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Col. Brian Rogers, commander of Blue Grass Army Depot, passes the Anniston Munitions Center flag to Lt. Col. David Schmitt, ANMC's incoming commander.

## 'Great Army Soldier' takes command of ANMC

by Jennifer Bacchus  
ANAD PAO

Lt. Col. David L. Schmitt assumed command of Anniston Munitions Center July 26 during a ceremony at Anniston Army Depot's Physical Fitness Center.

The ceremony was presided over by Blue Grass Army Depot Commander Col. Brian Rogers. Schmitt comes to Anniston from United States Africa Command headquarters in Stuttgart, Germany, where he served as the Explosive Ordnance Disposal Planner.

Lt. Col. Randall DeLong, ANMC commander since July 27, 2010, is transferring to Fort Hood, Texas to assume duties as the III Corps Deputy G4.

"We are reluctant to say goodbye, but we are glad Randy is being replaced by another great Army Soldier," said Rogers.

Rogers outlined many of ANMC's accomplishments over the last two years, including the safety awards garnered by the organization based on their impressive safety record and the certifications ANMC gained and maintained, adding that he knew the munitions center would continue to flourish under Schmitt's command.

"With the support of these employees, you'll overcome the many challenges that lie ahead," Rogers said to Schmitt.

DeLong said the two years of his command at ANMC had passed quickly.

"It seems like I was in this same location, just a couple of weeks ago, taking the reins as commander," he said.

DeLong acknowledged the tough budgetary constraints he saw the organization through,

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## First impressions

### TACOM LCMC CG tours Anniston

by Clester Burdell  
ANAD PAO

Maj. Gen. Michael Terry, Commanding General, U.S. Army TACOM Life Cycle Management Command, visited Anniston Army Depot and the local community July 23, 2012.

This was his first visit to the installation since assuming command in June.

The day began with an installation familiarization briefing presented by the depot commander, Col. Timothy Sullivan and various directors and special staff.

Numerous topics were dis-

cussed, to include dialogue on the depot's internal infrastructure investments, public private partnering, and future initiatives.

He toured various parts of the Nichols Industrial Complex, to include the Combat Repair Facility, where combat vehicles are disassembled and reassembled; the Powertrain Flexible Maintenance Facility, where employees in a green environment repair reciprocating engines; and the new Small Arms Repair Facility, which encompasses weapons and component disassembly and reassembly areas and an indoor

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Photo by John Makamson

Col. Timothy Sullivan, center, discusses Stryker workload with Maj. Gen. Michael Terry in the depot's Combat Vehicle Repair Facility.

# 2 No place for violence at work

by Susan Bennett

ANAD Legal Office

You've probably heard the phrase "Keep calm and carry on." It was coined by a British civil servant in late 1939 in the Ministry of Information for a morale boosting poster to be used if Britain was invaded by Germany.

As the invasion never happened, the poster was never used and the phrase surfaced years later to be re-seen and re-used umpteen times.

I happen to be a fan of the simple message and the Legal Office has adopted it and its sentiment and uses it quite frequently (as you might imagine). From some current events in our shops, it appears we, as a depot, need to adopt it as well.

We all know how extraordinarily hot it has been this year.

With the heat, words and actions that might have gone unchallenged are now causing tempers to flare and jobs to be put in jeopardy, not to mention the physical and emotional cost to the participants, the people around them and the detriment to shop productivity. All of this detracts from our mission – support to the warfighter.

Commander's Policy Statement #5 on Violence Prevention states that all Anniston Army Depot employees have the right to work in an environment free from physical violence, threats and intimidation.

The depot is committed to providing its employees a safe, healthy and secure

work environment and the presence of weapons, violence and threats is inconsistent with that commitment.

As those actions have an adverse impact on productivity, good order and discipline, ANAD has a zero tolerance for this type of conduct. Zero tolerance means some type of disciplinary action will be taken, ranging from informal counseling to removal. Most importantly – no action violating the policy will be ignored.

