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Bolander town hall gives positive FY14 outlook

by Jennifer Bacchus

ANAD PAO

Depot Commander Col. Brent Bolander acknowledged the trials of the last year while giving positive news about the next fiscal year during his town hall address to the workforce yesterday.

"Thank you all for your support over the last year," Bolander said during his broadcast to employees. "FY13 was pretty uncertain."

Bolander listed many of the challenges faced by depot employees during the last 12 months – from the loss of approximately 370 temporary employees to the furloughs.

Despite the challenges, the depot had a large number of successes.

Vehicle and artillery programs as well as a number of programs involving manufactured parts were completed to specifications and on schedule.

Many awards and accolades have been achieved and inspections have gone well.

Training has been accomplished on schedule.

And the partnerships which help to grow the depot's workload have continued and, in some cases, expanded.

FY14 is set to be better for the depot, despite the looming concerns about a government shutdown.

"Until we receive further guidance, we will continue to



Photo by Mark Cleghorn

Depot Commander Col. Brent Bolander speaks to the workforce during a special Morning Show town hall Sept. 25.

operate under normal conditions - coming to work and providing the required equipment to the warfighter," said Bolander. "If there are any changes, we will inform the workforce."

The installation is primarily funded by the Army Working Capital Fund. Depot leadership expects employees paid through these appropriations will not be furloughed until cash reserves are exhausted.

Guidance is still being given

on this issue, particularly as it relates to employees who are not covered by the AWCF. Information for those employees will be released as it becomes available.

Additionally, Bolander said the planned workload for FY14 is robust, therefore, he withdrew paperwork for a reduction in force.

"Based on the FY14 budget and some of the workload moved from FY13 to FY14, we are comfortable in stating, unless some-

thing dramatic happens, there will be no RIF," said Bolander.

There are still concerns, however. And primary among them is the depot's current safety record.

Bolander noted the depot's lost time and recordable injury rates were among the highest in Army Materiel Command.

"To me, our safety rates mean we are not taking care of each other," he said.

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Turning off lights, locking doors

Safety, success highlight ANCA's 18-year history

by Jesse Brown III

ANCA Civilian Executive

I will turn off our lights in Building 363 and lock our doors for the last time Monday. As the 2013 fiscal year ends, so will the 18-year mission of the Anniston Chemical Activity.

ANCA was a new acronym on Anniston Army Depot 18 years ago. However, our mission began 32 years earlier when chemical munitions started arriving here for safe storage. Depot munitions workers handled, stored, monitored and overpacked leakers until ANCA was formed. In 1995, those jobs – and more – transferred to ANCA as well as a number of experienced employees.

From those early days through Sept. 30, 2013, everyone associated with the safe storage of chemical munitions at Anniston Army Depot, and ultimately the safe disposal of those munitions, has performed their job professionally and admirably.

They were dedicated to mission success; dedicated to the safety of the work force, community and environment; and dedicated to meeting the requirements of federal and state regulations as well as the provisions of an international treaty.

ANCA was awarded the prestigious U.S. Army Superior Unit Award in October 2004. The citation officially commended ANCA's "meritorious performance of a difficult and challenging mission." That mission involved being responsible for VX and GB nerve agent and mustard (or blister) agent-filled rockets, land mines, mortars and various artillery munitions, as well as bulk agent containers.

There were 661,529 chemi-

cal munitions in all. Combined, those munitions held 2,254 tons of agent. It was not an easy job. Anniston was home to one of the most diverse stockpiles in the nation – comprising more than seven percent of the U.S. chemical munitions stockpile.

In April 1997, the U.S. Senate ratified the Chemical Weapons Convention, a multilateral agreement banning the use or production of chemical weapons. The treaty committed the signatory nations to verifiable destruction of existing chemical weapons stockpiles. With the treaty in place, ANCA's mission expanded to include hosting and assisting teams of inspectors from the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons, the international body commissioned to verify the Anniston chemical weapons stockpile quantities and subsequent stockpile destruction.

