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Thiessen honors past, present, future Veterans

by Jennifer Bacchus

ANAD PAO

Maj. Paul Thiessen spoke at Anniston Army Depot's Veterans Day Ceremony Nov. 7 at the installation's Physical Fitness Center.

Before a crowd of Veterans from each branch of the military, Thiessen discussed a friend he knew who died serving his country, how the state of Alabama led the way in celebrating Veterans Day and his high hopes for future Veterans.

"My primary job is to develop young Americans," said Thiessen, who is a professor of military science at Jacksonville State University.

He began his message with a personal plea to the crowd to support the Nov. 9 Kyle Comfort 5K run/walk at McClellan. Thiessen knew Comfort, an Army captain who died in Afghanistan in 2010.

Returning to the topic of Veterans Day, Thiessen spoke about how impressed he is with the way the state of Alabama embraced Veterans Day.

"This state has been celebrating it for 66 years, starting in 1947," he said.

As a child growing up on a variety of military bases, Thiessen has traveled extensively, but found his home here in Alabama first at Fort McClellan and later at JSU.

He spoke about Raymond Weeks, a WWII Veteran who was so impassioned about the creation of a national Veterans Day he led the push all the way to the White House and then-President Dwight Eisenhower.

"Because of his unrelenting commitment to honor those who bravely served the United States during times of war, the first national Veterans Day event was held in Birmingham, Ala.," said Thiessen.

He encouraged the depot workforce to be proud of Alabama's heritage with Veterans Day.

Thiessen then turned his thoughts from



Photo by Jennifer Bacchus

Maj. Paul Thiessen, left, a professor of military science at Jacksonville State University, spoke at the depot's Veterans Day Ceremony Nov. 7 at the Physical Fitness Center. Also pictured is Depot Sgt. Maj. Jeffrey Marcon.

the past to the future – looking from the Veterans of wars past to those who will serve in uniform in the years to come.

He told of a cadet within the Reserve Officer Training Corps at JSU who wrote an essay on Warrior Ethos after watching film clips from Black Hawk Down and other sources.

The essay discusses how a Soldier's sense of duty doesn't allow them to leave anyone on the battlefield, but drives them to attempt to bring their fellow warriors home.

"The army values are completely different from that of a civilian's values. Army

people all shed the same blood, sweat and tears; so leaving a comrade behind is completely unacceptable," said Cadet Taliza McQueen in her essay.

"I get the privilege to see this every day," said Thiessen of the cadet and the thousands like her who will be taking up military traditions in the future. "I don't take it for granted."

Also participating in the depot's program were the colorguard from JSU, which posted the colors for the ceremony, and Gadsden City High School's drill team, which performed for the crowd.

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On Nov. 12 a WWII Veteran toured Anniston Army Depot.
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The holidays are rapidly approaching. Stay safe while decorating and shopping this season with tips from the experts.
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Blood Drive today
Give the gift of life

Physical Fitness Center

11:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.



Depot, Army honor Native American Indians

from Staff Reports

ANAD EEO Office

Each November the Army celebrates National American Indian Heritage Month by recognizing the accomplishments of this country's original inhabitants, explorers and settlers.

Throughout our Army's 238-year history, American Indians have served valiantly and with distinction in times of peace and war, while also fighting for the right to be an equal part of our nation.

The following Anniston Army Depot organizations have American Indian representation in their directorates: DCFA, DPM, DEQ, DMM, DP, DES, DOIM, and DPW (Note: the individuals have self-identified in the system).

ANAD has 19 employees who have self-identified as a Native American: four females and 15 males.

How the observance began

One of the proponents of an American Indian Day was Dr. Arthur C. Parker, a Seneca Indian, who was the director of the Museum of Arts and Science in Rochester, NY.

Parker persuaded the Boy Scouts of America to set aside a day for the "First Americans" and for three years they adopted such a day.

In 1915, the annual Congress of the American Indian Association meeting in Lawrence, Kan., formally approved a plan concerning American Indian Day. The congress directed its president, Rev. Sherman Coolidge, an Arapahoe, to call upon the country to observe such a day.

Coolidge issued a proclamation on Sept. 28, 1915, which declared the second Saturday of each May as an American Indian Day and contained the first formal appeal for recognition of Indians as citizens.

