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"Providing global contracting support to war fighters."



(Courtesy photo)

Lt. Col. Derek Draper receives the 926th CCBn colors from Maj. Gen. Camille M. Nichols, ACC commanding general, during the unit's activation ceremony Aug. 27.

ACC increases capability, activates contracting battalion

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Army Contracting Command added more capability to its contracting arsenal with the activation of the 926th Contingency Contracting Battalion.

The new unit was activated Aug. 27 at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md.

Approximately 200 guests attended the ceremony at Mallette Hall auditorium to witness the uncasing of the organizational colors by Maj. Gen. Camille M. Nichols, ACC commanding general. During the ceremony, Lt. Col. Derek Draper received

the colors from Nichols, symbolic of assuming command of the new unit.

"The command team of the 926th CCBn is eager and well prepared to start and fulfill its new mission," said Nichols. "Their mission will be twofold. First, they will train a global-ready expeditionary contracting force capable of deploying in support of the joint war fighter in all areas of responsibility. Second, they will provide comprehensive contracting and business advisory support to the customers of the Army Contracting Command – Aberdeen Proving Ground."

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Johnson assumes ACC-RI lead, executive director appointed SES rank

By Liz Adrian
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ROCK ISLAND ARSENAL, Ill. – The Army contracting center here is getting a new leader.

Melanie A. Johnson will become executive director of the Army Contracting Command-Rock Island on Sept. 8. She will also be appointed to the Senior Executive Service. As a member of the SES, Johnson will serve in a key position that falls immediately below top

presidential appointees, and in a role that corresponds with the general officer level.

Johnson, a Quad Cities native, said she is very humbled and honored to be selected to lead ACC-RI.

"I am very pleased that I have been provided the opportunity to continue to work with the great staff at ACC-RI," said Johnson. "Contracting touches every facet of the Army and I am grateful that I can continue to serve as a contracting professional and support the war fighter."

See **ACC-RI**, page 6.

ACC Dining Out date rescheduled

Due to a scheduling conflict, the Army Contracting Command Dining Out has been rescheduled for Oct. 1 at the Summit on Redstone Arsenal, Ala.

According to Art Forster, ACC Public and Congressional Affairs director and chairman of the dining out committee, this change in date will not affect the event activities already planned.

A receiving line will kick off the dining out with military members and their guests at 5 p.m. followed by civilians and their guests at 6 and dinner at 7.

Formal invitations with additional information will be distributed soon.



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Contracting NCO enjoys ‘opportunity to excel’

Sgt. 1st Class Jenna N. McGinnis is a 51C acquisition, logistics and technology contracting noncommissioned officer assigned to the 719th Contingency Contracting Team, Eglin Air Force Base, Fla., where she was recently recognized as the Air Force Test Center as well as the Air Force Life Cycle Management Center-Operations Location Eglin Contracting Senior Noncommissioned Officer of the Quarter (April – June 2013).

Describe your current position

As a contracting NCO, I am assigned to the Simplified Acquisition of Base Engineering Requirements team where I am responsible for the award and administration of construction tasks orders throughout Eglin Air Force Base. I also work with the 7th Special Forces Group (Airborne) on the Field Ordering Officer Program, assisting with the appointment, management and clearance of FOOs.

A subject matter expert for contingency contracting operations, I prepare and execute training for a 50-member, multi-agency organization and was responsible for closing out 30 construction task orders by validating project completion and payments, reducing active contract files by 20 percent.

Describe your passion for the job

One of the things that I love about my job is that I am able to see the impact of my efforts and understand the importance of what I am doing. The passion that I have for my job stems from my determination to succeed in whatever I do.

Where do you call home? Tell us about your family and what you enjoy doing during your spare time.

I was born and raised in Muncy, a small town in northeastern Pennsylvania;

however, my home is where my husband and son are.

My husband, Eli, is an information technology professional with L3 Stratis and our son, A.J., is a 5th grader and an avid soccer player. As a soccer mom, team manager and volunteer coordinator for soccer camps and tournaments, my spare time is spent at different soccer fields throughout the Gulf Coast, volunteering with the Florida Youth Soccer Association and the FC Dallas Emerald Coast Soccer Club.

