldiers' abilities, the civilians stepped back, taking on an advisory role in the training.

"The Soldiers developed a level of trust with the civilians," said Command Sgt. Maj. Luis Rosario of the 828th.

Each reservist came in with a different amount of experience with munitions and the Golden Cargo mission. Some, like Pfc. Damon Gutsch of the 395th Ordnance Company, had very little experience.

"My military occupation specialty is a firefighter, so I had not been around ammunition before," he said. "We've all learned the basics and now I know how to detach and reattach trailers from trucks as well as how to use a forklift."

Sgt. 1st Class Joseph Schnering of the 826th Ordnance Company was on the other end of the spectrum. With 17 years of military service in the Ordnance Corps, he has participated in eight Golden Cargo missions.

"I've had some type of participation in either planning the mission or doing it for eight years," he said, adding that he had been to most of the sites participating in the Golden Cargo mission.

"This is the same mission we would be doing overseas, but here we are able to do it in a peacetime setting," said Schnering.

The Golden Cargo mission began in 1991 as a way for the Joint Munitions Center, ANMC's higher headquarters, to quickly and efficiently execute Base Realignment and Closure actions while saving taxpayer money. Though it is no longer needed for BRAC movements, it has become an annual training exercise, according to JMC.

"It provides hands-on training for reserve component ordnance and transportation units that they can't get at their home stations, and saves JMC about $1 million a year," said Stephen Abney, public affairs officer for JMC.

To-date, Golden Cargo has transported more than 315,000 tons of ammunition over 19.5 million miles and trained more than 27,000 Soldiers.

Photos by Mark Cleghorn

Spc. Douglas Rinker, right, and Spc. Dedric Rich of the 309th Transportation Company prepare a load of 155mm projectiles for transport as part of the Golden Cargo training mission.

From right to left: Cadet Lawrence Danhoff of the 826th Ordnance Company, Pfc. Corey Dawkins of the 309th Transportation Company and Pfc. Bethany Rehdantz of the 826th Ordnance Company label pallets of munitions for transport to Crane, Ind., as part of the Golden Cargo training mission.

Spc. Robbiann Grice of the 216th Transportation Company guides a driver as a convoy of 13 ammunition-laden trucks prepares to depart.

Spc. Kevin Contreras of the 395th Ordnance Company lifts a pallet of ammunition as he and his fellow Soldiers train at Anniston Army Depot under the tutelage of the Anniston Munitions Center.

Staff Sgt. Robert Roman of the 432nd Transportation Company briefs the Soldiers who will convoy trucks of 155 mm. projectiles from Anniston Army Depot to Crane, Ind., as part of the Golden Cargo training mission.

CYSS students participate in MCT play

from Staff Reports

ANAD DCFA

The Anniston Army Depot Child, Youth and School Services program welcomed the actors and directors of the Missoula Children's Theater the week of July 11 to work with the summer camp children on a theatrical production of Rumpelstiltskin.

Missoula Children's Theatre, the nation's largest touring children's theatre, has toured extensively for 40 years from Montana to Japan and will visit nearly 1,200 communities this year with up to 47 teams of actors and directors.

A tour team arrives with its set, lights, costumes, props and make-up, everything needed to put on a play except the cast.

The team holds an open audition and casts local students to perform in the production. The show is rehearsed throughout the week and the curtains go up on Friday. All MCT shows are original adaptations of classic children's stories and fairy tales, essentially a twist on the classic stories.

Creativity, social skills, goal achievement, communication skills and self-esteem are all characteristics that are attained through the participation in this unique, educational project.

"CYSS was very fortunate to once again be able to give this wonderful experience to the children." said Jo Anne Amundson, the depot's CYS Services coordinator.

Cast members this year were:

Andrea Moon as Rumpelstiltskin
Katie Rocsh as Clara
Trevon Scott as King Whatsat
Quaysha'Lae Weakley as Queen Beatrice
Emma Schwarz as the jester
Arial Brooks and Emmah Rolfe as gnomes
KeOndre' Johnson and Nadja Montgomery as knights
Chloie Alligood, Jaylon Clark, Issac League, Dashari Pruett, Layla Reynolds, Gabe Schwarz and Luke Weldon as busy bees
Meredith Crosson as the accompanist

Courtesy photos

ABOVE: Arial Brooks, right, and Emmah Rolfe portray gnomes in the Missoula Children's Theater version of Rumpelstiltskin. The play was held June 15 at the Child Development Center. LEFT: The cast of Rumpelstiltskin receives its accolades as the play ends.