The year before this proclamation was issued, Red Fox James, a Blackfoot Indian, rode horseback from state to state seeking approval for a day to honor Native Americans. On Dec. 14, 1915, he presented the endorsements of 24 state governments at the White House. There is no record, however, of such a national day being pro-

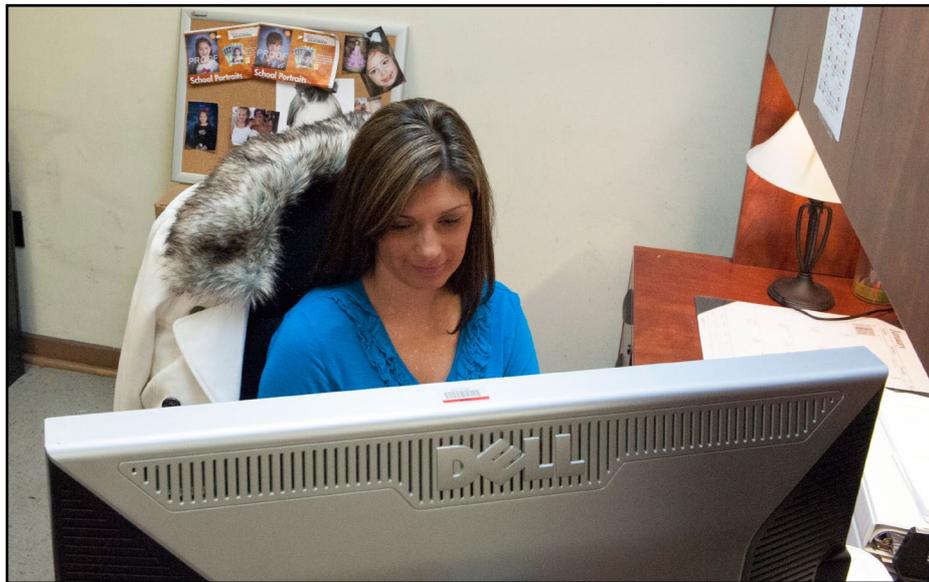


Photo by Jennifer Bacchus

Kasey Luallen's maternal grandfather was full-blooded Cherokee Indian. Luallen is a secretary in the Directorate of Engineering and Quality and is one of 19 depot employees who self-identify as having a Native American heritage.

claimed.

The first American Indian Day in a state was declared on the second Saturday in May 1916 by the governor of New York. Several states celebrate the fourth Friday in September. In Illinois, for example, legislators enacted such a day in 1919.

Presently, several states have designated Columbus Day as Native American Day, but it continues to be a day observed without any recognition as a national legal holiday.

In 1990 President George H. W. Bush approved a joint resolution designating November "National American Indian Heritage Month." Similar proclamations, under variants on the name (including "Native American Heritage Month" and "National American Indian and Alaska Native Heritage Month") have been issued each year since 1994.

To learn more about Native American Indian Heritage, visit <http://nativeamericanheritagemonth.gov>.

Information cited in this article came from www.nativeamericanheritagemonth.gov, [pinterest](http://pinterest.com), wikipedia.org and listverse.com.



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Keith Colbert, the depot's director of community and family activities, is a member of the Poarch Band of Creek Indians.

Famous Native Americans in the U.S.

Lt. Col. Nathele Anderson is among the Army's first members from the Navajo tribe. Despite her five foot-one-inch frame, Anderson stands tall as a Native American serving her country.

"I take every opportunity I can to tell people that I am a Native American because I'm proud of my heritage. I want people to ask about being a Native American because I don't think there's enough emphasis put on our heritage as this nation's first Americans," she said.

Born William Peen Adair Rogers, a Cherokee-Cowboy, "Will" became best known as an actor, a vaudevillian, a philanthropist, a social commentator, a comedian and a presidential candidate.

Known as Oklahoma's favorite son, Rogers was born to a well-respected Native American Territory family and learned to ride horses and use a lasso/lariat so well that he was listed in the Guinness Book of World Records for throwing three ropes at once – one around the neck of a horse, another around the rider and a third around all four legs of the horse.

He traveled around the world several times, made 71 films (50 silent and 21 "talkies"), wrote more than 4,000 nationally-syndicated newspaper columns and became a world-famous figure. He died in a plane crash in 1935.

Television programming and festivals honoring NAIH Month:

Check your local listings on PBS and the History Channel

The 43rd Annual Thanksgiving Pow Wow for the Poarch Band of Creek Indians will be Nov. 28-29 at 5811 Jack Springs Road in Atmore, Ala.



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COMMANDER'S COLUMN

Be safe and enjoy Thanksgiving holiday

by Col. Brent Bolander

ANAD Commander

Team Anniston, as we approach the Thanksgiving season, it is our custom to observe this special time of the year and recognize our many blessings.

We have so much to be thankful for. It's been a challenging year! Yet, despite budget constraints, furloughs and other adjustments, we continue to provide the very best possible products to the war fighter.

Some of you will get a jump on celebrating by answering the American Red Cross's call for blood donations today. Because collections are generally low during the holiday period, thank you in advance for your continued generosity in giving the gift of life.

Next week, many of you will enjoy a holiday feast with family and friends. Take time and ask for a blessing for

those who are absent from dinner tables and far from family. Whether they are stateside or deployed around the globe, we are thankful for their commitment.

It is because of their selfless sacrifices to our country that we can be thankful for the liberties and freedoms we've come to know and love.

Our prosperity can be attributed to the dedication and courageous service of our Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, Marines and Coast Guardsmen.