The Anniston Chemical Activity also played a key role in the Chemical Stockpile Emergency Preparedness Program. The CSEPP program formally linked local Army and surrounding and State-level civilian emergency management agency responders.

Working as a team, responders planned for myriad emergency incidents and coordinated elaborate training exercises with the sole purpose of providing maximum protection to the work force, the community and the environment. The last annual Anniston CSEPP exercise was conducted in March 2011.

In August 2003, ANCA's mission again expanded to include the safe movement of agent-filled munitions and containers to the

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Photo by Mark Cleghorn

Anniston Munitions Center Commander Lt. Col. David Schmitt briefs Brig. Gen. Kristin French, the commanding general of Joint Munitions Command, and JMC Command Sgt. Maj. Anthony Bryant on the disposition of metal parts from the Tube-launched, Optically-tracked, Wire-guided missiles at ANMC's Missile Recycling Center while 1st Lt. Gretchen Gaskins, French's aide, looks on.

JMC CG meets ANMC workforce

by Jennifer Bacchus

ANAD PAO

Brig. Gen. Kristin French toured the Anniston Munitions Center Sept. 18. It was her first visit to Anniston.

French accepted command of Joint Munitions Command July 2. Last week's visit was part of a tour of JMC organizations in order to become more familiar with the missions and leadership of each.

"We always appreciate the opportunity to showcase the great work being done by the employees at ANMC to our senior leaders," said ANMC Commander Lt. Col. David Schmitt. "Our goal for the visit was to help Brig. Gen. French better understand the work we do and challenges we face. It means a lot to the workforce that the commanding general took time to visit us."

During French's visit, she toured the Missile Recycling Center, Multiple Launch Rocket System Recycling Center, demolition operations, a

Tube-launched, Optically-tracked, Wire-guided missile maintenance facility and a Terminal High Altitude Area Defense missile storage facility.

For both French and JMC Command Sgt. Maj. Anthony Bryant, the recycling mission at ANMC was a highlight. Though it was Bryant's third visit, it was his first time to see the Missile Recycling Center.

"It was good to see the motivated workforce here, even as some of them move toward the end of a mission," said Bryant.

"The recycling processes here help us save money and gain efficiencies for the Army and the Joint Munitions Command," said French.

But, it was ANMC's personnel who impressed her most. French said she enjoyed having the opportunity to speak with both the leadership and the workforce.

"We know our missions will be changing as the Army draws down in Afghanistan and transitions, but I know our workforce will be flexible through these coming changes," she said.



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Hydraulics shop touches most vehicles on depot

by Jennifer Bacchus

ANAD PAO

Tommy Dulaney, supervisor for Aniston Army Depot's Hydraulics Systems Branch, said many people think his shop only works with cylinders, but, in fact the employees overhaul and rebuild much more.

"A lot of times when you think of the hydraulics shop, you think of cylinders," said Dulaney "We are a lot more than cylinders."

In addition to hydraulic equipment, the branch's workforce handles pneumatic parts and some electronics, particularly when the components are needed to control the various hydraulic and pneumatic systems.

"We have a part in every vehicle repaired or overhauled on the depot except the Field Artillery Ammunition Support Vehicle and the M113," said Dulaney.

Some of the parts overhauled or repaired in the shop include: the vicker's pump for the M1 Abrams tank, which pushes fluids throughout the tank; the large cylinders used to lift bridge panels for bridge launching vehicles; winches for various vehicles and the M9ACE actuators, which control side-to-side and up-and-down movements of the vehicle.

Unlike many shops in the installation's industrial area, for most components, the same hydraulic shop employee is responsible for a part from disassembly through cleaning, reassembly and testing.

During disassembly, each component is separated into its various parts, which are then checked against their specifications.

