



# The SKOOKUM *Skoop*

September 2016



*In many ways, September feels like the busiest time of the year: The kids go back to school, work piles up after the summer's dog days, and Thanksgiving is suddenly upon us."*

*-Brene Brown*

## Curtis Bay Celebrates Coast Guard Day

On August 5th, the YARD successfully celebrated "Coast Guard Day." Traditionally, Coast Guard Day is held every August 4th to commemorate the founding of the United States Coast Guard. Founded in 1790, the Coast Guard turned 226 this year!



Skookum Curtis Bay played an active role at the event this year and ensured the grounds, landscaping, Grove picnic area, and kids play area were manicured so the YARD's celebration would be well received and enjoyed. Following the event, CDR Stephen Roncone stated, "The Grove looked great and (Skookum) efforts did not go unnoticed, BZ," (BZ or Bravo Zulu is a naval signal, typically conveyed by flaghoist or voice radio, meaning Well Done).

*Cory Golden / Site Manager / Curtis Bay, MD*

## Fort Eustis Says Hello and Goodbye

September 15, 2016 will mark the 3rd anniversary of Skookum Contract Services at Joint Base Langley Eustis. From everything that I hear, the employees and the Government are happy with the service that we have been providing to the soldiers and the activities on the installation.

The JBLE Skookum employees would like to welcome aboard **Marcel Mitchell**, Stock Clerk, who has been hired in the Supply Support Center, **Tanisha Young** and **Ronald Maynard**, also Stock Clerks, who have been hired in the Central Issue Facility, and **Phillip Bates**, a Warehouse Specialist in the Property Book Office. We hope that you will enjoy working for Skookum at JBLE.



**Alan Combs** has left Skookum and was hired by the Logistics Readiness Squadron. Alan will be our Government QAE. We will still see Alan when he comes in doing the monthly evaluations. **Marc Gallegos** has been promoted to Supply Technician in the Property Book Office due to **Bruce McDade's** retirement this month. We hope that Bruce (pictured) enjoys his retirement, we will miss him.

*Jean Spell / Site Manager / JBLE, VA*

## Skookum Baby Alert!



**Grace Olson**, Janitor, welcomed a beautiful baby girl on July 30th at 11:16 am. Her name is Shelly Elizabeth Olson. Shelly was born 8 weeks early, but she is doing great! Congrats to the new Skookum Mom!

# September Birthdays!

01	Terry Bottoms	14	Irene Bethune	26	Scott Smith
01	John Stinson	14	Maketta Burch	26	Abelard Montague
01	Tiffany Storck	14	Violeta Candare	26	Michael Allen
01	Jeremy Key	14	Katelyn Gren	26	Kristina Tharpe
02	Joseph Miller	15	Patrick Casebier	27	James Bare
02	Maria Gagnon	16	Robert Carmon	27	Paul Buchanan
03	Brandon Holmes	18	Zachary Hood	27	Leslie Clary
03	Charles Sands	18	Damon Darroch	28	Elizabeth Gibson
03	Freedom Kruse	19	David Conyers	28	Christopher Robinson
03	Allen Paden	19	In Ok Embry	28	Jose Saucedo
03	Kyenen Shepard	20	Spencer Frey	29	Christopher Mathis
04	Dominic DelGavio	20	Peter Rood	29	Darryl Lawson
04	Brian Roadruck	21	Michael McCabe	29	Robin Burdick
04	William Long	21	Kasey Pate	29	Nicholaus Thomas
05	Sonja Jacob	21	Angela Price	30	Neal Carson
06	Stacey Turner	21	Erik Jameson	30	Douglas Harwood
06	Joshua Stavely	21	Salvacion Wright	30	Anthony Sanchez
06	Martin Becar	22	Roger Brown	30	Gina Knowlin
06	Steven Mears	22	Terry Richardson		
07	Michael Anello	22	Carolyn Day		
07	Regina Thomas	22	Lynn Miner		
08	Phimphone Kheuangmala	23	Santos Ortiz Rodriguez		
08	James Allen	23	William Gross		
09	Shancola Stringfellow	24	Dennis McVey		
09	Clay Miller	24	Reginald Williams		
09	Whittney Bandy	24	Sarah Martinez		
09	Martin Reyes	24	Dustin Carroll		
10	Joshua Taylor	25	Viviana Gonzalez		
11	David Dowden	26	Teneka Morrow		
13	Song Kanan	26	Norman Brown		
13	Robert Heinsen	26	John Knowlton		

# September President's Excellence Award Winners

## Skookum Safety Culture Award

**James Huckleby, Danny Ridnour, and Ian Lauth** - Oakridge, TN  
Nominated by: **Joe Ronca**, AOEC Facilities Manager

Late last year it was identified that our facility tool room was in need of another access door. As simple as cutting a hole in the wall to install a door sounds, this was not an ordinary wall that needed to be cut. It was a twelve inch thick block wall that stood twenty feet high. James Huckleby, Danny Ridnour, and Ian Lauth were up for the challenge and they did a wonderful job. They even volunteered to come in after hours to be sure the project didn't put the vehicle maintenance personnel in harms way.