Thanksgiving is one of our most cherished holidays, but it also is one of the most dangerous, because of increased travel.

If you do travel please ensure you get plenty of rest

prior to your departure, avoid distractions, drive defensively and be aware of aggressive drivers.

Enjoy this most precious time.

From the Bolander family to yours – Happy Thanksgiving.



BOLANDER



Photo by Mark Cleghorn

Lavon Stephens discusses the disassembly process for a M1 Abrams tank with Dr. Ted Coy Nov. 12. Also pictured is Depot Chief of Staff Phil Trued, who accompanied the WWII Veteran on the tour.

WWII Veteran tours depot

by Jennifer Bacchus

ANAD PAO

A twice-wounded WWII Veteran toured Anniston Army Depot Nov. 12 and shared his story with employees.

Ted Coy was drafted into the U.S. Army Feb. 23, 1943, at the age of 18.

He was in college at the time and seeing the woman who would one day become his wife.

After three months of training at Fort McClellan, Ala., and taking a test to determine if he would be given additional training, Coy was sent to Virginia and the Army Specialized Training Program.

"So, I redid my freshman year of college at the Virginia Polytechnical Institute," said Coy.

The Cuyahoga Fall, Ohio, native counted himself lucky to be in a classroom, rather than in battle.

Following training, Coy was assigned to the 84th Infantry in Louisiana. He shipped out with them from New York to Germany in October 1944.

Ten days into his tour of duty in Ger-

many, Coy was wounded by shrapnel and taken to England.

For Coy, his wounds were a blessing in disguise as they kept him out of one of the worst battles of WWII.

"My division went into the Battle of the Bulge while I was in England," he said.

When he was healed, he was sent back into battle - this time in the Roer River area.

Again, his time on the front lines was cut short as he was wounded by machine gun fire.

On Coy's 21st birthday, he left Germany, arriving back in the U.S. on VE Day.

Following the war, Coy left the Army and returned to school, focusing on dentistry. He began dental school in 1946, graduating in 1950 when his oldest daughter was three years old.

While visiting the depot, Coy toured the Small Arms Repair Facility and Combat Vehicle Repair Facility accompanied by Chief of Staff Phil Trued, Sgt. Maj. Jeffrey Marcon and his daughter Elaine Koegel before enjoying lunch with Depot Commander Col. Brent Bolander.



Town Hall meeting

On Dec. 4, depot commander Col. Bolander will hold a hall meeting, in lieu of The Morning Show, live at 7:05.

The meeting will be broadcast from Bldg. 123, the depot's training office.

Employees with questions they would like to have addressed by the commander should send them to the Public Affairs Office via e-mail to usarmy.anad.tacom.list.publicaffairs@mail.mil, through pouch mail or you may phone in your question to Ext. 6281.

The Morning Show will return Dec. 11. At that time, Gerrad Slaton of the depot's Physical Fitness Center will discuss the upcoming Choose to Lose competition.

Schmitt celebrates Veterans Day with Wellborn Elementary students

Lt. Col. David Schmitt, commander of Anniston Munitions Center, spoke to the students at Wellborn Elementary School Nov. 12 during their Veterans Day program.

“Veterans Day pays tribute to all American Veterans, both living and dead, who served their country honorably during times of peace and war,” said Schmitt, adding that he is extremely proud of his country and his time in service to the nation.

“My military service has been both rewarding and challenging,” he said.

The Army, according to Schmitt, reinforced lessons he learned as a child - like working hard in order to succeed, being disciplined and always telling the truth.

The school’s program included performances by a Wellborn High School choral ensemble, two trumpeters from the high school band and performances by the Wellborn Players, the elementary school choral group.



Photos by Jennifer Bacchus

ABOVE LEFT: ANMC Commander Lt. Col. David Schmitt spoke to Wellborn Elementary School Nov. 12 during the school’s Veterans Day Ceremony. Schmitt shared how the Army has enriched his life and how proud he is of the U.S. and the Veterans who have served in the military. **ABOVE RIGHT:** A number of Veterans were present for the event. Each, in turn, told the students their name, branch of service and where they served.



Photo by Mark Cleghorn

ANMC’s Eric Richmond, right, discusses the Terminal High Altitude Area Defense storage mission with Keith Roberson, left, ANMC Commander Lt. Col. David Schmitt and Michael McGee of AMCOM.

ANMC hosts AMCOM executive director

Keith Roberson, the executive director, senior executive service, for the U.S. Army Aviation and Missile Command, toured Anniston Munitions Center operations Nov. 13.

Roberson, who was employed at Anniston Army Depot from 1982-1985 in the Production Engineering Division, visited to thank ANMC employees for their support and to speak with the ANMC leadership.

“I understand these are difficult and trying times for the workforce,” said Roberson. “We do our best to take care of the personnel, so they can take care of the warfighters.”



