



# SKOOKUM

## *Skoop*

MAY  
2017



*“There are many paths, but only one journey.”*  
—Naomi Judd

## NRL CELEBRATES

A good time was had by all at the celebratory lunch NRL had after receiving the President's Sterling Safety Award for an accident free 2016. Good food and laughter filled the crew with joy as they spent time together off site. Great job NRL!



## BABY ALERT!



Food Service Attendant at the Bangor Galley, **Samantha Aramian**, welcomed a baby boy last month. We are all excited for our newest Skookum baby here at Division 44. Killian Aramian-Cain was born to Samantha and Zack April 18th 2017, weighing 7 lbs 10 oz! Congratulations to the proud parents of little Killian!

## SKOOKUM SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Don't Forget! We are currently accepting applications for the 2017 Skookum Scholarship Program. 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 until **Friday, May 26th**.

Winners will be announced **Friday, June 23th**.



Ariel Duckworth  
PSNS Janitorial, WA  
Nominated by: Tonya Houk, Swing Shift Lead & Janene Frenette, Swing Shift Janitor PSNS, WA

Ariel Duckworth, Swing shift Supervisor for Division 40 PSNS, has done an excellent job stepping up and taking on the roll, not just of the swing shift supervisor but the day shift supervisor as well during this transition period.

Ariel has been putting in many hours. She not only is here bright and early to get the day crews out but is here until her Lead comes in at 3:30. She has done an amazing job taking on a whole new shift and crew and making sure that every shift is well taken care of from days to graveyard.

Her commitment to Division 40 and Skookum is UNCOMPARABLE!

Alvin Pryor and Sean Stith  
Fort Lee, VA  
Nominated by: Bobby D, Brown, Information & Referral Program Manager, Army Community Service, Fort Lee, VA

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the following two Skookum employees. Mr. Alvin Pryor and Mr. Sean Stith stopped by Army Community Service (9023) to conduct a building inspection. Upon completion of their inspection on the property, I asked them if they could repair an item. They look at the item and informed that they would see if they had the parts and return. Within fifteen minutes they were back with the part and resolved my issues.

I would like to recognize them both for a can do altitude and an outstanding job. Great job, Fort Lee Skookum.

## MAY PRESIDENT'S EXCELLENCE AWARD WINNERS

Julianne Nilson  
Bremerton Naval Hospital  
Nominated by: Sheri Arveson,  
Janitor, Naval Hospital,  
Bremerton, WA

Julianne well deserves an achievement award, she is such a very hard worker and her commitment to Skookum is exceptional.

She goes above and beyond her duties to help everyone. She will work overtime when needed and overall great Integrity.

She makes sure routes are complete and makes sure they are high quality when Lead. Julianne is a efficient and extraordinary employee of Skookum and loved by many.

Fatu Kamuta  
Janitorial, JBLM, WA  
Nominated by: 627th  
Logistics Readiness Squadron,  
JBLM, WA

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They would like to say thank you for doing an incredible job by putting forth extra effort and servicing their brake room. "Fatu is trustworthy, friendly, and never fails to check with our staff to make sure we are happy with the service."

## NEW MOWER AT FORT LEE

Got Slopes? Got Hills? Fort Lee has them, and they are no longer a problem for the grounds crew as they can now safely maneuver on hills with ease. Thanks to the new PT 1850 Power-Trac Slope mower, D-55 can cut just about any hill, slope, or berm up to 45 degrees. The unit was first used to cut the miles of berms at the vehicle recovery training area where the standard berm is 25-35 degrees. After safely completing the task in record time, the machine was then tried on the more generalized cutting areas of the post. Once again, the slope mower was able to get the job done, quickly and efficiently. Operators **Derrick Jones** and **Timothy Schane** are able to move from area to area, ahead of the zero turn mower teams, to safely cut areas that most mowers should simply avoid. Whatever they leave behind is known to the z turn drivers to be safely maneuverable for the Z's and weed eaters.



The slope mower has 8 wheels, which would typically be seen on a 4 wheeler, giving it a very wide stance. It also has a diesel engine and a hydraulic pump which make it even heavier. All of this combined allows it to keep the center of gravity very low even on treacherous inclines. To top off the intricacies of the mower, it even has a seat that actually moves based upon the slope and keeps the operator sitting at "0" degrees even when on a hill.



Everyone at Fort Lee is very excited to see what other uses will come out of the slope mower. The front deck can be taken off and instead a side arm mower, disc blades, or a dump bed trailer can be attached. This will allow for added ease when cutting retention ponds, and clearing fence lines this coming winter.



**Matthew Hawkins | Roads & Grounds Supervisor | Fort Lee, VA**



Skookum's principal mission at the Logistics Readiness Center, Transportation Motor-Pool is to provide GSA vehicles, dispatch services, shuttle services, and administer the overall management of the Fort Meade GSA vehicle fleet.

The Skookum shuttle bus service supports our Fort Meade community seven days a week. The shuttle bus service provides transit for Soldiers, Family members, Civilian employees and Commuter riders from multiple locations around our community and to and from the Odenton, Maryland Area Regional Commuter train station. Our

Skookum shuttle drivers have gone another year maintaining a perfect Safety record. Every Skookum shuttle driver takes pride in insuring that the buses are clean and safe before starting their route.

Skookum continues to receive great feedback from our customers and the LRC Staff on the outstanding job we have done managing the TMP and handling customer requirements. All of the Skookum TMP employees are dedicated to mission accomplishment and customer satisfaction, which reflects in their job performance. I would like to extend my sincere gratitude to every Skookum employee at the TMP. Thank you and keep up the good work!

**Raymond Allen | TMP Supervisor | Fort Meade. MD**

## JBLM JANITORIAL UPDATE

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During the 2016-2017 school year at the St. Paul Cathedral School in Yakima, WA, the art teacher had a project to have the students build castles using cardboard rolls from expended paper towel, toilet paper rolls and papier-Mache. For the sake of verity, I asked our building janitor, **James Seward**, to see if he could possibility drop off the cardboard tubes with me as he was making his daily rounds. James went above and beyond I could hope for and the result was plenty of rolls to work with. The project was a success and there was some very creative works.

JBLM Janitorial would like to welcome the following new members to our division at Joint Base Lewis McChord: **Stephen Agustin, Staci Bowden, Simon Bradshaw, Lorethea Garrett, Joe Hickox, Bob Saxton, Ronald Sellers, and Joseph Sommerfeld.**

**Tom Whipple | JBLM Custodial Manager | JBLM, WA**



Skookum Employees at Fort Meade, MD, Curtis Bay, MD, and Fort Lee, VA

# NOMINATE SOMEONE EXCEPTIONAL TODAY

**SKOOKUM** *Contract Services*

## OUR CORE VALUES

### PARTNERSHIPS

We believe in Partnerships that create long term relationships with our customers.

### DIVERSITY

We value the Diversity each one of us brings to the team

### INTEGRITY

We have the Integrity to do what is right

### QUALITY

We are passionate about Quality

### COMMITMENT

We have Commitment to our employees, customers and fellow team.

*Exceptional Results with Extraordinary People*

The Skookum President's Excellence 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. Four winners are chosen every month and awarded with a \$100 prize along with a Skookum Excellence Pin. Winners are announced in the Skookum Skoop Newsletter. Anyone is welcome to nominate a Skookum employee for this award: customers, supervisors, employees, peers, managers, etc.