



The SKOOKUM *Skoop*

March 2017



“There’s a sunrise and a sunset every single day, and they’re absolutely free. Don’t miss so many of them.”

— Jo Walton

Fort Eustis Welcomes New Employees

The JBLE employees would like to take this opportunity to welcome **Sabrina Masonforeman** who has been hired as the Warehouse Specialist and **Javon Elliott** who has been hired as a Temporary Shipping/Receiving Clerk in the Property Book Area. **Christopher Sprouse** has been hired to work in the Supply Support Activity as a Shipping/Receiving Clerk. **Lizbeth Graniela Matos** has been hired as a Stock Clerk in the Central Issue Facility. We hope that they enjoy working for Skookum at Joint Base Langley Eustis.

At the present time, **Robert Brown** is still out recuperating. I have talked to him a few times and he is waiting on the doctors to let him know when they are going to release him.



On January 25, 2016, JBLE received their ISO Certification with Verisys Registrars. I want to take this opportunity to thank **Earl Nichols** who is JBLE Skookum ISO Representative. Earl did a terrific job! I also want to thank everyone who worked with Earl on ensuring that all of the paperwork was accurate.

Jean Spell | Site Manager | Fort Eustis, VA

Fort Riley Grounds Welcomes 2017

Grounds Maintenance Services, Fort Riley, Kansas kicks off 2017 with another year of mowing, watering trees, pruning trees and shrubs fertilizer application and sprinkler system maintenance. The focus of our crew is child care facilities, baseball fields, teen centers, dormitories, Marshall Air Field, military marina and the perimeter fence line.

Fort Riley is home for "The Big Red One," the Army's 1st Infantry Division. Skookum and the Directorate of Public Works (DPW) have built a solid partnership to increase the appearance of the grounds throughout Fort Riley. There is never a doubt that Skookum Fort Riley delivers top notch service and supports the Army, DPW and the various customers on post. *"I believe Skookum regularly impresses Fort Riley because of our passion for providing quality service in a safe way."*

Damon Darroch / Project Manager/ Fort Riley, KS Grounds Maintenance

Skookum Scholarship Program

We are excited to announce the 2017 Skookum Scholarship Application will be opening Monday, March 27th! Skookum truly believes in supporting higher education for our employees and their children. This scholarship can go towards:

- Two-year Colleges (Community and Junior Colleges)
- Four-Year Colleges and Universities
- Technical and Vocational Schools
- Training programs
- Books, etc.



All current Skookum employees, past employees (employed during 2017), and their children are eligible to apply. Each winner will receive a \$1,000 to \$2000 scholarship to help cover the cost of their tuition and/or books. You will be able to find the link to the Scholarship Application on both the Employee Page of Skookum's website and on Skookum's Facebook page.

Applications will be accepted from Monday, March 27th until Friday, May 26th. Winners will be announced Friday, June 23th.

March Birthdays!

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|----|------------------------|----|-----------------------|----|-------------------|
| 2 | Alexander Horton | 12 | Scott Coffman | 21 | Ariel Duckworth |
| 2 | Christopher Crittenden | 12 | Jerry Berlin | 22 | Timothy Lynn |
| 3 | David Sutton | 13 | Ricky Ketcham | 22 | Abraham Goldberg |
| 3 | Carolyn Dubler | 13 | Gabriel Brothers | 23 | Vincent Pollard |
| 3 | Kim Gentkowski | 14 | Lewis Oliphant | 23 | Lorenzo Smith |
| 3 | Stephani Fluke | 14 | Dale Moore | 24 | Ronald Potts |
| 4 | Irene Bush | 15 | John Chavis | 26 | David Edwards |
| 4 | Paul Rountree | 15 | Jonathan Pate | 26 | Gage Munde |
| 5 | Cory Golden | 15 | Robert McComb | 26 | Timothy Dolezal |
| 5 | Grace Olson | 16 | Luis Cartagena-Burgos | 26 | Albert Johnsen |
| 5 | Robin Merrell | 16 | Jesse Crews | 27 | KassidyDeibert |
| 5 | Victor Dominguez | 16 | Jotiar Haji | 27 | David Reeder |
| 6 | Randy Hartman | 16 | Christopher Spivey | 28 | Stacy Gravely |
| 6 | Noel Hines | 16 | Danny Moore | 28 | Jeanette Thompson |
| 7 | Linda Vallot | 16 | Heather Larson | 29 | Brett Grenier |
| 7 | Michael Miller | 18 | GeorgeJacob | 30 | Candace Brown |
| 8 | Mazi Akil | 18 | Cory Miller | 30 | Gregory Baletto |
| 9 | Michelle Feedor | 18 | Janene Frenette | 30 | Craig Grimmer |
| 9 | William Walker | 19 | Richard Ramsey | 30 | Craig Poitevint |
| 10 | Mary Adams | 19 | NathanMyers | 31 | Kenneth Moreland |
| 10 | Edward Garrido | 19 | Chris Lewis | 31 | Bryant Andrews |
| 10 | Terry Moore | 19 | Alysha Erickson | 31 | Martin Fritz |
| 10 | Marcus Bird | 20 | DeRichieen Jelks | | |
| 10 | Steve Santacroce | 20 | Michael Smith | | |
| 11 | Connie Cryer | 20 | Gregory Fitch | | |
| 11 | Christopher Stange | 21 | Michelle Ogan | | |
| 12 | Charles Thurmond | 21 | Fredrick Knott | | |
| 12 | Dennis Jarnigan | 21 | Bradley Moscou | | |