Acts of violence and threats of violence include, but are not limited to: verbal (threats, harassment, abuse or intimidation), nonverbal (gestures and intimidation), written communication (notes and e-mail), physical (hitting, pushing, shoving, kicking, touching and assault, including incidents of horseplay), and other (arson, sabotage, vandalism and stalking). Take note that horseplay is included in the definition of "acts of violence."

The bottom line is this: The depot is not going to tolerate violence in any form, at any time, for any reason. The stakes are too high.

The workforce is too valuable and the work is too important. And, for each employee, if you engage in violence, you could very well be putting your livelihood in jeopardy. Or you could be putting your life or someone else's life in jeopardy. So, before you take an action you may well regret for the rest of your life, take a deep breath and KEEP CALM AND CARRY ON.

LEGAL CORNER



# AMC Town hall recognizes workforce's commitment to serve

by Adoratia Purdy

AMC Public Affairs

REDSTONE ARSENAL, Ala. -- Gen. Ann E. Dunwoody, commander, U.S. Army Materiel Command hosted the AMC town hall and employee recognition day at the Bob Jones auditorium here, Jul. 20.

Dunwoody welcomed the audience, both present and the approximately 115 AMC organizations from around the globe watching via VTC. She expressed her appreciation for their hard work and dedication to the warfighter and shared her thoughts on what the future holds for AMC.

The way we have done things in the past isn't affordable and your teams have developed bold ideas for the Army to operate more efficiently. It is a dangerous and uncertain environment ahead and we need to meet the emerging threats, adhere to budget constraints while addressing the complexity of our mission, explained Dunwoody.

Dunwoody also acknowledged the importance of what she defined as the "Means, Ends and Way Ahead" of conducting operations, stating that the means or funding is decreasing but AMC will continue to meet the ends or needs of the Nation, while ensuring the way ahead is formulated with adaptive bold ways of doing business, explained Dunwoody.

"It is thanks to your efficiency and resourcefulness the Army can invest in its people and modernization," said Dunwoody.

"AMC is the Lead Materiel Integrator, matching demand and supply for the Army," said Dunwoody.

Following the briefing, AMC employees were recognized with length of service certificates and honorary awards.

Lt. Col. Jimmy D. Bowie was awarded the Soldier's Medal for his heroism on the night of April 27, 2011. Bowie rescued trapped motorist Melissa Wheeler, 29, a management support specialist at the Aviation and Missile Research Development and Engineering Center from flood waters that had consumed her vehicle on a Huntsville, Ala., road.

"It is a tremendous honor," said Bowie.

He went on to share how he'd seen many heroic acts while serving in combat but doesn't consider what he did as heroic. "I was just in the



Photo by Cherish Washington, AMC Public Affairs

**Gen. Ann E. Dunwoody, commander, U.S. Army Materiel Command hosted the AMC town hall and employee recognition day at the Bob Jones auditorium at Redstone Arsenal, Jul. 20.**

right place at the right time with a big truck," joked Bowie.

"I am truly humble that I am being recognized for something any Soldier would have done," said Bowie.

Thirty-one honorary awards were presented and 59 Length of Service Certificates, totaling 225 years of government service.

On receiving her 25 year Length of Service certificate Cynthia Taylor, an Administrative Officer said she felt honored by the support and recognition of her peers.

"I am very excited! I can't believe 25 years have passed. It doesn't seem like that long of time has gone by," said Taylor.

AMC town hall meetings are conducted quarterly. This is Dunwoody's final Town Hall and Recognition ceremony as AMC's commander. She relinquishes command August 7.

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Tim Spivey, left, the process optimization manager for the Component Repair and Weapons Value Stream, speaks to Maj. Gen. Michael Terry about the depot's M2A1 program.

firing range for testing and accuracy firing operations.

During the tour, Terry spoke with member of the depot's workforce. He expressed his appreciation for their continued support.

He emphasized that our commitment is for continued support to our military forces

here and around the globe.

"I'd always wanted to see the depot that repairs combat vehicles," said Terry. "I've spent a lot of time in theater and combat and had heard of Anniston, but this is a personal highlight for me. It's vital for our Army and for our country."