Photo by Jennifer Bacchus

Col. Anthony Brown, second from right, speaks to Anniston Munitions Center employees and contractors with the Terminal High Altitude Area Defense mobile testing station during his visit Nov. 6.

THAAD program manager visits ANMC

Col. Anthony Brown, program manager for the Missile Defense Agency’s Terminal High Altitude Area Defense Project Office toured Anniston Munitions Center activities Nov. 6.

He thanked ANMC employees for their support of the THAAD missile program and viewed the setup of a mobile testing station for the missile system.

“I greatly appreciate the ANMC team’s professionalism, support and dedication,” said Brown. “I want to give them a big thank you and a hooah.”

Brown said the mobile testing station is important for the THAAD program particularly when the missiles are deployed around the globe.

Is your home ready for Christmas?

from Staff Reports

ANAD Fire and Emer. Services

Have you bought your Christmas tree? Is your tree real or artificial? ANAD Fire Department would like to pass along a few holiday tips to help keep you and your family safe this holiday season.

• **Choosing your tree:** If you are getting a real tree this year, make sure it is freshly cut and not dry. If a tree is freshly cut, the end of the trunk will be sticky with resin, the needles should not break easily and you shouldn't see excess needles on the ground around the tree. Once you make your selection, it's time to take it home and prepare it for decorating.

• **Watering your tree:** Just like fresh cut flowers, a real tree will need water – lots and lots of water. Check the tree daily and replenish the water as necessary. Position the tree away from any heat source to prevent premature drying and a possible fire hazard. If the tree does dry out, discard it immediately.

• **If you choose an artificial tree:** While you don't have to worry about an artificial tree needing water or drying out, there are still things you need to check for. First and foremost, is the tree fire resistant? Not sure? Check the box. There should be a label telling you.

• **Decorating your tree:** Whether it was once the home to woodland creatures or made by a combination of man and machine, a tree is just a tree until you add the lights and decorations. Before you beautify the evergreen, make sure the lights and other decorations are not damaged. Damaged lights and other electrical decorations could

cause an electrical arc and start a fire.

All electrical decorations and extension cords should be approved by an independent testing laboratory to insure they have been tested. Before they go on the tree, make sure all the connections are secure and there are not cracks anywhere. Once that is done, it is time to haul out the holly and trim the tree.

While you can't have too many lights on a tree, you can overload the extension cord that connects them to the household outlet. So, how many are too many for that extension cord? Here's a great rule of thumb: No more than three light sets on any one extension cord.

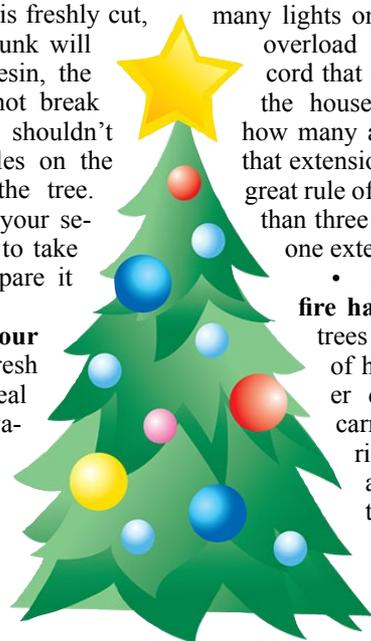
• **Other holiday fire hazards:** Although trees can be a source of holiday fires, other decorative items carry just as much risk. Lit candles are at the top of that list.

Even though candles are prohibited on An-niston Army Depot, many of you, no doubt, will be burning them in your homes throughout the holiday season. The latest National Fire Protection Association study found residential fires caused by candles are twice as likely during December than any other month.

To keep from being a statistic, never place burning candles near curtains, trees, greenery or any other decorations. It's never a good idea to have burning candles in the window or in the reach of children.

Extinguish all candles before leaving the house or going to bed and when the taper is less than two inches tall.

We hope these tips are helpful to you as you prepare for the coming season. May you and your family have a happy and safe holiday season.



Shop safely this holiday season

by Jennifer Bacchus

ANAD PAO

Officer Jonathan Butler of the Oxford Police Department shared tips for shopping safety with depot employees during his Nov. 13 appearance on The Morning Show.

According to Butler, shopping safety should begin with what you bring to the store and how you secure it.

For women, he recommended purses that go over the shoulder or cross the body and always making sure their bag is closed.

Men, according to Butler, should try carrying a small wallet or money clip in their front pocket, which is more secure.

Safety then extends to the time shopping, when he recommended everyone be aware of their surroundings at all times and remember that no deal is more valuable than your health and safety.

"Nothing is worth finding yourself in a situation where you may have to spend the holiday in jail," said Butler.

During a shopping trip, it is best to periodically take purchases to the car. This not only ensures you have a free hand while walking to the car, but also allows for better visibility.

For those with SUVs or trucks, who can't place packages out of sight in a trunk, using a blanket over belongings to keep them out of sight is best.

