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Clerical/Administrative Assistant of the Year



The Muskogee VA Regional Office is one of four Regional Processing Offices that process VA Education claims for the United States. Employees shown are completing a GI Bill claim.

Don't tell people how to do things, tell them what to do and let them surprise you with the results.

—George S. Patton

Emily Brewer

~Clerical/Administrative Assistant~

Veterans Administration Regional Office - Muskogee



Emily Brewer was promoted to Program Support Assistant, Muskogee Veterans Service Center (VSC), in November, 2014. In record time, she mastered the Talent Management System utilized to track employee training hours and completed station administrator training. She provides outstanding support in tracking the completion of 29,000 mandatory training hours for the 388 employees assigned to VSC. She also assists with administration of pre and post training events to evaluate effectiveness of training. Emily is a primary timekeeper for VSC. Our office paid out over \$2.5 million in overtime during FY15 and we continue to work overtime in FY16. Emily's support in timekeeping was especially important during the transition from ETA to VATAS for the assigned 388 employees and ensured a

smooth transition. In spite of the challenges of working in the VSC Front Office, Emily is respectful and considerate with veterans who contact our office daily, even in difficult situations.



Cheryl Cornelius-Ochs

~Clerical/Administrative Assistant~

SSA Office of Disability Adjudication & Review – Tulsa



Administrative Assistant Cheryl Cornelius-Ochs has repeatedly proved her professional competence in handling a variety of complex time-keeping, personnel, travel reimbursements, and budgeting administrative duties covering a huge multi-state service area. Her exemplary record of public service includes countless instances of her adherence to fiscal integrity in budgeting and accounting that carefully balances the needs and expenses of public service with the vital importance of maintaining fiscal responsibility on the public's behalf. Her efforts on behalf of both claimants and their representatives and our Social Security employees in her expansive service area reflect great credit upon herself and the American Public whom she serves so well.

Charlotte S. Masters

~Clerical/Administrative Assistant~

Office of the Assistant Administrator for Human Resource Management – Oklahoma City



Charlotte Masters works in the Office of the Assistant Administrator for Human Resource Management (AHR). The HR Office at the MMAC is the largest concentration of AHR employees outside Washington D.C. With over 70 employees reporting to multiple chains of command, Charlotte collaborates effortlessly to ensure everyone’s needs are exceeded! Her “servant” approach to people in finding out their needs and how she can make it happen helps create harmony and greater productivity for the entire team. Charlotte epitomizes what managers want from their employees on a daily basis. She displays exceptional initiative in working with others and is continuously looking for ways to improve how we serve our employees and customers.



Donna Posey

~Clerical/Administrative Assistant~

Veterans Administration Medical Center - Muskogee



Donna Posey serves as the secretary in Engineering Service at the Eastern Oklahoma VA Health Care System and represents the service in a very positive way. She is the first person to greet everyone and is a great example on how to interact with a variety of customers. She manages the service’s Work Order System, maintains tickler files and gives notice on completing reports. She is the service representative for Rep Trax, which is our vendor badging system. Ms. Posey is also the first person to hear about serious utility or work order issues and relays information promptly. She is responsible for ordering all office supplies for the service and she monitors all mandatory training for Engineering Service employees. She is efficient in performing all of her job duties and is willing to do whatever is needed to get the job done.

Kellie J. Taylor

~Clerical/Administrative Assistant~

Mike Monroney Aeronautical Center – Oklahoma City



Ms. Taylor serves as the Office Administrator (OA) for the Program Director's office in the Federal Aviation Administration Logistics Center (FAALC). In addition to performing her many OA duties absolutely flawlessly, she routinely goes above and beyond. She brings innovation to her role to improve not only the front office but the entire FAALC. Her many contributions have resulted in improved communication and morale across the organization. In addition to enthusiastically seizing opportunities to contribute herself, she fully empowers her 7-person FAALC OA Team to do the same. Her leadership has contributed immeasurably to create an OA Team that the FAALC Director describes as, "the best OA Team I have seen in my 30+ years of government service.



Denise Wright

~Clerical/Administrative Assistant~

United States Postal Service – Oklahoma District



Denise Wright serves as the Administrative Assistant for the Oklahoma District Manager. She is a highly productive employee who always strives to give her absolute best to the Postal Service, as well as consistently seeks ways to improve efficiency and customer service. She is the “go-to” resource for field Postmasters, takes ownership of customer issues, as well as organizational changes, and sets the tone for other members of the staff and field postmasters. Denise’s commitment and pride in the organization is truly contagious and makes her a key asset to the Oklahoma District.

Michael K. James

~Clerical/Administrative Assistant~ (DoD)

Fleet Air Reconnaissance Squadron Four (VQ-4) - Navy



Petty Officer James epitomizes sustained superior performance through a keep attention to detail, unmatched work ethic, unparalleled expertise, and superb leadership. His dedication to the Navy's mission and his Sailors was clearly evident based on the many accolades and milestones achieved by VQ-4. He was instrumental in training and motivating Sailors under his leadership circle of influence, resulting in an 80% Enlisted Aviation Warfare Specialist qualification rate. His efforts elevated Sailor and combat readiness to the highest possible levels. He consistently delivered exceptional results despite a variety of operational challenges in an unconventional atmosphere. Through his exemplary blend of attentive long-term planning, exceptional foresight, and dedication to mission success, he was

instrumental in establishing and maintaining VQ-4's pinnacle of excellence. He provided guidance to young Sailors that can only come from a true professionalism.



Reda B. Johnson

~Clerical/Administrative Assistant~ (DoD)

U.S. Army Garrison – Fort Sill



Ms. Johnson is conspicuous in her dedicated support to the Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization, and Security (DPTMS). She is the directorate lifeline to the rest of Fort Sill in coordination of civilian personnel actions and management/employee relations with the Civilian Personnel Action Center (CPAC), the Resource Management Office (RMO) on budget and personnel matters, and actions involving the other directorates within the Garrison and within the Fires Center of Excellence and Fort Sill. Ms. Johnson is actively involved with the Civilian Well Being Office (CWBO) in providing information on employee assistance programs available at Fort Sill. Ms. Johnson has taught classes both within the Directorate and within the Garrison to promote Civilian Well Being which includes

both physical and mental well-being. As part of the Civilian Well Being Program she contacts those DPTMS personnel when she becomes aware that they may need assistance thus helping them with many issues. She provides thoughtful advice on many issues to the Director and Division Chiefs within DPTMS.

Rosemary Stone

~Clerical/Administrative Assistant~ (DoD)

Directorate of Emergency Services – Fort Sill



Mrs. Stone continuously keeps supervisors informed regarding sensitive issues on recruiting, placement, retention, administrative and employment opportunities and offers recommendations to prevent problems from occurring. She fosters productive and cooperative working relationships by showing understanding, courtesy, tact, and politeness to others while coordination with supervisors and other appropriate personnel specialists while researching, initiating processing, tracking various hiring actions. She has proved to be highly reliable with the coordination, reviewing, processing, and tracking of annual performance evaluations and awards; ensuring 100% processed through AUTONOA. Rosemary serves as the focal point for all matters relating to the Defense Travel System (DTS); researches, processes,

tracks and monitors travel arrangements, to include initiating TDY staffing actions for approval from Garrison through the DTS voucher process ensuring JTR compliance and seeks guidance, as needed, from other ODTA/LDTA specialists.