If tolerances are met, the pieces are cleaned and reclaimed. If not, new parts will replace the worn ones during assembly.

Following the cleaning and reclamation processes, parts requiring paint are sent to the in-shop paint booth. This is an almost completely automated process.



Photo by Jennifer Bacchus

Eddie Woodruff, a quality inspector with the Directorate of Engineering and Quality visually inspects a part ready for kitting in the depot's Hydraulic Systems Branch. The components are separated into kits based on the vehicle or artillery program they have been overhauled or repaired for.

Within four hours, parts are primed, finish coated, dried and ready for the assembly area.

After each vehicle component is cleaned, painted and assembled, it is tested to ensure quality.

"We put a lot more pressure on each part than the vehicle does," said Dough Waugh, a pneumatic mechanic. "If it is going to tear up, you want it to tear up here."

The final stop is kitting. There, a quality inspector ensures each part meets specifications and groups them together in kits based on the program for which it was overhauled or repaired.

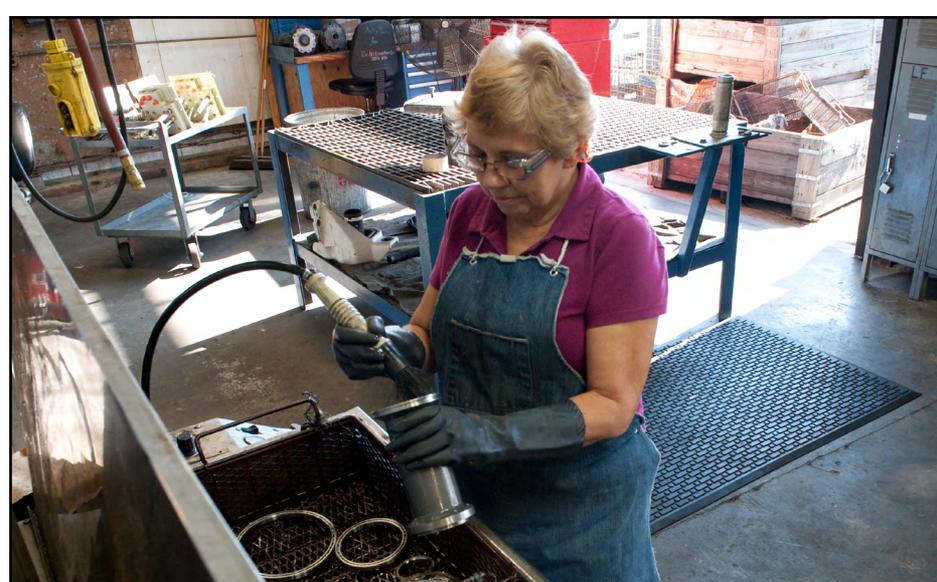


Photo by Jennifer Bacchus

Lola Green, a pnedraulics mechanic for the depot's Hydraulic Systems Branch, cleans slip rings in the disassembly area.

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From TOWN HALL, page 1

To combat this issue, the commander has instituted a Target Zero program. Each week, safety, fire prevention and subject matter experts from other areas tour shops to identify hazards and create a prioritized list to correct them.

Bolander said each employee's involvement is needed to identify and correct safety issues. He asked the workforce to assist with identifying problems and developing solutions.

And each employee should be watching for coworkers and visitors to follow safety rules as well.

"If I walk into a facility without my personal protective equipment on, someone should let me know," said Bolander as he recounted a recent shop visit when he was told to don his safety glasses.

One way employees can relay information about what is happening in their work areas is through the AMC and depot climate surveys, which will take place in the next few months.

These surveys are anonymous and Bolander encouraged everyone to participate and be specific in noting changes to be made.

Other topics addressed by the commander were:

- Suicide prevention and Sexual Harassment/ Assault Response and Prevention training: Bolander asked all employees to respect and keep an eye on their coworkers. Direct coworkers in need to the installation's counseling services.