National emergency alert system available for mobile devices

Wireless Emergency Alerts, also known as Commercial Mobile Alert System or Personal Localized Alerting Network, is a national emergency alert system to send concise, text-like messages to users' WEA-capable mobile devices, starting April 2012.

Wireless providers representing nearly 97 percent of subscribers are participating in distributing wireless emergency alerts. (NOTE: WEA, CMAS, and PLAN are all names for the same service.)

Mobile users will not be charged for receiving these text-like alerts and are automatically enrolled to receive them.

There are three different kinds of alerts:

1. Presidential Alerts – Alerts issued by the President or a designee
2. Imminent Threat Alerts – Alerts that include severe man-made or natural disasters, such as hurricanes, earthquakes, tornadoes, etc., where an imminent threat to life or property exists
3. AMBER Alerts – Alerts that meet the U.S. Department of Justice's criteria to help law enforcement search for and locate an abducted child.

The alert message will contain 90 characters at most and will provide information such as:

- What is happening (e.g., Tornado)
- Area affected ("in this area")
- Time (e.g., until 4:15 p.m. EST)
- Recommended action (e.g. take shelter)
- Sending agency (e.g., NWS)

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In addition, WEA are a point-to-multipoint system, which means alert messages will be sent to those within a targeted area. For example, if a person with a WEA-capable device from Washington, D.C., happened to be in southern California when an earthquake occurred in that area, they would receive an "Imminent Threat Alert" on their device.

There are a number of WEA-capable devices available today, and many phones sold by participating carriers will be able to transmit these alerts.

If your device has the CTIA Wireless Emergency Alerts logo, it is WEA-capable. To receive these alerts, you may need to only upgrade your device's software, rather than purchase a new one.

To confirm Wireless Emergency Alerts are available in your area and your device is capable of receiving the alerts, please check with your carrier.

Current WEA carriers include: AT&T, Bluegrass Cellular, Cellcom, Sprint Nextel Corporation, T-Mobile USA, U.S. Cellular and Verizon Wireless.

SOURCE: http://www.ctia.org/consumer_info/safety/index.cfm/AID/12082

How to beat the summer heat

by Scott Miller
ANAD Safety Office

Anniston Army Depot's heat injury prevention policy is outlined in Chapter 9, ANADR 385-1. Directors must ensure all supervisors and/or their designated representatives know and follow this policy.

A brief summary of requirements follows:

a. Supervisors will allow employees to pace themselves and permit them to take breaks for rest and water as needed. Short, frequent brakes are better than long, infrequent ones. During the first couple of weeks of hot weather, employees will usually require more time until they become accustomed to the heat; this includes returning to work from vacation or illness.

b. Supervisors will strongly encourage employees to drink plenty of water throughout the day, even if they do not feel thirsty. A liter (32+ ounces) of fluids per hour is recommended and supervisors should periodically monitor their employees to be certain they are drinking fluids.

c. Supervisors will make cool water available and allow short breaks as needed to drink more fluids.

d. Supervisors must familiarize their employees with the heat injury prevention plan and symptoms of heat stress.

During unusually high heat, the Safety Office will advise directors when extended breaks are warranted or when outdoor work should be curtailed. If any tenant wishes to be advised, please contact the Safety Office at Ext. 7541. Note: Reasonable precautions to avoid heat exhaustion shall be taken, whether or not a specific alert has been issued by the Safety Office.

The depot's policy is primarily designed for light to moderate work, not heavy work (i.e., pick and shovel, docks, outdoor work, military PT). Supervisors with heavy work under high heat conditions should contact the Industrial Hygiene Office at Ext. 6865 for a heat stress evaluation and additional guidance.

Photo by Mark Cleghorn

Jerry Johnson, a heavy mobile equipment mechanic, takes a break to rehydrate. A liter, about 32 ounces, of water per hour is recommended during the summer months to avoid injury or illness due to heat.