"If you have a GPS or smart phone lying around in the vehicle, a suspect may see that, knock out your window and reach in to grab it. In those situations, we have very little evidence to investigate," said Butler.

Security doesn't stop when the packages are locked in the vehicle, once you are ready to depart the parking lot, Butler recommended locking yourself in as well.

"Once you get in your car, always lock your doors," he said. "Try to make yourself as secure as possible."

Employees should also be conscious of their surroundings on the roads and in parking lots,



Courtesy Photo

Placing packages in the cargo area of a vehicle periodically enables you to have better visibility and respond in the case of an incident.

which often become more congested during the holidays.

"Give yourself enough time to get where you are going," said Butler, as he reminded the workforce of construction zones along Alabama Highway 21 near shopping areas in Oxford.

The officer ended his Morning Show appearance by cautioning everyone to be aware of people who may use crowds and the holidays as an opportunity to con others out of money or belongings.

Butler said to return to a store or well-lit area if you see someone suspicious in a parking lot. Call the police and report the sighting.

Shopping with a friend can also reduce your chances of becoming a victim of opportunistic criminals.



notes from around the TRACK



Courtesy photo

Kelsey's first deer

Congratulations to 9-year-old Kelsey Goodson who killed her first deer Nov. 16. Her proud parents are Kelly "Red" Goodson (DP) and Rhonda Goodson (DP).

Appropriated Fund Open Season

The 2013 Appropriated Fund Federal Benefits Open Season ends Dec. 9.

The Office of Personnel Management has issued the premium rates for 2014 which may be found at the following websites:

- The 2014 FEHB premium rates are available at www.opm.gov/insure/health/rates/index.asp
- The 2014 FEDVIP dental premium rates are available at www.opm.gov/insure/dental/rates/index.asp
- The 2014 FEDVIP vision premium rates are available at www.opm.gov/insure/vision/rates/index.asp

Electronic health plan brochures are available on the health plan's website or on OPM's website at <http://www.opm.gov/healthcare-insurance/healthcare/plan-information/guides>.

Please call the Civilian Personnel Advisory Center at Ext. 7860, with any questions.

Holiday shutdown

Due to the heavy workload in Fiscal year 2014, Anniston Army Depot will take an abbreviated shutdown during the Holiday season.

The installation will shut down from Dec. 25-29 for plant maintenance and will resume normal operations Dec. 30. Employees will be required to take nine hours of annual leave Dec. 26.

Employees who are required to work during this time frame, due to plant maintenance or critical mission workload, will be notified by their supervisor.

Organizational Holiday parties will be held Dec. 24.

Organizations are approved for one hour of administrative time in conjunction with their lunch periods for these parties.

Additional information will be provided at a later date concerning visitors and the process for allowing them access to the installation.

LMP Sustainment Training Schedule

Logistics Modernization Program users who are interested in the following courses may find additional information about the following courses and register for applicable classes in the Total Employee Development system.

These courses are open to all LMP users who meet the individual course prerequisites, which can be found in the Total Employee Development system.

Interested employees may learn more about these classes and receive additional information in TED. Additionally, in TED, there is a 90-day schedule of all courses offered. All courses for Anniston Army Depot begin with ANAD LMP.

12/04/2013	Managing PO In-transits in LMP
12/09/2013	Warehouse Analyst Refresher Training
12/10/2013	Stock Transport Order Closeout
12/11/2013	DRMO Sales Orders
12/16/2013	LMP 101
12/16/2013	LMP Navigation
12/17/2013	Timekeeping

Be cautious with PII

from Staff Reports, DOIM

It is critical for all computer users to encrypt any e-mail message containing Personally Identifiable Information. Please stop and think before you click send.

PII is all information which can be used by any person to distinguish, trace, or identify another individual.

PII includes: private phone numbers, private e-mail addresses, home residence, a person's name, social security number, driver's license number, date and place of birth, a mother's maiden name and the names of family members.

PII also includes financial information, such as payroll data, banking accounts and credit/debit card information.

Digital identities and biometric data, such as fingerprints, are also PII.

To encrypt an e-mail message, click the envelope with the blue lock at the top of your message window. After clicking send, the message classification screen will appear. Click in the FOUO box indicating for official use only then click the down arrow in the Other block, select Protected By Privacy Act. This will display *Caveats: FOUO//PROTECTED BY PRIVACY ACT* in the body of your e-mail.

The goal is to eliminate sending personal information electronically, e.g., e-mail messages or attachments. When you cannot avoid sending personal information electronically, please minimize the information you send and utilize the following guidelines.

