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Heflin encourages depot workforce to overcome personal burdens

by Jennifer Bacchus

ANAD PAO

Randy Heflin, Anniston Army Depot's director of Information Management asked a crowd of more than 100 to face all the challenges they meet with a can-do attitude.

"I will just say I always tried to meet all challenges before me," said Heflin. "Sometimes I failed - most of the time I did fine."

Heflin told how he was hired at the depot through a state-sponsored program for those with disabilities. For three months, he was given a stipend from the state, but no paycheck from the federal government until he was hired on as a career-conditional employee in May of

1983.

He told the crowd how relieved he was to be hired.

"I was now a depot employee. Some folks may think this is not significant. All I can say is, coming from the private sector and working 80-hour weeks with no paid holidays, no annual, no sick leave and no weekends off - well, I thought I had died and gone to Heaven," said Heflin.

Heflin's disability was discovered when he was eight years old.

One day, he was retrieving the mail when he realized he couldn't see out of his left eye. His father immediately took him to the eye doctor, but no one could ever explain how or why the blindness had occurred.

No doctors, to this day, know why or what caused this. Some say it is unresolved lazy eye. Some say a birth defect. Some say it's the after effects of scarlet fever, which I had when I was a baby," said Heflin. "The bottom line is, really, no one knows."

School life after his blindness was discovered was filled with teasing by the other children because of the patch he wore over his eye.

"All I knew was I couldn't play football or baseball or ride my bicycle. My mom refused to allow me to participate in any sports until junior high for fear I would go completely blind," said Heflin, adding that, when his mother relented it was reluctantly.

He encouraged the super-



Photo by Mark Cleghorn

Barbara Chess of the Anniston Munitions Center gave the history of National Disability Employment Awareness Month during the luncheon.

visors and directors present at the luncheon to look at their disabled employees and not see what they can't do, but see their abilities.

"Folks don't realize disabled employees have an offering to bring to the table. Disabled employees are hardworking, conscientious and loyal," said Heflin.

He told of his early days at ANAD when he worked harder than he had to, just to prove to himself and his boss that he could do all his job requirements and more.

"I had something to prove," said Heflin. "I not only wanted a job, I wanted my bosses to know I was going to go the extra mile and, above all, I cared."

Throughout his speech, Heflin mentioned a number of disabled people who, throughout history have not only succeeded, but excelled in their chosen careers. Leaders like Franklin Roosevelt and Stephen Hawking, historical figures such as Helen Keller and musicians Beethoven and Ray Charles.

"All were or are disabled, yet all overcame severe challenges," said Heflin.

He began his remarks with a quote from another public figure, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

"The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy."



Adverse weather driving tips

The fall and winter hold many challenges for drivers.

In rainy conditions, the wet pavement means reduced traction. You can skid on curves and it takes longer to stop.

But, the greatest danger in rain is hydroplaning. Hydroplaning takes place when the tire-tread rides on top of the water because the grooves can't carry the water away fast enough.



Hydroplaning can happen at as little as 30 miles per hour.

Here are tips for handling adverse driving conditions - whether rain, fog or snow.

- Slow down. In all adverse driving situations, speed is your worst enemy.

- Stay home if you can. However, that is not always practical if you have to get to work, or take your kids to school.

- Check your vehicle. Driving safety starts before the car is in motion. This means a full pre-inspection of the vehicle - checking tread depth and inflation on tires, checking the windshield wipers, brakes, etc.

- While checking the vehicle, make sure you have a full reservoir of washer fluid.



Photo by Mark Cleghorn

Randy Heflin, the depot's director of Information Management, spoke at the Oct. 29 Disability Employment Awareness Month Luncheon at the Berman Varner House.



Give thanks to honor our Veterans

by Col. Martine Kidd
ANAD Commander

We are only a few short days away from November 11 – a date that marks our nation's 96th Veterans Day observance.

On this special day, many Americans will pay tribute to the heroic service rendered by so many brave members of our Armed Forces.

