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Army Secretary impressed by ANAD

by Clester Burdell

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Secretary of the Army the Honorable John McHugh visited Anniston Army Depot Friday, Sept. 7.

Accompanying him were Gen. Dennis Via, commanding general of the U.S. Army Materiel Command, Maj. Gen. Michael Terry, commander of TACOM Life Cycle Management Command and other AMC and TACOM LCMC leaders. He also met with U.S. Congressman Mike Rogers, Alabama 3rd Congressional District.

While this was McHugh's first visit to the depot, one of his priorities has been returning the Army's equipment to its best possible condition.

"Obviously our Army depots help {keep equipment in its best possible condition} and they continue to be a critical part of the mission that we assign to our Soldiers," said McHugh. "There are not a lot of places in this country where you have the variety, depth of programs and skill set of workers who can do this kind of mission. I receive a lot of briefings in Washington, and we talk about various functions that depots perform. But there is no substitute for coming and seeing the people out there on the floor doing the hard work."

Depot Commander, Col. Brent Bolander, briefed McHugh and his senior leadership on the installation's numerous capabilities, infrastructure and strategic vision.

They began their visit by touring the depot's Combat Vehicle Repair Facility where combat vehicles, both wheeled and tracked, are completely overhauled. The process consists of completely disassembling a battle-damaged or worn vehicle, repairing or replacing any or all components and re-assembling the vehicle to a like-new condition for the Army, National Guard, Army



Photo by Stanley Bobo

Anniston Army Depot Commander Col. Brent Bolander discuss the installation's facilities and capabilities during Secretary of the Army John McHugh's tour of the depot Sept. 7.

Reserve, and the Marine Corps at a fraction of the cost of a new vehicle.

An important stop on the tour was made at the machine shop, where depot employees perform fabrication for assured mobility system projects including the SPARK II Mine Roller, Husky Iron Scrape components and Husky Chevron Armor kits. "These initiatives, completed ahead of schedule, were only successful because of the hard work of the depot's workforce," Bolander added, while alluding to a very flexible, multi-skilled workforce of approximately 6,000 employees.

Throughout the visit, McHugh thanked depot workers for their contribution.

"I've been to Iraq and Afghanistan some 22 times now and have seen the warfighter out there every day relying on the vehicles and weapons that are worked on here," he said. "The work that is done at Anniston is a critical part of not just keeping them safe, but helping them to be successful. I know the warfighters are grateful for that, and so am I."

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Leaning toward 1,000

by Jennifer Bacchus

ANAD PAO

Anniston Army Depot held its 1,000th Lean event Aug. 27-31.

The Production Preparation Process, or 3P, event focused on establishing the best flow of work for the Stryker double-v-hull exchange program.

Through the exchange program, parts that can be reused are taken from a flat-bottom Stryker vehicle, cleaned, repaired or rebuilt if needed, then placed in kits to be installed in double-v-hull Strykers by General Dynamics Land Systems, the vehicle's original equipment manufacturer.

A seven-member team ranging from supervisory personnel to an engineer, machinist and material handler discussed the various ways the building chosen for the exchange program could be arranged and what the most efficient, and effective, layout would be.

"The teams work hard to eliminate waste, reduce variation and build in quality," said Jeff Hines of the Directorate of Engineering and Quality, the team facilitator for the Lean event.

The depot has been involved

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Mark your calendar! -- Oct. 4 -- Safety standdown/training: 7-11 a.m. -- Community Appreciation Day: 11 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
A map and additional details will be in the next issue of TRACKS. For more information call Ext. 7541.

2 Hazard prevention and control outlines steps to reduce safety risks

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.

In previous articles, elements one and two were discussed. This article

will explore hazard prevention and control.

A facility or installation must have an effective system for eliminating or controlling safety risks. This system emphasizes engineering solutions providing reliable and effective protection.

It may also utilize, in preferred order: administrative controls that limit daily exposure, such as job rotation; work practice controls, such as rules governing how workers do a job safely; and personal protective equipment.

