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ANNISTON ARMY DEPOT'S 75TH ANNIVERSARY: 1941-2016

## Enjoyable work leads to long depot career

by Jennifer Bacchus

ANAD PAO

**Editor's note:** In honor of Anniston Army Depot's 75th anniversary, TRACKS is looking back at the installation's changes through the eyes of those who were present.

Paul Bonds came to work at Anniston Army Depot Oct. 8, 1972, as a wage grade 5 trades helper.

For Bonds, the most important part of his job, both then and now that he is an electroplater leader, is assisting his coworkers.

In 1972, Bonds had just finished his service with the Air Force, where he spent four years as a security policeman.

Thanks to the Air Force, he saw many areas of the world - from Japan to Vietnam and the western United States.

At the end of his service, he was ready to come home to Ala-



Photo by Jennifer Bacchus

**Paul Bonds, an electroplater leader for Anniston Army Depot's Directorate of Production, uses a hand-held sandblaster to clean parts.**

bama and hoped to find stable employment.

"Jobs were few and far be-

depot.

Throughout the years, Bonds has cleaned and chemically plated parts for M60 tanks, M113s and a variety of other vehicles.

He's seen the end of some of those vehicle programs, such as the M60, and the beginning of numerous others, like the M1 Abrams tank and the Stryker.

"When I started, only the old part of this building existed," said Bonds.

He watched them add on as work increased and helped move equipment into the new portion of the electroplating building, once the two-story structure was complete.

That was in the early 1980s.

"When they constructed this building, they had to move the railroad tracks," said Bonds, reminiscing on how tracks used to run between many of the buildings throughout what is now the depot's Nichols Industrial Complex.

"They used to off-load the tanks where this building is sitting," he said.

Over the years, the products used to clean and degrease parts have changed, becoming more environmentally friendly, and the products and parts cleaned and worked on in the electroplating shop change almost daily.

But, Bonds' appreciation for the work he does, how it supports the Soldiers and how it has supported him and his family, never wavers.

"The depot has been an excellent place to work," said Bonds. "It has provided me with more than I ever dreamed of."

Though he is past the age when he was eligible to retire, Bonds has no desire to quit working anytime soon. He loves to stay busy and is passionate about his work.

"I'm not a perfectionist, but I do like to do a professional job," he said.

### Basic crane safety

Lifting operations are inherently dangerous.

Even when proper training is conducted, equipment is properly maintained, employees conduct themselves in a safe manner and other aspects of the safety program are in place, accidents can still occur.

The reason is that crane operations are primarily dependent on mechanical devices. These devices can and do fail.

When this happens during a lifting

event, the results can be catastrophic.

**Are there any special requirements to follow before operating a crane?**

Yes. Before operating even a small quarter-ton jib boom, you must be properly certified or licensed. Crane operator training and licensing is handled by the Motor Pool in the Directorate of Public Works.

Anniston Army Depot uses the OF346 to serve as the certification required by Occupational Safety and Health Association. This certification must be re-evaluated every three years to be valid.

If your ANAD issued license has expired, it is not valid.

If your ANAD issued license has a dif-

ference of greater than three years between issue date and expiration date, it is not valid.

**Before operating a crane are there any inspections to perform?**

1. Visually inspect all units for integrity, leaks, etc.
2. Check the operation of the crane - the controls and movement.
3. Operate the empty hook until it actuates the upper limit switch.
4. Operate the hoist and trolley brakes to ensure no excessive coasting.
5. Check for twisted, broken or kinked



cables or chains.

6. Observe correct drum spooling as the hook is raised.

7. Inspect for deformed, cracked or stretched hooks.

8. Inspect for serviceable safety latches.

9. Check for air or hydraulic fluid leakage.

10. Check for load capacity stenciling on both sides of the unit.

You are the only controlling influence which can minimize the hazard.

Your life, literally, is in your own hands.

# Numerous sites important to African American history

by David Crosson

ANAD EEO

Black History Month is held each February to honor the contributions African Americans have made in the history of the United States.