More than 50 million men and women have served our nation in times of peace and war in the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, Coast Guard, Reserves and National Guard.

These noble Americans are part of the fabric of our cities and towns, of our counties and states and of our great nation.

They are sons and daughters, mothers and fathers, brothers and sisters.

They are our friends, neighbors and coworkers.

Uniquely, each of our Veterans share a desire to serve something greater than themselves – leaving their homes and families in order to do the work of patriots in answering our nation's call.

As Veterans return home, to the fruited plains and mountains of purple majesty, many continue serving in different ways – just like the more than 900 Veterans we have working alongside us here at ANAD!

Also, many Veterans, upon re-

turning home, venture to lead simple lives of quiet dignity.

This year, I ask you to take a moment, pause and offer your own form of tribute. Collectively, your tributes send a clear message of sincere thanks and gratitude to each of our Veterans for their courage, sacrifice and for stepping forward when our nation needed them.



Col. Martine Kidd

Across time, in conflicts and operations around the globe – from World War I to World War II, the Korean War, Vietnam, Desert Shield/Desert Storm, as well as in Grenada, Haiti, the Balkans, Iraq and Afghanistan – our Veterans have served with gallantry and intrepidity.

Although we will never be able to fully repay our nation's Veterans, we can do this: we can thank our Veterans for their service and honor the faithful duty they have rendered to our communities and our great nation.

My husband and I will start by paying tribute now.

To all our Veterans, we are forever in your debt and we will never forget you and your families for all you have done.

It is because of YOU that we continue to be the home of the brave and the land of the free.

May God bless the Anniston Army Depot, May God bless the great state of Alabama, and May God bless the United States of America.

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Addressing habitual tardiness

by Sky Carpenter

Anniston CPAC Office

In a previous TRACKS article, you read about employee discipline and some of the more common problems in the workplace that warrant discipline, including attendance problems, failure to follow rules, inappropriate or offensive behavior, and discourtesy.

Of these, the most frequent disciplinary issues supervisors deal with are attendance related problems, such as tardiness.

What's the big deal about being tardy and what does it mean anyway?

According to dictionary.com, "tardiness is a disappointment and an interruption; a kind of falsehood and theft of time."

Isn't that interesting? I never thought of it that way, but it is as good a definition as I have ever heard.

And, yes, five minutes can make a difference; after all, we have over 2,500 employees.

When employees are tardy without justifiable reasons, such absences can be charged to an approved leave status or charged to unauthorized absence without leave (AWOL) status and may become the basis for disciplinary action.

Can employees be removed for tardiness?

Yes - remember the previous TRACKS article and progressive discipline? If an employee is late for work, a verbal counseling may be in order. If the employee continues to be tardy, subsequent corrective measures may involve a Letter of Leave Instructions, a Written Reprimand, a suspension and possibly removal.

According to AR 690-700, Chapter 751, Army Table of Penalties, removal may be warranted if the tardiness is habitual.

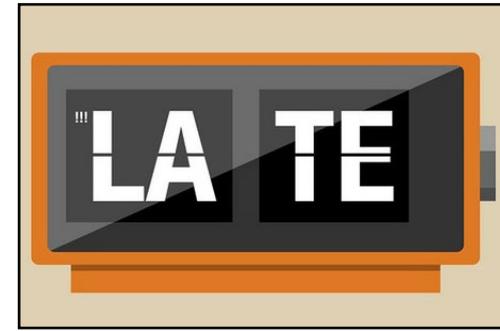
One of the first cases on which I advised a supervisor involved a removal action, after progressive discipline, for an employee who was habitually tardy.

Being tied up in traffic is one of the most common excuses for tardiness.

We all know a traffic accident may occasionally impede traffic flow and cause a delay in your arrival to work. That is understandable.

But, an everyday occurrence in delay of traffic flow may require you to reevaluate

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your departure time from home and/or your route to work.

Getting your children up and ready for school may also cause you to be late for work.

Although that may be a valid reason, the delayed arrival may not be excused.

