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## Area safety checks vital

by Jennifer Bacchus

ANAD PAO

Being aware of all hazards associated with your work area and job duties is important for every member of the depot's workforce.

"Our goal is to make sure we are not only compliant and safe, but that each employee is going above and beyond," said Wallace Gallahar, Voluntary Protection Program officer for the depot.

For many of the safety monitors and shop supervisors, going above and beyond means looking at each work area as though seeing it for the first time and determining what changes should be made.

For Colt Turner, the safety monitor in one of the depot's machine shops, it meant re-evaluating air hoses on the machines.

Turner measured for the minimum amount of hose needed to properly clean debris from the machine and asked for the hoses to be shorted appropriately, reducing trip hazards in each work area.

"Most of our employees have bought into the safety program. They do whatever needs to be done to ensure their safety and that of their coworkers," said Turner.

He and the other employees clean their work areas on a daily basis and have a list of items to check on a weekly basis.

Since the machine shop receives frequent visitors, Turner's biggest safety issues tend to be in the form of those who don't work there.

"If you don't have steel-toed

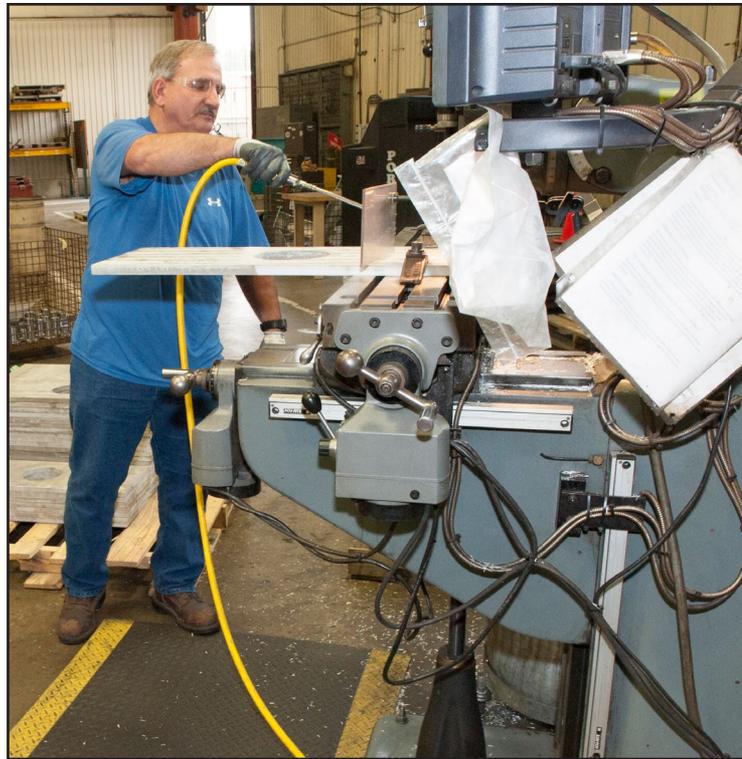


Photo by Jennifer Bacchus

**Gary Sparks uses an air hose to remove metal shavings from a bridge port in the depot's machine shop.**

shoes on, you aren't supposed to be walking through the shops," said Turner.

For Eric Carter, the safety monitor for the Directorate of Public Works' electrical shop, being safe is a personal choice he makes every day.

"Being safe is important because I want to go home every day to my wife and kids," he said. "Until you make that choice personal, many people won't do it."

Since his work area changes from day to day, and often from one hour to the next, Carter and his fellow electricians always have to be conscious of their sur-

roundings.

"I have to know what I am doing and look out for others," said Carter.

He has learned the importance of taking safety issues to a supervisor immediately, to ensure they are remedied as quickly as possible.

"You have to be safe for yourself," said Carter.

In the Combat Vehicle Repair Facility, Rebecca Barclay has to watch out not only for the employees in her own cost center, but those passing through as well.