All affected employees must understand and follow the system.

An installation must also have a system for tracking hazard correction. This includes documentation of how and when hazards are identified, controlled or eliminated, and communicated to employees.

A written preventive/predictive maintenance system that reduces safety-critical equipment failures and schedules routine maintenance and monitoring is also required.

This VPP element requires an occupational health care program appropriate for its particular workplace including, at a minimum, nearby medical ser-

vices, staff trained in first aid, CPR and hazard analysis by licensed health care professionals, as needed.

A consistent disciplinary system for all employees – including supervisors and managers – who disregard the rules must be in place.

Written plans to cover emergency situations, including emergency and evacuation drills for all shifts, is also part of the hazard prevention and control element.

The next VPP article will discuss the final element - Safety and Health Training.

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Photo by Jennifer Bacchus

Employees give 403 units of blood

Anniston Army Depot held its quarterly blood drive Aug. 31 and Sept. 1. Depot and tenant employees gave 403 units of blood, potentially affecting 1,209 lives, since each unit of blood can be used to assist as many as three people. The installation's next blood drive is scheduled for Nov. 21-22.

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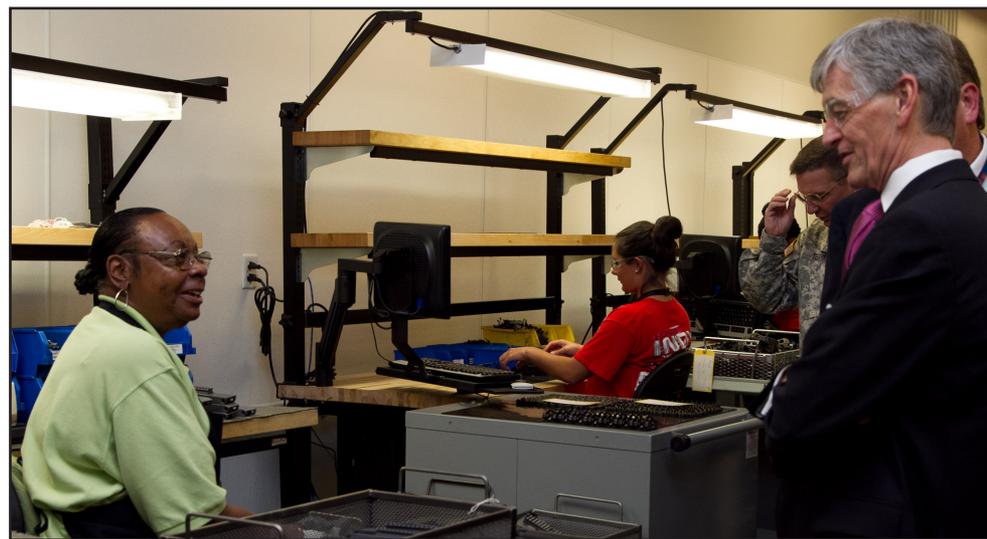


Photo by Jennifer Bacchus

Small Arms Repairer Linda Allen speaks with Secretary of the Army John McHugh during his Sept. 7 visit to the depot. McHugh visited the Combat Vehicle Repair Facility and the depot's Manufacturing Division in addition to the Small Arms Repair Facility.

In the Small Arms Repair facility, employees demonstrated the firing of the M2 .50 caliber machine gun. The depot is the primary Small Arms Rebuild Center for America's military forces. The facility's capabilities include providing complete overhaul for both individual and crew served weapons ranging from the M9 9MM pistol to the MK19 40 MM automatic grenade launcher.

Anniston Army Depot is one of several locations supporting the AMC and TACOM

LCMC mission of developing and delivering materiel to support the joint warfighter. Specifically, Anniston provides industrial and technical support to joint services for repair, overhaul, modification and upgrade of combat vehicles, artillery systems, bridging systems, small arms and secondary components.

McHugh added, "This is a great facility, great workers, and I was critically impressed with the variety of programs that they have here.