The car failing to start for the third time in a week and causing you to be late is not a justifiable reason to excuse your tardiness.

We are all responsible for our own transportation to work. It is not the depot's responsibility to make sure we get to work on time.

It is not the depot's responsibility to ensure our personal needs and preferences are taken care of before we report to duty.

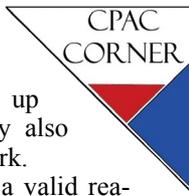
Sure, there are situations where things happen, which may cause us to be unable to report for duty when expected and in a timely manner, but, those situations should be a rare occurrence, not routine.

Life happens. We all understand that and Murphy's Law is no stranger to many of us. But, when all is said and done, we have an obligation and responsibility to report for duty as expected; ready, willing and able to work.

Tardiness is a serious employee attendance issue and needs to be addressed promptly.

An employee's failure to report to work as scheduled can have a negative impact on an organization's ability to complete the mission.

Remember, it is the employee's responsibility to arrive at work on time. Who knows, in the final analysis, your job may depend on it.



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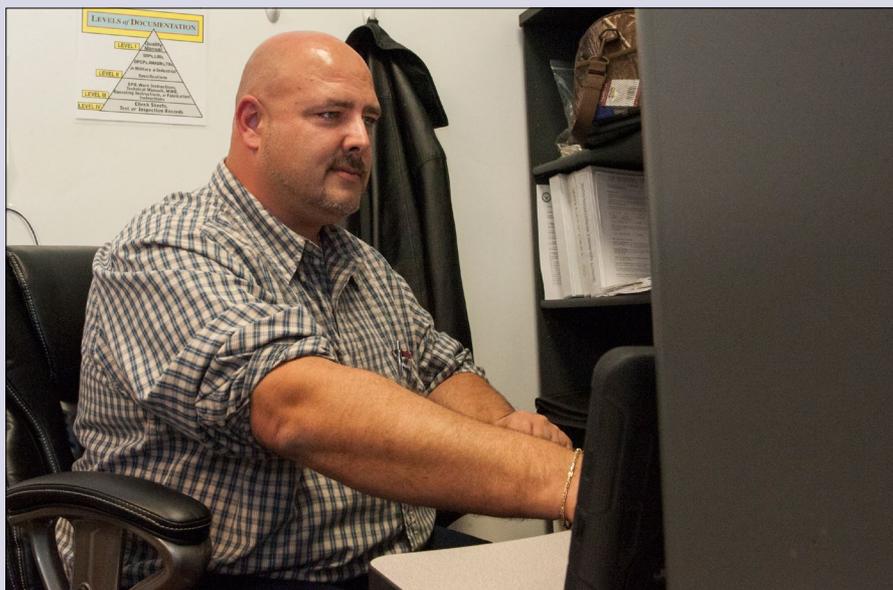


Photo by Jennifer Bacchus

Dennis Bushey, a Anniston Army Depot quality assurance specialist, enjoys teaching his three sons to live off the land in a sustainable way.

Bushey has both Cherokee and Creek heritage

by Jennifer Bacchus

ANAD PAO

Asgaya nidvlenvda ugodidi anilasdav - a phonetic translation in Cherokee of the phrase "man of many tribes." It's a phrase applicable to Dennis Bushey, a quality assurance specialist in Anniston Army Depot's Powertrain Flexible Maintenance Facility.

Bushey's Native American heritage includes members of the Cherokee and Creek nations.

One of his ancestors, Pvt. Richard Goodwin, married "Pinky" from the Creek nation during the Indian Wars of the 1830s.

During the civil war, another ancestor, Pvt. John Widener, met and married "Sarah," a Cherokee living near where he was stationed at Rock Island, Ill.

"Sharing both Creek and Cherokee blood, I am very proud of both my Native American and Caucasian heritages," said Bushey.

As a teen, he learned to appreciate the natural world and to bow hunt.

"Being alone in the woods, I grew

to understand the forests really haven't changed that much since the time of my ancestors," he said.