Photo by John Makamson

James McKinney, chief of the Reciprocating Drive Train Division, guides Maj. Gen. Michael Terry through the Powertrain Flexible Maintenance Facility. Terry, the commanding general of TACOM Life Cycle Management Command made his first visit to the depot July 23.

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while giving ANMC employees credit for making the munitions center more efficient.

Schmitt also acknowledged ANMC's employees during the ceremony, saying the ceremony may be centered on the two commanders, but it was really all about the unit.

"The passing of the colors is really a recognition that, as commanders come and go, the organization and the mission continue to drive on," said Schmitt.

With approximately 132 government civilians, ANMC has existed in its current state since 1998, when it stood up operations for the first time as a major tenant activity under the name Anniston Defense Munitions Center. Before then, the same operations were conducted under the installation commander in the depot's Directorate of Ammunition.

ANMC, a tenant on the depot, provides receipt, storage, shipment, maintenance, inspection, demilitarization and recycling of conventional ammunition and missiles in support of the warfighter.



Photo by Mark Cleghorn

Lt. Col. David Schmitt speaks to the media following his change of command ceremony July 26.

A graphic advertisement for recycling bins. It features a stylized recycling bin with a recycling symbol on top and bottom. The text reads: "Need a recycling bin for your work area? Call 6838!". The background is white with a light gray border.

# 4 DGRC learns to Lean

by Jennifer Bacchus

ANAD PAO

The Defense Non-tactical Generator and Rail Equipment Center, better known as DGRC, is working through their first series of Lean Six Sigma events with the hope this process will reduce locomotive rebuild time by 14.2 percent.

DGRC, a depot component located at Hill Air Force Base, is the Army's overhaul center for locomotives.

Each year, three locomotives are completely overhauled at the facility in a seven-month process. Additionally, throughout the year, teams from DGRC are sent to installations throughout the United States and, on rare occasions, abroad to repair and inspect the U.S. military's rail fleet.

The first three Lean events at DGRC focused on the overhaul mission at their Utah location. A Value Stream Analysis looked at the locomotive rebuild process, a Problem Solving/Corrective Action event assessed the procedure for ordering parts and a Roles and Responsibilities study, done in the form of a Rapid Improvement Event consolidated check sheets and quality sheets into one set of forms to streamline the quality inspection process.

Employees from the depot's Enterprise Excellence Division within the Directorate of Engineering and Quality visited DGRC in May to

teach employees the Lean basics and again in June to assist with the VSA.

"We mapped out our processes using notes stuck on the wall, so we could see where waste could be eliminated," said Rich Greenwell, an electrician for DGRC.

The process found nine movements that could be eliminated to save time. The changes can't be implemented immediately, because the center is in the midst of three locomotive overhauls, but Brad Goodwin, the mechanical leader for DGRC, said they hope to apply the consolidation of several process and the elimination of one final paint process during the next round of rebuilds.

For many of the employees at DGRC, the Lean process, which reduces waste and makes workflow more efficient, was a new concept. However, it is one the center readily embraced as they quickly sent four employees to Anniston to become Lean certified.

"We are getting a lot of information from the class and the books that will make our processes even better," said Chris Dunyon, electrical leader for DGRC. "We are receiving the tools we need to make things more efficient."

The team spent the week of July 23 at ANAD in their first week of Lean training. Three additional weeks of training, during which they will assist in Lean events, are necessary before certification is complete.



Photo by Jennifer Bacchus

The Directorate of Engineering and Quality's current Lean certification course, which held its first week of classes the week of July 23, contains four employees from the Defense Non-tactical Generator and Rail Equipment Center.



Photo by Jennifer Bacchus

Members of the depot's Fire and Emergency Services Division stand in front of Medic 1 and Engine 2. The division was recently honored as the Small Fire Department of the Year for Army Materiel Command.

## AMC honors firefighters

by Jennifer Bacchus

ANAD PAO

Anniston Army Depot Directorate of Emergency Services' Fire and Emergency Services Division was recently named the Small Fire Department of the Year for Army Materiel Command and one of its own, Nathan Harper, was named AMC's Firefighter of the Year.

