



“Providing global contracting support to warfighters.”

MICC teams converge at Bliss for Joint Dawn 2012



(Photo by David San Miguel)

Maj. Juan P. Arzu, 412th Contracting Support Brigade, shows Harry Hallock, ACC deputy director, and Carol Lowman, ACC executive director, how he is supporting the Joint Dawn exercise by role playing as a vendor.

By Daniel Elkins

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FORT BLISS, Texas – Forty-five members from throughout the Mission and Installation Contracting Command are among the more than 250 participants teaming together here in support of the two-week U.S. Army Contracting Command pre-deployment readiness exercise Joint Dawn 2012.

Joint Dawn, in its third year, is bringing together military and civilian contracting officers and specialists as well as other support personnel from each service including the Army National Guard and Army Reserve. The exercise is designed to develop contracting expertise in an environment that simulates joint operations down range and serves as a precursor to a deployment in support of the U.S. Central Command, according to Col. Jeff Morris, commander, 412th Contracting Support Brigade at Fort Sam Houston, Texas, who is leading this year’s

training.

The main body of exercise participants arrived here Jan. 19 and have already completed warrior task training simulating a field environment as well as classroom training. They entered the fourth phase of Joint Dawn which consists of six days of operational training aimed at building familiarity in a joint environment.

MICC civilian contracting professionals are working alongside their uniformed counterparts from ACC and the Expeditionary Contracting Command in replicated joint regional contracting centers of approximately 10 contracting officers each. They are responsible for conducting all functions – including pre-award actions, contract administration and management, and contractor education – for which they will be expected to accomplish during deployment.

The value of this joint training offers a reciprocal benefit according to Brian Raabe, a MICC strategic planner in support of the Joint Dawn operations cell.

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AMC Command Sgt. Maj. visits with Joint Dawn 2012 NCOs, officers

By David San Miguel

Headquarters, Army Contracting Command

FORT BLISS, Texas – In a surprise visit Jan. 26 with U.S. Army Contracting Command participants of the Joint Dawn exercise, Command Sgt. Maj. Ronald T. Riling, U.S. Army Materiel Command, command sergeant major, lauded the Soldiers’ efforts in supporting the war fighter in theater.

Speaking before the 80-plus NCOs and officers, Riling commented how he and Gen. Ann Dunwoody, AMC commanding general, were proud of their contributions

to the Army and how they should be proud to wear the AMC patch.

He said that once they deploy in theater, the Soldiers shouldn’t let anyone intimidate them to change it.

“Be proud to wear the AMC patch,” he said. “You’re working for AMC.”

Riling added that he was impressed by all the warrior skills training the Soldiers were undertaking prior to their deployment. He said they should take the training seriously and to ask the hard questions before they deploy.

“We’re all Soldiers before we do any MOS (military occupational specialty) and

we need to know the basics well,” he said.

Riling cited recent attacks on Soldiers in Kandahar and how insurgents change their tactics to inflict injury on U.S. forces. Once in theater, he said the Soldiers should talk with their peers, learn the latest tactics, techniques and procedures and ask what they need to be proficient in.

“I know you’re going over there to conduct contracting business,” he said, “but you’re going from FOB (forward operating base) to FOB and you could get hit. You have to know what to do ... how to react.”

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Spotlight on...

Jackie Lynne Pinkston

Jackie Lynne Pinkston is an acquisition services group program manager assigned to the Mission and Installation Contracting Command at Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

Describe your current position.

Pinkston serves as the ASG program manager and procurement subject matter expert responsible for reviewing the MICC purchasing and contracting activities for efficiency and effectiveness. She performs management control of procurement actions for the acquisition of services and participates in reviews and oversight. She is the technical authority on Department of the Army procurements to include communications, training and a multitude of troop and combat support.

She currently is participating in the Army Contracting Command Strategic Leadership Program.

Describe your professional/education background.

Pinkston enlisted in the Navy in August 1984 and served until 1988 when she transferred into the Naval Reserve until 1991. During this time, she supported Desert Storm while working in Abu Dhabi

and Bahrain.

The Erie, Pa., native earned her undergraduate degree in business management from the University of LaVerne, Calif., in 1992 while working in Naples, Italy, and a master's in business administration in Strategic Management and Public Policy in 1995 from The George Washington University while working as a contracting intern at the Naval Air Systems Command.