In addition and while not volunteering on the soccer field, I am pursuing a bachelor's degree in business administration with a focus on contract management.

How does your job support the Soldier?

My job supports the Soldier by providing support and training to field ordering officers so they can make the purchases necessary to accomplish their missions. At Eglin, my job supports both military and civilian members by executing contracts for construction projects such as family housing, sports fields and operational buildings.

What would you like others to know about you?

In 2002, I enlisted in the Army as a



Sgt. 1st Class Jenna N. McGinnis

military police officer and joined the Army contracting community in 2011.

I love a challenge, or as I prefer to call it, “an opportunity to excel.” I enjoy learning new things and taking on new responsibilities. I firmly believe that working hard should still be fun.

U.S. Army Contracting Command

Commanding General
Maj. Gen. Camille M. Nichols

ACC Command Sergeant Major
Command Sgt. Maj. John L. Murray

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MICC saves Army more than \$750 million

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JOINT BASE SAN ANTONIO-FORT SAM HOUSTON, Texas

– Officials at the Mission and Installation Contracting Command have surpassed a goal of saving the Army \$750 million in acquisitions more than two months ahead of schedule.

The more than \$762 million in savings have been achieved through contract negotiations, reverse auctioning of supplies and services, and rebates generated by the timely payment of Government Purchase Card Program accounts.

Brig. Gen. Kirk Vollmecke, MICC commanding general, set the \$750 million fiscal year goal as a measure for the command to establish itself as first to be recognized by Army leaders for the power of savings that contracting professionals bring to the table not only in a challenging fiscal environment but every day.

“In spite of the current fiscal situation, one of our top priorities as a valued mission partner is the support of the war fighter without interruption. We’ve worked closely with our war fighters and supported activities to prioritize requirements and have leveraged substantial savings to accomplish the work that must be done to meet mission needs,” Vollmecke said. “The Army is relying on acquisition professionals’ critical thinking, business acumen and negotiation skills to achieve savings.”

The vast majority of savings have come through negotiations. Contracting officers and specialists across the command’s 35 offices nationwide and Puerto Rico have worked meticulously with customers and contractors to negotiate the government savings.

“Negotiated savings is calculated based on the initial purchase request and final obligation amounts by capturing all contracting actions to include new awards and contract modifications,” said Len Ambrosio, a procurement analyst with the MICC Knowledge Management Branch here. “The purchase request amount is based primarily on historical data from previous buys, market research or the

independent government cost estimate.”

Current policy requires government estimates to be accomplished for every procurement action that exceeds the simplified acquisition threshold of \$150,000.

Contracting efforts by MICC personnel impact Soldiers across the globe. The top contract actions by the MICC are for facilities support, minor building construction, food services, human resources consulting, professional and technical services, wired

telecommunications, engineering services, advertising and electric power distribution.

The Installation Management Command is among the MICC’s top customers. In fiscal 2012, MICC contracts in support of IMCOM were valued at more than \$2.7 billion, according to Derek Dansby, a procurement analyst with the MICC KMB. Through mid-August this fiscal year, contracts valued at more than \$1.3 billion have supported the IMCOM mission.

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President awards Medal of Honor to second Soldier of Afghan battle

By J.D. Leipold
Army News Service

WASHINGTON – Staff Sgt. Ty Michael Carter became the second Soldier to receive the nation’s highest military award for extraordinary gallantry and selfless actions during the Battle of Kamdesh at Combat Outpost Keating, Afghanistan, on Oct. 3, 2009.

After telling the story of the ambush, which raged for 13 hours between 53 Soldiers and some 300 Taliban, and citing Carter’s complete disregard

for his own safety, President Barack Obama draped the Medal of Honor around the 33-year-old Cavalry scout’s neck in the White House East Room, Aug. 26.