For safety reasons the wall was first cut so the 90 degree angle iron could be put in place. This was done to reinforce the wall so when the main part of the wall was cut and removed the wall would not collapse. This worked flawlessly as the iron sat in perfectly before the rest of the wall was removed.

In all the project time took approximately 10 hours but that doesn't represent all the time they took preparing for this project ensuing its success on the first try. This project came off without a hitch because of the hard work and dedication of James Huckleby, Ian Lauth, and Danny Ridnour.

**Kevin Stuber**- Bangor, WA  
Nominated by: **W. J. Roberts**, Lieutenant Comander,  
U.S. Navy Comanding Officer, NOSC Spokane

Commanding Officer, Navy Operational Support Center Spokane, takes pleasure in commending Kevin Stuber, Skookum Contract Services, for service as set forth in the following citation:

For professional achievement in the superior performance of his duties while serving as Skookum's lead representative for Navy Operational Support Center Spokane. Mr. Stuber's eight-year tenure with Skookum has seen people come and go- Sailors and co-workers alike. Throughout his time, Kevin has been a stalwart force in not only meeting, but far exceeding all janitorial and grounds-keeping contract terms. His myriad of professional accomplishments over the past eight years have been integral to the impressive appearance of all interior spaces as well as the consistently well-groomed grounds. Kevin goes above and beyond his normal duties, offering his help to the Building Manager on projects ranging from sprinkler system adjustments to minor electrical maintenance work. He takes great pride in his work and is often praised for his efforts in cleaning the drill deck floor as well as deicing the external walkways during Spokane's winter months, protecting the staff from more than one twisted ankle. It has been Navy Operational Support Center Spokane's pleasure and privilege to have as fine of an asset as Kevin. Mr. Stuber's personal efforts and achievements reflect great credit upon himself and were in keeping with the highest traditions of United States Naval service.

**Debra Stevenson and Carol Geschke**- PSNS  
Bremerton, WA  
Nominated by: **C.L. McCurdy**

I want to personally thank you for the outstanding janitorial support you provide our office on a regular basis. You are one of our team members who, over the years, have always provide the best possible services.

Please accept my personal gratitude for your support. Your efforts are sincerely appreciated. Well done and keep up the excellent work.

**Bradley Regan**- JBLM, WA  
Nominated by: **Donna Schloemer**, Base Supply  
Center Building 576 JBLM

My name is Donna Schloemer. I work at the Base Supply Center in Bldg 576 on McChord Field. Our store is one of several tenants in the building. We all share the central restroom. Yesterday morning while in the restroom I unknowingly dropped my wallet. One of your crew, Bradley, was in to clean afterwards. I would like to thank him for taking the time to track down which area I work in and return my wallet to me.

I truly appreciate what Bradley did and wanted to draw your attention to his integrity and kindness.

You are invited to join us in Gig Harbor, WA on Sunday, September 25th!

# RACE FOR A SOLDIER



GIG HARBOR  
HALF MARATHON  
& 5K AND  
VIRTUAL RUN

**09.25.16**  
8:00AM START



PERMISSION  
TO  
START  
DREAMING  
FOUNDATION

Skookum is pleased to announce our continued support and participation with **Race for a Soldier** this September. Funds raised by this event are contributed toward helping soldiers and their families recover from war and readjust to life back home. Run or walk the Half Marathon or 5K; a Kid's Dash is also available.

Don't Live in Washington State but want to participate? Do the **Virtual Run!** You can run and join the cause where you live. This does not register you for the official race in Gig Harbor, but you will receive an official shirt and finisher medal so you can look the part. This a great opportunity for all Skookum sites to participate and come together as a team! See your site Wellness Champion or Site Lead for more information.

Skookum will cover the registration fee for employees and one guest per employee.

**To register, email Jessica Lockwood:**

[jessica.lockwood@skookum.org](mailto:jessica.lockwood@skookum.org)

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## Washington State Congressmen Visit Skookum Sites!

Last week Skookum welcomed **Congressman Derek Kilmer** to Bangor Galley and **Congressman Denny Heck** to Joint-Base Lewis McChord Central Issue Facility.