Did you know?

By Presidential Directive in 1961, President John F. Kennedy established Federal Executive Boards (FEB) to improve interagency coordination and communication among Federal departments and activities outside of Washington, D.C. The Director of the U.S. Office of Personnel Management is responsible to the President for the organizational and programmatic activities of FEBs.

The need for effective coordination among Federal organizations' field activities was clear then, and is even more important in today's environment. Approximately 87% of all Federal employees work outside of the National Capital area and most Federal programs are implemented through the regional and local offices of Federal departments and agencies. Regional and local Federal officials are the Federal Government's principal representatives to the vast majority of our nation's citizens.

Interagency Collaborative Effort



Department of Homeland Security Team

~Interagency Collaborative Effort~

Department of Homeland Security – Oklahoma City



The Department of Homeland Security Team, consisting of components of the Federal Protective Service, Transportation Security Administration, Customs and Border Protection, Housing and Urban Development Office of Inspector General, and the United States Secret Service provided essential safety and security operations for the 20th Anniversary Memorial Ceremony. The collaborative effort provided highly visible law enforcement mobile and foot patrols, covert plain clothes patrols, Mobile Command Vehicle operations, Multi-Agency Command Center liaison, and personal security details for former President Clinton, DHS Secretary Johnson, and FBI Director Comey. The team's actions protected 45,000 visitors, survivors, and federal employees for the remembrance ceremony. Months of hard work and coordination culminated in

three days of operations spanning six square blocks of downtown Oklahoma City, four federal facilities, the Oklahoma City National Memorial, and the Oklahoma City School of Law. The operation was such a success that it has become the example by which all others are measured.



Federal Aviation Administration Customs Border Protection Support Team

~Interagency Collaborative Effort~

Federal Aviation Administration – Oklahoma City



The FAA's Logistics Center and the Department of Homeland Security established a collaborative ten year Interagency Agreement to provide supply chain, engineering and training services for systems used by Customs & Border Protection (CBP) Agents to secure our nation's borders. The value of this agreement has grown over 200% in value since inception. CBP operates mobile surveillance systems and fixed surveillance towers on the southern and northern borders. The multi-organizational team at the FAA's Mike Monroney Aeronautical Center utilized existing processes to provide superior supply chain, engineering, and training services to CBP. The use of existing FAA infrastructure and expertise to accomplish these services means that CBP gets proven and successful low cost services while the FAA enjoys lower operating costs through the application of its overhead over a larger base of operations. This has resulted in significant costs savings for both agencies and the Federal Government as a whole.

Fort Sill/USCIS MAVNI Team

~Interagency Collaborative Effort~

United States Citizenship and Immigration Services – Oklahoma City



U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) worked collaboratively with the U.S. Army Basic Training Team at Fort Sill for over seven years. The MAVNI program (Military Accessions Vital to the National Interest) requires two agencies with very different operating cultures and administrative processes to work together serving soldiers eligible for U.S. citizenship. USCIS sends staff members down twice a week and has several employees at the office coordinating and communicating with Army staff. This collaboration is challenging for many reasons and over the last few years there have been many obstacles, however, the collaborative effort of this Army/USCIS team has endured and thrived. The program has grown considerably, processing over 1,000 soldiers each year over the past two years, gaining

national attention. We are currently signing a Memorandum of Agreement and making arrangements to open a USCIS office on Fort Sill, projected to open this summer.



Dr. Dan Hernandez

~Interagency Collaborative Effort~

United States Army Corps of Engineers - Tulsa



Dr. Boris (Dan) Hernandez led a highly detailed technical flood risk assessment for Arkansas Nuclear One (ANO) a nuclear power plant located near Russellville, Arkansas. This analysis was in response to the Fukushima Daiichi nuclear accident in Japan following a devastating tsunami. A letter dated March 12, 2012 asking for all nuclear power plant owners to reevaluate the potential for flooding of their site due to all possible flooding hazards (storm surge, tsunami, dam failure, etc.). This event was a collaborative effort between the Nuclear Regulatory Commission and several districts within the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. This project was highly visible to senior leadership within both organizations, and the efforts of Dr. Hernandez resulted in the timely, well executed completion of the project. Dr.

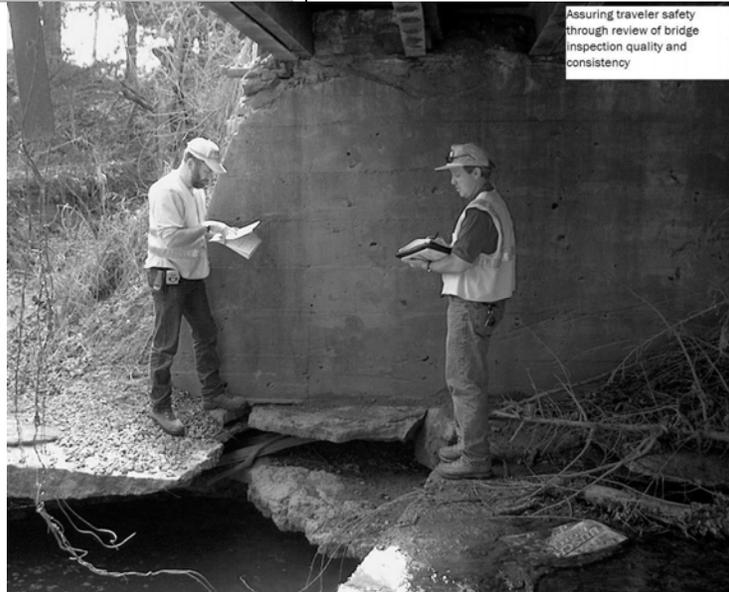
Hernandez concluded his assessment in November 2015 and enhanced the public safety of the hydrologic risk posed to Arkansas Nuclear One.

Outstanding Community Service



Aircraft Armament Systems Specialist with the 138th Fighter Wing (Air National Guard) from Tulsa, Okla., engages the aft dampener on an AIM-120 AMRAAM missile.

Federal Highway Administration assuring traveler safety through review of bridge inspection quality and consistency.



Assuring traveler safety through review of bridge inspection quality and consistency

Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has. *—Margaret Mead*

Spencer Bryant Jr.
~Outstanding Community Service~
U.S. Army Garrison – Fort Sill



Mr. Bryant is nominated as the Outstanding Community Service Employee for the Fort Sill, Oklahoma Mobilization Deployment Redeployment and Demobilization (MDRD). Mr. Bryant currently serves the Primary Mobilization Officer for the External Unit Coordination training for Fort Sill, Department of the Army Civilians, Department of Defense Service Branches, and Governmental/Interagency partners. He volunteers an average 480 hours per year to the Way Fellowship Church, Patterson Community Center, Galilee Missionary Baptist church, the Health Department, Carter Crane Homeless shelter, ODVA Veterans Center, Masonic Lodges, and the City of Lawton. He has been in charity events for years, and has been involved in many events that help to provide financial support, mentorship, and

volunteerism to the Veterans, the homeless, needy families and children in the Lawton-Fort Sill community.



