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"Providing global contracting support to war fighters."

ACC's new G3 among leadership changes



(Photo by Ed Worley)

Col. D.D. Mayfield joins the Army Contracting Command as its new deputy chief of staff, G3 Mission Operations.

By Ed Worley

ACC Office of Public & Congressional Affairs

REDSTONE ARSENAL, Ala. – Army Contracting Command's new deputy chief of staff, G3 Mission Operations, is a new face among several leadership changes across the command.

Col. D. D. Mayfield succeeded Col. Jerry Jones June 1. Jones is now the Expeditionary Contracting Command chief of staff.

Jones succeeded Col. Tim Strange, who assumed command of the 412th Contracting Support Brigade, Fort Sam Houston, Texas, on July 10. Col. Jeff Morris, the former 412th commander, will stay at Fort Sam Houston to become the Mission and Installation Contracting Command chief of staff, succeeding Col. Shane Dietrich, who is retiring.

While Mayfield is new to ACC, he's not new to Redstone Arsenal or the contracting career field. Originally an air defense artillery officer, he joined the acquisition corps in 2000.

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DASA(P) presents awards at ACC-RI

By Liz Adrian

ACC-Rock Island, Ill., Public Affairs

ROCK ISLAND ARSENAL, Ill. –

Kim Denver, deputy assistant secretary of the Army (procurement) visited Army Contracting Command-Rock Island, Ill., and took the time to present the 2011 Secretary of the Army Awards for Excellence in Contracting during a town hall June 21.

ACC-RI Executive Director Michael Hutchison invited Denver to come to ACC-RI because of the increased interaction between the center and the DASA(P) staff.

"I wanted him to get a flavor of what it

is that we do," said Hutchison. "We're not like a lot of the other centers. Other than ammo, we're not a real commodity-focused center."

Preceding the award presentation, Hutchison noted that there are 13 Secretary of the Army awards given out annually, and the fact that ACC-RI received four is an accomplishment he is proud of.

"The pool of candidate organizations include the Army Contracting Command, all of its five centers, the Expeditionary Contracting Command, the Mission and Installation Contracting Command, the Army Corps of Engineers, the National Guard Bureau and some others as well,"

said Hutchison. "This is a tremendous honor to garner so many awards. It recognizes the good work that you do and, in many instances, all you are sacrificing to do this work. You're giving up personal time and I want you to know that I am grateful for it."

Denver thanked the employees at ACC-RI and other centers, stating that the daily innovation and feedback on the impact that policies have on the field are valuable to DASA(P).

"It's no mistake that you received four awards," said Denver. "You are a superior organization and your reputation is known in (Washington) D.C."

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Responsive

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(Photo by Liz Adrian)

Kim Denver, (left) deputy assistant secretary of the Army (procurement), and Michael Hutchison, (right) ACC-RI executive director, present Carolyn Young, Reachback Division chief, the Outstanding Unit/Team Contingency Contracting award for the team's support of the military mission in Southwest Asia and its responsiveness in processing acquisition requests despite a sometimes challenging schedule.

The first award was given to Joan Wysoske, chief of the Reachback Contract Closeout Branch, for her commitment to and support of the AbilityOne Program during fiscal 2011. This closeout mission was new to ACC-RI and she supplemented her workforce by hiring personnel under the program to include six contract specialists, one supervisor and two warehouse data specialists.

The Outstanding Unit/Team Contingency Contracting award was presented to Carolyn Young, chief of the reachback division. The division was noted for its time-sensitive, critical support of the military mission in Southwest Asia, as well as its responsiveness to requests, no matter how challenging the schedule or complicated the acquisition.

The Installation Division's Garrison Contracting Branch Chief, Lisa Determan, accepted the award for installation level contracting. The branch was not only recognized for its construction contracting and routine support of the arsenal and its tenants, but also its emergency response contracting to protect the arsenal during the Mississippi River flooding in 2011.

Timothy Johnson, former acting chief, Logistics Civil Augmentation Program Division, accepted the Systems, Research and Development and Logistics Support Contracting Award, in recognition of the team's contribution for the period between July 2010 and September 2011 in which it successfully managed highly visible contract activities for critical logistics under extraordinarily challenging circumstances.