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ANMC hosts command inspection

by Jennifer Bacchus

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Anniston Munitions Center hosted a 22-member inspection team from Joint Munitions Command Aug. 20-29.

The command inspection, which typically occurs within 60-90 days of an organization's change of command, covered all areas of ANMC's operations and is intended to give the incoming commander an idea of the status of the organization.

Of the 99 processes reviewed by the team, ANMC received:

- 84 Green ratings - meaning these processes are meeting or exceeding their standards.

- 9 Amber minor ratings. These processes have small areas of consideration that were not to standard.

- 5 Amber major-low ratings for areas where there is a larger concern in an area of relatively low priority. This rating is a newly established color code used for issues that are not critical, yet require attention.

"We are happy with the results of the inspection," said Lt. Col. David Schmitt, commander of ANMC. "We feel like we have done pretty well as an organization."

Schmitt said the minor deficiencies ANMC needs to correct will be expected and are welcome in a sense because corrections are a normal part of business practices.

"We identify the issues and move forward to correct them," he said.

Three areas at ANMC were identified as best practices. These were:

- Safety Communication
- Safety Training
- Record Keeping



Photo by Jennifer Bacchus

Donnie Grier, right, and Tony Bundrum prepare to test a headlight. The light is one of many reusable parts taken from flat-bottom Strykers that will be used in new double-v vehicles.

results to management and, when changes were approved, the team implemented those changes.

"It's rare that management disapproves of recommendations from the team, since the group often knows best what they need and what works," said Hines.

As parts that have been removed from a flat-bottom Stryker are brought into the shop, they are inspected and inventoried. Parts that are not within specifications are cleaned and then sent out to other facilities where they will be rebuilt and, if it is warranted, upgraded.

Parts that meet requirements remain in the building, moving from station to station as they are cleaned, more thoroughly inspected then placed on a manifest and kitted for inclusion in a new double-v-hull Stryker.

"The end result is serviceable assets, or useable parts," said David Funderburg, chief of the depot's Stryker Division.

Hines said this Lean event

is important not only in terms of how many events the installation has held over the years, but because of the change

each event has initiated.

"Lean allows employees at every level to make a difference," said Hines.



Photo by Jennifer Bacchus

Misty Jackson, right, and Michele Craig inventory parts recently removed from a flat-bottom Stryker vehicle as they are prepared for cleaning and repair.

with Lean events since November 2002 when the installation held its Value Stream Mapping of the reciprocating engine process.

Since that time, nearly every industrial process has been touched by Lean, with two processes – the Paladin and Field Artillery Ammunition Supply Vehicle assembly line and the AGT 1500 turbine engine overhaul process – being awarded Shingo prizes in 2007 recognizing their Lean efforts.

In 2008, another vehicle program, the M1 Abrams vehicle assembly project, was awarded a Lean Six Sigma award from the Department of the Army.

The Lean events have also moved into a number of administrative areas – helping to save time and, often, paperwork.

Of course, the end result of each project, and each event, is to reduce waste and save time, therefore reducing costs for the depot and its customers.

"To date, ANAD has reported \$216 million in improvements and that would not have been possible without each and every one of the 3,073 individual team members that have been involved in our events," said Barry Smith, chief of the Enterprise Excellence Division. "While this milestone is an important achievement, it is not the end of the journey. We must now forge ahead, continuing our journey to improve the way we do business."

With the double-v-hull exchange program, the Lean team is taking a process already designed to save money by reusing or refurbishing parts and making it more efficient and cost effective.

During the 3P, a team of subject matter experts assembled to lay out all areas touched by the process, identifying needed changes including personnel, tooling and machinery, according to Hines. The team then briefed

SCENES FROM AROUND THE DEPOT



Photo by Jennifer Bacchus

Bobby Easterwood drives a M1 Abrams tank on a test run. The depot's 1.1-mile test track was recently resurfaced.



Photo by Jennifer Bacchus

ABOVE: Crystal Greathouse cleans wiring harnesses in the depot's Cable Shop. Each harness is cleaned and inspected to see where repairs are needed.



