



# NEWSBLAST

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*"Providing global contracting support to warfighters."*

## ACC Washington staff notified of reductions

REDSTONE ARSENAL, Ala. – Army Contracting Command will reduce the size of its Washington Field Office in Alexandria, Va., the command announced today.

As a result, 12 employees received management-directed reassignment notifications to transfer to ACC's headquarters here, leaving three people in the Washington office. The moves should be completed by Sept. 29, 2012.

"We are constantly looking at our business processes to achieve operational efficiencies," said Carol Lowman, ACC executive director. "In today's budget environment, we must review and challenge

everything we do. To be good stewards of the taxpayers' money, we must make the most effective and efficient use of our resources, including our people."

ACC headquarters transferred here from Fort Belvoir, Va., completing the move in August, leaving a small cadre of employees — known as the Washington Field Office — who conducted business in the national capital region on behalf of the command, explained Col. Jeff Gabbert, ACC chief of staff. Staff realignments, consolidations and operational reviews since then show that it is now feasible to support virtually all activities at Redstone, maximizing synergy and efficiency, he said.

Functions moving to Redstone are ACC's Contingency Support Center, oversight of the Virtual Contracting Enterprise program, and support for the Federal Acquisition Regulation and Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation committees.

A three-person team will remain in the Washington area to manage congressional activities, liaise with the Government Accountability Office and represent the command at Washington-area meetings.

Employees will have 30 days from receipt of their notification letters to decide whether to accept the transfer. Employees who decline transfer will be eligible to register in the Priority Placement Program, a Department of Defense system designed to help displaced employees. In addition, ACC will provide relocation and transition assistance.

Army Contracting Command, headquartered at Redstone Arsenal, provides global contracting support to soldiers through the full spectrum of military operations. ACC consists of more than 5,800 civilians and soldiers at more than 115 locations worldwide. In fiscal year 2011 ACC awarded and managed nearly 198,000 contract actions valued at more than \$86.8 billion.

## CSA issues marching orders

Chief of Staff of the Army Gen. Raymond T. Odierno issued his Marching Orders Jan. 2012, titled "America's Force of Decisive Action."

The orders are available at <http://www.army.mil/article/71949/>



U.S. Army photo by Lt. Col. Martha Brooks

## ECC welcomes new command sergeant major

Command Sgt. Maj. Angel Clark-Davis (right) accepts ceremonial sword from Brig. Gen. Joe Bass, commanding general, Expeditionary Contracting Command, as Command Sgt. Maj. John L. Murray stands at attention during the ECC change of responsibility ceremony Jan. 12.

# Spotlight on...

## Amy Lett and Teresa Lee



The Army Contracting Command headquarters staff welcomes two additions to the Enterprise Planning & Solutions Office - Amy Lett and Teresa Lee.

Both will be working as special assistants to the executive director. The two were hand-selected from among the many applications submitted for the positions. They will be in the headquarters for six months before returning to the field, where they will serve as proponents for all the great things ACC is about.

Lett (left) comes to the headquarters from ACC-Redstone Arsenal, Ala., as a contracting officer for the base operations division. She has been an 1102 for eight years - all of which has been served at Redstone Arsenal. Lett is Level III certified in contracting and has a master's degree from Alabama A&M University. She boasts a yellow belt in Lean Six Sigma and is also certified in Life Cycle Logistics and Program Management.

Lee (right) comes to the headquarters from the ACC-Redstone Arsenal (but was geographically located in Colorado Springs, Colo.) as a contracting officer supporting mostly research and development requirements in a multiple award task order contract environment. She, too, has been an 1102 for nearly eight years and has worked in the contracting arena in industry prior to joining the government.



## New MICC command sergeant major

Command Sgt. Maj. Rodney J. Rhoades (right) accepts a ceremonial sword from Brig. Gen. Stephen Leisenring, commanding general, Mission and Installation Contracting Command, during the MICC change of responsibility ceremony Jan. 9. [Read the full article here.](#)

## CFC pledges top \$306,000

REDSTONE ARSENAL, Ala.—Army Contracting Command's 2011 Combined Federal Campaign worldwide pledge total grew to more than \$306,000 after the headquarters here received reports from three more units.



ACC-National Capital Region, Alexandria, Va., added nearly \$44,000 to ACC's worldwide pledges. The 410th Contracting Support Brigade, Fort Sam Houston, Texas, collected pledges exceeding \$9,600. The 412th CSB, also at Fort Sam Houston, generated almost \$6,300 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." The 2011 campaign concluded Dec. 15.

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## ACC in the News

*These articles include mention of the Army Contracting Command.*

### U.S. Army advances face transplant research

By Shane McGlaun  
TG Daily

I would wager that the first time many of us ever saw a face transplant was in the flick Face Off which supposedly had characters switching looks.

<http://www.tgdaily.com/security-features/60730-us-army-advances-face-transplant-research>

Today, a face transplant is something that doctors are actually able to accomplish, albeit to a certain extent. Currently, the procedure is reserved for patients with massive trauma to the face that not only leaves them with a very abnormal appearance, but also makes it difficult for them to breathe, eat, and speak.

### Contractor sentenced for offering \$100,000 bribe to Fort Monmouth official

TRENTON - The president and CEO of a defense contracting firm in Long Island, N.Y., was sentenced Thursday to two years in prison for offering a \$100,000 bribe to a Department of Defense contracting officer at Fort Monmouth, according to the U.S. Attorney for New Jersey.

<http://www.app.com/article/20120112/NJNEWS/301120059>

### Civilian guards wanted at more war-zone bases

By Dan Lamothe  
Staff writer, Marine Corps Times

Marine commanders have expanded a request for civilian contractors to provide military security at Marine bases in Afghanistan as U.S. forces withdraw.

Civilians will be needed to guard Camp Dwyer and Camp Delaram II, Marine officials said. The request, announced

<http://www.marinecorpstimes.com/news/2012/01/marine-afghanistan-civilian-guards-wanted-at-more-bases-011412w/>

Jan. 3 by U.S. Army Contracting Command, comes after the military announced in November that at least 166 civilian contractors were needed to help guard Camp Leatherneck, the sprawling, 1,500-acre-plus installation that serves as the Corps' main hub of operations in Helmand province. It is home to II Marine Expeditionary Force (Forward), headed by Maj. Gen. John Toolan.

### U.S. Army issues sources sought notice for network technology

By Katie Cain  
System of Systems Integration Directorate

The purpose of this Sources Sought notice is to identify emerging capabilities to be evaluated against a set of

[http://www.army.mil/article/72002/U\\_S\\_Army\\_Issues\\_Sources\\_Sought\\_Notice\\_for](http://www.army.mil/article/72002/U_S_Army_Issues_Sources_Sought_Notice_for)

entrance criteria for an opportunity to participate in NIE 13.1. This Sources Sought seeks solutions with a narrow focus on specific identified gaps in the current and evolving networked equipment solution set.

### Army acquisition executive emphasizes affordability as defense spending downshifts

By Edward Lopez  
U.S. Army Installation Management Command

From firing a new enhanced performance round to actively

<http://www.army.mil/article/72025/>

seeking input from midcareer managers, Heidi Shyu's whirlwind visit Dec. 20 to Picatinny Arsenal included a town hall in which she underscored the need to streamline acquisition.

