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The Army continues to expand its energy security portfolio and anticipates renewable generation on or adjacent to federal lands, utilizing one of four renewable energy technologies (solar, wind, biomass or geothermal) by innovative, large-scale renewable energy partnering opportunities between the military, other federal agencies, private industry and utilities.

Renewable energy produced on Army installations increases energy security, enhances mission effectiveness and provides a means to temper rising energy costs.

It also contributes to the flexibility of the electricity system and its resistance to power spikes.

Renewable projects support the Army’s commitment to the President of deploying one gigawatt of renewable energy by 2025.

This also contributes to achieving mandates identified in Congress’ 2007 National Defense Authorization Act for the Army to consume 25 percent of its electricity from renewable sources by 2025.

In order to achieve this goal, the Army is working on the development of large-scale renewable energy projects.

The Army U.S. Army Office of Energy Initiatives was established to centrally manage, develop and execute large-scale, renewable energy projects, 10 megawatts or greater, leveraging private financing.

The OEI, Alabama Power Company and Anniston Army Depot first met in September 2014 to discuss the possibility of developing a solar array project at ANAD capable of producing up to 14 megawatt-hours of on-site renewable energy.

On Jan. 22, a Light and Radar survey was conducted by Alabama Power. LiDAR is a remote sensing technology measuring distance by illuminating a target with laser and analyzing the reflective light.

Results from the survey will be completed by the end of this month and will provide information needed to determine the best location of the solar array at ANAD.

Following the LiDAR survey, the project team will finalize the technical and legal requirements of the project.

The solar project will generate power which will make ANAD more secure, efficient and environmentally friendly.

All electricity from the solar photovoltaic facility will be purchased at a cost equal to or less than current power costs and consumed by Anniston Army Depot. Alabama Power will finance, design, build, operate, own and maintain the production facilities.

Source: www.army.mil/news/energy

13 depot leaders graduate in February class

Anniston Army Depot graduated 13 individuals from its Depot Leadership and Management Program Feb. 5.

The four-week course trains future depot leaders through classroom instruction and real world experience. The latter is done through a shadowing program as students are paired with current depot leaders.

This DLAMP class is also taking a pilot course intended to enhance the leadership skills of current and future leaders/supervisors. The pilot will be evaluated for use of this course by future DLAMP classes.

ANAD Commander Col. Brent Bolander congratulated the graduates on their participation in the class, remarking on the way lessons learned in the class can make the entire depot a better organization.

“If you are successful, the employees on the shop floors will be successful and the war fighter will get what he needs,” said Bolander.

Following completion of the ANAD DLAMP course, students have one year in which to complete the next phase of their leadership training, a two-week Civilian Education System residency course in Fort Leavenworth, Kan.
A century of achievement

by Mariah Armstead
ANAD EEO Office

Throughout the last century, many great accomplishments were achieved by African Americans.

The footprints of these individuals may be seen in their impacts on society through economics, politics, sports, education, inventions, arts, literature and the list continues.

In every profession or walk of life, African Americans have stood the test of time.

They are a people deeply rooted in beliefs and powers beyond what may be seen and felt.

The back stories of their accomplishments cause many to wonder how they persevered.

They must have been filled with determination and self-respect to resist the ill forces against them.

These revolutionaries received encouragement and support not only from the African American community, but also Caucasian, Irish, Asian and Jewish supporters, among others.

The baton was carried by many of all races, ethnicity, color and creed for a people who were not thought of as a people.

Fifty years after the 13th Amendment eradicated slavery, Carter G. Woodson wanted to change the perception the world had of African Americans. He wanted African Americans to be recognized for their contributions to American society and culture. So, he founded The Journal of Negro History in 1915 and went on to create Negro History Week in 1926. That celebration eventually became Black History Month, which is celebrated each February.

The 1920s was an important decade for black history.

In 1925, A. Philip Randolph organized the first successful African American trade union, the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters. In 1928, Jazz trumpeter and vocalist Louis Armstrong’s the band “The Hot Five” gained popularity and Langston Hughes became one of the 20th century’s most recognized writers.

In 1939, singer Marion Anderson was denied permission by the Daughters of the Revolution to sing at their hall because she was African American. Eleanor Roosevelt, who was a member of the organization, later resigned. Roosevelt was instrumental in Anderson later singing at the Lincoln Memorial before 75,000 people.

Yes, the baton was carried by many of all races and much resistance and hatred were the backdrop to the strides being made.

Also in the 1930s, the Supreme Court in the case of Norris v. Alabama ruled that a defendant has a right to a trial by a jury of one’s peers. This was very significant in overturning the Scottsboro Boys’ conviction in Alabama.