LEFT: Jacky Foster prepares a cable for testing.



Photo by Jennifer Bacchus

Billy Hughes bore sights a M1 Abrams turret in the installation's turret assembly area. The instruments and equipment on each turret are tested for accuracy before being mated with the tank's hull.



Photo by Jennifer Bacchus

A variety of vehicles are examined in the depot's final inspection process.

Mathews is new head of depot public works

by Jennifer Bacchus

ANAD PAO

In Mike Mathews' 27 years at Aniston Army Depot, he has seen most of the processes and equipment used to fulfill the installation's overhaul and repair missions.

"Most employees only have a chance to see their own corner of the depot's operations. They don't get to see the big picture. I feel fortunate to have been able to," said Mathews who, on Aug. 26, was named the depot's new



MATHEWS

director of public works.

Mathews graduated Auburn University with his bachelor of science degree in 1978. Following graduation, he worked in his hometown of Gadsden,

Ala., for Republic Steel Corporation.

His depot career began in 1985 as an electrical engineer.

Mathews has served in a variety of supervisory roles throughout the years, rising to the level of deputy director of public works in January 2010.

Mathews said his goal as director is to continue to do his best to support the production mission, ensuring employees have the equipment and facilities needed to complete the mission.

As he took the reins of DPW, the organization was in the midst of a structural change - its 10 divisions being reduced to seven.

"We combined the groups with complementary skill sets," said Mathews of the reorganization.

He said the change was done primarily in an effort to reduce staffing numbers without affecting the number of tradespeople in the directorate.

"I feel very fortunate. We have a great group of employees," said Mathews, citing the organization's continuing motto to "Keep the depot running."

Arrington puts safety first

by Jennifer Bacchus

ANAD PAO

As Tim Arrington begins a new construction or renovation project, he is careful to make sure safety is involved.

Arrington, who began his federal career in 1984 at Fort McClellan, credits his safe attitude, at least in part, to his early experiences with safety personnel there.

"When I worked at Fort McClellan, I often worked with safety engineering and environmental and I guess I carried that over when I came here," he said.

That focus to always make safety his first priority garnered him the title of Safe Employee of the Quarter for March-June in the depot's Directorate of



ARRINGTON

Public Works. He is the first employee in the directorate's Engineering Division to earn the award.

Arrington's justification states, "He ensures all depot employees and contractors use the proper personal protective equipment, follow all local and national safety rules and conduct themselves in a safe manner on the job site."

Arrington said he regularly conducts site inspections and encourages the depot's Safety Office to participate in each project.

"I always include the Safety Office from the beginning, even at the conceptual stage," he said.

Many years, DPW has had 400-500 construction or renovation projects in progress, ranging in scope and size from fixture replacement to full scale renovation or new construction, according to Arrington, who said he often has handled dozens of these projects at the same time.

The Safe Employee of the Quarter honor includes a four-hour time off award for Arrington.

FEMA: Plan for emergencies 5

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FEMA

September is National Preparedness Month, making it the perfect time each year to ensure your emergency plan - both at home and work - is complete and current.

There are actions that should be taken before, during and after an event that are unique to each hazard. Identify the hazards that have happened or could happen in your area and plan for the unique actions for each. Local Emergency management offices can help identify the hazards in your area and outline the local plans and recommendations for each. Share the hazard-specific information with family members and include pertinent materials in your family disaster plan.

Find out from local government emergency management how you will be notified for each kind of disasters, both natural and man-made. You should also inquire about alert and warning systems for workplace, schools and other locations. Methods of getting your attention vary from community to community. One common method is to broadcast via emergency radio and TV broadcasts. You might hear a special siren, or get a telephone call, or in rare circumstances, volunteers and emergency workers may go door-to-door.

Depending upon the nature of the emergency and your circumstances, one of the first important decisions is whether to stay where you are or evacuate.

You should understand and plan for both possibilities.

As you prepare, tailor your plans and supplies to your specific daily living needs and responsibilities. Most or all individuals have both specific personal needs as well as resources to

assist others. You and your household and others you help or rely on for assistance should work together.