- Combined Federal Campaign: The annual campaign supporting nonprofit agencies begins at the depot next week and the commander encouraged employees to give back through this campaign.

- Community Appreciation Day: This event is being planned for sometime during FY14.

- Hiring: The leadership recently requested authority from higher headquarters to fill vacancies based on projected workload.

- Christmas shutdown: Most depot employees will be given an opportunity to request leave during the week of Christmas. Use of 27 hours of leave will ensure these employees have the entire week off. There will be exceptions, which will be handled on a case-by-case basis.

- Use of the 59 minute allowance: Bolander has felt during the past year of financial uncertainty that it was

not prudent to allow employees 59 minutes off in conjunction with holidays and other special events.

- Voluntary Early Retirement Authority/Voluntary Separation Incentive Program: Though these programs were used with success to draw-down the depot's workforce during the last two years, there should not be a need for VERA/VSIP during FY14.

- Employees being pulled from one shop to work in another: Bolander told employees one depot capability for which he was most proud is the flexibility of the installation workforce. Employees are often asked to work on different programs, depending upon workload requirements. This not only enhances the employee as an individual, but makes the depot more marketable to customers.

Employees who have follow up questions from the town hall or concerns not addressed during the broadcast are encouraged to call the Public Affairs Office at Ext. 6281.

“Based on the FY14 budget... there will be no RIF.”

Col. Brent Bolander
Depot Commander

From ANCA, page 2



File Photo by Michael Abrams

Donna Vice, an Anniston Chemical Activity employee, places an empty placard on a chemical munitions igloo. The igloo, emptied Sept. 8, 2011, signaled the end of ANCA's storage mission, another milestone in the eventual closure of one of the depot's tenant organizations.

Anniston Chemical Agent Disposal Facility for destruction. ANCA employees made more than 20,000 safe trips moving munitions-filled containers to Building 695 or to the incinerator without an accident. Among the ANCA workforce's duties and responsibilities, loading and moving those munitions was one of the riskiest activities. It is a testimony to the dedication and professionalism of our Anniston Team, within ANCA and throughout the depot, the job was accomplished without incident or accident.

The last chemical munition on Anniston Army Depot was destroyed in September 2011. Our employees have turned in equipment, returned facilities ownership to the depot and verified storage igloos are not a health risk to anyone or anything.

It is now time for ANCA to close. Our positions are going away. Our team members are retiring, moving to other civil service jobs or finding different

civilian positions.

Throughout the Anniston chemical munitions stockpile destruction campaign, the men and women of Anniston Chemical Activity worked seamlessly with personnel at the incinerator. Together, we safely and professionally maintained 100 percent surety, security and safety of the Anniston chemical munitions stockpile.

ANCA's record of achievement will stay with us for a lifetime. So will the sincere appreciation for all supporting agencies, organizations and individuals who teamed with us during these many years.

We made possible an historic accomplishment which contributed to fulfillment of U.S. international treaty commitments. And we made Anniston a safer place in which to live and work.

As always, the Army and the community were right to trust the employees of the Anniston Chemical Activity to do their job properly and do it well.

Report Suspicious Activity or Behavior

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ARMY**

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See Something

Say Something

Cooking: leading home fire cause

from NFPA.org

National Fire Prevention Week is Oct. 6-12. According to the National Fire Protection Association, the kitchen is the leading area of origin for home fires and most kitchen fires are caused by cooking. On average, there are roughly 3,000 reported kitchen fires per day in the United States.

Home Fires

- In 2011, U.S. fire departments responded to 370,000 home structure fires. These fires caused 13,910 civilian injuries, 2,520 civilian deaths and \$6.9 billion in direct damage.

- On average, seven people die in U.S. home fires per day.

- Cooking is the leading cause home fires and home fire injuries, followed heating equipment. Smoking is a leading cause of civilian home fire deaths.

