



# SKOOKUM

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JUNE  
2017



*Everyone had a great time at this quarter's Leadership Symposium!*

## CURTIS BAY CELEBRATES EARTH DAY



Skookum at Curtis Bay supported and participated in the Coast Guard YARD 2017 Earth Day Celebration by installing Rainwater Bio-Retention Boxes. The boxes are part of the YARD's commitment to help protect a Maryland treasure, the "Chesapeake Bay." The Curtis Bay Skookum Team worked diligently along with the YARD to make this project a reality for unveiling on April 20th, 2017.

The Skookum Team also presented an informational booth that showcased other areas that Skookum helps the YARD by managing the YARD's Recycling efforts of scrap metal recycling, wood recycling and waste vegetable oil recycling.



Earth Day 2017 at the Coast Guard Yard was a complete success due in large part by the efforts put forth by the Skookum Team! The Curtis Bay Skookum Team is honored to support the US Coast Guard.

Cory Golden | Site Manager | Curtis Bay, MD

**You are invited** to join us in Gig Harbor, WA on Sunday, September 24th!

# RACE FOR A SOLDIER

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.

Please Register  
Online using  
coupon code:  
**SKOOKUM17**

<https://runsignup.com/Race/WA/GigHarbor/RaceForASoldierHalf>

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. Please register online using promo code SKOOKUM17, and be sure to select "**Add Another Registrant**" to sign up your guest.



Song Kanan  
JBLM Janitorial, WA  
Nominated by: Peter Rood, Janitor, JBLM, WA

Song's commitment to this company is uncanny. She works hard and is very thorough with her job, which shows quality.

She never calls in sick and is so committed to her job. She sacrifices herself in helping others get their job done as well, which shows her integrity.

I cannot think of anyone more suitable for this award than Song.

Jonothon Prinz  
Floor Crew, PSNS, WA  
Nominated by: Kristen Marion, Personnel Security Program Manager  
PSNS & IMF, WA

Jonothon did an AMAZING job cleaning the carpets in Building 445! He was professional and his work ethic sets him above others!

His positive attitude, attention to detail, and organized approach helped him recognize that our offices needed additional attention which created quality results. He was efficient and committed to get the stains out of each room with success. When Jonothon completed his assignment, he took the time to explain how the products worked and provided additional measures I could take to help restore the carpet's freshness and cleanliness. Jonothon demonstrated excellence in multiple core values creating exceptional results and is an extraordinary person!

## JUNE PRESIDENT'S EXCELLENCE AWARD WINNERS

Shaun Robinson  
Fort Meade, MD  
Nominated by: Reggie Pickett, Supply Supervisor/  
Assistant Project Manager,  
Fort Meade, MD

On 10 - 13 April, the Ft. Meade LRC was inspected by the 406th Army Field Sustainment Brigade (AFSB). The SSA received a score of 72 out of a possible 72 points, which is a Commendable Rating. Mr. Shaun Robinson (Supply Tech) was a key player in providing the inspection team with required reports, historical data and articulating the working of the G-Army System.

Below are some of the comments from the inspection team, which will be briefed to the ASC Commander:

- Knowledgeable and skilled Contractors, able to execute management level functions; impressive.
- Organized and clean warehouse; efficient layout in all areas to maximize Contractors work performance.
- Motivated cohesive team/ Mr. Pickett and Mr. Robinson established well logistics savvy warehouse. The team lead (CW2 McNamee) also recommended that the SSA compete for the Supply Excellence Award next year.

The perfect rating and the outstanding comments from the inspection team, shows Mr. Robinson is dedicated to not only providing our customers with quality service, but also is willing to be proactive in mastering the G-Army System and using that knowledge in an effective and efficient manner. This shows great credit upon himself, the LRC Team and Skookum Contract Services!

George Phillips  
Warehousing, PSNS, WA  
Nominated by: Moses Chattman III, Distribution  
Process Worker, DLA  
Distribution - Puget Sound,  
ZMCA

I am writing you to express my gratitude for one of your employees that went above and beyond the call of duty to track down a piece of Level -3 inspection material, coordinated efforts with delivery drivers, arrange pick up and returned the material that was wrongly staged for outgoing shipment. Once I made George aware of the situation, he pretty much orchestrated the whole evolution in getting this inspection material back to building 514.

We here are building 514 take inspection material to be of high importance and when inspection material is shipped out incorrectly serious repercussions can come about. George completed this task in such a timely manner that it was very impressive and saved us, in the QA department, a lot of paperwork and avoided an investigation. George did all of this while continuing to do his daily routine. I was impressed at how George took responsibility for a matter that was not his fault and turned the situation into a positive outcome. We here at building 514 greatly appreciate our Skookum teammates for what they contribute to our daily operations.

Thank you and your company for allowing us to be assisted by George and his many years of experience.

## FORT EUSTIS SAYS GOODBYE TO BEV

**Beverly (Bev) Buntain** decided to retire the end of April 2017. Bev had worked at Fort Eustis for 32 years. She definitely had a plan for her retirement, she put her house on the market and sold it within a few weeks. She has already moved to Florida. We will miss Bev but wish her the very best. We hope that she enjoys her retirement.