Messages containing the following types of information should be encrypted:

- For official use only
- Privacy Act/personal information
- Technical and contract data
- Proprietary information
- Foreign government information
- Financial information
- Source selection information

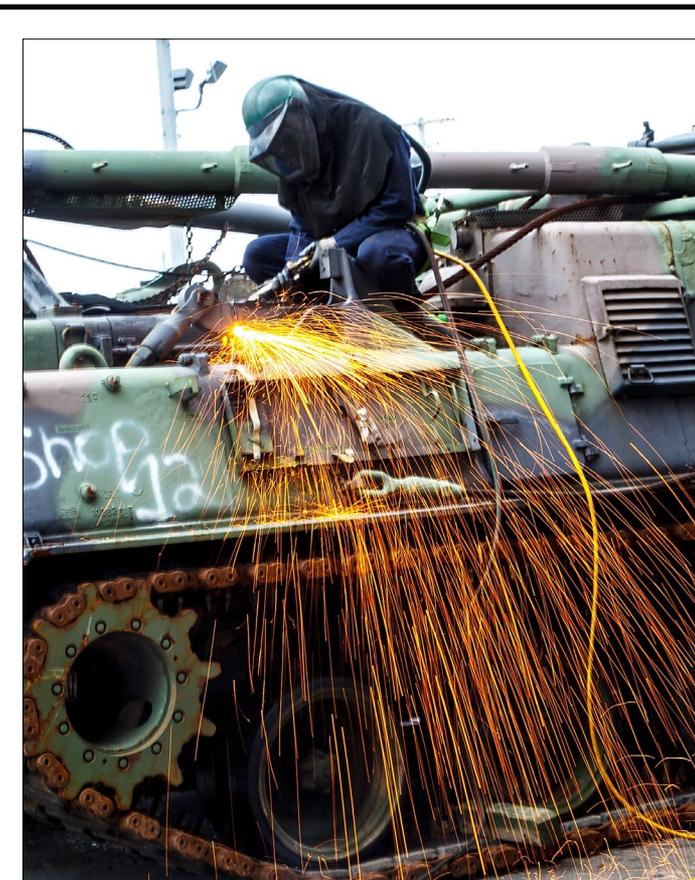


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In the shops

A welder works on a M88 Recovery Vehicle in the depot's Nichols Industrial Complex.

fmwr happenings

from DCFA

ANAD hosts Wounded Warrior Hunt

Anniston Army Depot's Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation Division is seeking 15 Purple Heart recipients for a wounded warrior hunt to be held Jan. 17-19, 2014.

Purple Heart recipients participating will be provided lodging and meals during the weekend and will be joined during the hunt by depot volunteer guides who are familiar with the area. The weekend will be a time of deer hunting, storytelling and fellowship.

Hunters will be allowed to harvest either gender of deer using a bow or shotgun with a slug.

In addition to the Wounded Warrior Hunt, military personnel, depot employees and retirees will be allowed to bow hunt for \$30 that weekend. Registration for these limited hunting slots begins Dec. 2 and hunters will have a mandatory orientation Dec. 17.

For more information about the hunts, contact DCFA at 256-235-7170.

EFMP and DA Civilians

The Exceptional Family Member Program is not just for Soldiers. Department of the Army civilians are required to provide information about Family members with special medical and/or educational needs when processing for an assignment to a location outside the United States where Family member travel is authorized at government expense.

It is important to note that information collected will not affect the employee's selection for assignment, but refusing to report such information could result in denied privilege of having their Family members transported to the duty assignment outside the United States.

An exceptional Family member is a Family member with a physical, emotional, developmental or intellectual disorder requiring special treatment, therapy, education, training or counseling.

The Exceptional Family Member Program is a mandatory enrollment program working with other military and civilian agencies to provide comprehensive and coordinated community support, housing, medical, educational and personnel services to Families with special needs.

For more information, contact the Exceptional Family Member Program Manager at 256-235-7971.

Volunteers needed

Volunteers don't get paid for their work; not because it's worthless, but because it is priceless!

Anniston Army Depot's Christmas Cheer Program is in need of approximately six volunteers to assist in packaging, wrapping, sorting, stacking and organizing gifts.

The Christmas Cheer Program is a great way to become part of a dynamic volunteer corps. Anniston Army Depot will be sponsoring Installation families and Department of Human Resources Preservation of Home Program sponsored children.

This is a wonderful way to give your time to improve and enhance the quality of life of children. The benefits of volunteering are many – consider these: keep busy, remain active, meet new people, work for a cause, stretch your mind, try something new, master new skills, share your talents, sharpen old skills, develop competencies, demonstrate caring for others, discover undeveloped abilities, gain valid work experience, contribute to welfare of community... just to name a few.

There is a certain reward in being part of an effort to make a difference. Contact the Army Community Service volunteer coordinator at 256-235-7231 or visit the ACS Center to learn how you can become a part of this wonderful volunteer opportunity.

Dining facility info and hours:

Nichols Dining Facility and West Station Diner

Breakfast	8-9:30 a.m.
Lunch	11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Menu Line	256-235-6368
Nichols Dining Facility	
Phone:	256-235-7127
West Station Diner	
Phone:	256-235-6368

Java Café East

Hours	7 a.m.-1 p.m.
Phone	256-240-3526.