Eddie Hughes
~Outstanding Community Service~
Veterans Administration Regional Office – Muskogee



Eddie Wayne Hughes is Veterans Claims Examiner at the Muskogee Regional Office. For our office, he has served on the EEO Special Emphasis Committee and as a Junior Achievement mentor. He is a 10-year veteran, serving both in the Army and Navy. He is currently in his 2nd term as School Board Member for Shady Grove School. He is an 8-year volunteer firefighter for the Hulbert Volunteer Fire Department. He is also a 32nd degree Mason & member of the local Masonic Lodge and Scottish Rite. During the past three years, he has assisted The Boys and Girls Club in coaching football for the Hulbert boys in 3rd through 6th grades, which involved countless hours in the summer heat. He is currently working to establish Hulbert's First Boy Scout Troop, so he can grow a sense of community and service in the local boys from a young age.

Gary F. Hunst

~Outstanding Community Service~

Veterans Administration Medical Center – Muskogee



Mr. Gary Hunst has been instrumental in volunteering his time and resources to VA community events, including Eastern Oklahoma VA Health Care System's Ride for the Vets fundraiser, which raised over \$18,000 enabling the facility to host Valentines for Veterans Concerts in the community three years in a row. He has also served on the facility's planning committees for the Welcome Home/Military Appreciation event, annual Feds Feed Families Food Drive, and the Valentines for Veterans Concerts. Each has been extremely successful thanks to his volunteer efforts. He is also a staunch supporter of the facility's community service project at the Gospel Rescue Mission, one of Muskogee's homeless shelters. VA employees volunteer once a month at preparing and serving a meal once a month. Mr. Hunst has provided both financial

support and his personal time in serving the meal when his service volunteers and he assists other services with the monthly meal when needed



Bridgette Shaunta Shaw

~Outstanding Community Service~

Fleet Air Reconnaissance Squadron Four (VQ-4) - Navy



Chief Bridgette S. Shaw has a long, exemplified, unwavering commitment to the Armed Forces and to the communities which they serve. She clearly recognizes the impact that the local community has on the lives of military families, and she has been aggressive in giving back over 270 hours in support of the Regional Food Bank of Oklahoma, the Oklahoma Day Shelter and Oklahoma City VA Medical Center. Chief Shaw is a true steward to the community, inspiring and educating countless other volunteers in the benefits of giving something back to those who support the military. She has brought her skills as a leader and mentor to her volunteer work, patiently guiding service members in engaging with numerous charitable events. By involving dozens of other volunteers, she has fostered a unity between the community and service men and women.

Karen Melissa Woods

~Outstanding Community Service~

72^d Air Base Wing – Air Force Sustainment Center



Karen M. Woods demonstrates the true concept of a selfless volunteer. She exemplifies the best traditions of public service through her humanitarian, charitable acts by providing contributions as a volunteer with her commitment to the American Red Cross. She has been a dedicated volunteer with the organization for two years, continually serving the local community as an active member of the Norman and Oklahoma City Disaster Action Teams and Long Term Recovery Programs. She responded to 25 family fire incidents, assisting 50 families with emergency needs for food, shelter and clothing. In addition, she participated in three national disaster relief operations in Moore, Bridge Creek, and Tahlequah, OK; performing disaster assessment, bulk distribution and client casework. Lastly, she supported community outreach programs, distributing preparedness education to thousands. In 2015, she

volunteered 380 hours of her personal time serving this outstanding organization, making a lasting difference to countless lives.



Did you know?



The Oklahoma Federal Executive Board communicated hazardous weather and other conditions creating situations that may jeopardize the safety and well-being of federal employees and their families. The Federal Executive Board sent numerous situational reports and updates throughout the year to Federal leaders as well as distributed information to Oklahoma residents regarding: damage reports; scam details; and recovery center information after snow, ice, wildfires, flooding and straight winds occurring this fiscal year, each resulting in national declarations. Updates included information that

agency leaders could share with their HQ and employees. The information included: addresses of open shelters (for people and for pets); power outages; cell tower outages; road closures; fatalities; resources for assistance; and location of disaster recovery centers.

Outstanding Customer Service



Quality in a service or product is not what you put into it. It is what the client or customer gets out of it.

–Peter Drucker

Customers don't expect you to be perfect. They do expect you to fix things when they go wrong.

–Donald Porter

Joseph Armstead

~Outstanding Customer Service~

Mike Monroney Aeronautical Center – Oklahoma City



In his first assignment as an apprentice Inventory Manager (IM), Mr. Armstead was assigned to support the FAA’s Airport Surveillance Radar Model 8 (ASR-8). This radar is used for terminal area air traffic control at airports across the United States. Mr. Armstead showed great initiative and made numerous improvements that have greatly increased the availability of parts for this old but important radar system. He went above and beyond all expectations to deliver quality service to his customers at the FAA's operational facilities.



Michael Biggs

~Outstanding Customer Service~

Federal Protective Service – Oklahoma City



Inspector Biggs has provided the federal tenants of Oklahoma with unsurpassed service by conducting 14 Facility Security Assessments, which evaluate the threats and security vulnerabilities for federal facilities and recommends cost effective measures to mitigate the loss of life. He has provided a total of 20 Active shooter and awareness training courses to the federal community with a total of 600 participants and has worked closely with local municipalities to provide fire prevention classes to numerous federal agencies. Michael Bigg’s service to the customers of the Federal Protective Service are without question, vital to the safety and security of all who work or visit the over 150 facilities in the state.

Alexander Cruz
~Outstanding Customer Service~
U.S. Army Garrison – Fort Sill



Mr. Cruz leads the Fort Sill's Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization, and Security (DPTMS), Plans and Operations Division, Mobilization Deployment Redeployment and Demobilization (MDRD) Branch by providing customer service support to 308 units with 25,258 Soldiers assigned. Mr. Cruz also accounted for services and resources provided which amounted to \$547,418.06 in revenue to the Installation. In addition to his mobilization and demobilization mission, Alex enrolled and sent over 157 military members and civilians to attend institutional training course worldwide. He is skilled in customer reaction, attention to details, and puts great effort in the way he treats people. Mr. Cruz's superior performance and his track record of success are vital to the External Unit training program

with DPTMS. Because of this he is able to achieve excellent customer service to every customer he serves.



Charles Herrier
~Outstanding Customer Service~
Veterans Administration Medical Center – Muskogee



Charles Herrier serves as the Safety Manager for the Eastern Oklahoma VA Health Care System. He is responsible for the facility adhering to the Veterans Health Administration's (VHA) and national safety codes and regulations. He maintains a commendable reputation of working with medical services to improve the safety of our healthcare environment. Mr. Herrier was instrumental in the facility receiving five 'Best Practices' for Excellent Organization of Safety program documentation during the facility's Annual Workplace Evaluation. In January 2015, an Employee Safety Perception Survey was conducted by VHA. The survey identified the Eastern Oklahoma VA Healthcare System as the 3rd safest place to work in the VA healthcare system.

Due to Mr. Herrier's outstanding leadership and guidance, the facility also received its first two National Safety Awards this year; one for Significant Improvement and the other for Corporate Hazard Recognition (Gold) Award.

Sarah Menz

~Outstanding Customer Service~

Flight Inspection Services – Oklahoma City



Sarah Menz is an exceptional employee. As the FIS point of contact for E2 Solutions, she provides top quality customer service to 525 employees. As with any new program, there was a multitude of unexpected problems/bugs that began to surface in the system, creating serious problems for FIS employees. These problems have to be addressed immediately in order for employees to process their travel orders/vouchers and continue on with the FIS mission. While working through each customer's problem, Sarah demonstrated a strong commitment to customer service and in the process, improved customer satisfaction and relationships within the organization. Sarah treats all customers, even the most frustrated, in a very courteous and professional manner. She handles each customer as if they were her only customer of the day; providing solutions to their situation. Sarah has received many compliments and letters of appreciation for her customer relation skills and positive attitude.