Pinkston was recently recognized for 25 years of service with the federal government where she has worked for a multitude of commands/agencies to include, Naval Sea Systems Command, Veterans Affairs, Defense Intelligence Agency and, most recently, the U.S. Africa Command in Stuttgart, Germany, as the J6 and for the chief of staff in shared services.

Do you have children/grandchildren/pets? What do you in your spare time?

She and her husband, David, have three sons: David, Jacob and Christopher. In her spare time, she enjoys playing football, swimming and going on cruises. She has a dog, Bingo, and a cat, Sabrina. She is the daughter of Kitty Long and stepdaughter



Jackie Lynne Pinkston
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of Kenny Seastrum, of Erie, Pa.

How does your job support the Soldier?

Pinkston's leadership style challenges the staff to think outside the box and ask questions. She believes we should ask ourselves, "What else can be done to provide the best value for the mission, Soldiers and their families?"

By leading with questions, "we develop proactive, innovative methods to address the needs of our Soldiers and to reach across the organization to provide better contracted materiel and services," she said.

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"While the exercise is intended to train active duty to deploy, we have civilians deploying, too," Raabe said. "When we asked for volunteers, we selected those who were already a part of the deployable cadre and then those who were interested in deploying."
ACC offers qualified employees with

specialized expertise and experience throughout its command an opportunity to deploy through its Deployable Cadre Program.

Raabe added that response to the call for volunteers was overwhelming. In addition to Raabe, MICC members participating in Joint Dawn include 25

civilian contracting experts serving in 16 simulated regional contracting centers, 15 mentors, two legal officers and two policy experts.

The fourth phase concludes Feb. 2, when the readiness exercise enters an evaluation phase.

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ACC, ECC host 4th annual Chili Cook-Off

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Eleven culinary artists from the Army Contracting Command and the Expeditionary Contracting Command headquartered at Redstone Arsenal, Ala., created crock-pot works of art for the fourth annual ACC Chili Challenge, Jan. 18.

A cuisine usually associated with southwestern America, chili is a spicy stew made with chili peppers, a variety of other spices, tomato sauce and meat. This year's entries ranged from white chicken chili to traditional recipes that were spicy enough to create a good sweat.

A fund raiser for the Organization Day activities, the Chili Challenge has become an annual tradition.

A panel of six judges convened behind closed doors to rate the chili entries. Once the winner was selected, employees were offered a chance to sample the chili entries for a nominal fee.

"The Chili Cook-off was a great success," said Carol Lowman, ACC executive director. "Thank you to all of the participants who worked so hard on their entries. These events are always fun and they help build morale and camaraderie. It's something I look forward to every year."

The hands-down winner of this year's Chili Challenge was Mike Holcomb, ACC commandant. His chili of secret spices and a pinch of whiskey was the judges' favorite.

"These things are fun to do. I've been entering since we first started these back at Fort Belvoir (Va.)," Holcomb said. "I've placed in the past and will be entering again next year."

Bob Gibson, ECC operations, and Maj. Scott McKee, ECC executive officer, came in second and third respectively.



(Photo By David San Miguel)

Mary Prunty, ACC office of the deputy chief of staff, resource management, dips into one of the pots of chili during the ACC's annual Chili Cook-off fund-raiser.

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A combat veteran himself, Riling added that it's critical they be safe and that they can continue with their contracting mission.

"They (Soldiers) depend on 51-Charlies," he said. "If you don't write the contract that makes sense and you don't do the right thing for the Soldiers, the Soldiers will ultimately pay the price."

"I'll tell you right now, the Army really doesn't know what the 51-Charlie series MOS is doing," Riling added. "But that's what you're about to do."

Joint Dawn 2012 is the premier contingency contracting pre-deployment mission readiness exercise. This annual exercise brings together a joint, multi-component group of military and civilian contracting professionals and gives them the tools, techniques, and procedures necessary to deploy with confidence and support the war fighter.



(Photo by David San Miguel)

Command Sgt. Maj. Ronald T. Riling, U.S. Army Materiel Command, speaks with Soldiers participating in the Joint Dawn 2012 exercise.

NOTICE to travelers

Army Contracting Command personnel filing authorizations for travel must include the mandatory statements on all requests in DTS. The statements and additional guidance can be found on SharePoint in the G-8 section under "New Announcements".

<https://acc.aep.army.mil/G8/Lists/Announcements/DispForm.aspx?ID=9&Source=https%3A%2F%2Facc%2Eaep%2Earmy%2Emil%2FG8%2Fdefault%2Easpx>

"Not having the mandatory statements on the DTS authorizations will cause the requests to be returned to the traveler; thus, adding the amount of time it takes to validate and approve the travelers request," according to Michelle Earlywine-Brown, ACC lead defense travel administrator.