March President's Excellence Award Winners

Skookum Safety Culture Award

Charmin Mills - General Clerk III, **JBLM Janitorial, WA**

Nominated by: **Chris Crittenden**, Safety Program Manager, and **Bethany Bruyer**, Environmental Health & Safety Coordinator, Bremerton, WA

Charmin has demonstrated an excellent work ethic as the Safety Rep at JBLM. She attends all the Safety Meetings that she is available for and gets all the monthly required paperwork in on time. We never have to ask Charmin to do something twice. She is efficient and accurate at all the required Safety documents and goes out of her way to communicate with us and make sure things are done correctly. Charmin is a pleasure to work with, and is a joy to have on the Safety Rep team.

Martin Becar- Bangor Janitorial, WA Nominated by: **Captain Tom Zwolfer**, Chief of Staff, Navy Region Northwest, Bangor, WA

I wanted to drop you a short note regarding the outstanding work one of your employees, Martin Becar, is doing. I'm currently the Chief of Staff for Rear Admiral Mayes and Navy Region Northwest. Our headquarters is in Building 1100 on NBK-Bangor.

Martin is hands down the hardest working custodian that I have encountered in 30 years. His attention to detail, cheerful attitude and pride in his spaces has maintained a level of cleanliness I do not see in many Navy buildings. I have personally observed him working the details on many occasions.

Martin is also a pleasure to interact with. He is extremely polite and greets all people he encounters. As the first person I normally see when I come in in the morning he always starts my day with a smile - which I'm sure the rest of the team at NRRW appreciates.

Please let me know if there is anything that I can do to recognize him beyond the thanks I have personally given him. I've included our Executive Office, LT Jason Fouts on this email. He is in the office much more often than I am if you need to contact us!

Scott Coffman, Heavy Equipment Mechanic, Fort Riley, KS Nominated by: **Neal Carson**, Site Manager, Fort Riley, KS

Scott Coffman has demonstrated commitment to not only his job, our division and our customers but goes above and beyond constantly.

Being a small division with three mechanics can be challenging when one mechanic is out, but when two are out trying to meet customer demands can be overwhelming at times. Scott has been in this situation several times and has handled it like a champion. He has a positive attitude along with being a motivational team member. There are customers who come into our shop specifically to see Scott, and they know when he completes the work, not only will their vehicles be operational again but safe as well.

Both Divisions (12 and 14) at Ft. Riley depend upon Scott to support their missions. He has spent several hours showing and explaining maintenance procedures to the Grounds Maintenance staff as well.

In the three years he has been here, we have never heard him say 'no', or 'it can't be done'. Those words are not in his vocabulary. He is there to help whenever and wherever he is needed.

Scott also has innovative ideas that save time and money. He found an ice machine that had been thrown away, brought it to the shop, repaired it and gave it to our Grounds Maintenance contract so they will have ice during the summer months.

We are very proud of Scott and his accomplishments and feel very fortunate to have him on our team. We highly recommend Scott Coffman for The President's Excellence Award.

Amy Hedrick- Order Filler Laborer, PSNS Bremerton, WA Nominated by: **Tamra Burgh**, Material Expediter C/1000B, PSNS Bremerton, WA

I would like to let you know what a wonderful job Amy does for us here at logistics. Her positive upbeat attitude is refreshing. She always has a smile and engages in conversation, she has a caring characteristic that not all of our delivery people have, it is refreshing.

NRL News

Skookum NRL is proud to announce some recent changes to support the maintenance operations. **Andy Harrison**, Master Mechanic Lead, **Orlando DeJesus**, Autoworker, and **Erik Dudley**, Motor Vehicle Mechanic Helper, will be joined by **Wallace Bounds**, our 2nd Master Mechanic, to support maintenance on the transportation equipment, motor vehicles, and other equipment at NRL.

