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"I'm so glad I live in a world where there are Octobers."
— L.M. Montgomery, *Anne of Green Gables*

HURRICANE RELIEF FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

Thousands of people with disabilities have been affected by Hurricane Harvey and Hurricane Irma. Skookum has partnered with an organization whose mission is to extend a helping hand to those affected and to get people with disabilities back on their feet after a natural disaster.

Skookum will match donations up to **\$10,000** to help Portlight in their efforts. If you feel so moved, please donate today at www.portlight.org

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SKOOKUM SANITATION

It's been a busy summer for us as we've recently completed the Race for a Soldier, located in Gig Harbor. Just that set-up alone takes 4 drivers, and four trailers. All of them working Saturday to set-up and Sunday to pick them up. It's for a great cause and we are proud to be a small part of it. We've also had to say so long to **Greg Seitz!** Greg was a true asset to us, servicing portable latrines in the Kitsap area. Greg transferred from the Janitorial Department at Bangor Naval Base but he instantly got the hang of things at Sanitation. He is a former Concrete Mixer Driver, there for he was able to whip the pump truck around tight areas in PSNS and Bangor without hesitation. Greg got along well with everyone and was a team player in this department. Greg relocated to Monroe, Washington to assist his Mother, then he found a job driving a mixer truck again. We wish him the best of luck!



Bob Ratliff | Project Manager | JBLM, WA

SKOOKUM BABY ALERT!



Fort Hood Data Entry Operator II, **Shancola Stringfellow**, and her husband Deunte Stringfellow welcomed a baby boy Dylen LeBrian Stringfellow at 12:16 pm on September 3, 2017. Mr. Dylen weighed 8 pounds, 9 ounces. Mom and Baby are doing well!



JBLM CIF UPDATE

This year is coming to an end quickly and the Holidays are right around the corner. We are in the early stages of preparing for our annual 100% inventory, which will be conducted in December. We are still pushing through the annual PCS rush and taking care of all the Soldiers coming and going from JBLM.

We said good bye to **Raul Torres** from E-Order Section. He is off on a new adventure in his life and we all hope the best for him and his family. We will soon fill three positions to build our CIF family back up. Also, we are anxiously awaiting the return of two Front Line Issue Turn in Clerks (**Mazi and Ahmed**) that are completing a deployment with their Reserve Unit in the next couple months.



Song Taylor, Sewing Machine Operator, and **Gordon McCulley**, Front Line Lead, have both hit the 15 year milestone with Skookum. Song has been with CIF since October 2002 and Gordon started with FLEET in September 2002 and hit 15 years here at CIF. **Jeff Dolven** awarded

them their pins on October 2nd. Congratulations to you both and thank you for all you do for us every day.

Our quarterly luncheon was held in August and was put together by **Ed Garrido** and his Warehouse Team. As always the food was delicious and made it difficult to go back to work. We look forward to a lunch hosted by the Front Line next quarter!



Shelly Johnson | Operations Manager | JBLM, WA

CAN YOU SAY STRYKER? JBLM FLEET CAN!



We did it, that's right we've serviced and completed our first Stryker on 9/21/2017. We had a great team that was overseen by **Jim Gilmon**, Shop Foreman at bldg. 3822. The four folks we had there were; **Ron Gardner, Frederick Ray (JR), Joshua Cha** and **Jay Park**. These folks worked together in a surreal fashion, it was an impressive thing to watch.



The vehicle came into the shop around 9:00am, by 11:30 the engine was out and on the run stand. This was all done at 1st BDE, over at 2nd BDE. (Bldg. 12124) We will be servicing their Strykers once they return from NTC (National Training Center). For now, we're doing their legacy Fleet with the guidance and leadership from **Clayton Tonkin**, Skookum's newest Shop Foreman. We are currently hiring and, looking into the future, we have a very good workload that will last for quite a while.



Bob Ratliff | Project Manager | JBLM, WA

Darius Hall, Safety Coordinator, Curtis Bay, MD
Nominated by: **Larry Stinson**, Quality Control/Safety Manager, Curtis Bay, MD

It is my honor to nominate Darius Hall for the President's award. While he has demonstrated alignment with all five of Skookum's Core Values, he has gone above and beyond even the hardest workers when it comes to the value of commitment lately. I'd like to highlight just some of the things that he has done as a safety coordinator who is dedicated to implementing and maintaining excellent practices in safety. Darius has organized our SDS sheets, hazmat cabinets, and continually keeps inventory up and maintains all table of contents and GHS labels as needed. He has created a digital catalog of most of our used SDS sheets with a spreadsheet that is linked directly into our SharePoint so that we can easily pull SDS sheets when needed. This spreadsheet also automatically updates every time we add in an additional SDS sheet to our SharePoint server. He also re-organized our SharePoint server and added files to cut down on the need to hold physical copies of everything and make it easier to access.