Near the Pakistan border, the Keating battle was the first since the Vietnam War in which two living service members received the Medal of Honor for their individual actions in the same battle. Staff Sgt. Clinton Romesha was presented the Medal of Honor on Feb. 11, 2013.

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MICC members share love of adventure

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A sense of adventure by two members of the Mission and Installation Contracting Command brought them together Aug. 16-18 to scale Wheeler Peak, New Mexico's highest mountain at an elevation of 13,167 feet.

Stella Juarez and Bev Stotz have quickly formed a bond for adventure seeking after each has accomplished recent feats.

Juarez, a contracting specialist at Fort Carson, Colo., recently completed the 800-kilometer Camino de Santiago pilgrimage across Spain over 26 days.

Stotz, contracting director at White Sands Missile Range, N.M., earlier this year climbed Mount Kilimanjaro in Africa, which covered 42 miles with a 12,000-foot elevation change.

In preparation for the Camino de Santiago, an admittedly anxious Juarez reached out to Stotz for inspiration after learning she climbed Kilimanjaro



(Courtesy photo)

Bev Stotz, left, and Stella Juarez united to climb Wheeler Peak, N.M., after learning they shared a love for adventure.

despite having had a knee replaced and suffering bone-on-bone pain due to the degeneration of cartilage in her other knee.

"As a fellow trekker, I had a respect for the determination it took for her to complete Kili and simply had to tell her," Juarez said. "We do share a kindred hiking spirit so with Wheeler

Peak being a midpoint between where we live, it made coming together for a shared climb a natural evolution."

They were joined by Ashley Shupienis, who climbed Kilimanjaro with Stotz and who had recently moved to Denver.

"When some local folks asked who was interested in this trip and I knew how close it was to Colorado Springs, I asked them if they would meet me there. The answer was a resounding yes," Stotz said. "We had a great time. Kindred spirits require no time to get acquainted. I felt like I've known Stella forever. The scenery was magnificent and the camaraderie phenomenal."

Although an avid hiker, it was the first time Juarez hiked into a base camp with a tent, food and supplies necessary for multiple days. They hiked into the camp Aug. 16 along the Williams Lake trail. They ascended the summit Aug. 17 before returning to base camp for the night, then completed the hike Aug. 18.

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Carter braved merciless enemy fire from rocket-propelled grenades, anti-aircraft machine guns, mortars and small-arms by running the 100-meter length of the outpost twice to retrieve ammunition for his fellow Soldiers. At the same time he provided suppressive fire to keep the enemy from over-running the post. Then, with complete disregard for his own safety, and in spite of wounds, he discarded his M-4 rifle and ran to a critically wounded Soldier, rendered life-extending first aid. He carried the Soldier to medics as Romesha and his team provided cover.

The battle would end the lives of eight Soldiers. An additional 25 others suffered wounds.

Before the citation was read, Obama recalled Carter's words to him earlier in

the day, and then asked the Soldiers from his unit – the 61st Cavalry Regiment – to stand and be recognized along with the families of the eight fallen Soldiers.

"Ty says, 'This award is not mine alone,'" the president said. "The battle that day, he will say, was 'one team in one fight,' and everyone 'did what we could do to keep each other alive.' And some of these men are with us again. And I have to repeat this because they're among the most highly decorated units of this entire war: Thirty-seven Army Commendation Medals, 27 Purple Hearts, 18 Bronze Stars for their valor, and nine Silver Stars for their gallantry."

Obama took a few minutes to address not only Carter's courage on the battlefield, but the courage to seek help for what he finally accepted and recognized in

himself as post-traumatic stress.

"As Ty knows, part of the healing is facing the sources of the pain," Obama said. "So now he wants to help other troops in their own recovery. And, it is absolutely critical for us to work with brave young men like Ty to put an end to any stigma that keeps more folks from seeking help.

"So let me say it as clearly as I can to any of our troops or veterans who are watching and struggling: Look at this man. Look at this Soldier. Look at this warrior. He's as tough as they come. And, if he can find the courage and the strength, to not only seek help, but also to speak out about it, to take care of himself and to stay strong, then so can you. So can you."