Protecting Yourself from Heat Stress

Heat stress, from exertion or hot environments, places workers at risk for illnesses such as heat stroke, heat exhaustion, or heat cramps as illustrated by the following information from the Department of Health and Human Services.

Heat Exhaustion:

The body's response to an excessive loss of water and salt, usually through sweating.

Symptoms

- Rapid heart beat
- Heavy sweating
- Extreme weakness or fatigue
- Dizziness
- Nausea, vomiting
- Irritability
- Fast, shallow breathing
- Slightly elevated body temperature

First Aid

- Rest in a cool area.
- Drink plenty of water or other cool beverages.
- Take a cool shower, bath, or sponge bath.

Heat Stroke:

A condition that occurs when the body becomes unable to control its temperature, and can cause death or permanent disability.

Symptoms

- High body temperature
- Confusion
- Loss of coordination
- Hot, dry skin or profuse sweating
- Throbbing headache
- Seizures, coma

First Aid

- Request immediate medical assistance.
- Move the worker to a cool, shaded area.
- Remove excess clothing and apply cool water to their body.

Heat Cramps:

Affect workers who sweat a lot during strenuous activity. Sweating depletes the body's salt and moisture levels.

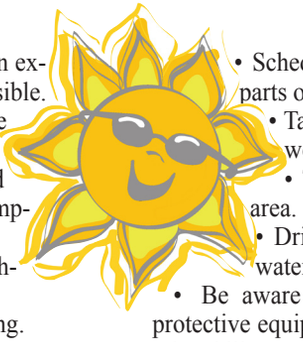
Symptoms

- Muscle cramps, pain, or spasms in the abdomen, arms or legs

First Aid

- Stop all activity, and sit in a cool place.
- Drink clear juice or a sports beverage, or drink water with food.
- Avoid salt tablets.
- Do not return to strenuous work for a few hours after the cramps subside.
- Seek medical attention if you have the following: heart problems, are on a low-sodium diet, or if the cramps do not subside within one hour.

Protect Yourself



Avoid heavy exertion, extreme heat, sun exposure, and high humidity when possible. When these cannot be avoided, take the following preventative steps:

- Monitor your physical condition and that of your coworkers for signs or symptoms of heat illnesses.
- Wear light-colored, loose-fitting, breathable clothing such as cotton.
- Avoid non-breathable synthetic clothing.
- Gradually build up to heavy work.
- Schedule heavy work during the coolest parts of day.
- Take more breaks when doing heavier work, and in high heat and humidity.
- Take breaks in the shade or a cool area.
- Drink water frequently. Drink enough water that you never become thirsty.
- Be aware that protective clothing or personal protective equipment may increase the risk of heat-related illnesses.

BUS SCHEDULE

Combined Federal Campaign Awards

Shown below are the bus schedules in effect for the Combined Federal Campaign Awards Ceremony July 31 at the Physical Fitness Center.

The event will begin at 8:30 a.m. and all CFC leadership donors are encouraged to support this event.

The speaker will be Heather Lamey, executive director of the Piedmont Benevolence Center.

The bus will return employees to their pick-up points upon conclusion of the event.

East Area Pick-Up Points:

7:40 a.m.	Bldg. 474
7:45 a.m.	Bldg. 130 – East End
7:50 a.m.	Bldg. 409 – West End
7:55 a.m.	Bldg. 128 – Middle Section
8:00 a.m.	Bldg. 143/411 – West End
8:05 a.m.	Bldg. 106 – West End
8:10 a.m.	Bldg. 111
8:15 a.m.	Bldg. 100

West Area Pick-Up Points:

7:55 a.m.	Bldg. 5
8:00 a.m.	Bldg. 1
8:05 a.m.	Bldg. 362 – Door 3
8:10 a.m.	Bldg. 7
8:15 a.m.	Bldg. 220/221

Pre-retirement seminars

The depot's Training Office is offering pre-retirement seminars for those with five years or less before retirement.

Civil Service Retirement System employees may attend Aug. 27.

Federal Employees Retirement System employees may attend Aug. 28-30.

All seminars will be held in the auditorium of Bldg. 123 from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

If you are interested in attending, contact your training coordinator for additional information.

Morning Show Rebroadcasts

Watch The Morning Show! It airs live each Wednesday at 7:05 a.m. on Local Area Network channel 21.