Andre Murray

~Outstanding Customer Service~

United States Citizenship and Immigration Services – Oklahoma City



Andre Murray is a newly promoted Immigration Services Officer with U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS). He has assisted with several initiatives, including the MAVNI program (Military Accessions Vital to the National Interest), a program that ensures all soldiers are given an opportunity to seek U.S. citizenship as permitted by law. He developed a MAVNI Processing Worksheet and put together a MAVNI Resource Binder to streamline the process and assist new officers and support staff. He personally developed systems to make processes easier for applicants. He treats his co-workers, supervisors, and the public with the utmost professionalism and integrity. Andre has made a huge impact in the culture of his department. His positive attitude and dedication to the mission has made a huge impact on the morale of his customers and colleagues. He demonstrates each day what it means to treat our customers and colleagues with courtesy and respect.

Kevin E. Parker

~Outstanding Customer Service~

Veterans Administration Regional Office - Muskogee



As a Legal Administrative Specialist with the Muskogee VA Regional Office, Kevin Parker assists transitioning service members at Fort Sill, Oklahoma. The accolades received, concerning Kevin's high level of customer service, are a testimony to the commitment he makes toward providing a service of which is second to none. Kevin has been successful in ensuring our service members, veterans, and their families, know the Department of Veterans Affairs is here to help them and to provide them with the assistance required to lead them to the many VA services and entitlements they so richly deserve. In the area of outstanding customer service, Kevin goes the extra mile to ensure he provides the best possible service.

Kevin lives our motto each and every day: "To Care for Him Who Shall Have Borne the Battle and For His Widow and His Orphan."



Nicole Rodriguez

~Outstanding Customer Service~

Social Security Administration – Moore



Ms. Rodriguez promotes a positive image of the Social Security Administration and the Moore, OK office by serving customers and co-workers with an exemplary commitment to courtesy, efficiency, and professionalism. Her ability to think outside the box and offer suggestions and solutions to workload issues have improved customer service by ensuring that customers are being served with care and efficiency. The implementation and daily usage of the online service unit has increased public knowledge on alternative ways to utilize Social Security services. She was instrumental in the implementation of the internet claims unit. She provided valuable ideas and feedback to make this unit a success. In this capacity, she and another co-worker handle incoming internet claims for benefits (60% of the

claims received in the office). Her positive attitude and commitment to the mission of our Agency plays a key role in the success of online services.

Ronald Spears

~Outstanding Customer Service~

Veterans Administration Medical Center – Oklahoma City



Mr. Spears reviewed the levels that were coming in and determined the areas of ordering that were excessive and needed adjustments. He networked to the different departments and looked for ways to reduce cost and increase productivity. Mr. Spears daily work with Cardinal the Prime Vendor contract was very time consuming and took several months to get organized and sorted out. He continued his regular supply duties while helping establish this new process. It took many of the ordering personnel by surprise when they realized the unnecessary expense we were putting out. The entire service has been re-educated and the process has proven to bring savings to the VA. Mr. Spears hard work and dedication is helping better management of supplies and cost to this VA.



David A. Stella

~Outstanding Customer Service~

Defense Logistics Agency Distribution – Oklahoma City



Mr. David Stella is assigned as the Packaging Specialist for the Preservation, Packaging, Packing, and Marking (PPP&M) Branch. The impact of his daily actions is felt DoD wide. He is the recognized expert in his field and is consulted by a plethora of agencies for advice when confronting issues. He epitomizes “Professionalism, Stewardship and Customer Service” in his every deed. In the past year, Mr. Stella has not only accomplished his duties in an exemplary manner, but has also used his expertise to mitigate problem areas saving the Air Force well over \$3.5M. His outstanding performance and demonstrated professionalism, enthusiasm and attention to detail have made him an integral part of the DLA Distribution Oklahoma City Team. His abilities are unsurpassed among his peers and they strive to emulate his performance.

Michael C. Wiles

~Outstanding Customer Service~

72^d Air Base Wing – Air Force Sustainment Center



Mike Wiles' commitment as Program Manager for Tinker's Communication Focal Point, Cyber Vulnerability Management Program and Quality Assurance Programs on a daily basis is evident in the overall success of these programs. Each program was built from the ground up with no additional manning or funding. Mike ensured processes were documented and he kept teams on task to be able to answer compliance checklists and achieve results. These very programs were lauded by Headquarters Air Force Materiel Command. Mike was one of the inspection's outstanding performers! Mike is responsible for coordination of all maintenance actions on all portions of Tinker's classified and unclassified networks comprised of 68K+ devices.

Furthermore, Mike develops, maintains and ensures execution of the organizations many contingency and service restoration plans as well as evaluates and oversees implementation of new technologies. His first priority is to ensure outstanding computer support for 22K+ users and over 130 VIPs!



Gigi Wissler

~Outstanding Customer Service~

Office of the Assistant Administrator for Human Resource Management – Oklahoma City



Gigi Wissler works in the Office of Assistant Administrator for Human Resource Management (AHR). Gigi serves as the Lead Payroll Liaison Specialist for a team of three assistants who provide payroll services to over 20,000 employees of the FAA. Gigi also serves as a key advisor to the Department of Interior and the FAA on how the processing of settlement agreements affects pay, benefits, and taxes. Gigi has an enormous responsibility as one of a few payroll experts in the FAA. She not only does her job extremely well, but she also offers compassion, concern and care for her customers and exemplifies AHR's shared values of people first, mission always and you (customer, peer or employee) matter.

Outstanding Diversity Contribution



USGS Oklahoma Water Science Center Hydrologic Technicians providing education about water quality and stream gaging to fifth-grade students at the Goddard Youth Camp near Sulphur, Oklahoma

Be inclusive. When you bring more heads together, you get more answers.

–Cindy Kent

If you want to build a society, you must include everyone as a builder. If you contribute to something, you belong to it.

–Jonathan Sacks

Karla A. Wells

~Outstanding Diversity Contribution~

72^d Air Base Wing – Air Force Sustainment Center



Ms. Karla Wells started working at Tinker AFB in January 2010 as a student trainee in the Tinker Intern Program. After completing the internship she was assigned to the Communications Directorate in Oct 2011, where she provided cell phone support to base customers. She was later reassigned as one of the Base Records Managers. Ms. Wells took on the responsibility of Lead Records Management Training while still ensuring the program was above reproach. As the lead trainer, she trained over 150 records management professionals annually. Along with Ms. Well's assigned duties, she was interviewed and accepted as a Special Emphasis Program Manager.

Ms. Wells visited the Veterans Administration Center over the holidays where she sang Christmas carols, gave out

winter gloves and holiday cards, which increased morale for our veterans and brought smiles to their faces.



Did you know?

The Shared Neutrals Program is a project of the Oklahoma Federal Executive Board (FEB) to provide mediation as an alternative to resolve disputes in the federal workplace. The shared resources of the Oklahoma federal community form a cadre of interagency mediators, trained in partnership with the State Supreme Court of Oklahoma, Oklahoma City VA Medical Center (VAMC), the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) and various other participating federal agencies throughout Oklahoma. The vision is to resolve disputes at the earliest possible date to increase the quality of communication within the workforce, resulting in maintaining a productive work environment and reducing cost and time involved in the process.