Ironically, much of African American history was orchestrated in Alabama.

The first pilot training program for African Americans was established at Tuskegee Institute, a historically black college in Alabama.

Benjamin O. Davis Jr., the first officer to get his wings from the Tuskegee Army Air Field, later became the first African American general in the Air Force. His father, Benjamin O. Davis Sr., was the Army’s first African American general.

Today, African Americans and other minority groups, including females, can attribute their successes to the unwavering and uncompromising posture of many from all races to seek change.

The non-violent efforts of our forerunners and their belief that change was coming made the difference.

People who were not considered a people are now afforded the opportunity to be all he or she desires to be. The glass ceiling has been chipped, but still needs to be broken.

Salutes and accolades ring out across the country for Shirley Chisholm, Thurgood Marshall, Colin Powell, James Brown, Michael Jackson, Arthur Ash, Sidney Poitier, Addie Watts, Condeleezza Rice, President Barack Obama, Barbara Hilliary, Michelle Howard, Venus Williams, Oprah Winfrey and many other.

It took courage and an unwavering desire to go against the status quo. Their attitudes and actions reflect the James Brown’s lyrics in a song from the late ‘60s. Each said, in their own way, “I don’t want nobody to give me nothing! Open the door and I will get it myself!”

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For DLA Distribution Anniston Commander Lt. Col. Hattie Richardson, Black History Month means celebrating not only the successes of the past, but also those of the present.

“I don’t think it’s just commemorating the past or reaching to the future,” she said. “Martin Luther King Jr. had a dream. Now, what am I doing to keep that dream alive.”

One of her favorite ways to not only share King’s dream with others, but also to ensure they have a chance to build their own dreams, is to reach out to young people.

A steady number of influential adults inspired her to achieve success and choose her career path when she was young and she would like to be an inspirational factor for others.

“I realized at the age of eight what I wanted to be and I’ve achieved beyond that because of the influential people in my life,” said Richardson.

This month will be filled with speaking engagements for Richardson - at elementary schools, community centers and other gathering places for children.

“I enjoy helping young people realize there is something they can not only dream about, but achieve,” she said.

Whenever she speaks at a school or an event, she encourages the children present to resist resting on their laurels when a goal is achieved. Rather than being complacent, she wants them to set their next, higher goal and begin working toward attaining it.

James Cole, Anniston Army Depot’s security management officer, sees each February as a time to reflect on the work of every individual, regardless of their color, to bring about equality.

“We are a nation of many ethnicities, but one home,” said Cole. “To succeed, we have to respect and love our neighbor.”

Cole teaches a church group each Wednesday night and he uses special emphasis times, such as Black History Month, to impart lessons about tolerance and equality to the children in the class.

“Each week this month, we will spend a few minutes talking about what it means to treat each other as equal brothers and sisters. How, in the Lord’s eye, every person is unique, but we are all created equal,” he said.

Cole’s grandfather was a sharecropper who worked alongside black sharecroppers. Through his family’s history, he knows how each generation yearns to give more opportunities and a better life to the next and he hopes to impart that to his children.

He considers King’s “I Have a Dream” speech to be one of the greatest speeches in U.S. history and discusses it with his children.

“I want my three daughters to live in a nation where they are judged not by the color of their skin, but by the content of their character,” he said.
FY15 Group Award Program metrics announced

by Pam Robertson
ANAD DRM

Anniston Army Depot experienced a very successful fiscal year 2014, both financially and in our production requirements, through everyone’s collective efforts.

Although the installation fell slightly short of achieving all the metrics established for last year, we did receive a $1,300 payout for eligible employees.

Recently, an agreement was reached between ANAD leadership and the local American Federation of Government Employees on a Group Award Program for FY15.

As all ANAD employees should be aware, the goal of the GAP is to reward the workforce for contributions allowing the depot to meet and/or exceed established metrics.

The six metrics categories, many of which were in effect last year, are Performance to Promise, Productive Yield, Quality Efficiencies, Safety Efficiencies, Inventory and ISO certifications.

Within the Safety Efficiencies metrics are a couple of newly established programs – a Safety Suggestion Program and Employee Safety Indicators in the production and administrative areas.

If you haven’t already, you will hear much more about these from the Safety Office.

The payout established for FY15 is $1,500 per eligible employee and individual metrics range from $36 at the lowest success level to $540 at the highest.

The anticipated date of award payout is Nov. 12.

The entire policy and metrics are located on the ANAD Intranet under Regulations & Policies/Commander’s Policies/ANAD GAP FY15 Policy if you would like to read or better understand the overall goals.