If you are unable to catch the live broadcast, there are two ways you can tune in.

Computer users can view it on IPTV or it can be seen on LAN channel 21 during these rebroadcast times:

Wednesday: 10:30 a.m., noon, 2 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 8 p.m., 10 p.m. and midnight (Wed. night/Thurs. morning)

Thursday/Friday/Monday: noon and 11 p.m.

Tune in to these upcoming shows:

July 25: Steve McCarley will discuss the Directorate of Material Management and how it supports the shops in the industrial area.

Aug. 1: Anniston Army Depot will have its change of command Aug. 16 and Col. Timothy Sullivan will be here to recap his time in service at the depot and say farewell.

Aug. 8: The depot's new director of Community and Family Activities, Keith Colbert will discuss upcoming activities in his organization.

Photo by Jennifer Bacchus

Sarah Whatley, third from left, stands with some of her DRM coworkers following her shrub dedication ceremony.

Whatley retires after 51 years of depot service

Sarah Whatley, a supervisory management analyst for the Directorate of Resource Management retired June 30 with 51 years of service to Anniston Army Depot.

"We should have given you two trees," joked Dennis Brooks, DRM director, as he presented a crepe myrtle in the depot's Walker Arbor to Whatley.

"I stayed because I loved it," said Whatley. "I never had a job I didn't like or a boss I didn't like."

Her career at Anniston began in 1961 as a clerk/stenographer in the Depot Maintenance Division. She moved through the secretarial ranks until coming to the Manpower Office in 1968. After serving as Manpower's clerk, she was promoted as a management technician in the Force Development Division.

Do you have news for TRACKS? Call the Public Affairs Office at Ext. 6281!

Recycling and wood sales

The depot's Recycle Division holds daily wood yard sales. Times are from 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

No items other than wood will be sold during the week.

All other items (furniture, coveralls, etc.) will be sold during Saturday sales.

Saturday sales are scheduled from 8 a.m. to noon.

For additional information, call LaNoah Ealy at 256-235-6011.

Mentors needed

All depot employees, even supervisors and managers, can be a mentor.

It takes one hour per week of your time to make a difference in a child's life.

Those interested in becoming a mentor should contact the Community Counseling Center at Exts. 3379 or 6294.

AER Golf Tournament

The 11th Annual Anniston Army Depot Army Emergency Relief Golf Tournament is scheduled for Aug. 10 at Silver Lakes Golf Course.

The cost will be $70 per person and the tournament will be a four-person scramble. You may register through Aug. 3 by contacting Brandy Bamberg at Ext. 5247.

DeSoto Pastime Center

Lunch: DeSoto Pastime Kitchen invites you to come out for lunch from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

There is something different for the special each Wednesday. For to-go orders, call 256-235-7160.

Food truck: The Pastime Center has a food truck that services the West area. If you are in need of this service, call Julie at West Station at Ext. 6586 or Lynda at the DeSoto Pastime Center at Ext. 7160.

Socialize: Come out and enjoy the great atmosphere that DPC has to offer. Monday and Tuesday evenings from 3:30-8 p.m., Wednesday and Thursday from 3:30-10:30 p.m. and Friday from 3:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m.

Big Bynum Bingo: Bingo is every Thursday at 6 p.m.

Electronic Bingo: Bingo is played daily starting at 3:30 p.m.

Six Flags tickets: Six Flags one-day ticket - $35, Six Flags season pass - $62 and White Water one-day ticket - $29.

Apparel: DPC has depot T-shirts, coffee cups and hats available for sale.

For more information on events please contact the DeSoto Pastime Center at 256-235-7160.

Nichols Dining Facility

Breakfast is served from 8-9:30 a.m. and lunch from 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at the Nichols Dining Facility on the east side of ANAD.

The dining facility offers a salad bar, chicken wings, chicken tenders, chicken sandwiches, hamburgers and French fries daily in addition to a daily special.

To find out the daily special, please call the menu line at Ext. 6368

The Nichols Dining Facility will be closed on off-Fridays until further notice.

For more information, call Ext. 7127.

West Station Diner

The West Station Diner is open for breakfast from 6:30 a.m.-9:15 a.m. and for lunch from 10:30 a.m.-1:10 p.m.

The diner has burgers, hot dogs, salads and sandwiches on the menu. For more information, call Ext. 6586.