Interagency mediation services coordinated through the FEB's Shared Neutral's Program had 38 requests and 25 resolutions creating a total cost avoidance of \$1,308,536.70 for the fiscal year 2015.

Outstanding Employee with a Disability



A rotating supercell makes an eerie site as it is being scanned by a mobile Doppler radar.

Attitude is a little thing that makes a big difference. *–Winston Churchill*

Efforts and courage are not enough without purpose and direction.
–John F. Kennedy

Richard H. Butts

~Outstanding Employee with a Disability~

Air Force Life Cycle Management Center – Tinker Air Force Base



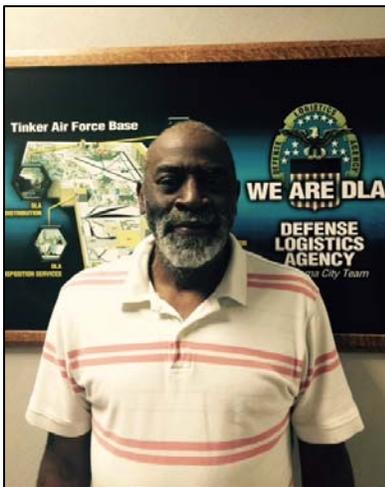
Mr. Butts is a key player in the Safety Program within the E-3 Program Office. His attention to detail led to a 0 findings inspection by the 72d Air Base Wing Safety Office. His attention to detail also led to a 0 defect finding during the safe inspections by the 72d Air Base wing Security Office. He is the go-to-guy for hot projects requiring attention to detail with a can-do attitude



Pearl Pearson Jr.

~Outstanding Employee with a Disability~

Defense Logistics Agency Distribution – Oklahoma City



Mr. Pearl Pearson is assigned as a Packer for the Preservation, Packaging, Packing, and Marking Branch. He continuously meets or exceeds what is expected of his position on a daily basis. His efforts ensure the Preservation, Packaging, Packing, and Marking Branch completes all assigned tasks, details or special assignments in a timely and efficient manner, and maintains top quality. His outstanding performance and demonstrated professionalism, enthusiasm and attention to detail have made him an integral part of the team, as well as a highly productive member of the Defense Logistics Agency Distribution, Oklahoma City team. His abilities are unsurpassed amongst his peers and they strive to emulate his performance. Mr. Pearl Pearson is not only a highly valuable member of the team, but also an employee

any supervisor would love to have work for them.

Phillip A. Stewart

~Outstanding Employee with a Disability~

72^d Air Base Wing – Air Force Sustainment Center



Mr. Philip Stewart came to Tinker AFB in April 2003 through the Special Excepted Appointment Program due to a speech impediment. Mr. Stewart is a lead organic Client Service Technician that provides direct computer support to Tinker's VIPs. He is an equipment custodian, and is one of the premiere client service technicians on Tinker. Philip has never let his disability get in the way of performing his job duties! Philip's easy-going personality makes him easily approachable and his willingness to help others makes him the employee every supervisor hopes to have. Outside of work, Philip donates his time, money and efforts to the Del City Receiving Home by putting together backpacks filled with clothing and essential items for children in need. His eagerness to go above and beyond is evident in his day-to-

day actions and is why he is a valuable asset to the 72^d Air Base Wing Communications Directorate



Tim Stricklin

~Outstanding Employee with a Disability~

U.S. Army Garrison – Fort Sill



Mr. Tim Stricklin does not let the effects of numerous severe injuries sustained in 2004 and 2006 while deployed as an Infantryman in Iraq and Afghanistan deter him from his duty of training Soldiers at Fort Sill as a training aids, devices, simulators, and simulations (TADSS) instructor. His role allows him to share his expertise in training deploying units in the infantry tactics including, but not limited to, entering and clearing buildings, convoy operations, and reacting to an improvised explosive device. Mr. Stricklin was reassigned to the Regional Training Support Center (RTSC) as the subject matter expert in all of TADSS assigned to the RTSC Fort Sill. He has played an essential role in assisting to train over 609,770 customers to date. Mr. Stricklin continues to contribute to the overall success of Fort Sill Regional

Training Support Center; his willingness to train Soldiers, Civilians, and coworkers has made him a valued asset to our organization.

Outstanding Law Enforcement



Communications Exercise of various federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies and emergency responders.

Police being only members of the public who are paid to give full time attention to duties which are incumbent on every citizen in the interests of community welfare and existence.

—Sir Robert Peale

Ronald Scott Cox

~Outstanding Law Enforcement Employee~

Directorate of Emergency Services – Fort Sill



CPT Cox demonstrates on a daily basis his willingness to exceed the standards. He has been instrumental in ensuring that all police and security guards maintain proficiency in their respective skill sets and certifications required for their positions. As a one-man section in the Training Branch he has single-handedly educated himself on various topics, written course training plans and materials and instructed classes for the entire Directorate. CPT Cox was recently promoted to the Patrol Branch Chief where he supervises a force of civilian and military police officers. Since assuming these duties he has already written several SOP's and Policy Letters establishing standards to enhance the division. In addition he has conducted research and developed a patrol distribution plan that will significantly reduce overtime

dollars being spent to cover manpower shortages on shifts.



Michael Robert Hodgden

~Outstanding Law Enforcement Employee~

72^d Air Base Wing – Air Force Sustainment Center



Senior Master Sergeant (SMSgt) Michael R. Hodgden is a team-oriented, experienced leader who holds the position of Operations Superintendent for the 72d Security Forces Squadron. He leads four flights consisting of 400 Active Duty and Reserve Security Forces, Department of the Air Force Law Enforcement, and Navy Master-at-Arms personnel providing security and law enforcement services on Tinker Air Force Base. SMSgt Hodgden led an initiative internal to the Security Forces Squadron in order to increase efficiency and effectiveness. The Continuous Process Improvement team was able to reduce average wait times at the Vehicle Search Area, increasing throughput by 250%. This activity was essential to keeping a 15 million-dollar runway improvement project on time and on track. Also, in response to the recent incidents

involving work center violence, SMSgt Hodgden invigorated Tinker's active-shooter response training program. He trained 127 units and conducted four exercises across the installation equipping the 26 thousand personnel employed on base with the skills to react to an active-shooter situation.

Ben Janacek

~Outstanding Law Enforcement Employee~

United States Army Corps of Engineers - Tulsa



Mr. Ben Janacek came to the Tulsa District as the Security Manager in 2010, to an office of disarray. Ben has an extensive background in law enforcement at federal and local levels. He rebuilt the Security Office for the Tulsa District by immediately developing trusted relationships with numerous law enforcement agencies, developing new policies and procedures, and educating our Park Rangers. Ben's extensive firsthand knowledge of law enforcement policies and procedures was instrumental in creating the best working relationship the Tulsa District has had with federal, state, and local law enforcement. Building those relationships has been invaluable and has benefited the District, our employees, as well as the public. Ben's merit in consideration for this award is not in a single event, rather in years working to

make the Tulsa District, and thereby the USACE property in the state of Oklahoma's recreational areas safe and secure for all visitors.