"We watch the forklift traffic passing through our area," she

said. "If they are going too fast, we'll tell them to slow down."

For Barclay, good housekeeping is the primary way to ensure safety.

This includes moving tripping hazards out of the way and watching hazardous material inventory.

And she is thankful for the guidance she and her coworkers have received through the depot's Target Zero program - including reminders to always wear seat belts and to keep their work areas clear of any fall hazards.

"Target Zero has made a big impact. It has given us an idea of what we need to look at on a daily basis," said Barclay.

Gallahar would like to see all employees embrace safety as if they were a safety monitor - always watching for ways to improve.

For example, according to Gallahar, all equipment should be inspected daily for safety and best practices should be intertwined with quality in each of the depot's production processes.

"Sometimes, in the name of doing things more efficiently, we take short cuts. Those short cuts can cost the depot more money in the long run if we sacrifice safety for efficiency," said Gallahar.

He would like to see each employee hold themselves, their coworkers and their shops visitors accountable for safety.

"We should get to a point where we don't have to think about safety on a daily basis because it will come naturally," said Gallahar.

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Sixteen quality of life issues were raised at the recent Army Family Action Plan Conference at Anniston Army Depot.

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# 2014 has been a year to be thankful for at ANAD

by Col. Brent Bolander

ANAD Commander

Team Anniston, we have so much to be thankful for as we pause next Thursday to celebrate this Thanksgiving holiday.

Thanksgiving is a great opportunity to reflect, to be grateful for all we are blessed with and thankful for the loved ones and friends in our lives.

Here on the depot, it's been a challenging, yet successful year. We began 2014 with wintry weather conditions, which forced us to close the installation for a few days. But, neither the weather nor budgetary challenges deterred the flow of significant visitors throughout the year, vehicle induction and rollout ceremonies, reserve and national guard training, award ceremonies and more.

Because of your strong determination and continued dedication to excellence, we generated a Group Award Program payout.

Through it all, we continue to provide the very best possible products to our ultimate customer, the war fighter.

Quite often, we were able to rebuild, repair or remanufacture those needed assets right here in our own facilities. Other times, we've sent our finest teams forward to perform the mission at our warfighters' locations.

As you prepare for some much-deserved time off, I encourage you to spend this time with family and friends. During our break, I do ask each of you to keep safety a priority in all the

activities you have planned.

Whether working at a food drive, watching football, serving others, attending parades or shopping -- stay vigilant to safe practices and watch out for each other.

Many of you may be traveling during the Thanksgiving Day weekend.

Before you hit the road, even for a short trip, take into account increased traffic, seasonal weather conditions and other risk factors.

Many risk factors or distractions, such as speeding, texting while driving and

drinking and driving, are in our control to mitigate. So, be smart and make the right decisions. Do not conduct those acts of silliness. These types of actions are not who we are.

As Thanksgiving approaches, we become vulnerable to holiday blues. We must be aware the holiday season is not as cheerful for everyone.

If you notice potential warning signs of depression or suicidal tendencies, help is available. No one has to go it alone. As we do every day, look out for each other, for our teammates, and help us all return rested and ready to take on the next mission in our quest to support the warfighter.

We need each member of this great team back so we can continue to do what we best – and that's equipping the war fighter with the best assets possible, produced by the best trained and ready workforce our nation has to offer.

From the Bolander family to yours – Happy Thanksgiving!

