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*“Providing global contracting support to warfighters.”*

## ACC-APG Natick plays major role in face transplants

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**NATICK, Mass.** – What’s in a face? Plenty. If you doubted that, you simply had to listen to Dr. Bohdan Pomahac of Brigham and Women’s Hospital in Boston, who spoke Jan. 3 at the Natick Soldier Systems Center.

“The face has very unique features, unlike any other human part,” Pomahac said. “There is nothing else that would be as easy to recognize as the face. It is a major, major source of social interaction. The facial area is really where pretty much all the human senses are located.”

Pomahac has intimate knowledge of the subject. Since 2009, he and his team at Brigham and Women’s have performed four face transplants on accident victims, including three full facial procedures made possible by Biomedical Translational Initiative funding through a contract issued by the U.S. Army Contracting



*Photo by David Kamm*

**Face transplant recipient Jim Maki and Cheryl DeLuca, chief of the Natick Contracting Division, speak after a presentation at Natick Soldier Systems Center.**

Command-Aberdeen Proving Ground, Natick Contracting Division, in September of 2009.

“The goal was to have technology available

within 18 months that could be used for our Wounded Warriors,” said Cheryl DeLuca, chief of the Natick Contracting Division.

**[Read the full article here.](#)**

## CFC pledges net nearly \$250,000 for charity

By Ed Worley  
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**REDSTONE ARSENAL, Ala.** – Army Contracting Command Soldiers and civilians worldwide have pledged nearly \$250,000 to charities through the 2011 Combined Federal Campaign.

As of Jan. 9, reports from across the command indicate ACC’s total pledges at more than \$248,000. This total does not include various ACC organizations reporting through other channels.

The combined ACC and Expeditionary Contracting Command headquarters staffs here pledged more than \$57,000 – 115 percent of their \$49,500 goal – according to Adam Busald, the headquarters CFC chair.

Busald said hard work by the organizational key workers pushed the campaign over the goal.

ACC-Rock Island, Ill., reported the largest campaign total: more than \$68,000.

Elsewhere across the command, the Mission and Installation Contracting Command headquarters, Fort Sam Houston, Texas, combined with the Fort Sam Houston Mission Contracting Center and Mission Contracting Office to raise more than \$27,600 in pledges.

ACC-Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md., received “\$14,100 and counting” in pledges for the APG campaign. ACC-New Jersey collected more than \$8,100 in pledges as part of the Picatinny Arsenal campaign. ACC-Warren, Mich., reports \$25,300

known pledges; however the majority of the workforce submitted independent, online pledges that are not included in the total.

Members of the 409th Contracting Support Brigade, Kaiserslautern, Germany, pledged more than \$15,000. The 411th CSB, Yongsan, South Korea, raised more than \$5,600 in pledges. The 413th CSB, Fort Shafter, Hawaii, collected more than \$28,100 in pledges.

CFC’s mission is to “promote and support philanthropy through a program that is employee focused, cost-efficient, and effective in providing all federal employees the opportunity to improve the quality of life for all.”

# Meeting demands of changing Army

## *Redstone's four-star general optimistic about next decade*

**By Kari Hawkins**

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Gen. Ann Dunwoody is beginning the year with a strong sense of pride.

As she reviews the accomplishments of the Army Materiel Command and its 69,000 employees, as she thinks about the demands put on the organization during its support of 10 years of war and the massive move of its headquarters to Redstone Arsenal, as she discusses how the command will stay effective in the wake of budget cuts, Dunwoody knows that AMC has already been tested and proven itself more than worthy to meet the demands of a changing Army.

[Read the full article here.](#)



*Photo by Kari Hawkins*

**Gen. Ann Dunwoody stands with her husband, retired Air Force Col. Craig Brotchie, in her corner office on the sixth floor of the Army Materiel Command headquarters.**

# Contracting workers send care packages to troops

**By Amy Guckeen Tolson**

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Thanks to the employees of the Army Contracting Command's Missile Logistic Division, Soldiers serving in Afghanistan felt the Christmas spirit miles away from home.

"Everybody wants to do something for the Soldiers to make sure they're not forgotten when they're over there at Christmas," said Kimberley Payne, whose husband is deployed in Afghanistan.

Employees of the division mailed care packages to Afghanistan in December to bring a little joy to Soldiers that couldn't be with their families over the holiday season.