Adam Kroth

~Outstanding Law Enforcement Employee~

Federal Protective Service – Oklahoma City



Inspector Adam Kroth is a premier Instructor of Firearms, Defensive Tactics, Electronic Control Devices (Tazer), and National Weapons Detection Program (NWDTP). He has been handpicked for the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center's; Advanced Law Enforcement Refresher Training (ALERT) and the Post Uniformed Police Training Program as a Guest Instructor. Adam has established two Facility Security Committee working groups who meet quarterly to discuss threats and security vulnerabilities at federal facilities. He has also established a Law Enforcement working group in the Tulsa area who meets monthly to discuss crime and threat patterns in the area and analyses the data to coordinate efforts across all agencies to mitigate threats in a cost effective manner. Adam has proven again

and again his dedication to the Federal Protective Services and federal agencies in Oklahoma.

Rick Rogers

~Outstanding Law Enforcement Employee~

United States Citizenship and Immigration Services – Oklahoma City



Officer Rogers is the founding father of the U.S. Citizenship and Immigrations (USCIS) initiative with Fort Sill called the MAVNI Program (Military Accessions Vital to the National Interest) which ensures all soldiers are given an opportunity to seek U.S. citizenship as permitted by law. He has been with the program since its inception seven years ago. He assisted with the first plan of action between Fort Sill and the USCIS Oklahoma City Field Office. The program is personal to Rick and he has put a tremendous amount of time and effort into it over the past seven years. He has travelled to Fort Sill hundreds of times conducting eligibility interviews, naturalization ceremonies and briefings. Through all his work, he never loses focus on whom he is serving: the soldiers and American public. His hard work, dedication and leadership have resulted in 2,470 soldiers obtaining their United States Citizenship.



Did you know?

The Oklahoma Federal Executive Board provides a valuable service through our efforts, activities, and training. The FEB provided a cost-avoidance to the Oklahoma Federal community of \$2,348,229.64, which is more than 13 ½ times the cost of operating the office. These cost avoidance calculations are the results of many interagency events coordinated through the Oklahoma FEB.

Supervisor/Manager of the Year



Water Egress Facility at FAA, a 175,000-gallon indoor facility (38' wide, 43' long and 15' deep) has underwater observation windows and the water temperature can be controlled from 45°F to 90°F and is used to study techniques and procedures for emergency egress from an aircraft, water survival, use of flotation devices, and personal rescue using a helicopter hoist.

Organization doesn't really accomplish anything. Plans don't accomplish anything, either. Theories of management don't much matter. Endeavors succeed or fail because of the people involved. Only by attracting the best people will you accomplish great deeds.

—Colin Powell

O.D. Curry

~Supervisory~

United States Postal Service – Oklahoma City



Mr. Curry demonstrates the best qualities of a Postal Service Employee. Regardless of reward or compensation; spending countless hours to meet the suspense or finish the job. Truly caring about the outcome, the final product, and public perception; administratively the servant of operations supporting a cooperative effort and drive for success. He is a well-rounded employee, supporting the citizens of Oklahoma and contributing to the general good on and off the job.



Kathy Harmon

~Supervisory~

Veterans Administration Regional Office - Muskogee



Kathy Harmon is the Vocational Rehabilitation Officer for the Muskogee VA Regional Office. Kathy successfully implements all VBA initiatives and policies; she is a patient and articulate trainer and takes the time to teach all of her employees. Kathy works closely with VA Central Office ever enhancing her knowledge and skills. This is recognized nationally as she has served on the National Quality review Board. She has mentored many employees and supervisors throughout her career, many moving on to positions of greater responsibility. She is nationally recognized and called upon to serve on various working groups and task forces due to her high level of subject matter expertise and professional demeanor. Kathy's emphasis is always serving veterans first, followed closely by creative ways to motivate her employees. No task is too large or too small, her engaging manner and desire for everyone to succeed brings out the best in others and instills confidence.

Georgina Hernandez

~Supervisory~

Social Security Administration - Moore



Mrs. Hernandez demonstrates successful management leadership skills. Shortly after reporting to her new role as Assistant District Manager she resumed responsibility for field office operations and acted on all matters with full authority for commitment to matters within the jurisdiction of the manager.



Gregory J. Morgan

~Supervisory~

Office of the Assistant Administrator for Human Resource Management – Oklahoma City



Greg Morgan works in the Office of the Assistant Administrator for Human Resource Management (AHR). In managing one of the most complex Employment Services Branches in the agency, Greg and his team provide service to 3,600 customers at the MMAC. In 2015, Greg led his team in processing 2,000 noncompetitive personnel actions, publishing 400 vacancy announcements and processing 400 competitive hiring actions. Greg epitomizes what is expected of managers on a daily basis – he leans forward, finds ways to improve his program, give as much of himself as he asks of others and had dedicated his career to outstanding customer service.

Karli K. Patterson

~Supervisory~

Veterans Administration Medical Center – Oklahoma City



Ms. Patterson serves as the Administrative Officer to the Associate Director, Patient Care Services and for Nursing at the Oklahoma City Veterans Affairs Health Care System. She administratively manages a highly complex service with an organization chart of over 800 employees and a 50 million dollar budget that spans across inpatient, outpatient and non-clinical services. Ms. Patterson has positively impacted this service and medical center through leading several Lean Projects which improved areas such as telephone responsiveness and customer complaint responsiveness. In addition she has made positive leadership impact in medical device alarm safety and new clinical activations (inpatient units, outpatient dialysis and community based outpatient clinics). Ms. Patterson is a highly motivated, self-directed

individual who displays tenacity and remarkable collaborative spirit. She embodies the Department of Veterans Affairs ICARE (Integrity, Commitment, Advocacy, Respect and Excellence) values and consistently goes above and beyond normal job expectations.



Wesley Aaron Roeder

~Supervisory~

Federal Protective Service – Oklahoma City



Area Commander Wesley Roeder is an accomplished, experienced leader who is currently serving his eleventh year with Federal Protective Service (FPS). Wesley has served on several protection details including hurricanes, tornados and several high profile media proceedings. In every scenario Wesley has proven to be an outstanding performer and dedicated to helping those in need. Wesley successfully organized the Protection Operation of the 20th Anniversary of the Murrah Bombing which involved detailed and tedious coordination with several agencies. Wesley demonstrated leadership when he completed sixteen Facility Security Assessments in three weeks, helping his fellow co-workers reach their yearly goal. Wesley has played a key role in his area by streamlining a new, faster way of tracking activities

allowing this team of Inspectors more time servicing other Federal Agencies.

Andrew Singer

~Supervisory~

Mike Monroney Aeronautical Center – Oklahoma City



Mr. Andy Singer improved the efficiency and safety of air travel by significantly improving the reliability of the FAA Logistics Center's (FAALC) beacon and weather radar systems. He also saved \$387K in 2015 by effectively and efficiently managing repair and refurbishment activities. Many of these enhancements will continue to generate savings for many years. Mr. Singer also improved coordination across the FAALC by teaching effective communications skills to over 300 employees. As an additional duty, he effectively managed major radar system refurbishment projects for two Air Force facilities. Mr. Singer also found the time to mentor many junior employees.