On Monday we had the honor to host **AbilityOne Champion Congressman Kilmer** at our Bangor Galley operation. Congressman Kilmer spent time visiting with employees and was given a behind the scenes tour of the operation. Thank you to Congressman Kilmer and all involved for making this visit such a success!

Our site visits continued on Wednesday to Joint-Base Lewis McChord Central Issue Facility, with special visit from **Congressman Denny Heck** and staff. Congressman Heck was given a tour of the warehouse and spent time getting to know more about Skookum and the AbilityOne program. Congressman Heck was able to meet and visit with CIF employees on his tour as well. It was a great visit and we are thrilled Congressman Heck is taking the steps to become a AbilityOne champion!



*Kelsey Kilen / Communications and Government Affairs Specialist / Bremerton, WA*

### What is an AbilityOne Champion?

As an AbilityOne Service Provider, Skookum is part of a National Network of over 600 non-profit companies providing jobs for people with disabilities. The old saying "there is power in numbers" is true when it comes to advocating in Washington DC on issues that could impact employment for people with disabilities!

Skookum's Communications and Government Affairs Department works closely with AbilityOne to keep up to date on issues; we advocate locally and in DC on issues that could impact employment for people with disabilities, and we work to inspire our elected officials to become Champions!

The following list are representatives that are currently AbilityOne Champions in the states Skookum operates. They are familiar with our mission and have spoken out for us when necessary. We are very grateful for their support of employment for people with disabilities!

#### Arkansas

Sen. John Boozman  
Sen. Tom Cotton  
Rep. Steve Womack

#### Kansas

Sen. Jerry Moran  
Sen. Pat Roberts  
Rep. Lynn Jenkins  
Rep. Kevin Yoder

#### Maryland

Sen. Benjamin L. Cardin  
Sen. Barbara A. Mikulski  
Rep. Steny H. Hoyer  
Rep. C.A. Ruppertsberger

#### New Mexico

Sen. Martin Heinrich

Sen. Tom Udall  
Rep. Michelle Lujan Grisham

#### Tennessee

Rep. Phil Roe

#### Texas

Sen. John Cornyn  
Rep. K. Michael Conaway  
Rep. Henry Cuellar  
Rep. Blake Farenthold  
Rep. Louie Gohmert  
Rep. Kay Granger  
Rep. Will Hurd  
Rep. Eddie Bernice Johnson  
Rep. Pete Sessions  
Rep. Lamar Smith  
Rep. William M. Thornberry

#### Virginia

Rep. Don Beyer  
Rep. Gerald E. Connolly  
Rep. Robert Hurt  
Rep. Scott Rigell  
Rep. Robert C. Scott  
Rep. Robert Wittman

#### Washington

Sen. Maria Cantwell  
Sen. Patty Murray  
Rep. Derek Kilmer  
Rep. Rick Larsen  
Rep. Jim McDermott  
Rep. Cathy McMorris Rodgers  
Rep. Adam Smith

If you have a relationship with your local elected representative and they are not on this list please contact me so we can work together to make them a champion!

*Marie Campanoli / Skookum Communications and Government Affairs Director / (360) 340-6203*

# White Sands Missile Range Updates!



White Sands Missile Range would like to welcome a new member to our team, **Vicenta Soto "Vinnie"** (Left). She has proven to be a good asset as our General Clerk III. Ms. Vinnie shows great attention to detail, and her take initiative spirit helps maintain a professional work environment. Vinnie replaces **Kristina Tharpe**, who is now our Maintenance scheduler after the departure of Claudia Montez. As a result, we would like to congratulate Kristina on her new position with WSMR.

August 22, 2016 is a special day for **Mr. Ruel Worthing**, HVAC Tech, as he welcomed his first granddaughter. Mommy Ashlee and Daddy Tim Walsh gave birth to Amelia Reese Walsh weighing 9lbs 2oz and 21.5 Inches long. On behalf of WSMR, we would like to congratulate them on their little bundle of joy. May this beautiful angel be blessed abundantly!



It's chile season! And time for the famous Hatch Valley Chile Festival September 3rd to 4th, where green chilies are on everyone's menu. Hatch green chilies have been around for twenty-one years and continues to become more and more popular around the country. The typical season for chilies here in the Hatch Valley runs from August into early September. However, depending on the weather, we may have chile coming off by late July. These meaty Green chilies are served roasted and peeled, whole or diced, and in various sauces. The most common uses for these diced chilies are in enchiladas, burritos, burgers, French fries, or rice. They are also served whole raw or as fried or baked chili rellenos. New Mexican-style chile relleno follows the much more traditional Mexican technique of being covered with egg batter and fried, although variations and casseroles do exist. Still the number one debatable question on everyone's mind, "red or green"?