As Dr. Carter G. Woodson, an African-American historian, author, journalist and the founder of the Association for the Study of African American Life and History, said, "Those who have no record of what their forbearers have accomplished, lose the inspiration which comes from the teaching of biography and history."

As society progresses forward, there is a need to ensure everyone is educated on the roles African Americans played in American History.

This year's theme for Black History Month, Hallowed Grounds: Sites of African American Memories, was chosen by The Association for the Study of African American Life and History.

In keeping with this year's theme, here are some key memories:

- In 1738, the Fort Mose settlement was the first community of free ex-slaves. It was located at a Spanish colony in Florida called Gracia Real de Santa Teresa de Mose. Slaves could escape to the colony and gain their freedom by declaring their allegiance to Spain and joining the Catholic Church.

- Seneca Village, NY, was a settlement in central Manhattan. It was a small part of the area now known as Central Park. Seneca Village is thought to be Manhattan's first stable community of African American property owners from 1825 to the 1850s.

- Joseph Cinqué of the Mende people led a revolt of fellow slaves against slave traders aboard the Schooner Amistad. In 1841, the U.S. Supreme Court freed the 35 who survived the ordeal and granted them passage back to their homeland. This event inspired the beginnings of the abolitionist movement.

- Harriet Tubman escaped slavery and used the Underground Railroad to complete 13 missions to rescue approximately 70 enslaved family members and friends. After the Civil War, she was active in the Women's Suffrage movement and established a home for elderly African Americans in Auburn, NY. Close to 100,000 slaves used the Un-

derground Railroad from 1810-1860.

- Even though there were other all-Black units during the Civil War, the Buffalo Soldiers were the first peacetime all-black regiment in the U.S. Army. They served in a variety of posts from 1866 to the 1890s in the Southwestern United States and Great Plains. Nineteen of the men who served in the four regiments received the Medal of Honor during the Indian Wars.

- During World War I, the 92nd and 93rd Divisions were all black units who fought for their country. Coming home after the war, many expected a hero's welcome; instead received a rude awakening. Even with these actions taking place, many continued to enlist in the Army.

- The Tuskegee Airmen were the African-American aviators in World War II. During the war, they lost only 27 bombers, compared to 46 from other P51 fighter groups of the 15th Air Force. Contrary to negative predictions, the Tuskegee Airmen were some of the best pilots in the U.S. Army Air Force. The Tuskegee Airmen National Historic Site at Moton Field, located in Tuskegee, Ala., honors the airmen.

- In 1954, the Supreme Court ruled unanimously in *Brown vs. Board of Education*, stating racial segregation in public schools was unconstitutional. In 1956, Clinton High School in Clinton, Tenn., was ordered by federal judge Robert Taylor to desegregate. There were 12 Black students who attended, later called the "Clinton 12." This happened a year before the integration crisis at Little Rock Central High School.

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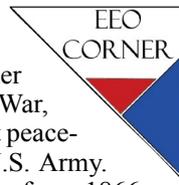


Photo by Jennifer Bacchus

**Floyd Green, a billing official in the Directorate of Material Management, witnessed firsthand, as a child, the effects of segregation.**

## Thankful for those who fought

by Jennifer Bacchus

ANAD PAO

Floyd Green remembers being a child and having to order hamburgers from the back door of a café because he was not allowed to eat inside.

At the time, it was all he had ever known. As he got older, he asked his relatives why they didn't push back over the treatment they received.

Now, he is thankful for those who did.

"Young, old, Black or white - they saw an injustice that shouldn't be," said Green of the Civil Rights protesters who fought for equal rights in the 1950s and 60s.

"I'm thankful for people who lost their jobs, who were put in jail and those who had to walk to work because of the bus boycotts," he said.

He is thankful because, thanks to them and the members of Congress who support-

ed reform measures, Green grew up to become an adult who could buy a house anywhere he wanted and could send his children to the school he thought would give them the best education.

Green's grandfather taught him a lot about equality, lessons he has passed on to his son.

From his grandfather, he learned not every white person was racist, but he also learned to be careful how he acted and what he said to not anger those who were.

"He believed change was coming, even when my father was young," said Green of his grandfather. "He would tell us to still be proud."

