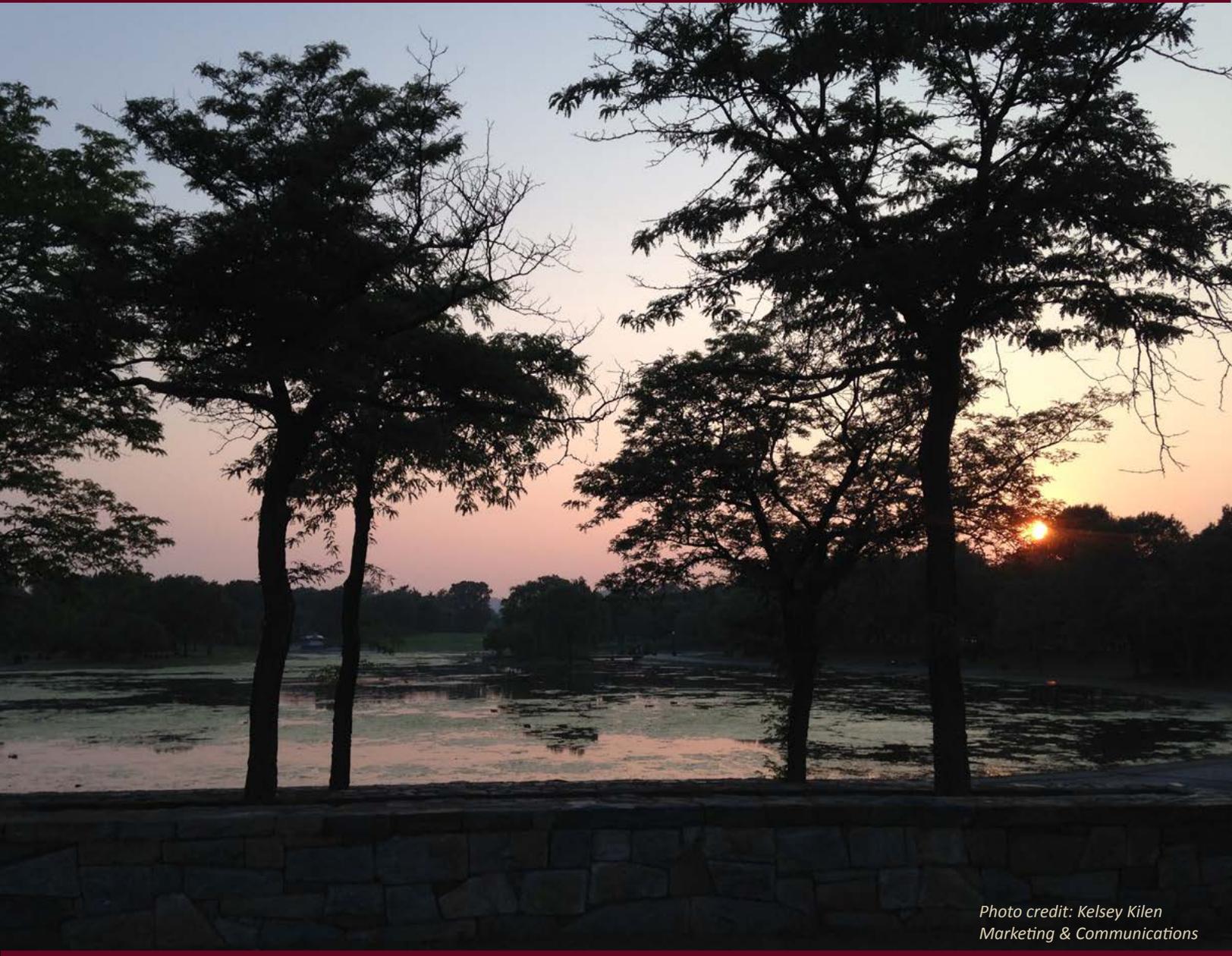




The **SKOOKUM** *Skoop*

August 2015



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Fort Meade's Connie McClendon Speaks Out!