*Kristina Tharpe / Maintenance Scheduler / WSMR, NM*



# SKOOKUM Wellness

## **Skookum's Workplace Walk-Off & Healthy Lifestyle Challenge**

**September 12, 2016 - October 23, 2016**

**Skookum is getting ready to kick off our  
3<sup>rd</sup> annual Workplace Walk-Off Challenge.**

**We have added in a *NEW* 6 week  
Healthy Lifestyle Challenge this year!**

**You can participate in one or both challenges if you choose.**

**Registration Forms Due  
Wednesday September 7th**

**Are You Up For The Challenge?**

**SKOOKUM'S WORKPLACE WELLNESS CHALLENGE**



## Promotions at Skookum NRL, Washington, D.C.

Skookum is proud to announce some recent promotions that will ensure Skookum maintains the NRL mission at a highest level and guarantee strong quality of services. **Carl Singleton** has been promoted to Project Manager. Carl has over 25-years of transportation operations, maintenance, and management expertise. **Andy Harrison** has been promoted to Master Mechanic Lead to ensure the maintenance schedule is maintained and prioritized to meet the NRL mission. **Orlando DeJesus** took over as the full-time Autoworker to support maintenance operations. In July Skookum hired a full-time dedicated Motor Vehicle Mechanic Helper, **Erik Dudley**, to service transportation equipment, motor vehicles, and other equipment assigned along with providing a customer interface with NRL employees who need services at the shop. In August, **James Downing** was hired as a full-time Master Mechanic to support maintenance activities.

NRL Skookum 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.

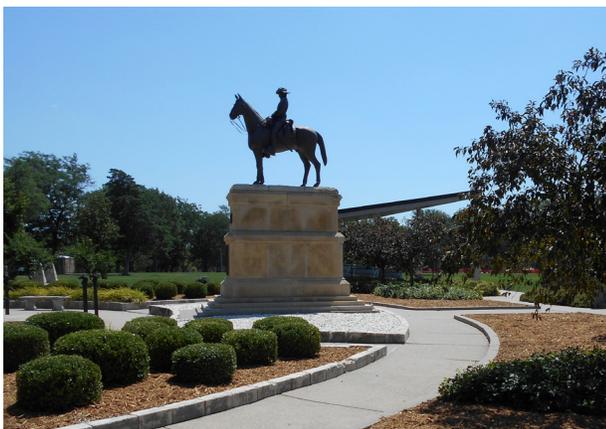
The Skookum team has achieved superior performance, exceptional quality and outstanding customer service. Skookum has been well positioned for success through the professionalism and vision of the previous project manager **Duke Pendergast**, who left Skookum to take a job with the federal government. Given the operational tempo at NRL, Skookum is confident that transportation operations and maintenance will be completely met through our new Skookum team.

*Bob Cordell / General Manager / Bremerton, WA*

## Fort Riley Tree Patrol

TIMBER! A lumberjack's call to warn those in the vicinity that a cut tree is about to fall to the ground.

To date, our Skookum Fort Riley team has removed or pruned 763 trees along with stump grinding. With all contracts, a strong partnering relationship is vital for Fort Riley Department of Public Works, Skookum, and our subcontractors to create and maintain a beautiful post in the heart of Kansas.



Our Skookum team is off to an excellent 2nd year of our contract performing grounds work and improving the appearance for the Army in the heart of Kansas. Fort Riley, "Home of the Big Red One," the Army's 1st Infantry Division is located in the Central Flint Hills region of northeastern Kansas, one hour west of Topeka, the state capital.

*Damon Darroch / Site Manager / Fort Riley, KS*

## Skookum Veteran Spotlight

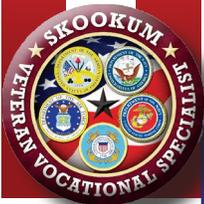


Meet United States Army veteran, **Simeon "Ruby" Hrubby** from Akron, OH. Ruby served as a 13B, Cannon Crewmember, and then a 35S, Signals Intelligence Analyst, from 2007-2015 at Baumholder, GE and Ft. Meade, MD. Following his honorable discharge, Ruby went to school full time for a year before deciding to return to the workforce.

Ruby joined the Skookum Team at our new site at the Coast Guard Yard in Curtis Bay, MD in February 2016. As a superb Production Control Clerk, Ruby maintains accurate records of facilities maintenance activities for the entire Yard.

*"The best part of my job," says Ruby, "is that every day is something new. There is no daily routine here. Every day is different and I get to work around some really great people in a really great company!"*

*Chad Rogers | Vocational Specialist*



## Skookum President's Excellence Award

### CORE VALUES



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