As a father, he tried to shelter his own son from racism, but made sure to share some of the same lessons - to always be careful. It's one of the ways he knows there is still work to be done.



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## INFORMATION FROM THE CIVILIAN PERSONNEL ADVISORY CENTER

# MyBiz+ allows employees to update information

from Staff Reports

ANAD CPAC Office

Department of Defense civilian employees have an interactive online destination for their Human Resource-related information: MyBiz+.

The website is easy to access, easy to navigate, easy to understand, more intuitive and more interactive.

Two key products are the Civilian Career Report and the ability to retrieve data about past employment in other DoD components.

MyBiz, the online self-service tool, has served employees and managers over the years to access information, important to them.

MyBiz+ is the source for all employees, supervisors and managers to view and update their personal and human resources-related information. MyBiz+ benefits all employees by providing a variety of interactive tools to manage career information and plan for the future.

MyBiz+ is available to all DoD civilian employees through the DCPDS Portal at <https://compo.dcpds.cpms.osd.mil/>.

MyBiz+ provides a foundation that is employee-centric, coupled with design features that are intuitive, interactive and can be personalized.

Some of the features and products to assist supervisors and managers include:

- Easy to understand descriptions of data elements
- Civilian Career Report, a custom report created by the employee
- SF-50 retrieval, including employment at other DoD Components
- Personalization of MyBiz+ homepage view

For more information about DCPAS and the products and services provided, visit [www.cpms.osd.mil](http://www.cpms.osd.mil).

## Employment verification

The Employment Verification Tool is available for verification of employment and/or salary information.

All appropriated fund and non-appropriated fund employees can use the Employment Verification Tool via their MyBiz account. Employees are responsible for providing proof of their employment and/or salary information to organizations or persons making the request.

MyBiz may be accessed through the Civilian Personnel Online website at <http://cpol.army.mil/>

Employees may have to register their Common Access Card before being able to log in to MyBiz.

For additional information, contact CPAC at Ext. 7860.

## FEHB limited enrollment period for Self Plus One

Background: Enrollees in the Federal Employees Health Benefits Program had their first opportunity to elect a Self Plus One enrollment type.

The allowance of a Self Plus One FEHB election type is a change of unprecedented proportion within the FEHB program and, as a result, the Office of Personnel Management has announced an additional limited enrollment period for Self Plus One elections only.

**Limited enrollment period:** Feb. 1-29

**Eligibility:** Employees enrolled in Self and Family coverage, participate in Premium Conversion and want to elect a Self Plus One plan may make an election during the limited enrollment period.

**Restrictions:** No changes in FEHB plans, no option changes, no increases or other decreases in enrollment are allowed. Employees not currently enrolled in FEHB are not allowed to enroll during the limited enrollment period.

**How to make an election for Self Plus One:**

Employees will be required to make their election in the Employees Benefits Information System, located at <https://www.ebis.army.mil/login.aspx>.

**Effective date of elections made during the limited enrollment period:** All enrollment changes will be made effective on the first day of the first pay period following the one in which the change is requested via EBIS.

**Additional resources:**

OPM website: [www.opm.gov/selfplusone](http://www.opm.gov/selfplusone)

Army Benefits Center website: <https://www.abc.army.mil/health/Selfplusone.htm>

Anniston Army Depot Civilian Personnel Advisory Center: (256) 235-7860

In addition, ABC-C counselors are available to answer questions between the hours of 6 a.m. and 6 p.m. Central Time, Monday through Friday, excluding federal holidays. The ABC-C toll free number is 877-276-9287. Overseas numbers and instructions for the deaf and hard of hearing can be found at <https://www.abc.army.mil/directory.htm>.

# Current GAP status

Measurement for Anniston Army Depot's fiscal year 2016 Group Award Program payout includes six areas.

For eligible personnel to receive the maximum GAP payout, all metrics must be met. Everyone must do their part each day to achieve these goals, which are attainable and important in executing ANAD's mission. Current status indicates a payout of \$907.50.

