



The SKOOKUM *Skoop*

June 2016



Curtis Bay Crew works hard on a storm water ditch on Earth Day 2016.

Bayview is Working Hard!



The springtime is welcomed with open arms by the Skookum Security team here in Bayview Idaho. We are looking forward to the new season and hoping that we don't experience the forest fires like we did last year. One of the Idaho fires last year got so close the base was actually closed down for a few days except for the very essential personnel and our security team. It looked for a while that even we were going to have to evacuate. However thanks to the hard work of the firefighting crews our base was saved and we did not have to evacuate.

Our team works with dedication and determination to provide the needed security here at Bayview. We are a small but mighty crew and everyone works hard and steps up to fill in for their team members when needed. I am very proud of our employees, here's to a job well done!

Chris Adey / Security Guard Supervisor / Bayview, ID

New GSA Vehicles at Fort Riley

May was a busy month for Division 12 at Fort Riley, Kansas. New GSA vehicles arrived which included Pre-Delivery Inspections for the vehicles received directly from the manufacturers. Once the new vehicles arrived, they were processed and loaded into GSA's computer system, customers were contacted, and appointments were scheduled to pick up their new vehicles. Customers from all over Kansas, Missouri, and Nebraska come to our site to exchange vehicles.

Along with the Marshaling, we've been busy completing Preventive Maintenance services, replacing tires, going on service calls, and helping Division 14 Grounds Maintenance with some work needed on their equipment. We changed out a transmission on one of their work trucks this month, with a 2 day turnaround of getting parts and installing them.



April was a month of celebration at our site as our Shop Foreman, **Harlan 'JR' Lofthus**, reached a milestone of 10 years with Skookum on April 10th. **Bob Cordell** presented JR with a Skookum pin and handwritten letter from **Jeff Dolven** in appreciation of his service on April 13th. During his time at Skookum GSA Fleet Maintenance, JR has worked on over 15,000 vehicles. His skill and wealth of knowledge is immense and second to none. Congratulations, JR!

Jayna Schweitzer / Administrative Assistant / Ft. Riley, KS



June Birthdays!

01	James Stoner	14	Jesse Cervantes	24	John Barrier
02	Scott Bell	14	Thomas Smith	24	Carole Wilkinson
02	Sean Powell	15	Paul Howard	24	Steven Hejmanowski
02	Conrad Pierce	15	Rick Talmage	25	Paige Hammond
03	Kelsey Kilen	15	Samuel Nelson	26	Ronald Wilkerson
04	Linda Karrmann	16	Robert Randle	26	Kyong Pagniano
05	Sun Hui Warram	16	Tom Luey	27	Joseph Abdelaal
06	Trista Morse	16	Eddie Murphy	27	James Seward
07	Linda Bryant	16	Scott Mikelson	27	Gary Williams
08	Jeff Iafrazi	17	Rhachel Manalac	28	Rodney Cooper
08	Anthony Murphy	17	Andre Toth	29	Brian Haigh
08	Donnel Hoffman	18	Harry Mayfield	29	Julie Allan
09	John Berg	19	Rosemarie Aguon	30	Earl Johnson
10	Creede Nuckols	19	Nikki Rogers	30	Chris Young
10	Gregory Pe'ay	20	Raymond Cruz	30	Joseph Mesa
11	Rodney Gunderson	20	James Saunders	30	Valerie Flores
11	Tashe'Tibbs	22	Rodolfo Francisco		
12	Edgar Castillo	22	John Taylor		
12	Patrick Canny	22	Charmin Mills		
13	Bruce Cochran	22	Elenita Lewis		
13	Julius Jackson	22	Donald Mowery		
13	Sidney Roberts	23	Ronald Darkow		
13	Blaine Wheeler	24	Gilbert Blas		
14	Ryan Lowery	24	James Allison		
14	Carlos Powell	24	Thomas Lingham		
14	Philip Sledge	24	Benjamin McLaughlin		
14	Thomas Miller	24	Kelly Thayer		

June President's Excellence Award Winners

Skookum Safety Culture Award

Joseph Douthit- Bremerton Naval Hospital
Nominated by: **Violeta Candare**, Executive Housekeeper, Bremerton Naval Hospital

I would like to thank Joseph Douthit. On Tuesday, 24 May, 2016 between 6:00PM to 7:00PM, he showed integrity and professionalism while doing his daily duties. Joseph found some medication bottles in the regular trash, he quickly called night supervisor, Kenneth Reed, who advised to call security to report this incident. When investigated, there were not only medication bottles found in the trash, but sharps, syringes and other PHI (HIPPA). If Joseph hadn't been paying attention this could have gone unnoticed and turned into a serious situation.

He used his training to do the right thing in this situation. Joseph should be recognized for the President's Award. Thank you Joseph, we appreciate what you do for Skookum and the Hospital. Keep up the outstanding job!!!

Carl Singleton- NRL Washington DC

Nominated by: **Andrew Harrison**, Master Mechanic, NRL, Washington DC

I would like to nominate Carl Singleton for the President's Award.