Additionally, the policy will be made available electronically to all ANAD personnel with computer access. If anyone has questions concerning how they can have a positive impact on the metrics, please discuss it with your supervisor.

As we did last year, progress against the metrics will be provided on a monthly basis in TRACKS, so please be sure to read and “track” where we stand each month.

The goals established are attainable and I know Team ANAD will produce the best results possible!

Provided at right is the progress as of Jan. 31 for each of the metrics which have been measured.

Measurement for Anniston Army Depot’s 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. These goals are attainable and are important in executing ANAD’s mission. Current status indicates a payout of $690.

Performance to Promise (percentage)
96-100 - $180
91-95 - $144
86-90 - $108
81-85 - $72
80 - $36
Less than 80 - $0
Current percentage - 100
Current payout - $180

Productive Yield (hours per person)
DIRECT Goal: FY16 BES Plan 1,534
1,600-1,615 - $150
1,567-1,599 - $99
1,534-1,566 - $49.50
Less than 1,534 - $0
Current hrs. per person - 1,531
Current payout - $0

INDIRECT Goal: FY16 BES Plan 1,702
More than 1,702 - $150
1,656-1,701 - $99
1,643-1,655 - $49.50
Less than 1643 - $0
Current hrs. per person - 1,575
Current payout - $0

Quality Efficiencies (percentage)
Goal: Increase EMIDAS inspections by 25 percent over FY14
25 percent increase - $150
10 percent increase - $75
Less than 10 percent - $0
Current percentage - 6
Current payout - $0

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 metric data not available

SAFETY SUGGESTION PROGRAM
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

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

ISO Certifications Maintained
ISO 18001 - $60
ISO 14001 - $60
ISO 9001 - $60
Total if all maintained - $180
Current payout - $180

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ISO 18001
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Current payout - $180

PPE usage can affect Group Award Program

Employees consistently wearing proper personal protective equipment, better known as PPE, can increase a cost center’s rating during a Safety Indicator Inspection. Safety Indicator Inspections are one of the new Safety criteria relevant to the Group Award Program payout. Here, Wallace Horn clips the band from a pallet of M1 Abrams tank parts in the depot’s Combat Vehicle Repair Facility.

Photo by Mark Cleghorn
Scott Sprayberry, a depot heavy mobile equipment mechanic, inspects a power turbine housing prior to assembly for the AGT1500 turbine engine.

Quality, time off affect productive yield for direct labor employees

Productive yield - both direct and indirect hours combined - accounts for 20 percent, or $300, of the prospective total Group Award Program for fiscal year 2015.

But, what does it mean and how can employees affect the end result?

For indirect employees, the answer is simple - be present and working for at least 1,702 hours this fiscal year. That equates to about 42 and a half weeks of the year. It's a number which accounts for sick leave, annual leave and time in training used for each indirect employee.

The direct labor side of the equation, however, tends to get more attention and there are more factors which may affect the productive yield time for employees.

Like their indirect counterparts, direct employees' productive yield is influenced by the time they take off - both sick leave and annual leave.

"Leave is somewhat of a factor," said Donna Cobb, a supervisory management analyst for the depot’s Directorate of Resource Management. “But, the biggest factor which can negatively affect productive yield is using an employee for indirect functions.”

Sometimes, according to Cobb, those indirect functions are necessary - such as the mandatory training each year. For those reasons, an amount of indirect time is calculated into the productive yield goals for the year. The unexpected times off or time away from the job, however, hurt the end result.

“Last year, we had three snow days. Those were unplanned administrative leave days. Fortunately, we were able to make up that time,” said Cobb.

According to Warren Turner and Lavon Stephens, quality is also a large factor in productive yield.

“One of the most important things to do is one of the easiest things to do - do it right the first time,” said Turner, the value stream manager for the Component Repair and Weapons Value Stream.

Turner said the time and cost of repairing or overhauling each piece of equipment is built into the depot’s budget, but rework on a component which didn’t meet standard is an extra expense for the installation.

Stephens, chief of the Tracked Systems Division, said one way employees can improve both quality and productive yield in their shop is to look for ways to make each process better, safer or more efficient.

“We try to empower employees with Lean events,” he said. “It all comes back to doing the job better, faster and safer.”

Safety indicators, suggestions new factors for GAP

by Jennifer Bacchus
ANAD PAO

There are three components for the safety metric in the fiscal year 2015 Group Award Program.

One, the recordable injury rate, has been present for many years. It is an Occupational Safety and Health Association requirement to record serious occupational injuries and illnesses involving anything beyond the use of first aid treatment.