### Safety Efficiencies

EMPLOYEE SAFETY INDICATORS INSPECTIONS

Goal: Each building scores 80 percent or better on inspection

More than 75 percent of buildings - \$180

60-75 percent - \$118.80

50-59 percent - \$59.40

Less than 50 percent - \$0

**Current percentage** - 83

**Current payout** - \$180

### Quality Efficiencies

Goal: Increase first pass yield for vehicles, engines, transmissions and weapons programs

VEHICLES, ENGINES AND TRANSMISSIONS

95 percent or higher - \$75

90-94 percent - \$37.50

Less than 90 percent - \$0

**Current percentage** - 88

**Current payout** - \$0

### SAFETY SUGGESTIONS

More than seven percent of employees submit safety idea - \$180

Four to seven percent of employees submit safety idea - \$90

Less than four percent of employees submit safety idea - \$0

**Current percentage** - 0

**Current payout** - \$0

### RECORDABLE INJURIES

Less than or equal to eight per month - \$180

9-10 per month - \$135

More than 10 per month - \$0

**Current rate** - 7

**Current payout** - \$180

### Productive Yield

DIRECT Goal: FY16 BES Plan 1,534 hours per person.

1,600-1,615 - \$150

1,567-1,599 - \$99

1,534-1,566 - \$49.50

Less than 1,534 - \$0

**Current hrs.** - 1,495

**Current payout** - \$0

INDIRECT Goal: FY16 BES Plan 1,702 hours per person

More than 1,702 - \$150

1,656-1,701 - \$99

1,643-1,655 - \$49.50

Less than 1,643 - \$0

**Current hrs.** - 1,586

**Current payout** - \$0

### WEAPONS

99 percent or higher - \$75

95-98 percent - \$37.50

Less than 95 percent - \$0

**Current percentage** - 98

**Current payout** - \$37.50

### Performance to Promise

96-100 percent - \$180

91-95 percent - \$144

86-90 percent - \$108

81-85 percent - \$72

80 percent - \$36

Less than 80% - \$0

**Current percentage** - 104

**Current payout** - \$180

### ISO Certifications

ISO 18001 - \$60

ISO 14001 - \$60

ISO 9001 - \$60

If all maintained - \$180

**Current payout** - \$180

### Inventory

EXCESS MATERIAL

Excess of less than three percent average inventory value - \$150

Excess more than three, but less than five percent average inventory value - \$75

Excess more than five percent average inventory value - \$0

**Current percentage** - 0.2

**Current payout** - \$150



Photo by Mark Cleghorn

Anniston Army Depot's Logistics Modernization Program Cadre stands ready to assist employees with training requirements prior to LMP Increment 2's May go-live date. All employees are encouraged to complete all assigned training.



# Introducing Anniston Army Depot's LMP Cadre

from Staff Reports

ANAD LMP Office

Anniston Army Depot's Logistics Modernization Program Cadre is a select group of individuals.

They are a diverse and talented group with years of knowledge and experience, hailing from various directorates across our installation, including the directorates of Production, Engineering and Quality, Material Management, Production Management and Public Works.

Please support the cadre as they help Team ANAD embrace change and improve our future.

## Joseph Blohm:

Serving as a LMP cadre/instructor in support of plant maintenance, Blohm has been an employee at ANAD for 14 years.

## Stephanie Boyd:

Boyd serves as a LMP cadre/instructor in support of EIB/CAMS for time and attendance and tooling. She has been employed at ANAD for 11 years.

## Brian Bright:

Bright is a LMP cadre/instructor in support of EIB/CAMS for time and attendance and shop floor execution. He has been an employee at ANAD for 12 years.

## Martin Champion:

Serving as a LMP cadre/instructor and team lead in support of plant maintenance, Champion has been an employee at ANAD for 11 years.

## Kim Gibson:

Gibson serves as a LMP cadre/instructor in support of EIB/CAMS for shop floor execution. She has been employed at ANAD for eight years.

## Robert Haynes:

Haynes is a LMP cadre/instructor in support of EIB/CAMS for quality. He has been an employee at ANAD for 15 years.

## Stephen Hudgins:

Serving as a LMP cadre/instructor in support of EIB/CAMS for shop floor execution, Hudgins has been employed at ANAD for eight years.