Brainstormed by Mary Baites, Payne's trainer and mentor, it didn't take long for the rest of the division to pitch in after hearing about the idea to send a little love to the Soldiers for Christmas. Payne

solicited ideas of what to send from her husband, comforts of home taken for granted by those living stateside. Each member of the division worked to fulfill that wish list and help with shipping costs.

"When doing something for anyone, no matter how big or small, as long as you're giving from the heart, the receiver will be appreciative," said Carrie Samuels, who spearheaded the project. "For the troops, for all that they do for us, things that we will never know, as the spouse of a retired CSM (command sergeant major), I know what they go through when they're away from their families. What we just did for them was just to open our hearts to say thanks. It was simple."

Packages were sent to Payne's husband, Col. Thomas Payne, director, ASA (ALT) Operations, who has been deployed to Bagram since July. Three large, heavy boxes filled with everyday items, such as powdered drink mix, Christmas decorations, sheets, pillowcases, snacks,

chapstick, magazines and more were shipped Dec. 8 to make it to the troops in time for Christmas.

While the employees of the Army Contracting Center's Missile Logistics Division work to help the Soldiers each day, the care package outreach was a different type of service.

"What we do on our job on a day-to-day basis is because the Soldiers serve," Samuels said. "Freedom isn't free. People take for granted that we have these jobs here on the Arsenal and wake up in our warm beds. The things that the troops go through when they're away from home, being in a foreign place, fighting a war, some understand, some don't. Just a little touch, something, anything, the simplest thing can warm a Soldier's heart. You don't always get to see the face that you buy the equipment for, the purchases and everything that you make in the contracting field – it was a way to put a face on what we do on a day-to-day basis."

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# ACC in the News

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## Army eyes e-textbooks for ROTC courses

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The Army is considering an ambitious project to convert its college-level Reserve Officer Training Corps textbooks to e-books that can take advantage of the multimedia capabilities offered by a digital library.

The Army Mission and Installation Contracting Command kicked off market research in late December, with an eye toward developing hardware-agnostic e-textbooks for the Army Cadet Command, headquartered at Fort Knox, Ky.

[http://www.nextgov.com/nextgov/ng\\_20120109\\_9876.php?oref=topnews](http://www.nextgov.com/nextgov/ng_20120109_9876.php?oref=topnews)

## ACC-KU takes on Biggest Loser Challenge

By Silentip LeRoy  
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CAMP ARIFJAN, Kuwait – More often than not, changes in an organization occur with each rotation of leadership. For some leaders, a vision of a fit workforce begins with setting the example. The 408th Army Contracting Support Brigade, Army Contracting Command-Kuwait took on The Biggest Loser Challenge here.

<http://www.dvidshub.net/news/82039/acc-ku-takes-biggest-loser-challenge#.TwXcsoG8CnA>

## Army sets path for MICC command sergeant major

By Daniel P. Elkins  
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FORT SAM HOUSTON, Texas -- Admittedly, growing up on the streets of Atlanta in the late 1970s searching for trouble was producing a harsh reality for a teenager whose alternative of leading a straight path in uniform was furthest from his thoughts. Like many teens whose angst after graduating high school is often typified by a contemptuous demeanor, 18-year-old Clinton Jackson didn't want anybody, let alone his parents, telling him what to do.

<http://www.army.mil/article/71557/>

*These two articles are featured in the Army AL&T (January - March 2012) issue.*

## 'Separate contracting from acquisition'

*Q&A with Dr. Jacques S. Gansler*

Dr. Jacques S. Gansler chaired the Commission on Army Acquisition and Program Management in Expeditionary Operations, appointed by then-Secretary of the Army Pete Geren in 2007 to review the lessons learned in recent operations and to provide forward-looking recommendations to ensure that future military operations would achieve greater effectiveness, efficiency, and transparency. The Gansler Commission, as it is known, assessed processes and explored legislative solutions to ensure that the Army is

<http://armyalt.va.newsmemory.com/>

properly equipped for future expeditionary operations, and in October 2007 released its pivotal report.

## *Accountability in acquisition*

New Milestone Agreement promises more methodical tracking process, better communication

By Daniel P. Elkins

Mission and Installation Contracting Command (MICC) officials are shifting their strategic approach to Army acquisitions by incorporating a more meticulous planning process to improve communication, standardize the development of milestones, and increase accountability.