DeSoto Pastime Center

Lunch: 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.

Christmas Cheer update

As of yesterday, Anniston Army Depot's Employee Assistance Program had 48 children left to sponsor for Christmas Cheer.

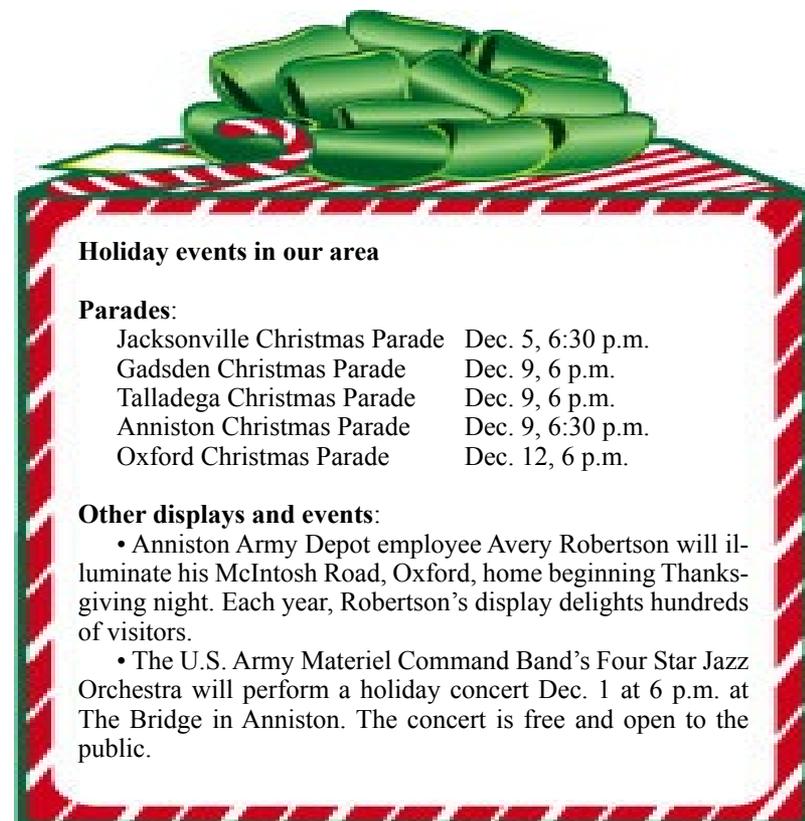
If your work area would like to sponsor a Department of Human Resources child, contact Jeanette Baxter at Ext. 7616 or 5246.

The deadline for gifts to be received in "Santa's Workshop" at Bldg. 220 is Dec. 18. Gift delivery to DHR will be Dec. 19.

If anyone would like to nominate or be considered as Christmas Cheer depot family, call Boyd Scoggins at Ext. 3182.

CFC

Have you filled out your CFC donation card yet? The Office of Personnel Management has pushed back the time allowed for CFC donations this year, giving employees until Jan. 15 to decide whether or not they will give and how much, but don't delay too long. The depot's goal is \$300,000 and we eagerly anticipate the day when we can announce we have met and exceeded that goal.



Holiday events in our area

Parades:

Jacksonville Christmas Parade	Dec. 5, 6:30 p.m.
Gadsden Christmas Parade	Dec. 9, 6 p.m.
Talladega Christmas Parade	Dec. 9, 6 p.m.
Anniston Christmas Parade	Dec. 9, 6:30 p.m.
Oxford Christmas Parade	Dec. 12, 6 p.m.

Other displays and events:

- Anniston Army Depot employee Avery Robertson will illuminate his McIntosh Road, Oxford, home beginning Thanksgiving night. Each year, Robertson's display delights hundreds of visitors.

- The U.S. Army Materiel Command Band's Four Star Jazz Orchestra will perform a holiday concert Dec. 1 at 6 p.m. at The Bridge in Anniston. The concert is free and open to the public.

Have information for TRACKS?

Call Public Affairs at Ext. 6281!

reducing our tracks

from DRK

DRK's RCRA/EMS Tip of the Week

Did you know?

Storing Flammables in personal lockers or tool boxes will result in a violation and/or fine?

Avoid a violation.

Flammables must be returned to flammable lockers when not in immediate use.

Storing these containers in your personal lockers or tool boxes violates the Red Book regulation in Section II, Part 6.0, which states they must be stored in special lockers "specifically designed to prevent risks to personnel or the facility in which they are stored."

If the container is not in immediate use, it must be returned to a flammable locker.

This was a big issue during our November recertification audit and continues to be a problem throughout the depot.

Please return these flammable containers to the appropriate lockers when not in use. If you see an unattended flammable item, please alert the supervisor for that area so the issue can be corrected.

Who you gonna call?