Recently, our Supply Technician **Connie McClendon** had the honor of being the guest speaker at the Mission Installation Contracting Command at Fort Eustis, Virginia. SourceAmerica hosted the event to get the word out to our federal employers on the advantages of hiring persons with disabilities.

Our Marketing Director, **Marie Campanoli** introduced Connie to the SourceAmerica/AbilityOne speaker program early last year. Marie and Connie have been on numerous speaking engagements to include walking the halls of our nation's capital, visiting with congressional leaders from

local districts and special committee members. Connie's message is a powerful one representing the voice of all our disabled veterans and persons without disabilities across Skookum and other CRPs alike.

Concluding the speaking engagement, Connie had the pleasure of touring D-19 Fort Eustis where she met fellow Skookum employees at the Central Issuing Facility and Supply Support Activity. They compared notes of their locations and Skookum offices and had the chance to put faces with names. Fort Eustis personnel were very kind taking the time to show Connie around their wonderful facility. The Fort Meade team is very proud of Connie and her continued success with the SourceAmerica Speaker Program. Please feel free to reach out to Connie and just say hello! Your story may give her inspiration and fresh ideas on reaching others with decision-making authority. Reach Connie at CMcClendon@skookum.org or (301) 677-9290. Thank you, Connie for everything you do for all of us!

Jeff Iafrazi | Site Manager | Fort Meade, MD



PSNS Division 40, Welcomes New Swing Shift Supervisor!

Division 40 welcomes **Ariel Duckworth** to our swing shift janitorial staff as the new Supervisor. Ariel has over four years of experience working in the janitorial industry. She comes to us with strong leadership and supervisory skills, works well under pressure, and is excited to be a part of the Skookum team. Ariel is the mother of five wonderful children and hopes her new role as a Skookum supervisor and leader will better both her and her children's lives.

Eva Wilson | PSNS Facility Maintenance Manager | Bremerton, WA

Newest Addition to D-42

Colin Barry has joined the Skookum team as our newest Weed and Pest Control Technician bringing several years of knowledge and background in pest control. He also has a great work ethic and positive attitude that shows in the work he performs.

You might see Colin treating vegetation around the different bases from Bangor to the Shipyard. If you do, please welcome him to Skookum!



Bill McKenzie | Bangor Facilities Maintenance Manager | Bangor, WA

August Birthdays

1	Shevlin Lewis	18	Roberto Benavidez
1	William Watkins	18	Megan Mason-Todd
2	Jacob Vaccaro	19	Terry Cobb
2	Magdalena Galvez	19	Brandon McGuire
2	Justin Lukenbill	20	Rene Watkins
2	Nathan Trimble	21	Thomas Boehnlein
3	Frank Johnson	21	William Palazzolo
3	Webster Blunt III	22	Maria Figueroa
4	Calvin Lee Jr	22	James Crenshaw
4	Josef Hernandez	22	Patrick Pennington
4	Harold Brown	23	Curtis Lake
4	Natalie Vann	23	James Wilkins
5	Andres Gonzalez	24	Hyong Lipscomb
5	Troy Lewis	24	Jacqueline Main
5	Richard Duval	24	Edward Boyle Jr
6	Josanna Boyd	24	Loretta Hamon
6	Gail Nakahara	24	John Jacob
6	Timothy Wood	24	Thomas Walton
6	Joseph Douthit	25	Yo Peralta
8	Tina Bailey	26	Stephnie Carpenter
8	Rick Roller	26	Yusef Freeman Jr
9	Elvira Rozal	26	Orlando DeJesus
9	Anthony Grijalva	26	Sergio Sayson
9	Evelyn Villa	26	Jonothon Prinz
10	Michael Vassell	26	Stacy Hall
10	Kenneth Reed	26	Jeremy Dalton
10	Corey LeGrande	27	Nicholas Pilege
10	Gregory Wimsatt	27	Josh Martinelli
10	Dana Steward	27	Toni Keith
11	Steven Brewer	28	Otis Robinson III
11	David Thibadeau	28	Sergio Ruiz
11	Justin Reynolds	28	Heather Alcorn
11	Christopher Pettus	29	Diana Reeves
12	Deborah Warren	29	Paul Mann
12	James Tucker	29	Daniel Brantley
12	Joan Randolph	30	John Morton
13	Song Taylor		
13	Larry Porter Jr		
13	Thelma Rongcal		
13	Samantha Patten		
13	Matthew Jerez		
14	Clinton Carr		
16	Raul Torres-Perez		
17	Teresa Vreeland		
17	Denise Stinocher		



Happy Birthday!