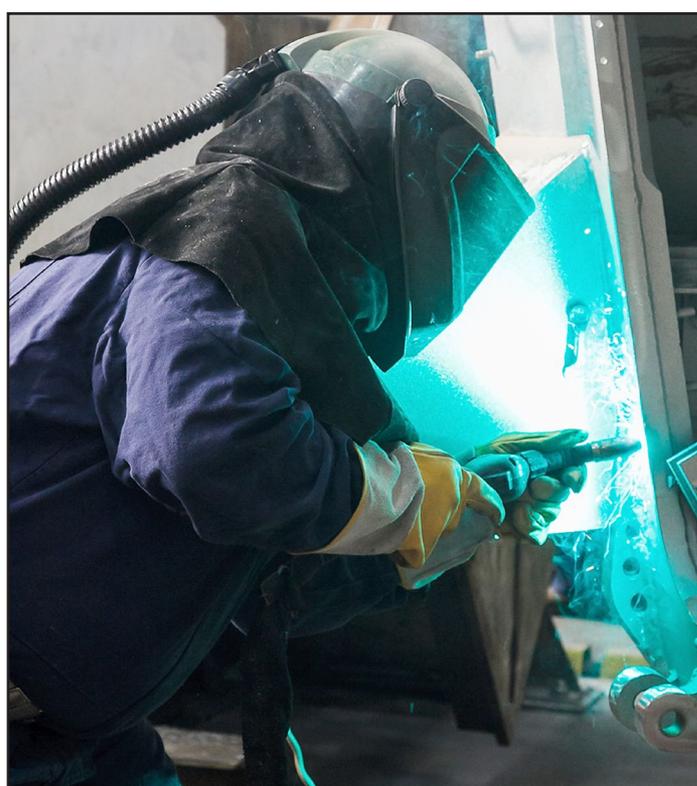


BOLANDER



Photos by Mark Cleghorn

**ABOVE:** Bruce Garrett, a heavy mobile equipment mechanic installs the transmission cooler on a V6 engine in the depot's Powertrain Flexible Maintenance Facility.



**LEFT:** A welder in the Combat Vehicle Repair Facility works on a Stryker vehicle.



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# Instructions for sending USA Jobs inquiries

from Anniston CPAC

Applicants applying via the USA Jobs website for federal position who have concerns or questions about a USA Staffing rating, the current status of an application, a Notice of Results (NOR) explanation or other information should use the following step-by-step instructions for sending an inquiry:

1. Log into your USA Jobs account.
2. Slide your cursor over

the USA Jobs top menu bar. When your cursor passes over the My Account section, a box will open. The bottom selection in the box is for application status. Choose this option.

3. Scroll down through the announcements for which you have applied. Click on the blue announcement number for the job you are inquiring about.

4. The announcement will open. If it says "This position is closed and no longer

accepting online applications through USA Jobs, the contents of the announcement can still be viewed. Click the blue link to open the announcement for which you have a question, concern, etc.

5. On the right, look for "Agency Contact Info" and click on the hyperlink. Next, go to the bottom of the announcement. At the end of the announcement, it will say, "For questions regarding the status of your application, eligibility or qualifications

determination contact the Central Resume Processing Center at: [usarmy.apg.chrane.mbx.applicanthelp@mail.mil](mailto:usarmy.apg.chrane.mbx.applicanthelp@mail.mil). Copy this e-mail address into a new open e-mail to send an inquiry.

Your inquiry must be sent as soon as you receive a NOR where you have questions or concerns about your application review. Be specific in your inquiry and include the related vacancy announcement number, position, title, series and grade in your e-mail.

# Tips for submitting a résumé on USA Jobs website

from Anniston CPAC Office

Due to the large number of inquiries submitted from employees regarding their application status, the following information is provided to help clarify the résumé and application process required by USA Staffing.

- Your résumé may be submitted in any format. You may copy and paste it into the provided area online or it may be scanned and uploaded. If you submit a résumé with inappropriate material, such as photos, you will not be considered for the position.

- Your résumé must include both work and personal information. Personal information includes your full name, current address, current e-mail address and current phone number.

- For qualifications determinations, work information that must be provided lists the number of hours worked per week and the dates of employment (i.e., hours per week and month/year to month/year or month/year to present). Résumés that do not contain this information will be marked as insufficient and applicants will not receive consideration for the position.