He strives to pass along that appreciation for nature to his three sons, who he has also taught to use a bow and fish.

"I believe we should always look back on the past and learn from our mistakes, or we could be forced to repeat them," said Bushey, explaining that he stresses sustainability - living off the land without damaging the land - to his children.

Bushey began his career at ANAD as a fuel truck driver for a contractor on the installation. Six months later, he applied for and was selected to a temporary position in the reciprocating transmission shop.

He served as a heavy mobile equipment mechanic for 14 years and three deployments to Southwest Asia for the installation before applying and being selected for his current position.

"I feel I have a great insight into my career field from my years as a mechanic and seeing, firsthand, through deployments, the impact our work has on our military," said Bushey.

Native American heritage a vital part of U.S. history

by Tom Uwanawich

ANAD EEO

November is Native American Heritage Month, or, as it is commonly referred to, American Indian and Alaska Native Heritage Month.

The month is a time to celebrate rich and diverse cultures, traditions and histories and to acknowledge the important contributions of Native American people.

This observance is also an opportune time to educate the general public about tribes, to raise a general awareness about the unique challenges native people have faced both historically and in the present, and the ways in which tribal citizens have worked to conquer these challenges.

On Dec. 14, 1915, Red Fox James, a Blackfoot Indian, presented at the White House endorsements from 24 state governments for a day to honor Indians.

But, the federal government didn't take action until 1983 when President Ronald Reagan proclaimed May 13 as American Indian Day.

In 1990, President George H.W. Bush signed a joint congressional resolution designating November as National American Indian Heritage Month. It is now called National Native American Heritage Month.

There are 14 states with more than 100,000 American Indian and Alaska Native residents (including people of two or more races), as of 2013.

The most populous tribes (including people of two or more races) are:

- Cherokee 1,110,383
- Navajo 364,273
- Choctaw 246,229
- Sioux 209,774
- Chippewa 192,290
- Blackfeet 166,283
- Mexican American Indian 163,841
- Apache 140,451
- Iroquois 104,592

The National Congress of American Indians participates in the DC Native Public Relations Roundtable, a group consisting of public relations professionals from national American Indian and Alaska Native organizations and agencies in the Washington, D.C., area.

The group meets monthly to im-

prove communication between groups and its primary function has been to create a more cohesive campaign for Native Heritage Month and to unify the month's schedule of events.

The roundtable group manages the website NativeAmericanHeritageMonth.org and is hosted by NCAI.

Treaties, solemn agreements between sovereign nations, lie at the heart of the relationship between the Native American nations and the United States.

Native nations made treaties with one another long before Europeans came to the western hemisphere.

The United States began making treaties with native peoples because they were independent nations.

Often broken, sometimes coerced, treaties still define mutual obligations between the United States and American Indian Nations.

Approximately 374 treaties were ratified between the United States and the native nations. Here are just a few:

- Muscogee Treaty, 1790
- Treaty of Canandaigua, 1794
- Treaty with the Potawatomi, 1809
- Treaty with the Potawatomi, 1836
- Horse Creek Treaty, 1851
- Unratified California Treaty K, 1852
- Medicine Creek Treaty, 1854
- Navajo Treaty, 1868

So, as we observe this month of Native American culture, remember to recognize the contributions made by these Americans and their impact on our own diverse culture.

Also, please, always remember we are all stronger together, as a whole, to strengthen our beautiful nation.

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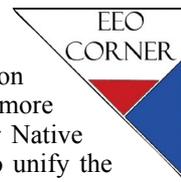
Smithsonian National Museum of the American Indian - www.nmai.si.edu/

National Congress of American Indians - www.ncai.org/

Diversityinc.com

Bureau of Indian Affairs - www.indianaffairs.gov/

U.S. Census Bureau's 2013 American Community Survey - www.census.gov



ANAD Veterans continue to serve

Over 900 Veterans are employed at on Anniston Army Depot - men and women who stepped up when the nation called and served in the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, Coast Guard, Army Reserves and National Guard.