Tonya Houk, Swing Shift Lead, PSNS, WA
Nominated by: **Kurtis W. Kench**, Janitor, PSNS, WA

I've worked at division 40 for almost 5 years I've seen leads come and go. None of them have come close to doing such a stellar job as Tonya has. She brings people together, she's supportive to everyone, and she makes people want to work harder. I have seen very few people who have worked harder and who go beyond expectations like Tonya does. She not only fills her requirements as a working lead, but she does the best that she can to do. I feel out of anyone that I have known at Skookum she deserves this award more than anyone. If she doesn't fulfill the requirements of the core values of Skookum then I truly do not know who does.

Sergio Ruiz
General Maintenance Worker, WSMR, NM
Nominated by: **Samantha Doble**, Safety Specialist, Garrison Safety Office, WSMR, NM

The White Sands Missile Range Skookum workers (in particular Mr. Sergio Ruiz) are critical in maintaining the building repairs located on the installation. He always does a great job! Mr. Sergio's attitude, demeanor, punctuality and friendliness is a true asset to Skookum. Sergio is on top of all service/maintenance requests. Often, he stops by the office areas to ask if we need any work done. He is present and enthusiastic about working. His talent and skill is very much appreciated!

OCTOBER PRESIDENT'S EXCELLENCE AWARD WINNERS

Andre Toth, Line Clerk, JBLM CIF, WA
Nominated by: Gordon McCulley, Section Lead, JBLM CIF, WA

Since the day I met Andre and had a chance to talk with him and witness his work ethic and his interaction with others, I could see the Integrity in this young man. When talking with fellow employees, customers or even management about any topic, you will receive the graceful or blunt truth about the conversation at hand. You did not have to guess were he stood on any subject, with

Andre. Quality, all you had to do with Andre, was give him guidance and turn him loose and things got done to standard. Commitment, Andre is a great partner to have at your station, for those who have had a chance to work with him. The new employee has always received a thorough block of instruction on what needed to be done at their station and those new employees have expressed that to me. They say he is easy to learn from and very thorough. This young man has life challenges that most people do not know about and deals with them as gracefully and with a quiet dignity that I don't see in young men today. Andre came to us and asked if he could do an apprentice job on Mondays and we said yes. This is what he wants to do in the future and some day run his own business, once he gets his foot in the door. With the core values that he demonstrates here every day, it won't be long. He will be truly missed when it's time. Thank you for all you do here at JBLM CIF.

WELCOME SKOOKUM NORTH SOUND BOSCO!!!

We'd like to give a warm welcome to our new teammates at Naval Air Station Whidbey Island. Led by Scott Smith, our team of 85 employees and around 40 subcontractors will provide the Air Station support through: Facility & Airfield Preventative Maintenance, Utilities Operation & Maintenance, Transportation Operation & Maintenance, Solid Waste Management, Pavement Clearance, and Environmental Services. We're so happy to have everyone on board! Welcome!

FORT HOOD AND FOOTBALL

Are You Ready For Some Football?? The Fort Hood CIF team kicked off the start of football season with a Tailgate Party. Employees enjoyed a spread combined with Wellness Favorites....Hot wings that were baked and not fried, silver dollar sandwiches that were made on wheat bread versus white and a vegetable and fruit medley amongst a plethora of other tailgate favorites.



One of the season openers was between the Green Bay Packers and the Seattle Seahawks, a rival game between Site Manager, **Tom Duchateau**, and Vocational Specialist, **Quintara Middlebrooks**. The Green Bay Packers walked away the victors with a score of 17-9, as a result, Seahawks fan, Quintara, had to admit her defeat by wearing a Packers jersey to work.



All in all the tailgate luncheon was a great way to bring everyone together and unite for the common love of football, regardless of what team everyone cheered for.

Quintara Middlebrooks | Vocational Specialist | Fort Hood, TX

THE GALLEY SAYS GOODBYE



On Friday Sept 29, 2017 we said farewell and best wishes to **Evangeline Swenson** as we celebrated her retirement. There was lots of food, lots of friends, and we honored her in conjunction with Commander Stablefeldt's retirement. Geline's career at the Galley spanned 30 years, which began on December 22, 1987. As a cashier for the Trident Inn Galley, she was responsible not only for ringing up service members meals but also being that first person to greet and welcome our customers. She worked for Skookum for the last seven years, and we enjoyed her humor, potluck offerings and most of all her smile. She will most certainly be missed.

Heather Larson | Galley Manager | Naval Base Kitsap Bangor

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.



SKOOKUM

Inspiring Better Health

Open Enrollment for 2018 isn't too far away!

If you are a full-time employee and enrolled in one of Skookum's Medical Plans and want to maintain your current Health Reimbursement Account (HRA) with Skookum for 2018, or if you missed out this past year because you forgot to complete one of the requirements below, you still have until December 31, 2017, to complete the items listed below:



Take a Health Risk Assessment on-line through Skookum's Wellness Portal

www.WellnessWebTools.com/TPSC

If you are a tobacco user; you still have time to enroll and complete a tobacco cessation program by December 31, 2017. You must be tobacco free for at least 6 months.

To sign up for Skookum's free tobacco cessation program call (877) 749-6996.



Receive an annual physical or preventive care exam and one dental exam by December 31, 2017.

For more details about the Wellness/HRA Program, please contact Skookum's Benefits Dept.
(360) 475-0756 x613 or via e-mail: benefits@skookum.org