Joyce Smithling

~Supervisory~

Veterans Administration Medical Center - Muskogee



Joyce Smithling has dedicated 34 years to the service of our Veterans. As the Associate Chief of Nursing Service for Outpatient Services at the Eastern Oklahoma VA Health Care System, she has many accomplishments. Her management style is as a servant leader; she has a hands-on approach to management and rolls up her sleeves pitching in wherever needed. Her expectation is that, “one must lead by example and build trusting relationships with the people you supervise”. Some of her accomplishments include the Honor Walk, which pays honor to Veterans who have passed away; a multidisciplinary group called DASH, which ensures the best possible discharge plan for our Veterans; her Emergency

Department wait times are the lowest for our region and far surpass the wait times for the private sector; and she obtained funding for specialized air mattresses to prevent skin breakdown for incapacitated Veterans.

Dave Yeatman

~Supervisory~

National Center for Employee Development – Norman



Dave Yeatman is a Training Supervisor at the National Center for Employee Development (NCED), the national training center of the United States Postal Service. Dave was recently tasked with overseeing the development of a training program that would have national implications and result in increased operational efficiencies and significant cost savings throughout the United States Postal Service. Dave managed the work of a diverse group of course developers and subject matter experts, and he and his team created the new Custodial Team Cleaning (CTC) training program that revolutionizes custodial work practices for the entire organization. Challenges Dave faced include working remotely with team members from various geographic locations, working across functions and organizational

layers, and working within tight timelines. Throughout the design and development process, Dave kept the team on track and the process moving forward. Today, he oversees delivery of this training to postal employees from across the nation.



Tommy C. Fagan

~Supervisory~ (DoD)

Defense Logistics Agency Distribution – Oklahoma City



Mr. Tommy C. Fagan is assigned as the supervisor of the Hazard Receipt and Storage Section. The impact of his daily actions is felt DoD wide. He is the recognized expert in his field and is consulted by a plethora of agencies for advice when confronting issues with hazardous materials. He epitomizes “Professionalism and Customer Service” in his every deed. In the past year Mr. Fagan has not only accomplished his duties in an exemplary manner, but has also used his expertise to mitigate problem areas saving taxpayer dollars. His outstanding performance and demonstrated professionalism, enthusiasm and attention to detail have made him an integral part of the DLA Distribution Oklahoma City Team. His abilities are unsurpassed among his peers and they strive to emulate his performance.

Paul L. Hafen

~Supervisory~ (DoD)

U.S. Army Garrison – Fort Sill



Mr. Paul Hafen is a high performing, experienced leader. He has been a part of the management team for ten years and has performed above and beyond what was required. Mr. Hafen was tasked to assume Airfield Management and Airfield Division Chief responsibilities in addition to his primary duties. As the leader of the entire division he demonstrated impeccable leadership and set an example for his peers and subordinates. Constrained by shrinking budget and personnel reductions, he was responsible for ensuring Henry Post Airfield infrastructure was operational and safe for all customers. As the Air Traffic Control Chief and Airspace Officer he efficiently managed the control tower, radar systems, unmanned aircraft system procedures, and airfield maintenance. His safety record is beyond reproach; the

integration of air activities with ground firing munitions are orchestrated with impeccable precision and balance allowing multi-force training accomplishment across all platforms.



Anthony H. Hua

~Supervisory~ (DoD)

Air Force Life Cycle Management Center – Tinker Air Force Base



Mr. Anthony Hua displayed technical expertise and leadership as the B-2 avionics and software chief, B-2 Sustainment Branch, B-2 Division, Fighter/Bombers Directorate, at Tinker Air Force Base, Oklahoma, resulting in the delivery of outstanding engineering support to the 509th Bomb Wing, Whiteman Air Force Base, Missouri, and the B-2 enterprise. His engineering expertise and displayed leadership ensure the B-2 weapon system will remain flyable and viable through 2058. Mr. Hua's diligence and proactive actions have worked to return aircraft to flight status through software and engineering solutions, and provided support to the warfighter by offering software and engineering solutions at a moment's notice. His actions have mitigated in-flight safety issues and ensured systems integrity while increasing B-2 aircraft availability. Mr.

Hua's experience and problem solving abilities are evident in every challenge.

Bobby Ray Kazmir

~Supervisory~ (DoD)

72^d Air Base Wing – Air Force Sustainment Center



MSgt Kazmir is a team-oriented, experienced leader who holds the position of Commandant, Tinker Airman Leadership School. He assumed the position in April and has brought the school from an 80% personnel turnover to earning the Air Force Sustainment Center's nomination as Enlisted Professional Military Education Team of the Year in just seven short months. He has the astonishing responsibility of growing leadership skillsets in more than 250 future Department of Defense leaders from the Active Duty Air Force, Oklahoma Air National Guard, Air Force Reserves, and the US Navy. MSgt Kazmir led his team and his students to value the substantial benefits that diversity, physical fitness, and community service bring to the federal workplace. Staff members under his guidance are making

significant, positive impacts into the future leaders of our federal workforce keeping them open-minded, fiscally responsible, and involved.



Brian H. Pennell

~Supervisory~ (DoD)

Fleet Air Reconnaissance Squadron Four (VQ-4) - Navy



LCDR Brian Pennell is a dynamic leader and is amongst the elite Officers serving in the Navy today. His dedication, attention to detail, unmatched work ethic, and expansive technical knowledge is catalyst for his selection as the top ranked Officer in the squadron. He is the most senior and trusted Instructor Pilot and Mission Commander. Leading VQ-4, he ensured 100 percent deployment coverage in three geographic areas of responsibility with eight \$350M strategic communications aircraft and 152 air crewmen while executing a \$35.8M/5,300 flight hour budget. His extraordinary leadership, tactical expertise and operational brilliance were categorically superb for a Department Head and Operations Officer who has come to define sustained superior performance. His efforts in exhibiting innovative

vision, unique operational planning skill, and the uncanny ability to motivate and lead his subordinates not just toward the execution of VQ-4 and SCW-1 goals, but in their own personal achievements as well.

Jeremy L. Smith

~Supervisory~ (DoD)

United States Army Corps of Engineers - Tulsa



Mr. Smith is that rare individual who is both well-liked by stakeholders and well-respected for his strong leadership. He is a true role model with unparalleled devotion to duty and commitment to public service. Through his leadership, the Tulsa District serves as the construction service agent for the Air Force's \$56 million construction investment at Altus AFB in support of the KC-46A Pegasus bed-down. Through his actions and selfless service, Mr. Smith has jointly enhanced the reputation and credibility of the Engineering and Construction Division. His outstanding accomplishments and lasting positive impact reflect great credit upon himself, the Tulsa District, and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.



Did you know?

The Oklahoma Federal Executive Board coordinated the MYFREETAXES initiative through the Internal Revenue Service to provide federal employees and their family members who meet the earnings threshold an opportunity to electronically file their federal and state taxes at no cost through a program that guides them through an interview process using H&R Block. This was established for the Oklahoma FEB, Houston FEB and Arkansas FEA:

Outstanding Technical, Professional and Administrative, GS-8 and below



Fire running, wild land fire suppression Operations at BIA, Chickasaw Agency

Sequoyah National Wildlife Refuge: Horton Slough Nature Trail at Sally Jones Lake



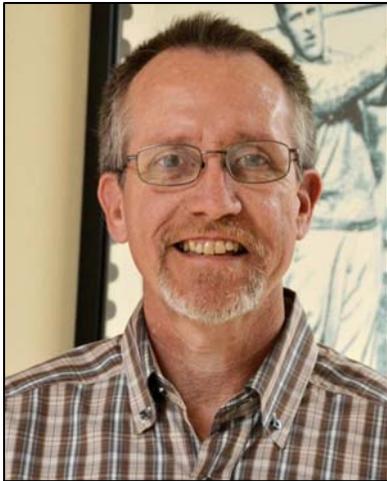
In every block of marble I see a statue as plain as though it stood before me, shaped and perfect in attitude and action. I have only to hew away the rough walls that imprison the lovely apparition to reveal it to the other eyes as mine see it.