- Most fatal fires kill one or two people. In 2011, 12 home fires killed five or more people resulting in a total of 67 deaths.

Cooking

- U.S. Fire Departments responded to an estimated annual average of 156,600 cooking-related fires between 2007-2011, resulting in 400 civilian deaths, 5,080 civilian injuries and \$853 million in direct damage.

- Two of every five home fires start in the kitchen.

- Unattended cooking was a factor in 34 percent of reported home cooking fires.

- Two-thirds of home cooking fires started with ignition of food or other cooking materials.

- Ranges accounted for the 58 percent of home cooking fire incidents. Ovens accounted for 16 percent.

- Children under five face a higher risk of non-fire burns associated with cooking than being burned in a cooking fire.

- Microwave ovens are one of the leading home products associated with scald burn injuries not related to fires. Nearly half (44 percent) of the microwave oven injuries seen at emergency rooms in 2011 were scald burns.

- Clothing was the item first ignited in less than one percent of home cooking fires, but these incidents accounted for 16 percent of the cooking fire deaths.

Heating

- The leading factor contributing to heating equipment fires was failure to clean, principally creosote from solid fueled heating equipment, primarily chimneys.

- Portable or fixed space heaters, including wood stoves, were involved in one-third (32 percent) of home heating fires and four out of five (80 percent) home heating deaths.

- Half of home heating fire deaths resulted from fires caused by heating equipment too close to things that can burn, such as upholstered furniture, clothing, mattresses or bedding.

- In most years, heating is the second leading cause of home fires, fire deaths, and fire injuries. Fixed or portable space heaters are involved in about four out of five heating fire deaths.

Smoking Materials

- During 2007-2011 smoking materials caused an estimated 17,900 home structure fires, resulting in 580 deaths, 1,280 injuries and \$509 million in direct property damage, per year.

- Sleep was a factor in one-third of the home smoking material fire deaths.

- Possible alcohol impairment was a factor in one in five of home smoking fire deaths.

- In recent years, Canada and the United States have required all cigarettes sold must be "fire safe," that is have reduced ignition strength and less likely to start fires.

Electrical

- About half (49 percent) of home electrical fires involved electrical distribution or lighting equipment. Other leading types of equipment were washer or dryer, fan, portable or stationary space heater, air conditioning equipment water heater and range.

- Electrical failure or malfunctions caused an average of almost 50,000 home fires per year, resulting in roughly 450 deaths and \$1.5 billion in direct property damage.

Candles

- During 2007-2011 candles caused three percent of home fires, four percent of home fire deaths, seven percent of home fire injuries and six percent of direct property damage from home fires.

- On average, there are 32 home candle fires reported per day.

- Roughly one-third of these fires started in the bedroom; however, the candle industry found that only 13 percent of candle users burn candles in the bedroom most often.

- More than half of all candle fires start when things that can burn are too close to the candle.

Use-or-lose leave

from ANAD CPAC

The current leave year ends Jan. 11, 2014. All use-or-lose annual leave must be scheduled and approved by Nov. 30 in order to meet statutory requirements and for successful restoration in the event of forfeiture.

There is a two-step process for having use-or-lose leave, which could not be used due to a work exigency, restored.

In accordance with Public Law 93-181, enacted Dec. 14, 1973, Commanders/Directors are responsible for approving exigencies within their organizations. In that capacity, Commanders/Directors should only be requested to approve exigencies in rare circumstances.

This expectation applies to all employees, regardless of grade.

If an exigency does occur which precludes an employee from using scheduled and approved use-or-lose annual leave, the manager/supervisor must process a request for restoration of that forfeited annual leave.

Leave restoration requests should not be initiated until after the beginning of the next leave year – Jan. 12, 2014.

Once approved, a written request must be submitted along with: originals or copies of the OPM Form 71 showing that the annual leave was scheduled, approved in advance of Nov. 30, 2013, and disapproved with justification and date and a written request to the commander for authorization to restore annual leave previously denied.