August Excellence Award Winners

Steve Harvey

PSNS Facilities Maintenance – **Nominated by: Eva Wilson, Project Manager**

I would like to recognize Steve Harvey for his quick response time in handling a situation that could have quickly gotten out of control if it weren't for his prompt reaction. A fire started outside the fenced area behind the san-i-can laydown yard at the Skookum Home Office. Steve jumped into action and grabbed a fire extinguisher and ran around the fence to put it out. Our grounds crew stood by until the fire department arrived to make sure it was under control. It was discovered that a homeless person had been camping out back under the brush and had started the fire. Thank you Steve!

Barb Pusateri

Finance – **Nominated by: Sean Pace, Electrical Supervisor, PSNS Facilities Maintenance**

Barb is the epitome of the Skookum Core Values, working with her is always a pleasure. Barb is not just the person who processes my credit card reconciliations every two weeks, she is my "go to" person in Finance. I know that if I have a question or an issue that I need assistance with I can go to Barb. If she doesn't know the answer she will find it, and with a smile to boot. She is extremely welcoming and never shy's away from a challenge. Her quality of work, attention to detail and follow through goes without exception, everything she does is done with integrity and commitment like no other. She has saved Skookum thousands of dollars because of her attention to detail. We are lucky to have Barb with us, her customer service skills are something to be envied.

Darryl Hallman

Naval Research Laboratory, D.C. – **Nominated by: Duke Pendergast, NRL, Project Manager**

Darryl Hallman has been a member of the Skookum Team since November 2014. From day one, he shows up ready to work. Darryl has a class-A license with passenger endorsement. Darryl has proven on many occasions that he has the motivation, experience and exceptional skills required to provide the level of Customer Service that Naval Research Laboratory have embraced since Skookum started. Darryl Hallman has recorded hundreds of miles, transporting passengers, daily shuttling interns who arrived for the summer, shuttle bus backup driver for Lab Tours, Shuttle Bus support, tractor trailers material shipments, "stake body" trucks material deliveries, passenger vans & sedans passenger movements. Darryl shows up each morning ready to safely operate any type of equipment assigned. It did not take customers and co-workers long to find out that Skookum had done it again, found another diamond who understood the Core Values that Skookum represents. Darryl stated he is proud to be a member of the Skookum team. It gives me great pleasure to nominate Darryl Hallman.

Rico Aragon

Keyport/Bangor Facilities Maintenance – **Nominated by: Tandie Steinmetzer, Industrial Engineering & Resource Division Strategic Weapons Facility Pacific**

I just wanted to drop a note relative to the performance of our custodian, Rico. He is very thorough in his execution of his job. Several of us commented to each other last week that he is always working, always moving, never dawdles, and is VERY courteous and professional. He engages to do his task in a non-invasive manner.

Recent Changes at NRL

Joseph Jones and **Carl Singleton** were recently selected to assume the roles of Safety Representative and Quality Control Specialist respectively at D-31 Naval Research Laboratory (NRL), Washington, DC. Joseph and Carl will build on the foundation **Phil Sledge** laid when the contract began three years ago. As a Dispatcher, Joseph combines his expertise of interacting with all perspective drivers of trucks, vehicles, and equipment at NRL with ensuring safety is at the forefront of each operator. As a Tractor Trailer Driver, Carl has a keen sense of Quality & Safety in maintaining solid quality standards across maintenance and customer requests. We look forward to Joseph maintaining NRL's strong safety programs and Carl improving upon the developed and certified ISO 9001 processes. Congratulations, Joseph and Carl on being selected and upholding Skookum's passion for safety and quality!