Harper, has been employed as a firefighter for the federal government for 12 years, first at Fort McClellan then Fort Benning before accepting his current role at ANAD in 2002. However, he has been working with fire departments far longer than that.

"My dad was a volunteer firefighter in White Plains, so, I followed in his footsteps as a volunteer for a few years before I was hired at Fort McClellan," said Harper, adding that he began going on calls with his father at age 12. At the time, he was too young to fight the fires, but he supported his father and the other firefighters in any way he could.

For Harper, this award is a great honor, one that comes along once in a lifetime.

"Nathan was nominated because

of his accomplishments and his professionalism," said Donald Heard, the division's chief. "He received an ambulance call where his judgment and training potentially saved the life of an employee and his actions reduced the employee's recovery time."

Harper credits his coworkers with helping him earn this AMC honor, particularly those who work with him on Engine 2 and Medic 2.

"We are a team here," said Harper.

As a team, the Fire and Emergency Services Division has been honored with an award as well.

This is the second time the division has earned Small Fire Department

of the Year and Heard said the award shows the accomplishments of the professional firefighters here, including support of the depot's maintenance mission, the installation's tenants, and the assistance provided to Anniston Chemical Activity and the Anniston Chemical Disposal Facility as they completed the chemical munitions mission.

"This award was earned by the hard work and dedication of every firefighter," said Heard.



HARPER

# Depot, community thank CFC leadership givers

by Jennifer Bacchus

ANAD PAO

More than 370 employees of Anniston Army Depot were honored for their generosity during the annual Combined Federal Campaign Leadership Award Ceremony July 31 at the Physical Fitness Center.

Leadership givers are designated in three groups, based on the amount donated during the campaign. Bronze awards go to those giving \$500-\$699, silver awards to employees who donated \$700-\$999 and gold awards are given to those whose monetary gifts exceed \$1,000.

Leadership givers during the 2011 CFC comprised 69 percent of the \$382,984 raised.

During the ceremony, speakers from the United Way of East Central Alabama and the Piedmont Benevolence Center told the depot workforce what it meant for their organizations to have the support of the installation's employees.

Various directorates and staff offices throughout the depot were also recognized for having \$100 or more per capita donated to CFC. Of

the 10 organizations achieving this recognition, one received an additional award - the Directorate of Resource Management was honored for having the largest percent increase in giving.



Photo by Mark Cleghorn

Heather Lamey, executive director of the Piedmont Benevolence Center, speaks to depot employees at the 2012 CFC Leadership Award Ceremony.

## Use caution on forklifts to prevent injuries

from Staff Reports

ANAD Safety Office

Statistics from the Occupational Safety and Health Association show there are about 85 forklift fatalities and 35,000 serious injuries each year.

The main causes of forklift fatalities are:

- Tip-overs (42 percent)
- Crushed between forklift and a surface (25 percent)
- Crushed between forklift and another vehicle (11 percent)
- Struck or run over by a forklift (10 percent)
- Struck by falling material (eight percent)
- Fall from platform on the forks (four percent)

### Initial:

Before operating a forklift or tow motor on Anniston Army Depot, make sure:

- You've been properly trained and have been issued a license from the motor pool (OF 346).
- You have a valid trip ticket and that you fill in out completely each time you use the forklift or tow motor.

• Any deficiencies with the equipment are noted on the form. If there is a safety issue, notify you supervisor and do not attempt to use the vehicle.

Once all the above has been done and you are ready to use the vehicle, make sure you have the proper PPE – safety shoes, eye protection and hearing protection if applicable – and secure your seatbelt.

### Loading:

- Make sure the load is within the forklift's rated capacity. The maximum weight is listed on the nameplate. Never exceed it.
- Check for a stable and centered load and stack or tie uneven or loose loads.
- Use the proper lift fixture for the type of load – carpet spike, drum grapple, etc.