These employees continue to serve the military and their fellow Soldiers, Sailors and Airmen every day here at the depot.

The Public Affairs Office asked Veterans to volunteer and talk about their time in service. Here is a small piece of their stories.



Danny Thornton, the lead telecommunications specialist for Anniston Army Depot, has served in the Army, Air Force and the Marines.

Thornton began his service in the Marines - spending three years on active duty, then took a year off before joining the Army National Guard.

After spending a year with the Guard with a unit of combat engineers, he joined the Air Force and quickly went back on active duty. He retired from service in 2003 as a lieutenant colonel for the Air Force and returned to Anniston Army Depot, where he had worked for several years in the '70s.



Shawana Thomas, a secretary with the Directorate of Material Management, served in the Alabama National Guard for 13 years.

She entered the service late in life, choosing to join when she was about 30 years old to enhance her educational and career opportunities. But, the driving factor behind her choice to join was her children. Thomas wanted to be a role model - showing them how to live a life of service to their country.



Photos by Jennifer Bacchus

Broderick Bland, a MRP planner/buyer leader for the Directorate of Material Management, began his military career in college. Though he was studying electronics at the time, he chose logistics as his specialty in the Army.

As a Soldier, Bland's 21-year long career took him from Fort Polk, La., to Panama, Korea, Kuwait and, ultimately, the Pentagon, where he served among the ranks of U.N. Peacekeepers.



Hector-Lopez Diaz, a supply technician for the Directorate of Public Works, joined the Army in 1986 as a way to learn job skills and earn a good living for his family.

That turned out to be a good plan as Diaz continues to perform similar job duties now as he did while serving as a supply sergeant in the Army.

Diaz spent 23 years in the Army - 20 and a half on active duty and two and a half in the Army Reserves.

The job appealed to Diaz because it meant he was responsible for supplying Soldiers with everything they needed, whether in training or in the field.



Erik McClellan, a MRP planner for the Directorate of Material Management, spent 10 years on active duty with the Army.

McClellan joined the military while in college as a way to fund his education.

In the Army, he became a cavalry scout, performing reconnaissance missions to choose the safest routes of travel.

During his service, he grew to view the military as more than just a way to pay for his education and saw his service for its true purpose - keeping our nation free.

ANNISTON ARMY DEPOT'S VETERANS

Photos by Jennifer Bacchus

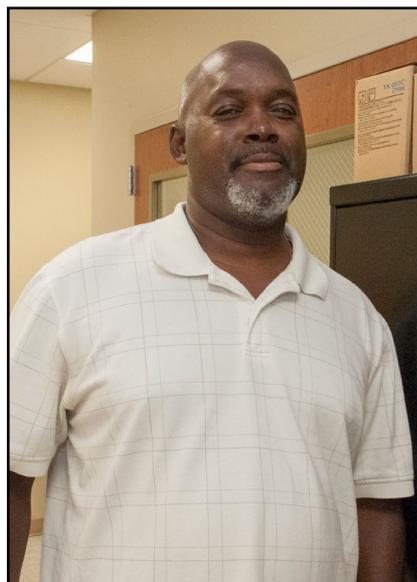
Brenda Surles, an inventory management specialist for the Directorate of Material Management, spent five years on active duty with the Air Force.

She credits family pressure for her choice.

"My brother wouldn't let me join the Navy," she said, adding that other members of the family encouraged her to join the Air Force as well.

The choice turned out to be beneficial and helped Surles reach one of her goals - seeing the world.

"When I left home, I said this is not the only place God created and I wanted to see the rest of it," she said.



Willie Buford, a MRP planner/buyer for the Directorate of Material Management, followed a family tradition in serving in the military.

Buford spent 22 years on active duty for the Army as a parts specialist and a chemical supply room specialist.

He enjoyed meeting people from various backgrounds while in the service and experiencing a variety of cultures and cuisines while deployed overseas.

In addition to numerous domestic stations, including Fort McClellan, Buford deployed to Korea, Germany and Kuwait.