Skookum NRL provides transportation management including vehicle and equipment maintenance and repair of the in-house NRL vehicle fleet. Skookum also provides shuttle bus services, executive car services and logistics support to NRL's operations.

The Skookum NRL team is motivated to provide superior service, exceptional quality and outstanding customer service to the Navy employees at laboratory in Washington DC. *"My team is confident that transportation operations and maintenance will continue to be completely met with our new maintenance team. I am very proud to work with and support my Skookum team every day."*



Carl Singleton / Project Manager / NRL Washington D.C.

Skookum Baby Alert!



Julian Henry Meyers was born to **Viviana Gonzalez**, Financial Operations Manager, and Steve Meyers on January 6, 2017. He weighed 8 lbs 14 oz, and was 21 inches long. Congratulations on your new arrival!

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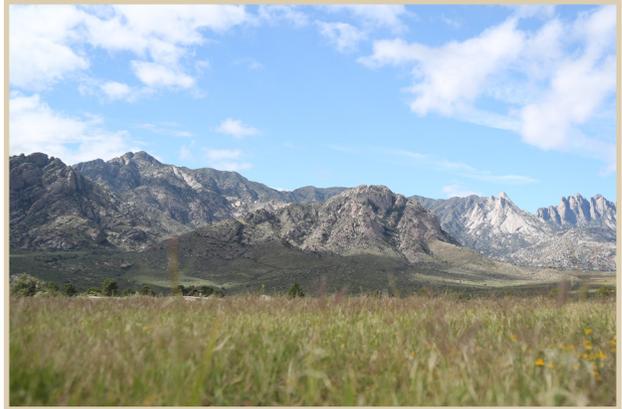
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Greetings from White Sands Missile Range

Greetings and a warm welcome from White Sands Missile Range. It is currently windy season in Las Cruces, NM—land of enchantment and home of the brave. Even though we are estimated to have three more weeks of winter, we are enjoying highs reaching 60 to 80 degrees. This time of the year gusts of wind can reach up to 50 mph blowing dust and dirt everywhere. Wind starts in the early morning and lasts thru the afternoon. It usually calms down in the evenings and temperatures drop down to a cool 30 degrees.

Las Cruces windy season usually lasts from mid to late February through mid-May, but that shouldn't stop us from dusting off those BBQ's and enjoying this beautiful warm weather with family and friends.



Kristina Tharpe | Maintenance Scheduler | WSMR, NM

Curtis Bay Implements MAXIMO



The US Coast Guard and Skookum have teamed up and augmented the current facility work order software SAMS with MAXIMO. In mid-December, Skookum put MAXIMO handhelds right in the hands of our team of Stationary Engineers, General Laborers, Electricians, Plumbers, Welder, General Maintenance Workers and our HVAC technicians. The results have been nothing short of amazing. Day to day preventative maintenance and trouble calls tasks are carefully screened by Skookum's Production Control team, technicians and YARD facilities department.

Since December, Skookum has been updating facility equipment, balancing the 12-month workload, refreshing each PM task and ensuring the YARD equipment is carefully inspected. The Curtis Bay team is scheduled to perform and carefully track over 14,000 tasks in 2017.

Our dedicated team in conjunction with the US Coast Guard have moved from facilities maintenance to facilities management with SAMS and MAXIMO. We look forward to supporting the Coast Guard Baltimore shipyard mission every day in 2017.

Cory Golden | Support Service Manager | Curtis Bay, MD

Skookum Baby Alert!

Brynn Mastel, Revenue Administrator, and **Ben Mastel**, welcomed **Silas William** on February 20th, 2017. He was 8lbs 13oz and 21 inches long. They are all happy and healthy. Congratulations!



Skookum Wellness

MARCH 2017

- 1 A lifetime of healthy eating can help prevent chronic diseases such as obesity, heart disease and type 2 diabetes.
- 2 You can eat nutritiously regardless of your food preferences, traditions, culture or budget.
- 3 Include a healthy variety: vegetables, fruits, grains (at least half of them whole), low-fat or nonfat dairy, proteins (including seafood, lean meats and poultry, eggs, legumes, soy products, nuts and seeds), and plant oils.

To learn more, visit health.gov.

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Skookum President's Excellence Award

CORE VALUES



Partnership



Diversity



Commitment

SKOOKUM



Integrity



Quality



Exceptional Results with Extraordinary People

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.

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.