The request for restoration must be submitted through your chain of command, to include your commander, prior to submission to the Civilian Personnel Advisory Center Bldg. 7, Room 236D.

Scheduled use-or-lose annual leave unable to be used due to illness may also qualify for restoration. In this situation, the procedures for leave restoration cited above should be followed.

Each leave year, hundreds of hours of leave are lost, due primarily to miscalculations. Those hours represent valuable resources in time and money. No civilian should lose leave unless unforeseen mission related emergencies occur.

The Voluntary Leave Transfer Program offers a viable alternative for those individuals who wish to donate their excess annual leave to eligible federal employees.

For additional information about donation procedures, please contact or visit the local Civilian Personnel Advisory Center in the Headquarters Building.

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Hagel emphasizes department's resolve in suicide prevention

American Forces Press Service

As the nation observes Suicide Prevention Month, Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel issued a message to the men and women of the Defense Department today, emphasizing the department's collective resolve in its efforts to prevent military suicides.

Here is the secretary's message:

The Department of Defense has no more important responsibility than supporting and protecting those who defend our country and that means we must do everything possible to prevent military suicide.

As we observe Suicide Prevention Month, the entire DoD community – Service members, civilians, members of our families and leaders at every level – must demonstrate our collective resolve to prevent suicide, to promote greater knowledge of its causes and to encourage those

in need to seek support.

No one who serves this country in uniform should ever feel they have nowhere to turn.

The Department of Defense has invested more than \$100 million into research on the diagnosis and treatment of depression, bipolar disorder and substance abuse, as well as interventions for relationship, financial and legal issues – all of which can be associated with suicide.

We are working to reduce drug and alcohol abuse and we are steadily increasing the number of mental health professionals and peer support counselors.

Effective suicide prevention training is critical to all these efforts and we are instructing our leaders on how to recognize the signs and symptoms of crisis and encourage service members to seek support.

We are also reaching out to mili-

tary families and the broader community to enlist their support in this cause.

Seeking behavioral health care is a choice that embodies moral courage, honor and integrity. Those values are at the foundation of what that we stand for and what we defend.

The Military Crisis Line is there for all who need it. I encourage anyone in need to call 1-800-273-8255 and press one to speak to a trained professional, 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

This service is confidential and available to all service members and their families.

Always remember that our most valuable resource is each other. When one of us faces a challenge, we all must stand together. By fighting as one team, we can – and we will – help prevent suicide. Thank you.



Ask your buddy

- Have the courage to ask the question, but stay calm
- Ask the question directly: Are you thinking of killing yourself?

Care for your buddy

- Calmly control the situation; do not use force; be safe
- Actively listen to show understanding and produce relief
- Remove any means that could be used for self-injury

Escort your buddy

- Never leave your buddy alone
- Escort to chain of command, Chaplain, behavioral health professional, or primary care provider
- Call the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline

TA - 095 - 0510

National Suicide Prevention Lifeline:
1-800-273-8255 (TALK)

USAPHC <http://phc.amedd.army.mil/>



Disability Awareness Luncheon

When: Thursday, Oct. 24

Time: 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Where: Berman-Varner House

Speaker: Joye Brown, Industrial Hygiene at The Dear Occupational Health Clinic

Theme: Because we are EQUAL to the task

Cost: \$8

Deadline to purchase tickets is Oct. 19. See your division or directorate secretary to purchase a ticket.



Photo by Clester Burdell

Joye Brown of the depot's Industrial Hygiene Office, talks on the phone as Gunny, her service dog, stands by to assist her.



Photo by Jennifer Bacchus

Chamber recognizes ANAD

Julia Segars, chairperson for the Calhoun County Chamber of Commerce and VP Eastern Division of Alabama Power Company, presents an Industry Longevity Award to Michael Burke, Anniston Army Depot's deputy to the commander. Anniston Army Depot was recognized Sept. 18 at the Calhoun County Chamber of Commerce's Salute to Industry luncheon at the Oxford Civic Center. The depot, with almost 72 years of service, was one of 10 industries recognized for longevity in Calhoun County.