Kenneth Burton, a supply technician for the Directorate of Material Management, served the Army on active duty for 20 years.

One of his favorite memories is serving in Texas with an officer who would become the Army's chief of staff. Burton was a supply sergeant in Texas while Col. Ray Odierno, as he was known then, also served there. General Odierno retired earlier this year.



Roderick Trammell, a MRP planner/buyer leader for the Directorate of Material Management, served four years in the Marines.

Trammell chose the military after high school in part because friends were going into the service and in part because he wanted a challenge.

He served as a heavy weapons gunner during his time in service and traveled throughout Europe, Africa and Southwest Asia.

His favorite mission was Operation Comfort, which assisted the Kurdish people following the Gulf War.

"Being able to render services to people in their time of need - it was good to be able to get them to safety," said Trammell.



Floyd Green, a billing official with the Directorate of Material Management, served 22 years in the military.

His service began in 1976 when he joined the Marine Corps. He served in the Marines for three years then, in the summer of 1979, joined the Army. He was soon part of the 82nd Airborne Division, deploying with them numerous times overseas, but always coming back to the same home base at Fort Bragg, N.C.

In 2000, Green transitioned into the Army Reserves and became part of the 310th Chemical Company. He retired in 2004.

"There is nothing greater than serving your country," said Green.



DeAnda Cook, a painter currently assigned to sandblasting in the Powertrain Flexible Maintenance Facility, has served the Army on active duty, in the National Guard and the Reserves.

Cook says his time in service was an adventure and he wouldn't trade the camaraderie he shared with his fellow Soldiers for anything.

He was pleased to be selected to work for the depot because it's a way for him to continue to serve the nation - ensuring quality products get to the Soldiers to keep them moving.

Need documents from an accident?

by LaVette Lyas-Brown

ANAD Legal Office

Employees and visitors occasionally become involved in accidents on post.

Normally, a copy of the "accident report" (actually, a Military Police Report or MPR) is releasable as long as certain privacy information (e.g., home addresses and phone numbers) is deleted.

Those reports may be requested by calling the Legal Office at Ext. 6518.

In some cases, the Safety Office also prepares a report.

The purpose of that report is to generate lessons learned and suggest accident prevention measures.

This safety report may only be obtained by making a Freedom of Information Act request.

As posted on the FOIA website, the U.S. Army Combat Readiness Center is the repository and release authority for Army safety accident reports prepared in accordance with Department of the Army regulations and policies. Information will be withheld from the public only if authorized by 5 U.S.C. 552 (Freedom of In-

formation Act, 5 U.S.C. 552a) or other statutory or regulatory authority. The USACRC commander has been delegated authority to act as the Initial Denial Authority on the requests for information from Army safety accidents.

FOIA requests to the USACRC may be submitted in writing, by fax, e-mail or electronic form (available on the website).

Please clearly mark the mailing envelope, fax, or e-mail with the subject: Freedom of Information Act Request.

The request must include the following: indicate you want to obtain FOIA information on an accident and include the date of the request. A brief description of the accident, and the date that it occurred should also be provided. Also, list the requestor's mailing address, e-mail and contact number. (Before a request is made, employees should check with ANAD's Safety Office to determine if the accident report was already sent to USACRC. Accident reports are tracked at USACRC by the date of the accident.)

You may contact the USACRC FOIA office at the fol-



lowing:

U.S. Army Combat Readiness Center
ATTN: CSSC-SS (FOIA)
4905 5th Avenue
Fort Rucker, AL 36362-5363

(334) 255-2373
(334) 255-2652 Facsimile
E-mail: usarmy.rucker.hqda-secarmy.mbx.safe-foia@mail.mil

Website: <https://safety.army.mil>

After receipt of a correct FOIA request, USACRC has

20 working days to make a determination on the request. In unusual circumstances, USACRC may seek an extension from the requester with a written explanation of the reasons for the extension and when it will make a determination.