ACC in the News

These articles include mention of the Army Contracting Command.

Jay Talking: Against all odds — Resa's success

By Jay Redfern
The Register – Mail

Resa Hellenthal just may be the least publicly recognizable member of her family. Her dad Mike was the former Galesburg High School athletic director and the assistant coach for

Quincy High School's 1979 state champion basketball team. Her brother Ryan played basketball and basketball for the Silver Streaks and is now an assistant coach/director of basketball operations at California State University-Long Beach. And her mom Janice Dutell is a longtime nurse and Director of Surgical Services at Galesburg Cottage Hospital.

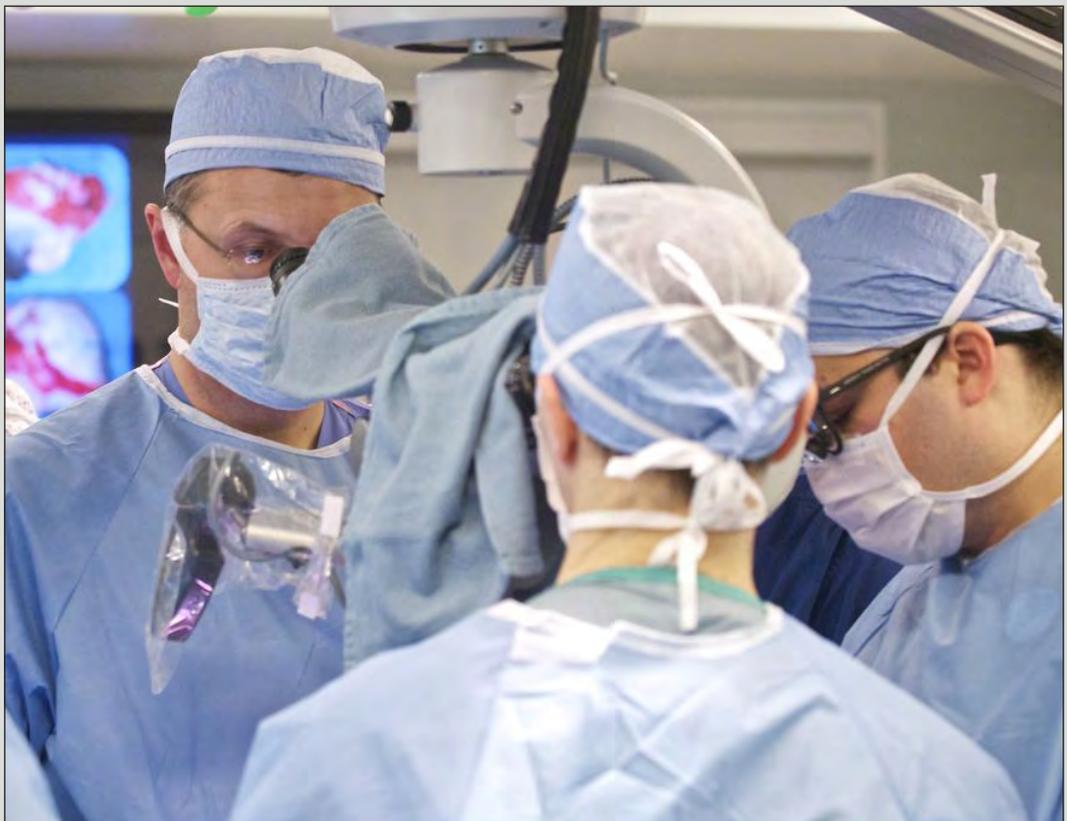
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Biomedical contract leads to nation's first full face transplant

By Betsy Kozak
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A medical research contract established through the U.S. Army Contracting Command (ACC) – Aberdeen Proving Ground (APG), MD, has led to the nation's first full-face transplant and the first combination face-and-hands transplant.

This contract was established as part of a biomedical translational initiative directed by the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs and led by Thomas J. Bouchard, Natick Contracting Division Deputy Chief, to advance the treatment of military members injured in Iraq and Afghanistan.



(Photo courtesy of Lightchaser Photography.)

Dr. Bohdan Pomahac, Director of Plastic Surgery Transplantation at Brigham and Women's Hospital, works with his operating room team during surgery.

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