- Work experience gained via temporary detail must be listed separately on your résumé and all of the information listed above should be provided. In addition, if the work was performed for less than 40 hours per week, you must identify the percentage of time spent performing the work. This work experience will only be credited when documented by satisfac-

tory evidence, such as a memorandum from the manager or human resources, an SF-52 or other appropriate documentation.

- When responding to the occupational questionnaire, all "E" responses are considered expert level experience and must be documented and supported in your résumé. You must identify in your résumé the position, employment date and organization that supports your expert experience for the corresponding narrative. If you do not list this information in the occupational questionnaire, your application will be marked as incomplete.

- Your résumé must support your responses to the online questionnaire. If your application contradicts or does not support your questionnaire responses, you will receive a rating of "not qualified" or "incomplete application" and you will not receive further consideration for the job.

- If the position has an education requirement or you are qualifying based on a combination of education and experience or solely on education, you must submit your college transcripts with your application. For example, if a position requires a BA, make sure you include the correct transcript that shows that you received the BA.

- For eligibility determination, you must submit a recent, SF-50 when applying for an appropriated fund position or a DD3434 for a non-appropriated fund position in USA Jobs. Lack of submission will result in your application not being rated and marked as an incomplete pack-

age. Be sure you are submitting a SF-50, not a SF-52. The SF-52 is not an official processed personnel action and is not acceptable.

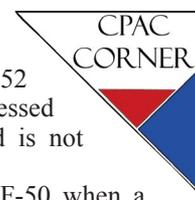
- Update your SF-50 when a new personnel action is processed.

- Ensure you carefully read all areas of consideration, conditions of employment, minimum requirements, selective factors, and questions on the questionnaire and answer all completely and truthfully. All responses may not require the same "yes" response. "Are you willing to submit to an annual physical" requires a "yes" answer. "Have you ever been convicted of domestic violence" requires a "no" answer.

- For Veterans preference determination or military spouse preference, you must submit supporting documents with your application package in USA Jobs. These documents may include, but are not limited to: PCS orders and marriage certificate or a DD214 (which indicates character of service), SF-15, VA letter and/or activation/deactivation orders.

- Read the vacancy announcement and ensure you meet the minimum requirements and specialized skills. If so, ensure that your résumé reflects these requirements and specialized skills. Do not plagiarize.

To create a USA Jobs account, which is needed to self-nominate for a vacancy announcement, go to [my.usajobs.gov/account/login](http://my.usajobs.gov/account/login) or visit [www.armycivilian-service.com](http://www.armycivilian-service.com) for more information.



## DoD announces human resources website for civilians

from Anniston CPAC Office

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

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

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

With the redesign of MyBiz, the online self-service tool, which has served employees and managers over the years to access information, important to them, has been reintroduced.

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

MyBiz+ will be available to all DoD civilian employees and access to MyBiz+ will be the same as before, through the DCPDS Portal at <https://compo.dcpds.cpmosd.mil/>.

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

Moving forward, the redesign will continue with the integration of manager-centric products and functionality. Supervisors and managers can expect enhanced capability and collaboration to support their job responsibilities.

Some of the new features and products include:

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

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

# Moore encourages employees to thank Veterans they know, meet

by Jennifer Bacchus

ANAD PAO

There are currently more than 19 million military Veterans in the United States.

Approximately 414,000 of them live in the state of Alabama.

More than 770 work on Anniston Army Depot.

These Veterans served the nation in times of war and peace, sacrificing time with family and the comforts of home to keep our nation secure.

During the depot's annual Veterans Day Ceremony Nov. 6, Lt. Col. Shayne Moore, commander of the Anniston Munitions Center, a tenant on the installation, encouraged the crowd gathered to recognize each of these Veterans by thanking those they knew as well as those they saw in their daily life.

"Think of the heroes who join us in this group today and those who are here only in spirit," he said. "A person cannot help but be awed by what we encounter. We stand in the midst of patriots and the family and friends of those who have nobly served."

Moore began his speech by remarking on the young men and women of the Gadsden City JROTC and Jacksonville State University ROTC who have already begun to dedicate their lives to military service.