Requestors have the right to appeal all denial decisions. Appeals must be submitted within 60 working days of the Initial Denial Letter. Appeals must be sent through the office that initially denied the information.

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.

Tune in to these upcoming shows:

Nov. 18 – Blood drives, the depot's Christmas Cheer program and overcoming the holiday blues will be discussed.

Dec. 9 – Depot Commander Col. Martine Kidd will address the workforce in a town hall meeting broadcast live from the training building in the industrial area.

Anyone with questions for the commander to address should send them via e-mail or pouch mail to the Public Affairs Office in Bldg. 7.



Anniston Army Depot Virtual Career Library

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The Virtual Career Library is an innovative online career guidance service providing unlimited access to today's best digital career guidance, education and employment resources.

'Tis the season: planning key to staying fit during holidays

by Gerrad Slaton

ANAD DFMWR

As someone born and raised in the South, I love this time of year.

The heat and humidity of summer are slowly being replaced by crisper, colder temperatures, college football is in full swing and the leaves begin to change color and make their way to the ground.

We are, and will be over the next few months, engaged in several holiday and festive activities, such as tailgating, Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day.

This often means delicious food spreads, festive drinks and a multitude of desserts.

'Tis the season for weight

gain.

However, there are numerous ways to help us minimize this weight gain. Below, is a list highlighting just a few.

1. Exercise: Now is the time to begin an exercise program. This can be as simple as walking each day. Most people wait until the damage is done, which is why weight-loss is the number one resolution each New Year's Day. Remember, an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure.

2. Planning: Before departing for that family or office get-together, eat a nutritious snack or meal and drink water. Include fibrous food as part of that snack. The fiber and water will give you an increased feeling of satiety and

you will be less likely to over-indulge if you feel full.

3. Food selection: Consume lean meats and vegetables first. The protein and fiber from these foods will help increase the feeling of fullness we get from eating. Then, if you still want a piece of cake or pie (we all do), feel free to have a small slice.

4. Portion control: A good reminder of proper portion control is the "helping hands" model. A serving of meat should be the size of the palm of your hand. A closed fist is a good way to remember a portion size for most carbohydrates. Some people will include fibrous vegetables in the fist model. If the vegetable is prepared in a healthy manner or raw,

I do not believe portion control is necessary. Lastly, cooking oils, butter and salad dressings should be the size of your thumb.

5. Limit alcohol consumption: Alcohol provides no vitamins, minerals or fiber to our diets. However, it does provide calories. Especially if it is added to a mixer or over consumed. It also lowers inhibitions, so we may say yes to that second or third slice of pie or cake.

6. Exercise: Did I mention this already? Yes, it is that important!

If you would like some help beginning an exercise program or dietary tips, contact me at Ext. 6385 or come to the Physical Fitness Center.



Courtesy photo

Consuming lean meats and vegetables first can increase the feeling of fullness at a holiday meal and limit the sugary sweets, such as pie, consumed after the meal.



Photo by Mark Cleghorn

A Public Private Partnership charrette was held at Anniston Army Depot Oct. 26. The event featured panels of consisting of defense community members and business leaders.

P3 charrette held at ANAD

Area Defense Communities held a public-public partnership event at Anniston Army Depot Oct. 26. The event featured a panel consisting of the executive director of Kansas' Governor's Military Council, a former Air Force principal deputy assistant secretary, a former acting assistant secretary for the USAF, a former Eglin Air Force Base wing commander and current city councilman, and the president of a civilian consulting firm.

Business and educational leaders from throughout the surrounding communities attended the event.



Photo by Mark Cleghorn

JJ Yeley, driver for BK Racing's 26 car for the NASCAR Sprint Cup speaks to Danny Vaughn of TV24 following his tour of Anniston Army Depot's Combat Vehicle Repair Facility.