In the wake of some changing tides at NRL, Carl has taken on the role of acting project manager and transportation dispatch duties; organizing, orchestrating and assigning daily tasks. He not only has performed with great poise, he has excelled with excellence! His commitment to quality and customer service are unmatched. Carl shows great responsibility and leadership keeping with the Skookum's mission. He is truly an asset to the Skookum team.

Luis O. Cartagena- Fort Hood CIF

Nominated by: **Hubert Rhodes**, Supply Tech Lead, Fort Hood CIF

I would like to recognize Luis Cartagena for his outstanding performance and commitment to the Fort Hood CIF mission. Since the day Luis started working at Fort Hood CIF, he has been an exceptional employee. He came in with a positive attitude and with a hunger to make the Body Armor Section better than it already was. He has new ideas every day to make his area better and puts those ideas into action. He helped get the Body Armor Section to an exceptionally organized work environment.

After six months, Luis was rotated to the Demobilization/Redeployment Section where he displayed all of the same values. The first day he started in the section he immediately got right to work with his organizational skills. Every section he works in he seems to have this flawless ability to make it better and more organized. The values he has displayed has made Fort Hood CIF better in helping to complete our mission. No matter what mission Luis is assigned to for that day he does it to the best of his ability and with no complaints. Luis displays all of Skookum's Core Values on a daily basis and is very deserving of this award.

Martin Becar- Bangor Janitorial

Nominated by: **LT Curtis Gaynor**, Building Manager (Bldg 1103) Navy Region Northwest

After completely a cumbersome tile and grout cleaning project in Building 1103 on Bagor Navy Base, many good words were spoken about Martin Becar and his dedication to hard work, going the extra mile to thank the staff of the building for their patience during the project. Way to go, Martin.

"Our diligent custodian sent a letter of appreciation to all occupants for supporting his work on the bathroom tile and grout cleaning. Please take the time when you see him to thank him for the excellent work he did!"

--LT Gaynor

"Nice ownership by the Skookum employee in building 1103"

-- Thomas Zwolfer

"This was very well received and does a lot to foster a partnership relationship with Skookum at the building level, where it really counts."

--Chuck Monie, PE

WSMR Welcomes Kristina Tharpe



Greetings from WSMR! We are very pleased to announce a new member to our team here, **Kristina Tharpe** (Left). Kristina is our new General Clerk III and has quickly proven to be an essential asset to Skookum. Kristina replaces **Claudia Montez** (Middle) who has been promoted to Maintenance Scheduler replacing **Valerie Flores** (Right). As a result we would also like to congratulate Valerie Flores on her new position as our QC Specialist II. Ms. Flores' great attention to detail, and her "take initiative" spirit make for a bright outlook in the safety department.

Claudia Montez / Maintenance Scheduler / WSMR, NM

JBLE News

The JBLE Skookum employees would like to welcome aboard **William Mitchell**, our new Stock Clerk, and **Judy Lewis**, our new Computer Operator I in the Supply Support Activity (SSA). We hope that you will enjoy working at JBLE. We were extremely happy about the Government approving us to hiring some additional manpower since the conversion to GCSS-Army. We were also allowed to keep **Gina Knowlin**, our Fuels Manager. She has moved over to work with GCSS-Army. Gina has completed all of the online training and has been doing a terrific job. They all started during a very busy time, the Supply Support Activity had just completed an Authorized to Forecast to bring in additional lines on inventory into the SSA. Prior to the change, the number of lines that the SSA carried was 1,690 and it has now increased to 3,672 lines. In the SSA we have been putting up the new stock and creating locations. We will all be glad when all of the stock that we should be stocking is received and put in location.

Bernadine Moyler went to Ft. Bragg to attend the Decision Support Tool Training which consisted of an overview of the Army's Materiel Management Tool, Benefits to the Warfighter, asset visibility, distribution/redistribution, EOH(equipment on hand) functions, divesture and ET tracker. The Decision Support Tool is being implemented throughout the Army to allow for complete visibility and asset posture across the Army.

The Central Issue Facility has been extremely busy with E-Orders for deployments and normal customers coming in for issue or turn in. They have been busy issuing body armor to the 7th STB soldiers.

Jean Spell / Site Manager / JBLE, VA

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Curtis Bay Update

Coast Guard Yard



Earth Day Project

Recently the Coast Guard asked Team Skookum on Curtis Bay to assist with a major Earth Day Project. We eagerly jumped on the chance to put it all together. The plan was to excavate two large basins with heavy equipment: Dozer, Loader, Skid Steer, and Dump Trucks. Our own **Cory Golden**, and **Brennan Eschenbach** did the excavating, while the hauling duties were sub-contracted. Working late days, and weekends, we managed to excavate, and haul over 600 cubic yards of earth in just four days. All the effort lead to the final day when Coast Guard, and local Elementary School Volunteers performed the planting, and raking of the finished product.



Earth Day Volunteers

Infiltration Basin in Action

Finally, when a good few days of rain hit, it easily filled both basin's, and overflowed them. In the end, Skookum partnered with our Coast Guard customer, made the Fox 45 Daily News, and got to see our finished work in action.