## Scott Kay:

Kay serves as a LMP cadre/instructor in support of EIB/CAMS for training and shop floor execution. He has been employed at ANAD for 10 years.

## Kevin Martin:

Martin is a LMP cadre/instructor and team lead in support of EIB/CAMS for master data. He has been an employee at ANAD for 15 years.

## Chris McCollum:

Serving as a LMP cadre/instructor in support of plant maintenance, he has been an ANAD employee for 11 years.

## Ira McElderry:

McElderry serves as a cadre/instructor in support of EIB/CAMS for shop floor execution. He has been employed at ANAD for 10 years.

## Kyle Owens:

Owens is a cadre/instructor in support of EIB/CAMS for tablet navigation and shop floor execution. He has been employed at ANAD for 15 years.

## Shane Phillips:

Serving as a LMP cadre/instructor for plant maintenance, Phillips has been an ANAD employee for 11 years.

## Laurie Shields:

Shields is a cadre/instructor in support of the enhanced industrial base/Complex Assembly Manufacturing Solution for master data. She has been an employee at ANAD for 15 years.

## Benjamin Simmons:

Serving as a LMP cadre/instructor and Team Lead in support of EIB/CAMS for quality, Simmons has been employed at ANAD for nine years.

## Rik Stedham:

Stedham serves as a cadre/instructor and Team Lead in support of EIB/CAMS for standard text and shop floor execution. He has been employed at ANAD for seven years.

## Bradley Taylor:

Taylor is a LMP cadre/instructor in support of plant maintenance. He has been an ANAD employee for 11 years.

## Colt Turner:

Turner serves as a LMP cadre/instructor in support of EIB/CAMS for shop floor execution. He has been employed at ANAD for 12 years.

## Douglas Turner:

Turner is a cadre/instructor in support of EIB/CAMS for shop floor execution. He has been an employee at ANAD for 35 years.

## Jay Willingham:

Serving as a cadre/instructor in support of EIB/CAMS for time and attendance and shop floor execution, Willingham has been employed at ANAD for 12 years.

For more information about LMP Increment 2, contact the LMP Office at Ext. 5671 (LMP1).



Photo by Mark Cleghorn

## Moroccan representatives tour ANAD

Steve Pennington, left, discusses the transmission overhaul process with Brig. Gen. Abdelhak Zerouali Haiki, right, and Col. Maj. Mohamed Haial of Morocco during their Feb. 3 tour of Anniston Army Depot. Representatives from Morocco visited ANAD for two days to discuss the overhaul and repair processes utilized for M1 Abrams tanks destined for their country.



Photo by Jennifer Bacchus

## Chamber members view installation

Lora Hobbs, the director of the Military Stability Foundation for the Calhoun County Chamber of Commerce, toured Anniston Army Depot Feb. 9 accompanied by Col. (retired) Chuck Keith and Nathan Hill, the military liaison and economic development counselor for the Chamber of Commerce. During the visit, Hobbs viewed the installation's Small Arms Repair Facility and Combat Vehicle Repair Facility. Above, Lavin Stephens, chief of the Tracked Systems Division, right, discusses the disassembly process with Hobbs as they tour the Combat Vehicle Repair Facility accompanied by Chris Williams, left, the acting process optimization manager for the Combat Vehicle Value Stream.

## Visit Anniston Army Depot on social media:

Photos of tours and award presentations at Anniston Army Depot may be viewed on the installation's Flickr page at:  
<https://www.flickr.com/photos/101336510@N02>

### Other social media sites:

<https://www.facebook.com/AnnistonArmyDepot>  
<https://www.facebook.com/AnnistonMunitionsCenter>  
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCj49IUoG9Rs1KwWNJZp16Ww>



## FA51 Soldiers visit depot

Twenty-five Soldiers from the Functional Area 51 Intermediate Qualifications Course toured Anniston Army Depot Jan. 26. Pictured at left, Paul Barber, the depot's chief for the Small Arms Division, discusses the overhaul and repair processes used by the depot to upgrade the 50-caliber M2 machine gun to its M2A1 variant.