As part of tailoring your plans, consider working with others to create networks of neighbors, relatives, friends and coworkers who will assist each other in an emergency. Discuss your needs and responsibilities and how people in the network can assist each other with communication, care of children, pets, or specific needs like the operation of durable medical equipment. Create your own personal network for specific areas where you need assistance.

Households/individuals should consider and customize their plans for individual needs and responsibilities based on the methods of communication, types of shelter and methods of transportation available to them. Other factors to keep in mind include:

- different ages of members
- responsibilities for assisting others
- locations frequented
- dietary needs
- medical needs including prescriptions and equipment
- disabilities or access and functional needs including devices and equipment
- languages
- cultural and religious considerations
- pets or service animals

A family emergency plan template can be downloaded at: www.ready.gov/sites/default/files/documents/files/Family_Emergency_Plan.pdf. Once you've gathered the important information needed to complete this form, gather your family members and discuss what information needs to be put in the plan. Practice your plan at least twice a year and update it according to any issues that arise.





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.

Watch for these upcoming shows:

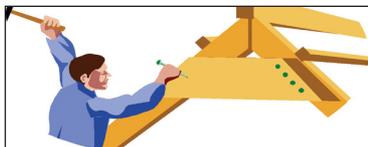
- Sept. 19: Keith Colbert and Danielle Bruno will discuss the upcoming Community Appreciation Day festivities.

- Sept. 26: Depot Commander Col. Brent Bolander will make his first Morning Show appearance.

- Oct. 3: Brian Freeman, the depot's energy guru will relay important information on ways to save energy at home and at work.

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.



DPW service order changes

The depot's Directorate of Public Works has transitioned from the Integrated Facilities System to the General Fund Enterprise Business System. As a result of this move, the IFS Service Order Web is no longer functional.

If you have facilities problems to report, please call Ext. 6317.

Oops

An error was made in the July 19 issue of TRACKS.

An article said that "The depot is now the original equipment manufacturer for the SPARK II." The statement should have stated that the depot is the original equipment manufacturer for the TARDEC Tech Insertion Kit for SPARK II and not the SPARK II roller itself. Pearson Engineering Limited is the Original Equipment Manufacturer of the SPARK II Roller.

AKO e-mail changes

Army Knowledge Online will begin deleting AKO mailboxes later this month.

As mailboxes are deleted, AKO will set each individual's AKO forwarding address to their Enterprise E-mail address. Once this is done, it will not be possible to edit the forwarding address.

AKO will also delete all messages currently stored in the inbox or in folders on AKO.

AKO e-mail addresses (user@us.army.mil) will not be deleted or deactivated. The address will be maintained and messages sent to that address will automatically be forwarded to each user's Enterprise E-mail address.

For more information about these AKO changes, visit the AKO Enterprise E-mail transition page at www.us.army.mil/suite/page/675388.



DPW reminds you...

Immediately contact your supervisor when a loss or damage to government property is discovered.

Be cautious and aware of your surroundings when operating a government vehicle.

For more information, call the Directorate of Public Works at Ext. 7804.



Open Season

The Anniston Army Depot Appropriate Fund Health Fair will be Oct. 24 from 8:30 to 11:30 in Bldg. 411 and from 1 to 2 p.m. in the DeSoto Pastime Center.

Open season for appropriated fund personnel will be from Nov. 12 to Dec. 10 with a benefits election effective date of Jan. 1. During open season employees will be able to make any desired changes to their health insurance, without evidence of insurability or a qualifying event.

Please be reminded that open season is for health insurance only. There is no regularly scheduled open season for the Federal Employees Group Life Insurance Program.



Community Appreciation Day

Plans are falling into place for this year's Community Appreciation Day, formerly known as Employee Appreciation Day, which is scheduled for Oct. 4, beginning at 11 a.m. Mandatory training is slated for 7-11 a.m. that day.

If you would like to volunteer with this event, contact Danielle Bruno at Ext. 7541. Volunteers are needed in all areas of the event.