He asked those in the audience who are current or former members of the military to stand and be recognized. Then, he turned his attention to those who have supported them, asking family and friends of service members to stand.

"We know the sacrifices you make. We know the problems you endure to support our Veterans and service members," said Moore. "Your selflessness, determination and pride do not go unnoticed. Nor do we underestimate it."

Moore said Veterans who have served in the military come from all walks of life, but all share the characteristics of courage, pride, determination, selflessness, dedication to duty

and integrity.

"These are all qualities needed to serve a cause greater than themselves," he said. "They are ordinary people who responded in extraordinary ways to the toughest of times."

Moore also took a moment to remember the fallen, noting they are commemorated often in memorials and with medals.

"Nothing can ever replace the hole left behind by a fallen service member," he said. "No number of medals or ribbons can comfort the family, the battle buddies or the team mates left behind."



Photo by Jennifer Bacchus

**Lt. Col. Shayne Moore, commander of Anniston Munitions Center, spoke at the installation's annual Veterans Day Ceremony Nov. 6.**



Photo by Jennifer Bacchus

**ANAD Commander Col. Brent Bolander addressed an audience of approximately 1,200 students, faculty, Veterans and guests at Oxford High School's Veterans Day Ceremony Nov. 10.**

## Depot commander speaks to OHS students

from ANAD Public Affairs

Anniston Army Depot Commander Col. Brent Bolander spoke to Oxford High School students Nov. 10 during their Veterans Day ceremony.

Bolander began his remarks by teaching the students an important word for the Army - Hooah!

Used as an affirmative and as a rallying cry, the word Hooah often means anything and everything except no.

Calling it back to the installation commander timidly at first, the students soon got the hang of the cry, confidently yelling "Hooah" back each time Bolander prompted.

He showed the students their connection with the numerous Veterans of the U.S. military - asking first for those who served or are serving to stand, then asking for those who are family members or friends of someone in one or more of the five branches of service to stand - and many did.

"As a Soldier, I know for a fact that Veterans don't see themselves as being brave or special," Bolander said. "The strength of the Soldier comes from their families. The spouses have learned to balance careers, home life, children and education. Even under extraordinary circumstances, they are strong."

Bolander said a part of recognizing service members on Veterans Day is also honoring their Families - those who "have stood beside them and have served and sacrificed in their own way."



Photo by Jennifer Bacchus

**The Gadsden City High School JROTC Drill Team performed for the crowd at the depot's Veterans Day Ceremony.**

# Supermarket of Benefits event held at Anniston Meeting Center

from ANAD Public Affairs

Anniston Army Depot hosted a Supermarket of Benefits and Suicide Prevention Fair Nov. 14 at the Anniston City Meeting Center.

Veterans, federal civilian employees, active duty military and their families were able to gather information from a variety of organizations.

“Our veterans have given so much,” said Maj. Gen. (retired) Larry Ross, guest speaker at the event. “This is a great platform to share available resources and services that our veterans deserve.” Ross coordinates the activities of the Alabama Veterans Network commission, whose mission is to improve the well-being and quality of life for service members, veterans and families.

Agencies participating at the event provided information and professional assistance concerning collegiate military benefits, health care ben-

efits, Veterans Administration assistance, career counseling, suicide prevention and much more.

“We wanted to provide our Veteran community with additional resources,” said Depot Commander Col. Brent Bolander. “The last fair was held four years ago, and as members of the community, we felt the need to revisit the opportunity.”

This event was held in connection with the Army’s suicide prevention and awareness training, with a focus on sustainment, recognizing the signs of possible suicide and intervening to prevent it.

According to Angela Durant, the depot’s suicide prevention program manager, “it is important to share provide information to our veterans, family members, and community who may know people who may be seeking help through a crisis period.”



Photo by Clester Burdell

A Veteran discusses the various programs of the American Red Cross during the Supermarket of Benefits and Suicide Prevention Fair Nov. 14 at the Anniston Meeting Center.