Small business IT contract saves millions

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JOINT BASE SAN ANTONIO-FORT SAM HOUSTON, Texas

– A triage-like approach to executing a contract for information technology support services at the San Antonio Military Medical Center is meeting the customer's critical needs while reducing costs by almost a third.

Just as members of a hospital staff sort patients for urgent care, contracting experts from the Mission and Installation Contracting Command here classified the IT requirement as a small business set-aside and awarded the contract through a competitive process.

Hunter Davenport, a MICC contract specialist, said the decision to set aside the contract for small business came from researching acquisitions similar to the size and scope. Public notices released on the Federal Business Opportunities website seeking sources yielded an overwhelming 69 responses.

"Thirty-two small business respondents were determined to be capable of performing the work as a prime contractor based on past performance and IT disciplines provided," Davenport said.

He said the market research contributing most to the decision was information on existing information technology contract vehicles for small businesses that allow the flexibility to meet the dynamic needs of a Department of Defense medical environment.

"The staff did some excellent market research reviewing the different contractors and contract vehicles available," said Deanna Ochoa, the MICC-Fort Sam Houston small business specialist. "When the customer was worried about seeking only small businesses to do the work, they encouraged the customer to review the contractors' qualifications and brought them on board with the proposed strategy."

The contract was awarded to Actionet Inc. of Vienna, Va., a small disadvantaged woman-owned business, which began performance in April. It was awarded for one year and includes two option years that if exercised would provide IT services through March 2016 at an overall cost of



(Photo by Robert Shields)

The IT contract executed by MICC-Fort Sam Houston supports the creative work of contractors Alissa Kingsley, Corey Toye and Terry Smelker. Kingsley is a graphic designer, Toye is multimedia designer and Smelker is a graphic illustrator whose products are used daily throughout the San Antonio Military Medical Center.

\$15.9 million. The contract was competed using the General Service Administration's Small Business Alliant government-wide acquisition contracts, which is set aside for small business. GWACs are task order or delivery order contracts for information technology established by one agency for government-wide use.

A large business held the previous contract for similar services since October 2004, with a cost to the government for \$7.6 million last year alone. The small business contract award also significantly beat an independent government cost estimate of \$27 million for three years.

"In our current fiscal environment it is important to meet SAMMC's expectations of awarding a contract that enables a seamless transition of services. The end user stressed a desire not to sacrifice service to promote savings," Davenport said. "The savings were a result of competitive pricing along with experienced contractors maximizing resources and skills to provide the government with the best value for our money."

The contract set-aside for small business also allows the command to move closer to meeting its small business goals, established by higher headquarters. The

fiscal year 2013 MICC goal for total small business eligible dollars awarded is 45.8 percent. The command has achieved 42.8 percent of that goal heading into the final seven weeks of the fiscal year.

Located on Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston, Texas, SAMMC is DOD's largest inpatient medical facility. The hospital staff provides inpatient care in a 2.1 million-square-foot, 425-bed medical treatment facility. The state-of-the-art center is a certified Level 1 trauma center that receives more than 5,700 emergency room visits each month. It also holds accreditation from the American Burn Association and operates DOD's only burn center – the Army Burn Center.

The IT support also is critical in the hospital's sustainment of 89 accredited educational programs to include graduate medical education, nursing, and emergency medical technician basic certification along with additional programs in administration and allied health specialties.

"This is a true small business success story, not only proving that a small business can provide the same quality services that a large business can, but also can do it at a substantial savings," Ochoa said.

Johnson currently serves as the ACC-RI director for Field Support Contracting, in which she oversees approximately 200 people in the Sustainment, Reachback, and Logistics Civil Augmentation Program contracting divisions, and the Enhanced Army Global Logistics Enterprise Contracting Office.

Prior to her current position, Johnson served as the chief of the EAGLE Contracting Office. Previous assignments include chief of the ACC-RI Installation Contracting Division; Army Sustainment Command executive officer; and varying roles in the ammunition, foreign military sales and non-standard ammunition areas.