Anonymous Email Program

<https://acc.aep.army.mil/Pages/Anonymous.aspx>

The Commander's Anonymous Email Program provides Army Contracting Command Soldiers and civilians the opportunity to voice their concerns or ideas freely and confidentially.

Concern/Suggestion:

Purchase FAR hard copies for employees
Response: Thank you for expressing your concerns regarding the purchase of hard copy acquisition publications (Federal Acquisition Regulation and Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement) for personnel across the Army Contracting Command enterprise. These types of resource allocation decisions are reserved for the subordinate commanders and the contracting

center executive directors.

We are in a period of significantly diminishing budgets and resources. Our leaders are faced with numerous competing priorities to accomplish an incredibly vast mission, while being good stewards of the taxpayer's dollars. It is imperative that they weigh the added benefit of obtaining hard-copy reference material against the cost of procuring these items that are available at no cost and are continually updated on the Internet.

You expressed concerns regarding individuals not being properly prepared for meetings. To address this concern, it is extremely frustrating to attend meetings when the participants are not properly prepared to discuss the

relevant issues. There is no excuse for this lack of preparation. However, please note that on Sept. 12, 2011, ACC implemented a policy making the online paperless contract file system the official contract repository for all new contract actions. PCF has been DoD 5015 Records Management-certified and is now considered the only official, legal file of record. This policy does not relax the requirement for individuals to sufficiently prepare for meetings, but it is important to recognize that the environment in which we conduct operations is rapidly changing.

If you have any additional questions, contact the contracting operations division staff at (256) 955-5721.

Weaving a Webb of success

By Liz Adrian
ACC – Rock Island, Ill., Public Affairs

Corey Webb, government property administrator and plant clearance officer, Anniston Chemical Agent Disposal Facility, Anniston, Ala., said his goodbyes to co-workers in Alabama and at Army Contracting Command Rock Island, Ill., June 28 prior to moving to a new position with the Department of Veteran Affairs.

Landing a job with the VA suits the 30-year-old former Marine well. He landed his current job through the Army Materiel Command's Always a Soldier Program.

A contract specialist who has worked at the ANCDF for a little more than six years, Webb lost a portion of a leg while serving his country in Iraq during his first tour of duty.

The Soldier program is an AMC initiative that provides employment

opportunities for veterans who can no longer serve their country in uniform but who wish to continue serving.

Webb worked with Steve Clark, then the ASP coordinator, to get a position at AMC.

"Steve made me feel like it was his personal mission to help me start a good career," said Webb. "I learned he was a combat-injured veteran himself – an arm amputee. He was an example of getting on with life and turning life's lemons into lemonade. He was pretty motivating. Without question, the program has brought me to a much better place in my life."

Since beginning his civilian career, Webb has received his undergraduate degree and completed his basic 1102 training. In his government property administrator role, the Marine veteran coordinated with the contractor's property management team to make sure that ANCDF's property control system conformed to contract provisions and property regulations.

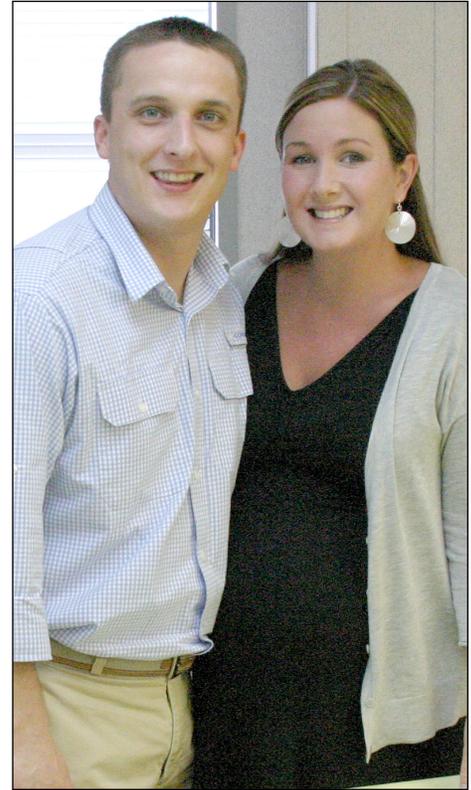
"The coordination starts at property acquisition and ends with disposition, and of course keeping the ACO (administrative contracting officer) updated along the way," said Webb. "Anniston has always been successful at this because of the hard work and dedication from our contractor's property folks."