Photo by Jennifer Bacchus

## Depot assists with Coldwater Veterans Day program

A Stryker vehicle from Anniston Army Depot rolled onto the campus of Coldwater Elementary School during their Veterans Day program Nov. 7. Pictured left to right above, Chief Warrant Officer 3 Adrian Pubill, depot employee Arlie Blizzard and Chief Warrant Officer 4 Richard Wills II accompany the Stryker to the front of the school. Driving the vehicle was Charles Crump. Following the program, students were able to get a closer view of the Stryker as they walked around it before returning to their classrooms.



Photo by Jennifer Bacchus

## ANAD participates in Veterans Day parade

Maj. Aatif Hayat, M.D., the physician for the depot’s Dear Occupational Health Clinic, waves to children from a Stryker vehicle in the Anniston Veterans Day Parade Nov. 11. Depot Sgt. Maj. Debra Buie and Austin Bolander, the son of Depot Commander Col. Brent Bolander, also rode in the vehicle. Bolander and his wife Donna rode in the Grand Marshall vehicle for the parade and Lt. Col. Hattie Richardson, the commander of DLA Distribution Anniston, also participated in the parade, riding in a convertible behind the Stryker.

## Depot computer users asked to enroll in new emergency notification system

from the Depot Operations Office

The Emergency Management Modernization Program's Mass Warning and Notification System for Anniston Army Depot provides an emergency warning solution for employees with e-mail addresses through the Army's Enterprise E-mail System.

A demonstration of this new system will be provided on the Dec. 10 Morning Show.

The EM2P MWN solution utilizes an AtHoc commercial product, providing a targeted population with emergency notification information.

The system's capabilities include:

- Network notifications via desktop pop-ups to computer workstations on the installation's primary network domain
- Telephone notifications to work, mobile and home phones
- Text messages to mobile phones
- E-mail notifications to work and home e-mail accounts
- Smart phone application notifications

All employees of Anniston Army Depot should tune into local news outlets or other means of gathering information in the event of an emergency on the installation.

Throughout the year, one of the most likely threats to the installation comes in the form of inclement weather.

Inclement weather conditions could warrant a change in the depot's operational status. In the event of hazardous weather conditions, tune in to local area media for changes.

### Radio Stations:

WCKA – AM 810/94.3 FM, WDNG – AM 1490, WGRW – 90.7 FM, WTDR – 92.7 and WVOK – 97.9 FM;

### TV Stations:

WJSU – ABC 33-40, WBRC – Fox 6, WVTV – NBC 13 and WIAT – CBS 42.

### Newspapers:

The Anniston Star will also post information on their website at [www.annistonstar.com](http://www.annistonstar.com).

For additional winter weather information:

- Visit the Winter/Severe Weather Awareness web page on the ANAD homepage
- Check the ANAD Facebook page
- Call the SNOW line at 256-235-SNOW (7669).

## 15 issues raised during AFAP Conference

by Amanda Mullinax, AFAP

The Annual Army Family Action Plan (AFAP) Conference was held Oct. 24 at the DeSoto Entertainment Center.

AFAP is the Army's grass roots process to identify and elevate the most significant quality of life issues impacting the community to senior leaders.

Change is part of what the AFAP Conference is about,



Photo by Clester Burdell

**Keith Colbert, the depot's director of Community and Family Activities, details the issues discussed during the installation's AFAP Conference Oct. 24.**

along with letting employees' voices be heard.

During the past few months, Anniston Army Depot's community had the opportunity to submit issues of concern in drop boxes around the installation. These issues were presented in the AFAP Conference.

Delegates looked at each problem and tried to find a solution. Issues and potential solutions were then briefed to leadership for consideration and the possibility of implementation for a better depot community.