The others are new this year.

The Employee Safety Indicators Program will use checklists to inspect buildings on the installation to determine if indications of a safe working environment are present or not.

“Every year, there is a requirement for the Safety Office to inspect every facility,” said Dale Larry, a safety specialist in the installation’s Safety Office.

Larry said the checklists essentially test whether or not each facility has a general safety culture. To accommodate the differences between the office and industrial areas on the depot, the Safety Office developed a form for each.

“There are safety requirements intrinsic to an office environment and requirements intrinsic to an industrial environment,” said Larry. “So, we developed the forms accordingly.”

The office has also created a new Target Zero Safety Suggestion Form, which will be part of the GAP.

Employees are encouraged to fill out the form and submit changes they believe would create a safer working environment to the Safety Offices.

If an average of more than seven percent of all employees on the installation submit ideas for improvement, the full award for the Safety Suggestion Program, $180, will be added to the GAP payout.

Good suggestions are ones in which the form is complete, a specific problem is described, a workable solution is presented and which will reduce the safety hazards for the cost center or building.

For more information, contact the Safety Office at Ext. 7541.

Target Zero Safety Suggestion Form

Print Name (Last, First, MI):  

Date: 

Building Number:  

Cost Center:  

Ext:  

The way it is now:  

The way I suggest it should be:  

Employee’s Signature:  

Badge Number:  

February 12, 2015

TRACKS
Give the gift of life

Anniston Army Depot’s quarterly blood drive will be held at the Physical Fitness Center Feb. 26 from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Blood Drives are conducted in accordance with Article 15, Section 5, of the Negotiated Agreement between Anniston Army Depot and AFGE Local 1945. Depot employees, tenants and contract employees are encouraged to donate. Remember, for every unit of blood collected up to three lives may be saved.

For additional information, contact Gloria Prince, the depot blood drive coordinator, at Ext. 5814 or via e-mail.

Note: Donors will be required to show personal identification before donating. A driver’s license or depot badge is acceptable.

TIME
10:30 a.m. TMDE Support Sys.
DLA Distribution
DRK
DP - Recip. Drive
Train Div.
Contractors
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DMM
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DP - Final Oper. Div.
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Contracting Office
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DP - Support
Equipment Div.
DP - Component
Assembly Div.
DP - Clean., Finish.,
Painting Div.
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Notice of right to request union representation

from ANAD CPAC Office

Title VII of the Civil Service Reform Act of 1978 (PL 95-454) provides employees in a bargaining unit the right to request union representation at an examination by a representative of the agency, in conjunction with an investigation, if the employee believes the examination may result in disciplinary action. This is often referred to as the Weingarten Right.

In effect, the law provides that the union shall be given the opportunity to be represented at any examination in an employee’s bargaining unit by a representative of the agency, in conjunction with an examination if:

• The employee reasonably believes that the examination may result in disciplinary action against the employee and
• The employee requests representation

As required by the act, you are hereby given annual notice of this right.

For further information, contact Sandra Carpenter, human resources specialist at Ext. 6919 or via e-mail.
Two retire from CPAC

Two long-time Anniston Army Depot employees retired from the Civilian Personnel Advisory Center Feb. 2.

Lynn Nettles, who is on the right in the photo, retired with 41 years of federal service at ANAD, earning her a shrub in the installation’s Walker Arbor. She began her career here Nov. 5, 1973, when she was appointed to a temporary position as a GS-02 supply clerk. Nettles transitioned to the personnel field in 1974 as a personnel clerk.

Mary Harper retired with 32 years of federal service. Harper began her career Nov. 2, 1982, in Taegu, Korea as a GS-02 education aid for the Department of Defense Education Activity. She transferred to ANAD in 1997 where she worked in the Directorate of Emergency Services until 2010 when she began working in CPAC.

Ideas welcome

Do you know of a better, faster or safer way to perform job duties at Anniston Army Depot?

Your ideas can make your shop or office more productive and may earn you a monetary award.

Call the suggestion manager at Ext. 5005, drop a suggestion in one of the boxes located throughout the Nichols Industrial Complex or click on the suggestion box icon at the bottom of the depot’s Intranet main page.

Pubills welcome new addition

Adrian Jamerson Pubill was born Jan. 18 to Chief Warrant Officer Adrian (DP) and Angel Pubill in Pensacola, Fla.

Adrian weighed 3 pounds, 2.2 ounces at birth and measured 16.75-inches long.

Grandparents are Stephen and the late Vivian S. Hughes and Gladys and Arthur James Shot Sr.
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