Upcoming MWR events

Anniston Army Depot's Morale, Welfare and Recreation Division announces the following events supported by the Outdoor Recreation, Skills Development, Intramural Sports and Physical Fitness areas:

- July 27-28 - Rafting excursion
- Aug. 24-25 - Rafting excursion
- October TBA - Basketball league
- Oct. 4 - Community Appreciation Day
- Oct. 27 - Fishing tournament

For information, call MWR at Ext. 6768.

Softball

MWR is seeking softball teams for its fall league.

• August 13: Men's and Co-ed Fall League - $280 per team

The cost for league play is primarily to cover umpires for each of the games. If you are interested in participating, call Andrew Burns or Jen Weathington at Ext. 6768.

AFTB classes

Anniston Army Depot's Army Family Team Building program offers a variety of free classes for anyone in the military community. These classes are designed to promote self-sufficiency and self-reliance. The classes currently scheduled are:

• **Managing Conflict in an Ever-Changing World -** *Personal Conflict Management /Creative Problem Solving/Team Dynamics*

When: Aug. 16 from 5-8 p.m.

Deadline to register: Aug. 9

• **Managing Group Conflic**t - *Leader Assisted Problem Solving/Managing Group Conflict (Solution Focused Conflict Resolution Training)*

When: Sept. 5 from 5-8 p.m.

Deadline to register: Aug. 30

• **Change Can Be Good – Time to De-Stress -** *Acknowledging Change/Stress Management*

When: Sept. 19 from 5-8 p.m.

Deadline to register: Sept. 12

Classes are limited to the first 12 student who apply. Pre-registration is mandatory for all AFTB classes. All classes will be held at the Army Community Service Facility in Bldg. 221.

Volunteer opportunities also exist within AFTB as administrative assistants and instructors. No prior experience is needed and all training will be provided. These are excellent positions to explore career fields, gain valuable skills, meet people and network. To find out more information about AFTB, volunteer positions or to register for classes, contact Amanda Mullinax at 256-235-7231 or via e-mail at amanda.c.mullinax.civ@mail.mil.

CYSS collecting plastic bottles

The depot's Child, Youth and School Services is collecting two-liter plastic bottles to create a greenhouse.

Donated bottles can be delivered to the Child Development Center, the Directorate of Community and Family Activities' headquarters or Recycling.

For more information, contact Parent Central Services at 256-235-6273.

Handle paint waste correctly

Recently, an employee was observed placing a half full bucket of paint into a dumpster in the industrial area.

Luckily, this was spotted and corrected immediately, but instances like this could turn out differently if an auditor were to catch it.

Make sure everyone in your shop is familiar with procedures for handling and disposing of paint and paint-related waste. Per the Red Book, left over paint and paint residue must be treated as hazardous waste and handled as such.

Residual, or waste paint, must be poured into the proper hazardous waste drum. If you have any questions or concerns, contact DRK's Production Support Team at Ext. 7470.

Spill protocol reminder

A number of sizable spills have occurred on depot and were incorrectly reported.

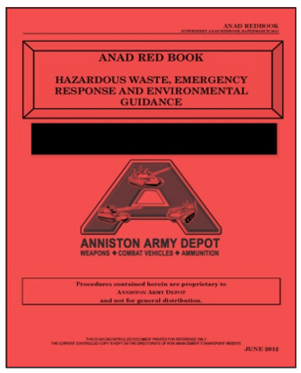
Remember, if a spill occurs that is too large for you to clean up, consists of a substance that is too dangerous for you to deal with or poses an environmental or safety threat, you must call 9-1-1 immediately.

Do not call environmental, the Hazardous Waste Storage Facility, the Directorate of Emergency Services or even the fire department. All spills MUST be reported to 9-1-1 where an operator will inform the necessary parties for response.

During any emergency, practice R-A-C-E: **Report** (call 911), **Assist** victims if it is safe, **Contain** the spill if it is safe and, finally, **Evacuate** if needed.

New Red Book

A newly revised Red Book for 2012 is out and ready for you to pick up.



Everyone must have the newest edition, which is dated June 2012. Auditors will be looking for this version, which has a black bar across the top of the front cover.