The 15 issues discussed at this year's conference were:

- Scrap parts reconditioning
- West side food options
- Cadmium area safety
- External hiring practices
- Squat rack and free weights in the Nichols Cardio Center
- Water fountain in the Nichols Cardio Center
- Fast food restaurant
- High prices at the Nichols Dining Facility
- Industrial shredder for personally identifiable information
- Lack of closed cab forklifts
- Air hoses across work area
- Flooding around building
- Cross-training employees
- Courteous driving
- Professional development

The AFAP Program Manager will track the progress of each topic and provide responses in future issues of TRACKS.

If you have an issue, remember AFAP quality of life issues may be submitted throughout the year to me via e-mail or phone to Ext. 7445.

## EAPA Chapter of the Year presented to Alabama Chapter

from EAPA

The Alabama Chapter of the Employee Assistance Professionals Association was recently awarded the Chapter of the Year Award at the 2014 Annual World EAP Conference in Orlando, Fla., Oct. 2.

The Award is given to the chapter with an outstanding commitment to membership recruitment and retention, excellence in chapter management and program development.

The Alabama Chapter of the Employee Assistance Professionals Association consists of 40 members. The organization offers many training opportunities to approximately 150 EAPA members and non-members each year.

In addition to offering training, they strive to connect attendees with area resources to help them in their field and create professional networking opportunities in the EAP and mental health field.

Boyd Scoggins, the EAP coordinator for Anniston Army Depot is the member-at-large for the chapter. He accepted the award in Orlando for the organization.

For more information about the Alabama Chapter, visit [www.eapa-al.com](http://www.eapa-al.com).



Photo courtesy of EAPA

**Boyd Scoggins of the Alabama Chapter of the Employee Assistance Professionals Association accepts the Chapter of the year award on behalf of the Alabama Chapter Oct. 2.**

# notes from around the TRACK

\$250,000

## Have you completed your CFC contribution form?

The depot's Combined Federal Campaign is underway. The 2014 goal is \$250,000.

Currently, the installation has reached 23 percent of that goal - more than \$58,000.

If you haven't received a printed CFC campaign brochure, you may go to the depot's Intranet to download a copy or obtain a copy from your keyperson.

If you do not know which keyperson represents your organization, call Scott Kay at Ext. 6077 or Kim Smoot at Ext. 7785.

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## Depot to participate in local Christmas parades

Anniston Army Depot will participate in five Christmas parades in the coming weeks.

- On Monday, Dec. 1, the Talladega Christmas Parade steps off at 6 p.m. in downtown Talladega.

- Jacksonville's parade is the next day, Dec. 2. It begins at 6 p.m. and goes along Alabama Highway 21 in Jacksonville.

- On December 4, the Oxford parade will be held downtown beginning at 6 p.m.

- Weaver's Christmas parade is planned for Saturday, Dec. 6. It begins at 10:30 a.m.

- Gadsden's parade is Monday, Dec. 8, at 6 p.m. on Broad Street.



Courtesy photo

## Glover triplets turn one

Emma, Brantley and Lilly Glover (left to right in the photo above) turned one Oct. 9, 2013.

Family and friends celebrated with the trio Oct. 11 with a three-ring circus birthday party.

Proud parents are Kyle and Heather (Anniston Contracting Office) Glover.

## 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 shared 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 can 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.

Be sure to tune in for these upcoming shows:

**Next show: Dec. 10:** The depot's Choose to Lose Program will begin again with the new year. Gerrad Slaton will detail plans for the 2015 event as well as discuss one of the ways employees can lose weight.

Slaton will share information on the Couch to 5K program, which can help participants get ready for next April's Making Tracks 5K.

Additionally, Tim Rolfe will also join the cast of The Morning Show Dec. 10 to talk about the depot's Sexual Harassment/Assault Response and Prevention Program.

Also on the show will be Don Evans from the Depot Operations Office with details on a new emergency notification system.

## PAO seeks decorated work sites

It's about to look a lot like Christmas on the installation. A Christmas tree lighting is slated for Dec. 5 and soon several work areas may be decorated as well.