**Linda Clifford** has been promoted to be the Supply Manager to replace Bev. I'm sure that Linda will do a great job. Joshua Howe has been selected to be the Supply Technician in the Central Issue Facility that Linda Clifford had prior to Bev's retirement.



The JBLE employees would like to take this opportunity to welcome **Terrance Banks** who has been hired as the Shipping/Receiving Clerk in the Property Book Area as well as **Jessica Williams**, who has been selected to work as a Stock Clerk in the Central Issue Facility. We hope that they both will enjoy working for Skookum at Joint Base Langley Eustis.

**Jean Spell | Site Manager | Fort Eustis, VA**

## FORT RILEY UPDATE

Division 12, GSA Fleet Maintenance at Fort Riley, Kansas, has been busy receiving new GSA vehicles including completing Pre-Delivery Inspections for the vehicles received directly from the manufacturers. When new vehicles arrive, they are processed and loaded into GSA's computer system, customers are contacted, and appointments are scheduled to pick up their new vehicles and turn in their older vehicles. Customers from all over Kansas, including a few in 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 maintenance needs for their equipment.

Another contract will be beginning soon at Fort Riley and Skookum will be expanding job opportunities for people with disabilities. We are excited and ready to support the new division in whatever ways possible to help them be successful in supporting the mission.

May was also a time for celebration as **Scott Coffman** received The Skookum President's Excellence Award, presented to him by Bob Cordell.



**Neal Carson | Site Manager | Fort Riley, KS**



# Skookum Wellness

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## Work Place Wellness

Our Site Champions have been busy planning activities and challenges to do at their sites. We have an enthusiastic group that love to share health and wellness with others. They put a lot of time and energy into planning these activities for everyone's benefit. Please take a moment to reach out to your champion and tell them thank you! Remember the more you participate in the activities at your site the more they can do in the future.



**Erica Schulte-Bremerton:** She is planning on having a themed smoothie day at her site. She also has plans for an upcoming trail walk after work at the Clear Creek Trail.



**Sharmon Hoff— Port Townsend:** She is having a smoothie Friday to kick off their next 6 week wellness challenge, Choose Your Challenge!



**Sheryl Hood—Curtis Bay:** She is planning to host a wellness breakfast and do a presentation on the 14 keys to a healthy diet. They also have a Fitness Trainer that will be showing the benefits to stretching at the work place.



**Toni Keith —Bangor Galley:** She is trying wellness punch cards for her site. Once everyone completes the card and returns it, a winner will be chosen at random for some cool camping gear.



**Sheri Averson— Naval Hospital:** Has been providing fruit and snacks for the workers at her site. She is currently working on a plan to implement exercises and stretches that everyone can take part in.

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**Melinda Wynn– Ft. Chaffee:** She is implementing a plan to help her site stay hydrated and cool as the weather starts to warm up.



**David Conyers-Ft. Hood:** Had a wellness lunch for his site. He is currently working on putting together a bowling day for his site.



**Karen Mills– Oakridge:** Along with her new fellow champion, Cherry (pictured below), are planning on providing fruit and healthy bars at their site.



**Rhonda Pursell– Ft. Lee:** She is keeping up with posting the current wellness flyers. She is also actively looking for an additional wellness champion to help support the site.

## Welcome Our Newest Champions!



**Tyler Sartin**  
WSMR



**Vinnie Soto**  
WSMR



**Quintara Middlebrooks**  
Ft. Hood



**Cherry Turner**  
Oakridge



**Daniel Hislop**  
Bayview

Skookum loves to recognize employees who are incorporating wellness in their lifestyles. If you'd like to recognize someone (with their permission) or even recognize yourself for: creative ways you are improving your wellness, success stories, etc. To share your story, send an email to: [benefits@skookum.org](mailto:benefits@skookum.org) You or one of your coworkers could be featured in one of the monthly Wellness Spotlight! Happy Wellness!

Skookum Wellness

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Our mission here at White Sands Missile range is to make sure all buildings are maintained to Skookum's Core Values. We have general maintenance technicians; their job is to fulfill any wear and tear on military businesses and unoccupied housing. We also have HVAC technicians; their job is to repair or replace heating and cooling technology to help make sure all personnel are protected from cold winters and long hot summers. If it weren't for these technicians and their devotion to good work, we would not be here today. We will happily provide excellent service to our customer for years to come.

We have been giving back to those in need here at White Sands Missile Range. During the observation of Lent, we donated a large amount of clothing for men, women, and children of all ages. QC Safety Specialist II, **Valerie Flores**, and QC Safety Specialist I, **Joseph**

**Rodriguez** took it upon themselves to find two great places to donate the clothes to—Gospel Rescue Mission and La Casa of Las Cruces. Gospel Rescue Mission received the men's clothing, while La Casa received all clothing for women and children.

We would like to give a big thank you to **Ruel Worthing, Robert Iker, Tyler Sartin, Valerie Flores, Jesse Cervantes, Rudy Guerra, Bob Heinsen, Richard Ray, Joel Martinez, Alex Chavarria** and **Jorge Jimenez** for donating to these individuals in need. We would also like to thank our Quality and Safety team for their selfless act of kindness to these wonderful companies. We hope to give back more frequently and look forward to continuing excellent service.

**Kristina Tharpe | Maintenance Scheduler | WSMR, NM**

## 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.