In order to get the newest copy, you must go to the depot's library in Bldg. 128. If you have an older copy of the Red Book, bring it in and switch it for the new 2012 version.

Bird Habitat Competition

The Directorate of Risk Management and the depot's Morale, Welfare and Recreation division have partnered to for the third annual Bird Habitat Competition, which began June 5 in honor of World Environmental Day. This competition is an opportunity for the depot to work with the community to enhance the education of local children through the donations to "outdoor classrooms."

To participate, simply make a bird house or feeder. As always, you may use MWR's woodworking shop in building 74 on your own time or you may work on your donation from home. All donations must be turned in at building 74 by Oct. 1 and will be presented to local schools' outdoor classrooms in honor of World Wildlife Week.

All entries will be judged and winners of the competition will be announced on Community Appreciation Day in October. Be sure to secure a piece of paper with your name, contact number and building number on each entry. For more information regarding this contest, you may call Lori Thomas at Ext. 5432.

Reducing our Tracks Competition

We have heard so many had great ideas on how we can be more environmentally friendly that we decided to make a competition out of it.

If you have had a great idea in the past or have one now, don't miss out on this opportunity to help the depot save money, get your idea heard and win a prize at the same time.

Submit your conservation ideas before the Aug. 20 deadline in order to be eligible for the prizes in one of four different categories: energy, water, waste and recycling. For more information, visit the Environmental Awareness Page, which is linked on DRK's SharePoint portal, and look for the section labeled "Reducing Our Tracks Competition."

Recycle Drive

This year's Depot-wide Recycle Drive is heating up!

Right now, last year's winners, 05000, are in the lead, but 55910 and 53C00 are holding steady at a close second.

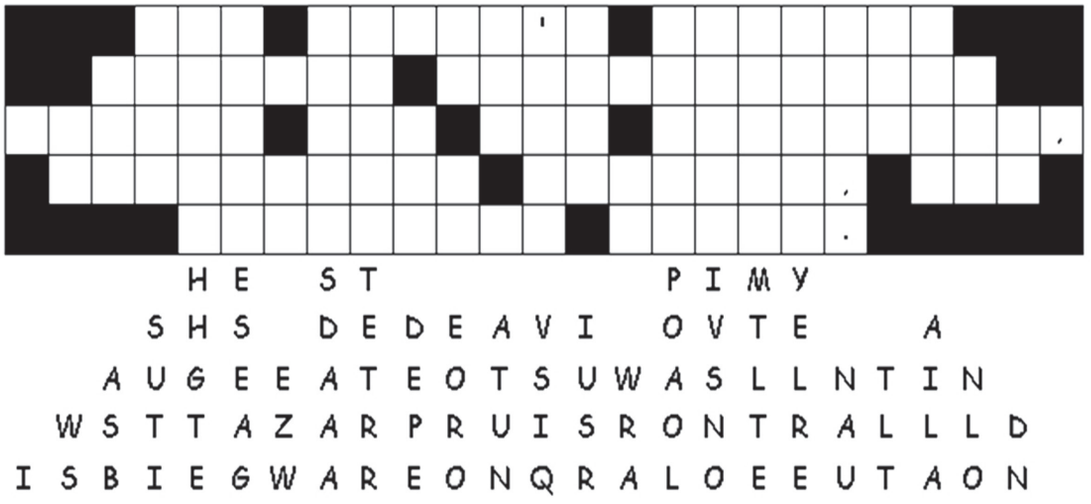
Don't let your cost center miss out on their chance to win the prize! It is still anyone's competition.

Bring in recyclable items from home, such as paper, plastic, aluminum, glass or cardboard products, for the depot-wide recycle drive.

Once you have enough for pickup, call Recycle at Ext. 6838 and someone from the Green Team will collect your donation. Be sure to write your name, contact number and cost center on each of your donation bags. Winners will be announced at this year's Community Appreciation Day, which is slated for October. For more information, check out the Environmental Awareness Page, linked on DRK's SharePoint portal, and look for the section labeled "Depot Wide Recycle Drive."

Environmental Awareness Puzzle

Instructions: This is a fallen phrase puzzle. The hidden phrase has fallen off the puzzle vertically. To figure out the phrase, place the correct letter in each square from the rows of letters.
Tip: The letters have fallen vertically, but not in the correct order.



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