The Public Affairs Office is seeking nominations for a Christmas tree contest.

We know there are lots of people with decorating skills who work hard to bring cheer

to their organization, so let us know about the decorations in your area.

If your shop or office would like to participate in this contest, contact the Public Affairs Office at Ext. 6281.

We plan to recognize the winners on The Morning Show and with photographs in one of the December issues of TRACKS.



## Visit Anniston Army Depot on social media:

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/101336510@N02/>

<https://www.facebook.com/AnnistonArmyDepot>

<https://www.facebook.com/AnnistonMunitionsCenter>

<https://www.facebook.com/ANADFMWR>

# fmwr happenings

from DCFA

## Christmas Cheer program sponsoring 170 DHR children

This year, the depot is sponsoring 170 children from the Department of Human Resources through its Christmas Cheer Program.

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. 1 and Dec. 16.

If you need information about Christmas Cheer, contact Boyd Scoggins at Ext. 3182.



Important dates for Christmas Cheer:

- Dec. 16 - Last date to turn in gifts for DHR children
- Dec. 17 - Delivery of gifts to DHR
- Dec. 17 - Last date to turn in gifts for installation families

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.

## Soldiers Helping Soldiers for 72 Years

**Did you know...**

The primary mission of Army Emergency Relief is to provide financial assistance to Soldiers, Active and Retired, and their Families?

AER is conducted within the Army structure, with assistance available at 82 AER sections located on Army installations, world-wide.

Through reciprocal agreements, AER assistance is available through the Air Force Aid Society, Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society, Coast Guard Mutual Assistance, and the American Red Cross.

For further information, contact AER at 256-741-5247 or visit [www.aerhq.org](http://www.aerhq.org).



## Depot prepares for third Wounded Warrior Hunt

Anniston Army Depot's third Wounded Warrior Hunt is scheduled for Jan. 16-18, 2015.

The program began with eight participants, growing to 15 in January 2014.

This year, the installation plans to host 20 Purple Heart recipients for the hunting event.

In addition to the Wounded Warrior hunters, 30 Controlled

Access Area hunting slots will be open on a first come, first served basis for bow hunting by individuals eligible to hunt on the installation.

To volunteer to assist with the hunt, for more information about the event or to sign up as a hunter, contact the Directorate of Community and Family Activities at 256-235-7170.

## Depot employee hosts Christmas display

Avery Robertson will begin his annual Christmas display the day after Thanksgiving.

The lights, sleigh, reindeer and Robertson as Santa will be on display each night beginning at sunset on McIntosh Road in Oxford.



Courtesy photo

Twelve depot employees completed Applied Suicide Intervention Skills training Oct. 20-24 at Anniston Army Depot. They are Jeanette Baxter (DP), Danny Craft (DPW), Tommy Dulaney (DP), John Flood (LMP), Daniel Flynn (DES), Rodney Gaither (DP), Stacey Hill (DP), Robert Joplin (DLA), Mark LaShall (DP), Scottie Rice (DP), Horace Roberts (DES) and Vanessa Strickland (DMM).

## Applied Suicide Intervention Skills training held at ANAD

by Angie Durant, DCFA

Anniston Army Depot's Suicide Prevention Program hosted an Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Train the Trainer course Oct. 20-24.

Twelve depot employees and eight military personnel (chaplain and chaplain assistants) completed the training and are now able to help provide suicide

prevention training to the workforce and their respective units.

Those who attended the training are now prepared to present two-day workshops instructing others to intervene and potentially save a life before or during a suicide attempt.

ASIST is for everyone, regardless of position or status.

With the increase in suicides, not only in the military, but in

our communities as well, now is a good time to attend a suicide prevention workshop.

ANAD offers workshops throughout the year and, with the increased number of trainers, will provide training in work areas as well.

Workshop schedules will be posted in TRACKS, on the LAN, on Facebook and will be distributed by e-mail.



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