Updating emergency contact data in MyBiz

Did you know?

An employee may document their emergency contact data in MyBiz. An employee can access this by going into My Biz, selecting "Update My Info" and then clicking on "Emergency Contact Information."

Employees can list a primary and alternate emergency contact.

All employees should enter their emergency contact information into this database and provide a hard copy to their supervisor.

It only takes a few minutes to complete.

This will ensure your loved ones are notified in case of an emergency.

Your local Civilian Personnel Advisory Center strongly encourages you to take a few minutes out of your schedule to register and/or update your data.

notes from around the TRACK

Attention all Veterans:

Veterans Day is a few months away and the Public Affairs Office like to spotlight installation veterans in TRACKS, The Morning Show, LAN, and/or Social Media.

Our goal is to remember every man and woman - Soldier, Sailor, Airman, Marine, and Coastguardsman - who has taken up arms to defend our country and who gave some of the best years of their lives to the service of the United States.

If you'd like to discuss your service in the military, please contact the Public Affairs Office at Ext. 6281.

E-mail electronic Official Personnel Folder notifications

from ANAD CPAC

An Official Personnel Folder is created when an employee begins federal service and is maintained throughout an employee's career in accordance with the United States Office of Personnel Management regulations. The folder contains human resource records and documents related to you, as a federal civilian employee.

The electronic Official Personnel Folder simplifies an employee's access to their own Official Personnel Folder.

The e-OPF system provides secure, web-enabled access for employees and HR staff members to view e-OPF documents. Employees are able to view only their own OPF through this secure system.

For those employees who have installation e-mail, the e-OPF system provides a notification each time a document is electronically uploaded into your folder.

The employee will receive an e-mail from: eopf_hd@tele-sishq.com. Take note that the e-mail address ends with ".com" rather than ".gov" or ".mil." At first glance employees may think it is not a legitimate e-mail sender, though, in this case, it is from a legitimate sender.

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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., 10 p.m., midnight and 2 a.m. (Wed. night/Thurs. morning)

Thursday/Friday: noon and 10 p.m.

Watch for this upcoming show:

- Oct. 2: Keith Purinton will discuss the importance of fire prevention at work and at home. DCFA's Angela Durant and Tim Rolfe will talk about suicide prevention and SHARP. EEO's Brenda Montgomery will expound on the upcoming Disability Awareness Luncheon.

- Oct. 9: Brian Freeman, the depot's energy guru, will share energy saving tips in honor of Energy Awareness Month.



CFC

The depot's Combined Federal Campaign is rapidly approaching.

Kickoffs begin Sept. 30 and this year's goal is \$300,000. We look forward to announcing the goal has been surpassed.

For more information about this year's CFC, contact Jeff Haynes at Ext. 3140 or Scott Kay at Ext. 6044.

fmwr happenings

from DCFA

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.

The dining facility offers a salad bar, chicken wings, chicken tenders, chicken sandwiches, hamburgers and fries.

To find out the daily special, call the menu line at 256-235-6368.

For more information, call 256-235-7127.

DeSoto Pastime Center

Lunch: DeSoto Pastime's kitchen is open for lunch from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. For to-go orders, call 256-235-7160.

Socialize: Monday and Tuesday evenings from 3:30-8 p.m., Wednesday and Thursday from 3:30-10:30 p.m. and Friday from 3:30 p.m. to midnight.

Big Bingo: Bingo with a \$1,000 progressive jackpot is played each Thursday at 6 p.m.

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

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

Bass Fishing Tournament

ANAD's FMWR will host a bass fishing tournament Oct. 12 on Lake Neely Henry.