According to ACC-RI leadership, Webb has been a valuable employee because of his enthusiasm and the good work he has done.

"Corey has proven himself to be an energetic and effective employee, providing excellent performance not only at Anniston but also at other chemical demilitarization sites," said Marshall Collins, chief, ACC-RI's Baseline Incineration Branch. "Corey exemplifies the intent of the Always a Soldier Program, which provides a hand-up, not a hand-out. His commitment to being a team player and his focus on successful outcomes magnified his contributions."

From his perspective, Webb said his job was easy due to great leadership and a high-performing team.

"Any job can be done correctly when a person has those things," said Webb.



(Photo by Liz Adrian)

Corey Webb and his wife, Haley, were given an ANCDF Field Office farewell.

"As far as what drives me personally, the support in creating new ways of doing things has gone a long way. When you have someone pushing you to live up to certain standards it keeps you active."

Webb said he gained a thorough understanding what teamwork means during his time at Anniston.

"It was a real development opportunity for me," he said. "The challenges have helped me to stretch and grow personally and professionally, but only because of the people I work with. This office is full of really smart people I've gotten to know over the last five-six years. I'll look back on my time here as a very meaningful experience."

In keeping with the spirit of camaraderie that the ANCDF Field Office is known for, Webb and his wife, Haley, were given a farewell luncheon and he was presented with the ACC-RI executive director's coin.



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DOD rules restrict political activity

By Katie E. Nelson

Army News Service

WASHINGTON – With election season fast approaching, the Department of Defense published a set of guidelines June 19, for military personnel detailing what's allowed and what's restricted when participating in political activities.

The four-page DOD memorandum, (DOD Directive 1344.10, Guidance for Military Personnel) signed by Deputy Secretary of Defense Ashton B. Carter, urges service members to vote and exercise their civic ability. However, the document also cautions them how their public behavior could reflect positively or negatively on the military.

"Generally, service members are prohibited from acting in any manner that gives rise to the inference of approval or endorsement of candidates for political office by DOD," the memo states.

Some prohibited activities include wearing military uniforms at political events; holding leadership positions in a political club; running for civil office; posting large political signs on a privately owned vehicle; or officially representing the armed forces at a political event.

In addition to the restricted activities, the directive defines which behaviors are permitted. It also notes that the rules identified are not all-inclusive, but are merely parameters meant to illustrate acceptable and unacceptable actions. Exceptions and more in-depth regulations

can be found in the hyperlinks attached to the document.

The document also addresses more complicated matters regarding political activity, such as social media. According to Public Affairs Guidance for Political Campaigns and Elections, service members

may express their personal opinions via social media, as long as they do not tie those views to the DOD.

In addition, the memo outlines guidelines for federal employees concerning what the Hatch Act does and doesn't allow when it comes to political activities.

Address updates essential for absentee voting

By JD Leibold

Army News Service

WASHINGTON – With just 119 days remaining until the national elections, overseas Soldiers, civilians, contractors and family members need to let their home states know of any change in address so they can receive their absentee ballots in time.

According to Lt. Col. Paul Amrhein, chief, Soldier Programs Branch, time is running short for overseas voters to submit a Federal Postcard Application, or FPA, with updated address information.

"You can go on line or fill out the hard copy application and then all they do is send that to their local voting official," he said. "The most important part that we try to emphasize to Soldiers is even if you've changed your address, you still have to send in another FPA with the update.

"Once you're registered to vote, you stay registered unless your information changes,

so for military and family members, they should double-check to ensure they're registered if they've moved since the previous election," Amrhein added.

In September, a new initiative kicks off which will allow U.S. citizens overseas to place express mailing labels on their ballots that can be tracked from the military post office to the local voting official in the U.S., he said.