Robert (Bob) Cordell, PE | Skookum Contract Services | General Manager



The Quality and Safety Department welcomes **Ann Robins** to the Fort Lee, Virginia location as the new Q&S Manager. Ann's experience encompasses over 15 years working for Global Companies in the Human Resource and Quality and Safety management programs. Ann is an American Red Cross instructor, certified Safety Manager, Safety Trainer, and Safety Auditor. She has completed her Bachelor's degree and is completing the last class for her Master's Degree in Public Safety.

As an Air Force veteran, Ann continues to serve the community by holding office on the local, state, and national levels of several veteran service organizations. She recently completed a one-year service project with the Virginia Wounded Warrior Program servicing homeless and disabled veterans.

As the previous Q&S Manager, **Will Wright** is working closely with Ann to ensure a smooth transition as he steps into his new role as D-55's Operations Manager.

Ann has lived in Virginia with her husband and four children since 2004 and is excited about bringing her experience and passion for helping people to the Skookum team. Both the Fort Lee and home office Q&S teams are glad to have you aboard, Ann!

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Will Wright | Operations Manager | Fort Lee, VA



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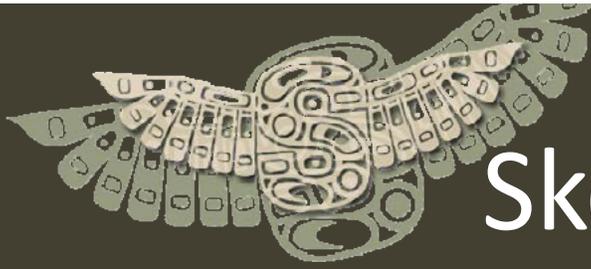
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Healthy Habits:

- Eat nutritiously. Good eating habits can help you sleep better and feel energized all day.
- Exercise regularly. This also helps your sleep quality and daytime energy level.
- Avoid caffeine and nicotine three to four hours before going to bed. Also avoid big meals, vigorous exercise, and alcohol close to bedtime.

TROUBLE SLEEPING?



Tips For A Better Night's Sleep

Insufficient sleep causes fatigue, drowsiness, moodiness, loss of energy, and lack of concentration and alertness. Keep these symptoms from interfering with your day with the following tips:

Sleep Hygiene – to help you establish and maintain a sleep routine:

- ◆ Strive for seven to eight hours of sleep per night. This may involve changing the schedule you're used to, but it's vital to make sleep a priority.
- ◆ Keep a regular schedule – try to go to bed and wake up the same time each day, including weekends.
- ◆ Create a good sleep environment, including comfortable room temperature, minimal noise and sufficient darkness.

SAFETY ZONE: Jason Slahor Expands Position

Fort Meade, Maryland (D-30) congratulates **Jason Slahor** as he expands his position to become the part-time Quality Control and Safety (Q&S) Manager! Jason has been working with Skookum since it was awarded the Ft. Meade contract in July 2011 and will continue performing excellent work as a Freight Specialist in the transportation office.



Jason provides a top-level quality of work to both his customers and co-workers in his reporting and attention to detail. Jason is very particular when it comes to quality and safety especially when processing sensitive items or hazardous cargo shipments. Both the Ft. Meade and Q&S home office teams believe Jason is a great fit for the Q&S Manager role. We all look forward to seeing him continue to excel and become a strong leader. Great work, Jason!

Jeff lafrati | Project Manager | Fort Meade, MD

New Skookum Storyteller Video - Jeff Jennison



Check out our new Skookum Storyteller video!

Watch this video and more at:

<http://www.skookum.org/news-media/story-teller-videos>

The winner will receive a \$100 Prize along with a Skookum Excellence Pin. This award is based on our Core Values.

Fill in form and click submit. Your nomination will go directly to Skookum CEO, Jeff Dolven.

CORE VALUES



Partnership



Diversity



Commitment

SKOOKUM



Integrity



Quality



Exceptional Results with Extraordinary People

To nominate, go to: www.skookum.org/news-media/award-winners

Anyone is welcome to nominate a Skookum employee for this award: customers, supervisors, employees, peers, managers, etc.