Entry fee is \$80 per boat and anglers are required to pay their own launch fee at Coosa Landing in Gadsden.

The tournament begins at first safe light in order of registration.

Weigh-in is scheduled for 3 p.m.

For more information, contact FMWR Outdoor Recreation at Ext. 6768.



AFAP Conference

The annual Army Family Action Plan Conference is scheduled for Oct. 29.

AFAP is an Army-wide program allowing members of the Army – from active duty, Reserve and National Guard Soldiers to civilians and family members – to identify concerns impacting well-being.

Let your voice be heard through this process. Your suggestions may improve the quality of life throughout the Army.

Yellow "ammo" boxes are located at most Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation facilities on the installation. These boxes will be picked up Oct. 10.

For more information, contact the AFAP program manager at Ext. 7445.

reducing our tracks

from DRK

EPAS audit update

The preliminary internal EPAS audit results are in...

Last week, Sept. 16-19, Anniston Army Depot held an internal Environmental Performance Assessment System audit.

This year's audit is very important as we prepare for our external ISO 14000:2004 re-certification audit in November. Re-certification occurs every three years.

The preliminary results are in and many issues were the same as seen in past audits.

Continued violations in hazardous material storage were seen throughout the installation as well as deficiency in environmental management procedures, regulations and literature.

Below is a short list of topics where a finding was made along with useful information to ensure your shop is in compliance. Review the list and correct issues in your shop immediately.

The external ISO 14000:2004 re-certification audit, scheduled for the beginning of November, will focus heavily on the installation's compliance with hazardous waste and hazardous material management along with safety data sheet awareness and Environmental Management System policies and awareness.

Since this is will be an installation-wide requirement, all organizations on the depot are subject to this review, including tenant and contractor operations.

Preliminary findings were noted in the following areas:

• **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 otherwise 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 should be stored on or in the cabinet. Open or leaking containers must not be stored in flammable lockers. They should be disposed of in a proper manner.

• **Hazardous Material Management System 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 away from oxidizer cylinders at a minimum of 20 feet.

• **Red Book:** The latest Red Book revision date is June 2012. All shops should make sure that they have the latest edition and all old revisions are turned in. Make sure you can locate the Red Book readily.

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

• **Environmental aspects:** Employees should have a basic grasp of what issues in their work area 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.

For more information about this audit, contact DRK at Ext 7746.



Store flammables correctly

Make sure you store flammables correctly.

Flammables cannot be stored in personal lockers or tool boxes. You must store flammables in flammable lockers only.

Also, open containers cannot be stored in flammable lockers.

This issue was found repeatedly during our recent internal EPAS audit and will be a hot topic in our ISO recertification audit, which is scheduled for November.

Help us correct this issue by following proper procedures and storing flammables in flammable lockers only.

For more information, see the Red Book regulation in Section II, Part 6.0 or contact DRK at Ext. 6350.

Recycle Drive

Depot Wide Recycle Drive winners announced!

The Morale, Welfare and Recreation Division and the Directorate of Risk Management's fourth annual Depot Wide Recycle Drive was a success this year with some really heated competition.

Since April 23, the start date chosen in honor of Earth Day, depot employees brought in a total of 1,807 pounds of recyclables.

The competition was close this year, with a head-to-head battle over first place.

Cost center 53C10 brought in 475 pounds and with only six employees that meant each person brought in a total of 79.17 pounds, putting them in third place. 1F000 brought in 743 lbs. With their nine employees, they take second place with 82.56 pounds per person. This year, first place in the 2013 Depot Wide Recycle Drive went to cost center 53000 from the

Directorate of Public Works. They donated 104.75 pounds of recyclables per employee.

Congratulations 53000 and great job to everyone who participated this year.

This was one of the best recycle drives yet and we expect next year to be even better. The winning cost center will receive a cookout at Cone Reservoir.

MWR and DRK would like to, once again, thank everyone for their participation in this year's drive.

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