"Voting assistance officers and unit leaders are putting emphasis on trying to instill in their Soldiers and civilians the importance of taking part in these elections and how voting is a right and part of their civic duty," Amrhein added. "I just want to emphasize the importance of updating the address and letting the local voting election official know that address to ensure their ballot counts on election day."

For absentee ballot dates for each state, click on the link provided.

<http://usarmy.vo.llnwd.net/e2/c/downloads/254349.pdf>

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During his first tour at Redstone he earned a master's degree in management with a concentration in acquisition contract management from Florida Institute of Technology and served as a contracting officer with the Missile and Space Intelligence Center. He has been the U.S. Army Central Command director of contracting, Eskan Village, Saudi Arabia; assistant program manager for the Future Tactical Truck System and product manager, Petroleum and Water Systems during separate assignments with the Program Executive Office, Combat

Support and Combat Service Support, Warren, Mich.

Mayfield is looking forward to helping ACC mature as a two-star command.

"We're still a growing command," he said. "One of the things I am focusing on is the G3 staff - force structure and staff layout for both the ACC and ECC. I'll also be looking at our policies and procedures."

He said as the command continues to develop, he wants to refine the G3 staff.

"What does 'right' look like in a structure that's changing," he asked rhetorically. "I want to make sure

everybody is shooting in the same direction.

"Do I have all the answers? No, but I am willing to step forward and say this is the direction we ought to go," he said. "That's what leaders do."

Away from the office Mayfield and his wife, Pat, spend time running their two sons, Dariel, 14, and Patrick, 6, to basketball and baseball games. He also enjoys building things around the house.

But the colonel emphasized he's not looking for more construction work. "It's just a hobby," he said with a smile, "not a business."



ACC in the News

These articles mention Army Contracting Command.

Maj. Gen. Camille Nichols becomes the first commanding general of the U.S. Army Contracting Command

(Published in the Latina Style Magazine, Vol. 18, No. 3, 2012)

Maj. Gen. Camille Nichols became the first commanding general of the U. S. Army Contracting Command on May 17. Maj. Gen. Camille Nichols became the first commanding general of the U.S. Army Contracting Command during an assumption of command ceremony at Redstone Arsenal in Huntsville, Ala.

<http://mydigimag.rrd.com/publication/?i=116710>

New design refrigerated shipping containers will assist US military logistics supply chain

Klinge Corporation produces innovative solution to temperature control problem

(Posted July 10, 2012 in the Handy Shipping Guide)

US – WORLDWIDE – One of the hardest things to achieve when deploying troops in a foreign field of operations is the logistics process necessary to ensure vital supplies such as foodstuffs and pharmaceuticals remain in useable condition no matter what the environment. Keeping items at the correct temperature whilst in the military supply chain is especially difficult hence the reason the U.S. Army Contracting Command subcontracted for a completely new and innovative system based on the standard ISO shipping container to the Klinge Corporation.

http://www.handyshippingguide.com/shipping-news/new-design-refrigerated-shipping-containers-will-assist-us-military-logistics-supply-chain_3793

Savannah natives serve in the Armed Forces

(Published in the Savannah Morning News July 5, 2012)

Department of the Army Civilian Marvinia J. Adams participated in Joint Dawn 2012 as a trainee volunteer. Joint Dawn is a two-week readiness exercise at Fort Bliss, Texas, designed to develop soldier acquisition skills. Adams is a contract specialist assigned to the Mission and Installation Contracting Command at Fort Sam Houston, Texas. She has worked in federal service for four years.

<http://savannahnow.com/your-good-news/2012-07-05/savannah-natives-serve-armed-forces>

Remembering all contributions at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery

By Brian New, KENS 5 - TV *(Posted July 4, 2012)*

SAN ANTONIO - On the day America's independence is celebrated, at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery nearly two dozen military veteran organizations paid tribute to those who served and sacrificed. The focus of the 28th Fourth of July Patriotic Ceremony was remembering Spain's contributions to the American Revolution.

<http://www.kens5.com/home/Remembering-all-contributions-at-Ft-Sam-Houston-Natl-Cemetery-161371785.html>