Johnson believes her well-rounded background will enable her to help shape the workforce as contracting evolves from supporting an Army at war to sustainment.

“Over the last several years ACC-RI

has been fortunate to have the ability to hire contracting interns in order to ‘build the bench,’ and it is crucial that they are well trained to step into the shoes of our senior staff who will be retiring over the next several years,” she said.

Johnson said she is looking forward to fostering the abilities of a flexible and inventive workforce.

“We are facing challenging times in the Army and within the Department of Defense and we need to continue to develop innovative contracting solutions to ensure the best deals are achieved for the taxpayer and war fighter,” she said.

Johnson is an Army Acquisition Corps member, Level III certified in contracting and Level I certified in program management. She is a graduate of the Brookings Institute Leadership Training program and the first ASC Journey to



Melanie A. Johnson

Leadership Tier III program. Johnson is also the recipient of the Ordnance Order of Samuel Sharpe award, and the Commander’s Award for Civilian Service as an ACC Small Business Champion under the EAGLE Program.

SAVINGS

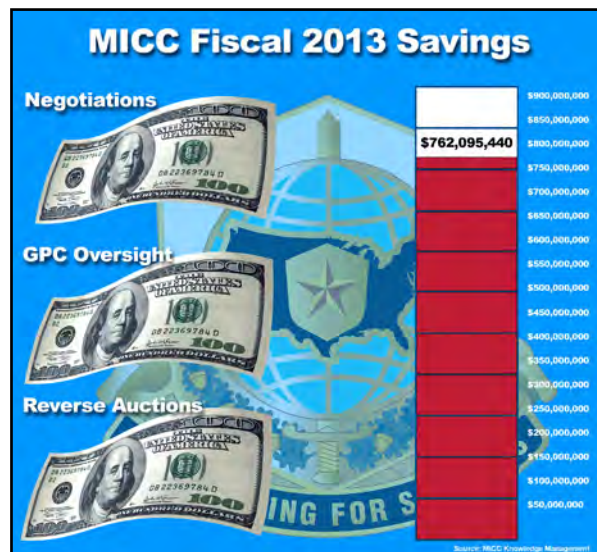
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“The MICC is the key IMCOM partner in providing decisive and efficient contracting solutions,” said David Williams, the deputy director for IMCOM Resource Management. “Their focus on the flexible and cost-effective delivery of IMCOM’s contracted garrison support services is key in our mission to sustain services in a resource-constrained environment.”

Dansby said the MICC has also provided more than \$1 billion in contract support to the Training and Doctrine Command in fiscal 2012 and \$683 million in support this fiscal year.

“Contracted services are a vital element of the TRADOC mission,” said Maj. Gen. Mark MacCarley, the TRADOC deputy chief of staff. “From clothing and equipping young men and women who enter the service through the Army Recruiting Command to providing instructors at many of the 32 Army schools organized under eight centers of excellence, contractors play an essential role in helping ensure the readiness of the more than 500,000 Soldiers and service members trained each year by TRADOC.”

Almost \$8 million of the savings have come through the implementation of



reverse auctions. Reverse auctioning allows requirements such as supplies, equipment and parts to be solicited online through a fully automated process.

The process yields efficiencies in the speed of the solicitation by minimizing the need to contact individual vendors for quotes and reduces the acquisition timeline to five days or fewer. Requirements met through reverse auctions also typically achieve greater savings as the bidding process generates increased competition among vendors and often drives a lower, competitive price for the customer. The auction process

incorporates an added benefit of documentation for audit integrity.

Additionally, \$8.3 million in savings have been achieved through the first three quarters of this fiscal year with the diligent administration of the MICC GPC program – the largest in the Army, said Guy Hunneyman, a business manager with the MICC Oversight and Assessment Branch. This fiscal year, installation GPC cardholders managed by the MICC have made more than 713,000 transactions totaling more than \$784 million.

Paid quarterly, GPC rebates are based on the volume of transactions for that quarter and timely payment, he said.