Photo by Mark Cleghorn

# The Hatch Act: Federal employees and the use of social media and e-mail

from OSC.gov

The U.S. Office of Special Counsel routinely receives questions from federal employees and others about when the use of social media and e-mail could violate the Hatch Act.

Social media and e-mail – and the ease of accessing those accounts at work, either on computers or smartphones – have made it easier for federal employees to violate the Hatch Act.

Yet, there are many activities employees can do on social media and e-mail that do not violate the law.

In general, all federal employees may use social media and e-mail and comply with the Hatch Act if they remember the following guidelines:

**1. Do not engage in political activity while on duty or in the workplace.**

- Federal employees are “on duty” when they are in a pay status, other than paid leave, or are representing the government in an official capacity.

- Federal employees are considered “on duty” during telecommuting hours.

**2. Do not engage in political activity in an official capacity at any time.**

**3. Do not solicit or receive political contributions at any time.**

Political activity refers to any activity directed at the success or failure of a political party or partisan political group (collectively referred to as partisan groups) or candidate in a partisan race.

In addition, some federal employees are considered further restricted, which means they are prohibited from taking an active part in partisan political management or partisan political campaigns.

Thus, they may not engage, via social media and e-mail, in any political activity on behalf of a partisan group or candidate in a partisan race. Most of these further restricted employees work in law enforcement or intelligence agencies.

These rules have some very limited exceptions.

When in doubt, federal employees should consult OSC or their agency ethics officers.

The OSC has created a Frequently Asked Questions list to help employees understand what the Hatch Act does and does not allow when using social media and e-mail. The FAQ may be viewed at <https://osc.gov/Pages/The-Hatch-Act-Frequently-Asked-Questions-on-Federal-Employees-and-the-Use-of-Social-Media-and-Email.aspx>.

The list of questions is not comprehensive, but answers many of the most commonly asked questions regarding the Hatch Act and the use of social media and e-mail.

Please note that although the FAQs refer to Facebook and Twitter, the advice provided is applicable to any social media platform. If federal employees have further questions, they should e-mail OSC at [hatchact@osc.gov](mailto:hatchact@osc.gov).

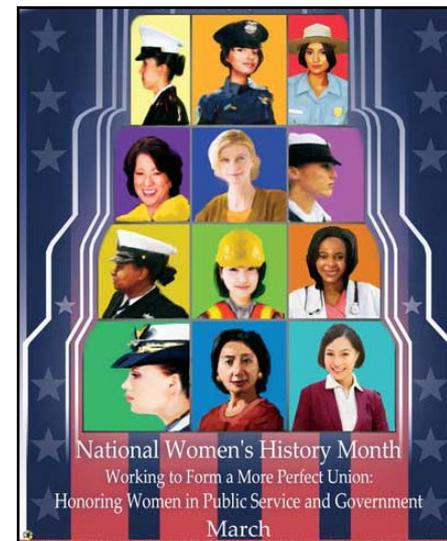
## Women’s History Lunch and Learn planned

The Equal Employment Opportunity Office has scheduled a Lunch and Learn event in honor of Women’s History Month March 17 beginning at 11:30 in the auditorium of Bldg. 123.

The theme for the event is **Working to Form a More Perfect Union: Honoring Women in Public Service and the Government.**

Employees are encouraged to bring their lunch to the event and participate in discussions regarding the past and future of women in the workplace.

**Susan Bennett from the depot’s Legal Office will be the keynote speaker for the event, which will also be broadcast live on LAN channel 21.**



## Workshops offered by Army Family Team Building

Army Family Team Building is a program that offers a variety of free classes for civilian and military personnel.

The classes will be held in the Army Community Service Building

For more information and/or to register, please call Amanda Mullinax at Ext. 7445 or e-mail [amanda.c.mullinax.civ@mail.mil](mailto:amanda.c.mullinax.civ@mail.mil).