The Real Test



6 Routine Screenings for Men's Health

When it comes to men and health care, the numbers don't lie: Compared with women, men are 24 percent less likely to visit their doctors in any given year and 22 percent less likely to get their cholesterol checked. They're also less willing to be screened for cancer, despite the fact that their cancer mortality rates are higher. Fortunately, most men's health screenings are simple and quick and can be given in your regular physician's office. Here are six to add to your preventive care plan now:



1. Blood Pressure Test

A blood pressure screening is one of the easiest, most painless things you can do for your health. It's so simple, in fact, that there's just no excuse not to do it. You often don't even need to go to the doctor — many pharmacies have machines that can check your blood pressure right there in the store. The National Institutes of Health currently recommends that men between the ages of 18 and 64 be screened at least once every two years, but your doctor may advise more frequent tests depending on how high your numbers are.

2. Cholesterol Test

A cholesterol check is also simple and vital to overall heart health as you age. Measured with a simple blood test, cholesterol screenings for men's health are recommended every five years. You may need them more often, however, if you are over age 45, at high risk for heart disease, or have high levels of "bad" LDL cholesterol or low levels of "good" HDL cholesterol.

3. Prostate Cancer Screening

Prostate cancer screening has been the subject of some controversy recently, in part because of concern over the possibility of false positives and overtreatment, but many experts say men should still be tested. The primary method of screening is the PSA (prostate specific antigen) test, which measures the level of PSA in your blood. Optimal levels are usually considered to be under 4 ng/mL (nanograms per milliliter). Opinion varies widely on how often you should be screened, so talk with your doctor about what kind of screening is right for you.

4. Colon Cancer Screening

Colorectal cancer is the second leading cause of cancer deaths in the United States. According to the American Cancer Society, 103,170 new cases of colon cancer will be diagnosed this year alone — more than half of which will be in men. Because of this, current guidelines say that men should start getting checked at age 50.

5. Skin Cancer Check

Men are two to three times more likely to get non-melanoma basal cell and squamous cell skin cancers than women are, and their risk increases as lifetime exposure to sun accumulates, about every three months, men should do a self-examination for new or changing skin lesions. Also be sure to ask your doctor to check your skin, head to toe, during your yearly physical as part of regular preventive care.

6. Diabetes Test

One-third of Americans with diabetes don't know they have it. Uncontrolled diabetes can lead to heart disease and stroke, kidney disease, blindness from damage to the blood vessels of the retina, nerve damage, and impotence. If your family has a history of diabetes, consult with your doctor to see how often you should be tested.

Don't let fear keep you from these important checks. When diseases are detected early, experts say they are easier to treat and respond better to treatment.

Skookum Veteran Spotlight



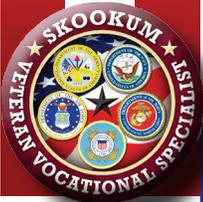
Meet United States Army National Guard veteran, **Connie McClendon**, from Long Branch, NJ. Connie served as an Automated Logistical Specialist primarily responsible for supervising and performing management or warehouse functions in order to maintain equipment records and parts at the National Guard Training Center in Sea Girt, NJ from 1991-2012. Connie utilized the employment services from the Veterans Administration shortly before her Honorable discharge to obtain a position with Skookum Contract Services as a Supply Technician at Ft. Meade, Maryland.

With a 9-month tour to Iraq in 2008 handling high-value detainees at Camp Cropper, Baghdad, Connie is 1 of over 250 veterans with disabilities successfully employed by Skookum to provide outstanding support to our customers. She continues her support as Skookum's representative for SourceAmerica's Grassroots Advocacy Program to ensure her stories are heard by Members of Congress and calls attention to the lasting effect programs such as AbilityOne have on people with significant disabilities.

"I enjoy being a part of the Skookum family," said Connie. "I didn't even know companies like this existed out there in creating opportunities for people and veterans with disabilities. Skookum really cares about their employees just as much as their mission. It's great to be able to work for a company like that!"

Connie has been a valued employee since she started with the company in 2011 and has earned several accolades and awards that include the Skookum President's Excellence Award for demonstrating excellence in one or more of our Core Values or exceptional commitment to Skookum's Safety culture. In addition, she also earned the Army's Meritorious Service medal and an Army Commendation medal for her service in Iraq.

Chad Rogers / Veteran Vocational Specialist / Fort Meade, MD



Skookum President's Excellence Award

CORE VALUES



Partnership



Diversity



Commitment



Integrity



Quality

Each week, an employee wins the Skookum President's Excellence Award. The winner will receive a \$100 Prize along with a Skookum Excellence Pin. This award is given to an employee who has demonstrated excellence in one or more of our Core Values or exceptional commitment to Skookum's Safety culture. The winners are announced in the Skookum Skoop Newsletter every month. Anyone is welcome to nominate a Skookum employee for this award: customers, supervisors, employees, peers, managers, etc.

Exceptional Results with Extraordinary People

To nominate, go to: www.skookum.org/news-media/award-winners
Fill in form and click submit. Your nomination will go directly to Skookum CEO, Jeff Dolven.