BK Racing drivers visit depot

Matt DiBenedetto and JJ Yeley, drivers of the BK Racing 83 and 26 cars, respectively, in the NASCAR Sprint Cup toured Anniston Army Depot's Small Arms Repair Facility and Combat Vehicle Repair Facility Oct. 23.

notes from around the TRACK



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Athletic family has record month

Joe Rogers, #24, had a pair of interceptions, a pass deflection and a tackle on defense and also caught an 11-yard touchdown pass in Spring Garden's 52-6 victory over Woodville Oct. 16.

A week later, Kaitlyn Rogers, #88 for the Panthers, scored a touchdown with the blocking assistance of her brother Ethan, #76, with 4:01 left in the fourth quarter, capping off Spring Garden's 50-6 victory over Coosa Christian Oct. 23.

Since Ethan had a one-yard touchdown run in the second quarter of the game, the duo made history as the first brother and sister to score touchdowns in the same high school game in Alabama.

Kaitlyn is believed to be the only female to score a TD in a high school game in the AHSAA.

John Rogers (Safety Office) is the proud father of the trio.

Christmas Cheer program kicks off

This year, the depot will sponsor more than 200 children from the Department of Human Resources. Let's work together to meet this goal and make it a Christmas to remember for these children.

To make Christmas Cheer drop-offs as efficient as possible, key people are asked to call and schedule a drop-off time with Jeanette Baxter at Ext. 5246 or 7616 between Dec. 2 and Dec. 15.

The Christmas Cheer kickoff/training was held Oct. 21. If you missed it or need information about Christmas Cheer, contact Boyd Scoggins at Ext. 3182.

Nominations are being accepted for installation families who have experienced a recent tragedy or adversity in the past year. Nominations should be made through the immediate supervisor. Contact Boyd Scoggins at Ext. 3182 for nomination criteria.

Important dates for Christmas Cheer:

- Dec. 15 - Last date to turn in gifts for DHR children
- Dec. 16 - Delivery of gifts to DHR
- Dec. 16 - Last date to turn in gifts for installation families



Photo by Mark Cleghorn

Pam, left, and Greg Hindmon both retired from Anniston Army Depot Nov. 1, 2015. Because Pam had more than 35 years of service on the installation, she received a shrub at Walker Arbor.

Hindmon retires

Pamela Hindmon retired Nov. 1 with 35 years of federal service at Anniston Army Depot.

In honor of her years at the installation, a crepe myrtle was dedicated at Walker Arbor.

Hindmon began her depot career in September of 1980 as a data transcriber.

She moved up the ranks, eventually becoming a technical writer in what would become the Technical Publications area of the Directorate of Engineering and Quality.

She looks forward to spending time with family and traveling during her retirement. Hindmon's husband, Greg, retired the same day she did.

DFMWR NAF Sale and Auction

A sale and auction will be held Nov. 7 at Anniston Army Depot's auction facility, located behind the AAFES Shopette.

The sale and auction will be open from 7 a.m. to noon and is open to the public.

Flyers listing items for sale and auction are located at all MWR locations.

For additional information, contact DFMWR at Ext. 7170.

Tickets for military/Veterans

In honor of Veterans Day and the members of the military who have served their country, the University of Alabama and Jacksonville State University are offering tickets to Veterans and current service members.

University of Alabama:

- Nov. 8 - 2 p.m. - Volleyball - promo code VBMIL
- Nov. 16 - 6 p.m. - Women's Basketball - promo code WBMIL
- Nov. 21 - Time to be determined - Football - promo code FB-MIL15

Jacksonville State University:

- Nov. 14 - 1 p.m. - Football - Depot Commander Col. Martine Kidd will perform the coin toss.



Courtesy photo

Vietnam Veteran Lonnie Robinson played left-handed, due to his prosthetic arm.

Master's Games Table Tennis events held at depot

The 25th anniversary of the Master's Games was hosted in October by the city of Oxford. Anniston Army Depot partnered with Oxford for the second year to host the games' table tennis events Oct. 7.

Thirty-nine players - 16 women and 23 men - competed in aged events by brackets beginning at 50-54. The highest age bracket was 85-89 and the average participant age was 71.

The participants were from 22 difference cities across the state of Alabama.