I seriously doubt the Ghostbusters will be able to address your environmental concerns. If you have environmental questions, always make sure you contact the Directorate of Risk Management first at Ext. 7746.

For a full list of important contact numbers, see the Environmental Awareness Site on DRK's SharePoint portal. Just go to DRK on the Intranet, then Environmental Awareness Program and finally Important Numbers.

Also, while you are at the DRK Sharepoint site, check out the Environmental Management System/Resource Conservation and Recovery Act shop resources section, RCRA or audit tips and a list of upcoming Environmental Awareness Program events.

If a spill occurs that
is too large or too
dangerous for you to
clean up, ALWAYS

CALL

9-1-1

to report, for medical assistance, & for clean up.

Spill protocol reminder

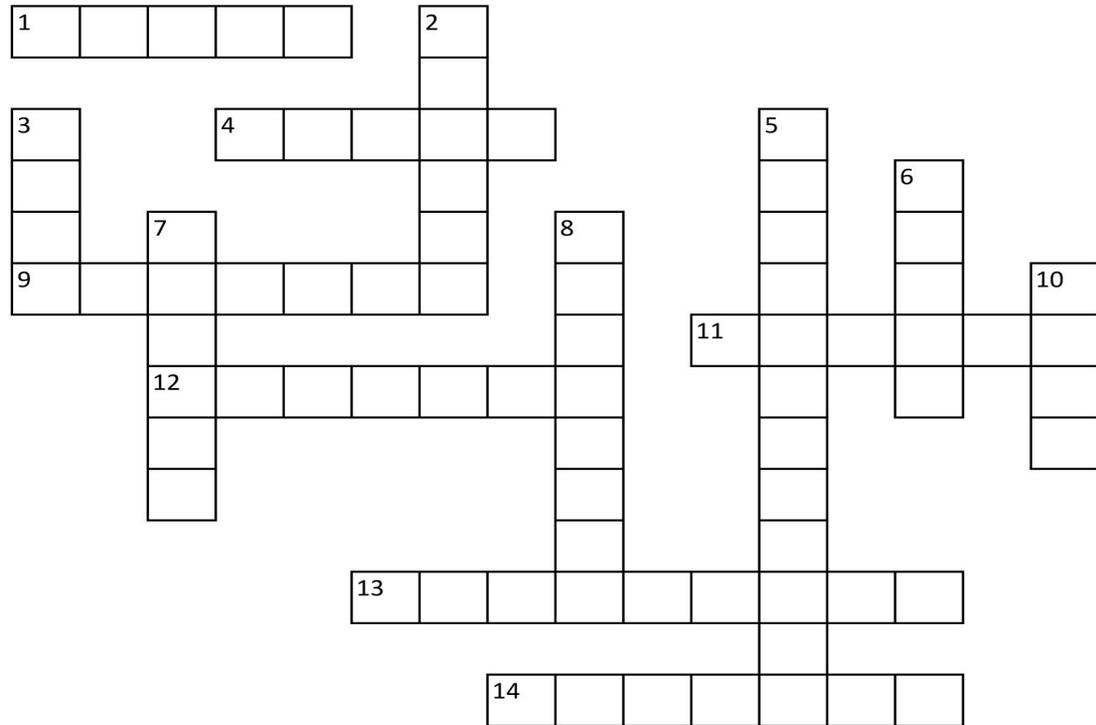
Lately, a number of sizable spills occurring on depot were incorrectly reported.

Remember, if a spill occurs that is too large for you to clean up, consists of a substance too dangerous for you to deal with or poses an environmental or safety threat, you must call 9-1-1 immediately.

Do not call environmental, the Hazardous Waste Storage Facility, the Directorate of Emergency Services or even the fire department.

All spills MUST be reported to 9-1-1 where an operator will inform the necessary parties for response. Make sure to practice R-A-C-E whenever a spill occurs – Report (call 9-1-1), Assist victims if it is safe for you to do so, Contain the spill if it is safe for you to do so and, finally, Evacuate if needed.

Avoiding Falls



ACROSS

1. Don't stand higher than the ____rungs from the top of a ladder.
4. Place the base of a ladder on a firm, ____surface.
9. Proper ladder setup will help ____slips and falls whether at work or home.
11. A ladder shouldn't be used as a ____ or scaffold.
12. Always keep at least three points of ____with a ladder.
13. When climbing a ladder, always face it and grip the rungs, not the____.
14. Inspect a ladder before and after a job - don't use a ____ or unsafe ladder.

DOWN

2. Make sure you know the ____limits of a ladder you are using.
3. Don't ____off a ladder.
5. Instead of leaning or____, reposition a ladder closer to the work you are doing.
6. Check the area you will be working in for hazards, such as____or objects in the walkway.
7. If the weather turns bad when you are outside on a ladder,____immediatley.
8. Never lean a ladder against a windeow pane or other ____surfaces.
10. Use a ____instead of carrying tools in hand.

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