- Spread the forks as widely as possible for even distribution.
- Drive into the loading position and insert the forks far enough to be sure the pallet is completely on the forks – take care not to damage materials stacked next to the pallet.
- Drive under the load until it slightly touches the carriage. Tilt the forks back to shift the weight of the load back, making it more stable.
- If the load is unbalanced, keep the heavier end closer to you. Tilt the mast back.
- Lift the load and tilt it back a little more before traveling.

### Carrying the load:

- Keep the forks six to ten inches above the ground to avoid potential ground hazards.
- Carry the load low and tilted back.
- Remember, forklifts are very top heavy when the load is high and a bump can tip it over.
- Do not carry anything on the overhead guard.
- Travel in reverse if the load blocks your vision.
- Always look in the direction of travel.
- Keep your arms and legs inside the forklift.
- Never reach through the mast to adjust the load.
- Do not raise or lower the load while moving.
- Use a spotter if there is not a clear view.
- Exercise caution on wet surfaces.
- Travel at an appropriate speed.

### Unloading:

- Turn the forklift slowly into position.
- If unloading onto a truck, before driving straight in, make sure the rear wheels of the truck are chocked, the brakes are locked, the dock plate is secure and won't move, and trailer jacks are in place. Then drive in, position the load, tilt it forward and release it.
- If you are unloading onto a stack, position the forklift properly before lifting the forks - the forklift is top heavy, remember? You don't want to tip over.



Photo by John Makamson

Using proper forklift techniques can prevent injuries or death. Always ensure proper loading and unloading procedures are followed and safety belts are secured.

- Check for overhead clearance before raising the load.
- Raise and position the load to the correct height - two inches above the stack.
- Move the load slowly into position.
- Allow for two to three inches of clearance at the sides and back of the load.
- Tilt the load forward and then lower it.
- Level the forks so they are no longer tilted.
- Pull the forks back slowly.
- Sound the alarm and back up slowly, looking over your shoulder.

Portions of this information are taken directly from OSHA requirement 29 CFR 1910.178 for Powered Industrial Trucks.

## 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:

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

Aug. 15: Randy Frost of the East Alabama Council on Aging will impart information about adult children caring for aging parents.

## POW artifacts

Anyone with knowledge of German or Italian artifacts related to prisoners of war at Fort McClellan from 1943-1946 is asked to call Klaus Duncan at 256-782-2991.

## Anniston Army Depot 2012 Change of Command Bus Schedule

Shown below are the bus schedules that will be in effect for the Change of Command ceremony, which takes place Thursday, Aug. 16, at 9 a.m. between Col. Timothy Sullivan and Col. Brent Bolander. Everyone is invited. The ceremony will be held at Bldg. 500 (covered area adjacent to the crane). Many employees in the East Industrial Area may choose to get their exercise by walking from their work area to the ceremony site.

### West Area Pick Up Points

<i>Bus #1:</i>	
Bldg. 35	7:30 a.m.
Bldg. 362	7:40 a.m.
Bldg. 7	7:45 a.m.

<i>Bus #2:</i>	
Bldg. 5	7:30 a.m.
Bldg. 1 (front)	7:35 a.m.
Bldg. 22 (west end)	7:40 a.m.
Bldg. 31	7:45 a.m.

### East Area Pick Up Points

<i>Bus #1</i>	
Bldg. 106 (west end)	8:10 a.m.
Bldg. 108 (east end)	8:15 a.m.
Bldg. 421	8:25 a.m.
Bldg. 400C	8:35 a.m.

<i>Bus #2:</i>	
Bldg. 474	8:10 a.m.
Bldg. 130	8:20 a.m.
Bldg. 409	8:25 a.m.
Bldg. 128 (west end)	8:35 a.m.

Buses will return employees to their pick-up points upon completion of the ceremony.

Note: Because of August's hot temperatures, employees may wish to bring bottled water or types of cold drinks with them to the ceremony, though bottled water will be available on premises.

## Chamber bids farewell to Sullivan

### Change of command slated for Aug. 16



Photo by Clester Burdell

Chamber Chairman of the Board, John Blue, presents Col. Sullivan with a privately produced book about various weaponry.