Activities planned for CAD include games, food, vehicle shows and much more.

Mark your calendars and make plans to attend.

CYSS hosts football party

Anniston Army Depot's Child Youth and School Services will host a middle school and teen football party for students in grades 6-12, Sept. 15 from 1:30-6 p.m. at the White Oak Meeting Center.

The Alabama vs. Arkansas football game will be shown and snacks will be served.

Participants must be registered CYSS patrons. Please call 256-235-7654 for more information.

Exceptional Family Member Program provides assistance

“Special Needs” is an umbrella underneath which a staggering array of diagnoses can be wedged.

Children with special needs may have mild learning disabilities or profound mental retardation, food allergies or a terminal illness, developmental delays that catch up quickly or remain entrenched, occasional panic attacks or serious psychiatric problems.

The designation is useful for getting needed services, setting appropriate goals and gaining understanding for the child and their stressed family.

“Special needs” are commonly defined by what a child *can't* do -- by milestones unmet, foods banned, activities avoided and experiences denied.

These minuses hit families hard, and may make “special needs” seem like a tragic designation.

Some parents mourn their child's lost potential and conditions that may become more troubling with time. Other families find their child's challenges make triumphs sweeter and weaknesses are often accompanied by amazing strengths.

Although every special-needs child is different and every family is unique, there are common concerns that link parents of challenged kids. These include getting appropriate care and accommodations; promoting acceptance in the extended family, school and community; planning for an uncertain future; and adjusting routines and expectations.

Parents of children with special needs are often more flexible, compassionate and resilient. They have to be to ensure the success of their special-needs child.

Please contact Anniston Army Depot's Exceptional Family Member Program manager at 256-235-7971 for more information on EFMP enrollment procedures for Soldiers and Family members with special needs.

AFAP Conference

by Amanda Mullinax, ACS

The Annual Army Family Action Plan Conference is scheduled for Oct. 25.

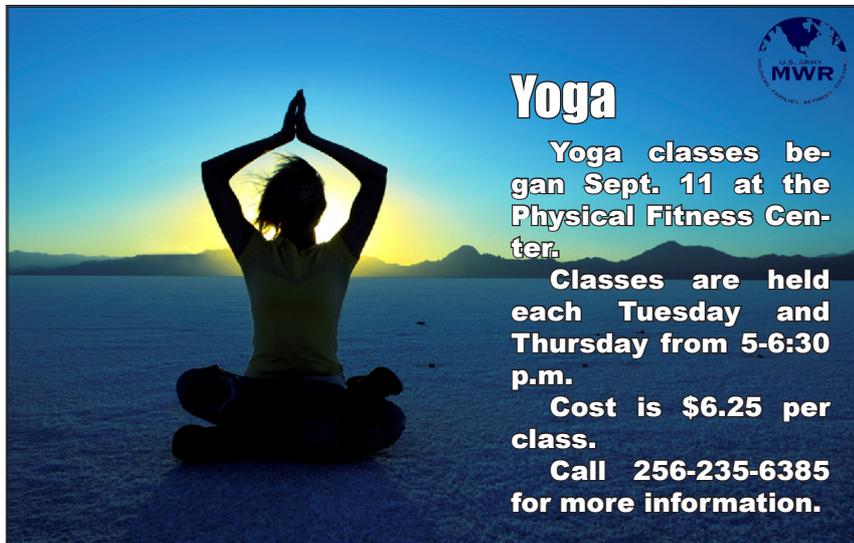
AFAP is a process that lets Soldiers (both active duty and retired), Families and DoD civilians say what's working and what isn't while making suggestions on how to fix what is broken.

Army Community Service wants ideas and your participation.

If you have an idea to submit for the conference, look for yellow “ammo” boxes at the Physical Fitness Center (main gate), Child Development Center, Skills Development Center, DeSoto Pastime Center, Nichols Cardio Center in the production area, ASAP Employee Assistance in the production area, West Station Diner and the Nichols Dining Facility. There are forms located beside each box. Boxes will be picked up Oct. 4.