In fiscal 2012, \$15 million was returned in GPC rebates following more than 1.2 million transactions; however, reduced budgets and operational funding due to sequestration have consequently impacted the amount of rebates this year.

The GPC program allows individuals at the lowest level of government organizations and agencies greater efficiency in the procurement of commercial goods and services. With a single purchase limit of less than \$3,000, Hunneyman said, accounts typically generate rebates of 1 to 1.3 percent.

Classes help CORs better understand managing compliance role

By Karl Weisel

U.S. Army Garrison, Wiesbaden, Germany

WIESBADEN, Germany – Contracting officer representatives play a critical role in overseeing the government's money, support and services. Ensuring that contracts are managed properly takes dedicated individuals knowledgeable in the administrative requirements of monitoring contracts.

For many employees, it is not their primary duty, but an important additional responsibility.

“With ongoing transformation and increasing maintenance requirements, we wanted to ensure that our CORs engage with our contracting subject matter experts,” said Maj. William McGlothlin, operations officer for the U.S. Army Garrison Wiesbaden's Directorate of Public Works.

“We wanted to create partnerships between the Regional Contracting Office (Wiesbaden), the 409th Contracting Support Brigade and garrison CORs,” he added, saying that the garrison invited subject matter experts to Wiesbaden for several training sessions in August.

“I think a key piece of the recent training was to have a forum for personal



(Photo by Karl Weisel)

Karl Fisher, 409th Contracting Support Brigade, Field Support Division, gives contracting officer representatives a class on contract management.

interaction – especially with the quality assurance team from Kaiserslautern,” said Sabine Schindler, a member of the USAG Wiesbaden Plans, Analysis and Integration Office.

Because a lot of the training is online, Schindler said, organizers wanted to provide an environment where participants could network, form partnerships and voice their concerns.

In addition to linking up the CORs with one another and the subject

matter experts for additional support and guidance, the training provided an opportunity to share lessons learned from experienced CORs with past contract oversight.

It also gave host nation CORs who might have had difficulty digesting the information and lessons provided in online training a better understanding of the intricacies of serving as a COR, McGlothlin added. “The plan is to replicate the training every six months.”

Deployable Cadre Program seeks volunteers

The Army Contracting Command's Deployable Cadre Program is seeking volunteers for a variety of 1102 and 1910 positions in Qatar and Kuwait. The six-month assignments come with many incentives and some overtime.

Interested individuals should visit the Army Hire website at www.armyhire.com/volunteer.



(Photo by Larry D. McCaskill)

ACC small business hosts HUBZone workshop

The Army Contracting Command's Office of Small Business Programs held a Historically Underutilized Business Zone workshop Aug. 29 at the Huntsville/Madison County Chamber of Commerce. More than 75 attendees discussed their small business needs and learned more about the HUBZone program from Constance Jones-Hambrick, ACC OSBP HUBZone business advocate. Edrienna Koerber, Defense Contract Audit Agency, provided a briefing on monitoring contracts and Beth Clemons, ACC social media manager, delivered a presentation on social media for small business. Kathy Murray, congressional district field representative for Rep. Mo Brooks, was also in attendance.

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"It was a pleasure to hike with someone who not only shares a common interest, but has a high degree of determination to climb mountains," Juarez said.

Their motivation to climb is drawn from both the practical to an existential inspiration.

"Throughout history, mountains have always been a place of meditation, perspective and inspiration. Making your way up to the top of one is like a physical meditation that gives you time to quiet down and think in peace you don't normally have," Juarez said. "There is nothing more inspiring and empowering that I've found than the feeling of finally standing atop a mountain and getting a bird's eye view of the world."

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– Stella Juarez

For Stotz, "I like being out in nature. I will walk up anything that will let me."

Both consider the high altitudes of their respective duty locations as an advantage for conditioning, and given their more challenging accomplishments, Wheeler Peak didn't pose as great a challenge but was instead an opportunity to become better acquainted with each other.