**AFTB is offering the following workshops:**

*Time to Serve: The Volunteer Experience/Introduction to Family Readiness*

- Date: Feb. 22
- Time: 5-8 p.m.
- Register by: Feb. 20

*Growing Through Change/Overcoming Stress*

- Date: March 7
- Time: 5-8 p.m.
- Register by: March 2

**Do you have  
information or  
a story idea for  
TRACKS or  
The Morning  
Show?**

**Call Public  
Affairs  
at Ext. 6281!**

## Military Saves Week coming up

Military Saves Week is scheduled for Feb. 22-27, 2016. Military Saves is part of a larger, nation-wide campaign called America Saves and is also part of the Department of Defense’s Financial Readiness Campaign.

Military Saves seeks to motivate, support and encourage military families to save money, reduce debt and build wealth.

For more information on Military Saves, visit [www.militarysaves.org](http://www.militarysaves.org).

### Savings tips from Military Saves:

- Rounding debt and mortgage payments up to the nearest \$100 will get you out of debt years earlier.
- Save for retirement this Military Saves Week. Get tips on traditional and Roth IRAs at <http://ow.ly/sfUUD>.
- Shop around for auto and homeowners’ insurance: Before renewing your existing policies, check out the rates of competing companies whose annual premiums could be several hundred dollars lower.

# notes from around the TRACK



## Watch The Morning Show

The Morning Show airs live every other Wednesday at 7:05 a.m. on Local Area Network channel 21.

If you have a topic or content you would like to see on The Morning Show, contact the Public Affairs Office at Ext. 6281.

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

Computer users may view the show on IPTV. It may also be seen on LAN channel 21 during these rebroadcast times:

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

Thursday/Friday: noon and 10 p.m.

### Upcoming shows:

Feb. 17 – Sean Perry from the depot's Training Office will discuss the importance of Individual Development Plans and give an overview of training through the installation.

March 2 – Brian Freeman will outline the installation's upcoming solar partnership, which is set to break ground in the coming months.



Taylor Ellison signs her scholarship for Northwest Mississippi Community College softball. Also pictured is her pitching coach Leslie Pickette, left, father Anthony Ellison, right, and Oxford High School softball coach Wendy McKibbin, standing.

Courtesy photo

## Ellison to attend NMCC

Taylor Ellison, daughter of Anthony Ellison (DPM) and granddaughter of Maj. (Ret.) Ralph and Vickey Ellison of Ohatchee, received a full scholarship to play softball with Northwest Mississippi Community College, located in Senatobia, Miss.

A senior at Oxford High School, she plans to complete her basic courses at NMCC then transfer to a Division I school for her last two years of college.

She has had a star-studded high school softball career, having been selected to the First Team of the All-County Team each year.

Taylor was on the 2014 4A State Championship team, the All-State Tournament Team and won Calhoun County Best Offensive Player in 2015.

Although Taylor was recruited as a pitcher, she is a versatile player, having played center field, second base and, as a left-hander, shortstop.

NMCC plans to play Taylor at second base or center field when she is not pitching and has her slotted to hit first or second in the line-up.

## Recycle Saturday sales

Recycling Saturday sales will be held Feb. 13 and 27 from 8-11 a.m.

Beginning in March, the Saturday sales will be held once a month.

The March sale is scheduled for March 26.

Stay tuned to The Morning Show, TRACKS and the depot's Facebook page for updates each month or call Cynthia Boyette at Ext. 6838.



Courtesy photo

## Parton thanked for service, support

Lt. Col. Fredericka Harris, center right, commander of the Army Support Battalion, Fort Campbell, Ky., presented a coin to Norris Parton in Anniston Army Depot's Turbine Engine Facility during her Jan. 28 visit to the installation. Harris and other members of the Army Sustainment Command, who accompanied her on the tour, thanked Parton for his dedication and support to the war fighters.

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Think before you post. Always assume everyone in the world will be able to see what you are posting or tweeting, even if the site limits your post to friends or family. Those friends and family members have friends who may share.



Avoid posting your home or work address, phone numbers and any military or government affiliation.



## To Do

1. Leave for work - 6 a.m.
2. Grocery store after work
3. Pick up Fido from vet 6 p.m. at latest
4. \_\_\_\_\_

Avoid providing detailed accounts of your day - for example, what time you leave for or return from work or the errands you run.

Be cautious of allowing applications to tag your location through a global positioning system.