If you would like more information on the AFAP process, call ACS at Ext. 7445.

Don't miss out on this opportunity to share your concerns and ideas/suggestions for assuring that the quality of life of our soldiers and civilians is the best it can be. They all make a difference!



Yoga

Yoga classes begin Sept. 11 at the Physical Fitness Center.

Classes are held each Tuesday and Thursday from 5-6:30 p.m.

Cost is \$6.25 per class.

Call 256-235-6385 for more information.



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.

Prescription Drug Take Back Day

Anniston Army Depot will participate in the National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day Sept. 27 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Physical Fitness Center on the west side of the installation and Sept. 28 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Nichols Cardio Center on the east side.

Employees are encouraged to bring all expired prescription drugs from home to the depot for proper disposal. For more information, contact Gloria Prince, the depot's prevention coordinator, at Ext. 5814.



Army Volunteer Corps

Volunteers don't get paid for their work; not because it's worthless, but because it's priceless.

Anniston Army Depot is a great place to become part of a dynamic volunteer corps.

Volunteers give their time to improve and enhance the quality of life. The benefits of volunteering are many.

If you volunteered for the AER Golf Tournament, 5K Run or other events, you are already part of the Army Volunteer Corps.

ANAD has many events and opportunities just waiting for you. Join a winning team!

Contact Amanda Mullinax at 256-235-7231 or come by the ACS Center (Bldg. 221) to find out how you can become part of the ACS/Army Volunteer Corps.

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 the West Station at Ext. 6586 or the DeSoto Pastime Center at Ext. 7160.

Karaoke: Come to the DPC for karaoke every Friday night from 8-11:30.

Spaghetti Night: Join the DPC for Spaghetti Night every off-Friday from 6:30-8.

Big Bynum Bingo: Bingo with a \$5,000 progressive jackpot is played every Thursday at 6 p.m.

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

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

ENVIRONMENTAL PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT SYSTEM AUDIT -- SEPTEMBER 17-20

EPAS Audit

Anniston Army Depot will have an internal Environmental Performance Assessment System audit the week of Sept. 17-20. The EPAS program assists ANAD in attaining, sustaining and monitoring compliance with federal, state and local environmental laws and regulations as well as Department of Defense and Army compliance and performance requirements.

One of the EPAS's primary goals is to reduce environmental findings discovered during regulatory inspections conducted by the Environmental Protection Agency and Alabama Department of Environmental Management or during external environmental assessments by Army Headquarters.

The hope is the EPAS audit will find and resolve environmental compliance issues before a regulator or external auditor finds these problems.

While all environmental media areas will be looked at during this year's EPAS audit, it should be noted that particular attention will be paid to the installation's compliance with hazardous waste and hazardous material management.

Since this is an installation-wide requirement, all organizations on the depot are subject to this review, which could include tenant and contractor operations.

Here are some examples of what an EPAS auditor may look at:

- Clearly identified/labeled waste containers: Containers (hazardous waste, non-hazardous waste, used oil, universal waste batteries, etc.) should have appropriate Hazardous Material Management System labels.

- Waste container condition: Waste containers should be in good condition – free of rust or dents. Containers should definitely not be leaking or show evidence of leaks. Containers should not be bulging.

- Satellite accumulation containers: Only 55 gallons of hazardous waste may be accumulated in any one area or process generating the waste. This includes any combination of waste streams - the total can only be 55 gallons.

- Universal waste (used batteries, used fluorescent tubes) containers: Used batteries and used fluorescent

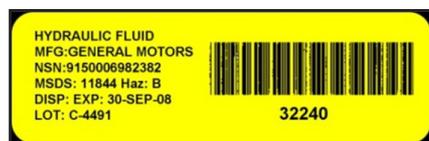
tubes must be stored in universal waste containers and must not be thrown in the trash. Containers of used batteries and used fluorescent tubes must bear HMMS labels with the description "Universal Waste -Batteries" or "Universal Waste - Lamps." The containers must be closed unless actively adding or removing waste.