"Wheeler Peak was relatively easy. You just have to pace yourself appropriately to succeed," said Stotz, adding that the greatest take away was "a new friend in Stella and a stronger friendship with Ashley."

Juarez agreed that while she craves the adrenaline rush of completing something physically challenging, the "formal establishment of a new friendship with another strong woman with an adventurous spirit" was the best part of the weekend.

ACTIVATION

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The 926th activation was the final phase of the ACC integration of military members into contracting centers. With this military integration, ACC-APG assumed management of approximately 40 military personnel in the 51C (acquisition, logistics and technology contracting) career field, according to Bryon J. Young, ACC-APG executive director.

"This is a historic day and tremendous organizational opportunity for ACC-APG," said Young. "We have been entrusted with the mission to assist and train military contracting officers and specialists. Contracting professionals, both military and civilian, serve as agents of the United States of America, entrusted with integrity, to ensure the best possible support for our customers, our war fighters and the taxpayer."

As commander of the 926th CCBn, Draper will be responsible for four contingency contracting teams (712th CCT, 722nd CCT, 725th CCT and the 865th CCT). The teams are comprised of two officers and three noncommissioned officers.

Draper admits he's humbled to be given the opportunity to lead this group of military members.

"I'm truly honored to be the first commanding officer of the 926th CCBn," Draper said. "I'm also excited for the unique opportunities available to our Soldiers at APG. They will be able to expand their contracting skills and work on complex contract actions in support of ACC-APG's diverse customer base."

Just as the mission of the 926th CCBn is two-fold, Draper will also have dual responsibilities.

In addition to serving as the battalion commander, he will serve as chief of ACC-APG's Garrison Division. In this role, Draper will provide contracting support to the garrison, procuring supplies and services for the Soldiers and civilians of APG.

Military members of the 926th CCBn are attached to ACC-APG for daily management and professional development but are assigned to the Expeditionary Contracting Command



(Courtesy photo)

Lt. Col. Derek Draper assumed command of the 926th CCBn, Aug. 27.

for contingency operations. In the event that they are called to support contingency mission requirements, the members will be detached from ACC-APG for the duration of the deployment.

"The garrison contracting requirements closely resemble the type of contract actions our Soldiers experience while they are deployed," explained Draper. "The time they spend supporting garrison requirements will form their contracting foundation that they will build upon as they advance their contracting careers to serve their nation."



ACC in the News

These articles mention Army Contracting Command.

President Obama Announces More Key Administration Posts

(Posted on Official Wire Aug. 29, 2013)

WASHINGTON, DC – Today, President Obama announced his intent to appoint the following individuals to key Administration posts:

Milford Wayne Donaldson – Chairman, Advisory Council on Historic Preservation

Clement Alexander Price – Vice Chairman, Advisory Council on Historic Preservation

Harry P. Hallock – Member, Committee for Purchase from People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled

Tom Robinson – Member, Committee for Purchase from People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled

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Contracting command's move like jigsaw puzzle

By Ed Worley

ACC Office of Public & Congressional Affairs

(Published in the Redstone Rocket August 28, 2013)

Moving the Army Contracting Command and Expeditionary Contracting Command headquarters staffs to their new temporary home is like putting together a giant puzzle, according to relocation planners.

http://www.theredstonerocket.com/military_scene/article_e59a2562-0fea-11e3-8efe-0019bb2963f4.html

OIG Audit Says Army Misspent \$7.5M In Helicopter Contract

By Drew Singer

(Posted on Law360 September 3, 2013)

Law360, New York -- The U.S. Army violated the Federal Acquisition Regulation when it paid a foreign subcontractor millions of dollars in an advance payment for helicopter parts and services that it did not need, according to a government audit published Friday.

The Army Contracting Command-Redstone failed to properly procure the overhaul of five Pakistani Mi-17 helicopters because the contracting officer allowed for advance payments, according to the audit, which was done by the U.S. Department of Defense Office of Inspector General.

<http://www.law360.com/governmentcontracts/articles/469625/oig-audit-says-army-misspent-7-5m-in-helicopter-contract>



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