Depot commander, Col. Timothy Sullivan was recognized by the Calhoun County Chamber of Commerce July 30 for his leadership and friendship during his two-year stint as the installation's 32nd commander.

Chamber president Sherri Summers, Economic Development Council Nathan Hill, and several community leaders, to include Commissioner John Hess and Anniston Mayor Gene Robinson shared expressions about Sullivan.

"His tenure faced some challenges as budget cuts were made, but he did what was best for the depot, the community, and the Army," said Hill. "We are grateful that the future looks hopeful."

Sullivan thanked those in attendance and asked for their continued support as he changes command Aug. 16.

**Think your shop deserves to be in TRACKS? Call PAO at Ext. 6281.**

## AER Golf Tournament

The Anniston Army Depot Army Emergency Relief Golf Tournament for 2012 has been cancelled. Those who registered and paid may receive their refund by contacting Brandy Bamberg at Ext. 5247.

## 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.

## 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.

## 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.

## 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.

## 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 Conflict - *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.



Courtesy photo

During the July 27 Ocoee River rafting trip hosted by the depot's Morale, Welfare and Recreation Division, rafters from the depot maneuver through the rapids of the Middle Ocoee River.

## 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:

- Aug. 24-25 - Rafting excursion
- October TBA - Basketball league
- Oct. 4 - Community Appreciation Day

For information, call MWR at Ext. 6768.



Photo by Mark Cleghorn

Anniston Gifts opened July 20 in Bldg. 7.

## Anniston Gifts opens in Bldg. 7

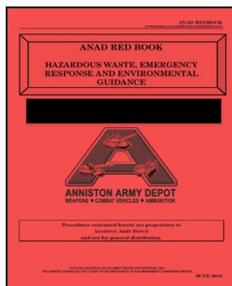
A new gift and snack shop opened in Bldg. 7 July 20, selling items ranging from donuts and sandwiches to jewelry and clothing with the Anniston Army Depot logo on it.

"We offer a variety of logo items," said Kishawn Banks of the Directorate of Community and Family Activities, the organization operating the store.

Banks said Anniston Gifts would periodically change out their inventory, based on what customers want to purchase as well as holidays.

The salads, sandwiches, donuts and other items are prepared elsewhere and made available for quick purchase.

Coffee products are also available and are prepared fresh.



## 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.



## Report unusual discharges to the IWTP

With the opening of the Industrial Wastewater Treatment Plant last year, a new treatment method was implemented.

Microbiological biofilm (microorganisms) is now used to remove pollutants from waste water generated here on depot before it is discharged to local streams.

These microorganisms cover media inside the large trickling filter in the form of a slimy film. Waste water is trickled down the three story high tank, flowing over the biofilm of microorganisms and comes out clean and ready for discharge.

Since this treatment consists of living organisms, it is sensitive to unusual changes in the water that flows through it. For that reason, unanticipated or unusual discharges to the IWTP need to be reported immediately so that action can be taken to protect against damage to this treatment process, which could result in increase strain on the rest of the plant and/or a permit violation.

If you discover an unusual discharge or see one occur, report it immediately to the IWTP at Ext. 6723.

## 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 Competition

The latest numbers put 1J000 ahead of the group and setting a pretty large gap in our Recycle Drive Competition.

Make sure your cost center has a chance to win the prize! One large donation or a steady stream of small ones could put anyone in the lead. It is never too late to get started.



To participate, bring recyclable items from home, such as paper, plastic, aluminum, glass or cardboard products.

Once you have enough for pickup, call Recycle at 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."

## A leaking faucet is money down the drain

Be sure to report leaks immediately. Leaking faucets can cost a lot of money, not just at home but at your work too. The depot pays for all of its water so water leaks can be very costly, especially if not reported. Be sure to report any leaks as soon as you discover them to Ext. 7349. You wouldn't ignore a water leak at home, so Help Us Reduce Our Tracks at work too by reporting leaks immediately.



## Environmental Awareness Puzzle

**Answer from last edition's puzzle:** The depot's overall biggest environmental issues are air pollution, wastewater quality, and hazardous waste.

## Report Suspicious Activity or Behavior