- Flammable cabinets management:



Make sure flammable and combustible materials are stored inside proper flammable cabinets. Flammable cabinets should bear NFPA, OSHA, UFC, UL, FM or other similar certification markings or be a purchased flammable cabinet intended for use as such (i.e., not one fabricated in the shop). The words "FLAMMABLE-KEEP FIRE AWAY" should be clearly visible. Locking mechanisms and hinges must be functional. Contents should be neatly stored and no combustible materials (cardboard, paper, etc) should be stored on or in the cabinet.

- HMMS labels: Containers of



chemicals (e.g., lubricants, paint, tap oil, etc.) must have yellow HMMS labels on them.

- Expired materials. Make sure the expiration date on HMMS labels have not expired.

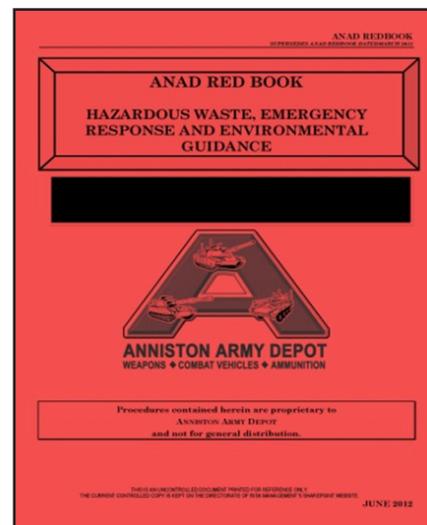
- Compressed gas cylinders: Compressed gas cylinders in service or in storage should be secured by chains to prevent accidental tipping. Oxidizers or oxygen gases should not be located near

ignition sources (e.g., next to an electrical panel or breaker box). Cylinders that contain fuel gases (e.g., hydrogen, propane, acetylene), whether full or empty, must be stored a minimum of 20 feet away from oxidizer cylinders.

- Evacuation plans: Current evacuation plans should be posted in several prominent locations throughout the shop.

- Fire extinguishers: Fire extinguishers must be stored in marked locations (not on the floor or in other inappropriate locations). Make sure the fire extinguishers have been regularly - and recently - inspected and are charged and ready for use.

- Red Book: The latest Red Book



has a revision date of June 2012. All shops should make sure that they have the latest edition and that all old revi-

sions have been turned in. Make sure you can locate the Red Book readily.

- Paint and abrasive blast unit logs: Make sure the logs at the paint booths (for preventative maintenance activities and filter inspection/swap out) are maintained and readily available.

- Parts washers: Lids to parts washers and vats should be closed to prevent undue evaporation when not in use.

- Outside storage of parts: Any parts stored outside should be drained of fluids and wiped clean of oil and grease before being placed outside.

- Drains: It is important that shop personnel understand that only storm water should go down a storm drain. Vats, drums, hoses or other sources of non-storm water should never be put down a storm drain.

- Environmental aspects: Workers in the area should have a basic grasp of what issues they deal with that might have an environmental impact (e.g., if they generate used oil, antifreeze, handle solvent, air emissions from painting operations, etc).

- General awareness. Employees should have basic knowledge of the Commander's Environmental Policy, and should be able to describe major elements in their own words. See EMS posters in shop areas.

Continue to follow all environmental regulations and ANAD will do fine on this internal EPAS audit.

For more information about this audit you can contact Ron Levy at Ext. 4804 or by e-mail at ronald.m.levy.civ@mail.mil.

Bird Habitat Competition

The bird habitat drive is almost up with the Oct. 1 deadline quickly approaching.

Make sure you get your bird habitat in on time so you can be eligible for the competition. To participate, simply make a bird house or feeder, turn in your donation to Bldg. 74 and be sure to secure a piece of paper with your name, contact number and building number on each entry.

All entries will be judged and winners of the competition will be announced on Community Appreciation Day, which will be held Oct. 4. Donations will be presented to local schools' outdoor classrooms in honor of World Wildlife Week.