–Michelangelo 1475

Brian Anthony

~ Technical, Professional and Administrative, GS-8 and Below~

National Center for Employee Development – Norman



Brian Anthony is the Plant Maintenance Engineer for the National Center for Employee Development (NCED), the national training center of the United States Postal Service. His responsibilities include oversight of all facility maintenance, shipping and receiving operations, and central supply and purchasing operations. Over the past year, Brian was tasked with oversight and management of several key projects that led to increased employee safety and enhanced NCED operations. These projects included design and construction, and required Brian to work with various groups (both internal and external) in an effort to ensure timely and cost-effective project completion. The projects were large in scope and varied in nature. Some affected internal NCED operations, while others, impacted external customers

including hotel guests and conferees. All had a major impact on the safe and efficient management of the NCED campus, and all were completed on time and within budget.



Johnathon Field

~ Technical, Professional and Administrative, GS-8 and Below~

Veterans Administration Regional Office – Muskogee



Johnathon R. Field is nominated due to his outstanding level of customer support. In his job, he is required to address building facility issues and safety concerns at three separate buildings encompassing over 1,400 employees. His daily duties are varied and completely dependent upon the needs of the facility, safety concerns, and employee requirements. He often travels between three buildings to address those concerns, make repairs, and install equipment, always doing so with a great attitude and the highest level of customer service. Jonathon served in the United States Marines as an Infantryman and subsequently served in the Oklahoma National Guard. He is proud to be a Veteran and proud to serve Veterans on a daily basis. He is always willing to go

the extra mile to care for employees and has an unparalleled devotion to the Department of Veterans Affairs. As a Veteran himself, he believes adamantly in the Mission to care for Veterans.

Tina L. Lee

~ Technical, Professional and Administrative, GS-8 and Below~

Veterans Administration Medical Center – Oklahoma City



Ms. Lee exemplifies all the qualities we strive for in Nursing Service at the Medical Center. She lives the ICARE slogan- Integrity, commitment, advocacy, respect and excellence. She is a role model for her peers in terms of her work ethics, her compassion and respect for our veterans, and efficiency with which she performs her duties.



Juli Vaughn

~ Technical, Professional and Administrative, GS-8 and Below~

Mike Monroney Aeronautical Center – Oklahoma City



Ms. Juli Vaughn is a Management & Program Analyst at the FAA Logistics Center (FAALC) in Oklahoma City. Ms. Vaughn is the epitome of excellence at any level of the FAA. Ms. Vaughn has a vast array of duties all of which she performs professionally, impeccably and with an infectious positive attitude. One of the many critical responsibilities Ms. Vaughn has is coordinating all Background Investigations (BI) efforts between our employees and Customs & Border Protection (CBP). The FAALC has a 10 year Interagency Agreement (IAA) valued at over \$170M with the Department of Homeland Security to provide logistical and engineering support of systems used by CBP. A requirement of this agreement is that many of the Product

Services Division employees must successfully pass a law enforcement BI in order to perform work under that agreement.

Karisa M. Bates

~ Technical, Professional and Administrative, GS-8 and Below~ (DoD)

72^d Air Base Wing – Air Force Sustainment Center



Ms. Karisa Bates worked as a government contractor providing VTC facilitation for Tinker AFB. When the contractor position was converted to a civil service position, Karisa was sought after to fill that role once again. Her expertise and easy-going demeanor has been a breath of fresh air! When situations are stressful, equipment issues arise, and many high ranking officials look to her for answers! She has done her job superbly as evident by her praises from the AFSC/CC 3-Star General. She has also found time to reach out to her community by donating winter clothing and other items to the Jesus House of Oklahoma City. She visited the Del City Receiving Home to deliver donated clothing and toys to children in need during times of crisis. Ms. Bates collected and donated various food items

for the Oklahoma Food Bank which helps bring hope to families in need.



William Robert Byerly

~ Technical, Professional and Administrative, GS-8 and Below~ (DoD)

Fleet Air Reconnaissance Squadron Four (VQ-4) – Navy



Aircrewman Avionics First Class (AWV1) William Byerly is a visionary leader. His dedication, attention to detail, unmatched work ethic, and expansive technical knowledge have been the cornerstone of VQ-4's commands success and earned him selection as the 2015 Aircrewman of the Year. Along with the accomplishments above, he deployed over 140 days during a tumultuous period of transition for the E-6B community. He has excelled beyond expectations while serving as an E-6B ACS, E-6B Weapons and Tactics Instructor, NATOPS Instructor, NAWS Coordinator, and the Enlisted Watchbill Coordinator. He has earned the trust and confidence of our senior enlisted and officers for his drive to

succeed and commitment to the E-6B Community and Navy mission.

Curtis J. Filkins

~ Technical, Professional and Administrative, GS-8 and Below~ (DoD)

NEXRAD Radar Operations Center – Norman



Staff Sergeant Curtis Filkins provided phenomenal support to the Nation's Radar Operations Center as a NEXRAD Weather Radar Maintenance Technician. He aspired to maximum heights in all aspects of his drive to qualifying as a certified NEXRAD Depot-Level Maintenance Technician: and he emerged to be a true professional. Curtis' technical acumen is solid testament to his dedication in mastering the complex NEXRAD system, conquering multiple, advanced radar system training courses to include climbing safety and rescue training. His training culminated with NEXRAD Customer Service Hotline certification gaining high regard from his team members for reliable technical and customer service skills support over 400 field technicians. The primary accomplishment that exemplifies his excellence as a junior

technical professional is Sergeant Filkins' hard work ethic and ability to rise to any occasion and perform at a high level in the accomplishment of our NEXRAD Depot Team's challenging, worldwide mission.



Paul D. Shea

~ Technical, Professional and Administrative, GS-8 and Below~ (DoD)

U.S. Army Garrison – Fort Sill



Mr. Shea has demonstrated superior performance and technical expertise as the lone Range Scheduler for Fort Sill Range Operations, fulfilling duties four levels beyond his grade. Mr. Shea is responsible for the safe scheduling and de-confliction of over 1,500 live fire and non-live fire events per month, to include Rocket/Cannon Artillery, Close Air Support, and Small Arms fire. Despite this high volume of range activity, these events were accomplished with zero live fire accidents/incidents. With his high level professionalism and wealth of military experience, Mr. Shea has proven to be an invaluable resource for both active duty and Reserve/Guard units as they plan and coordinate their training on Fort Sill. His demonstrated knowledge has even

led to him being selected by the Army Training Support Center to be an Instructor for a joint Army and Marine Corps range safety course. His support of the Arts at the Trail Dance Film festival and volunteerism at the Military Welcome Center in the Lawton Regional Airport has benefited both the Civilian and Military communities.

Donna Marie Stitham

~ Technical, Professional and Administrative, GS-8 and Below~ (DoD)

Defense Logistics Agency Distribution – Oklahoma City



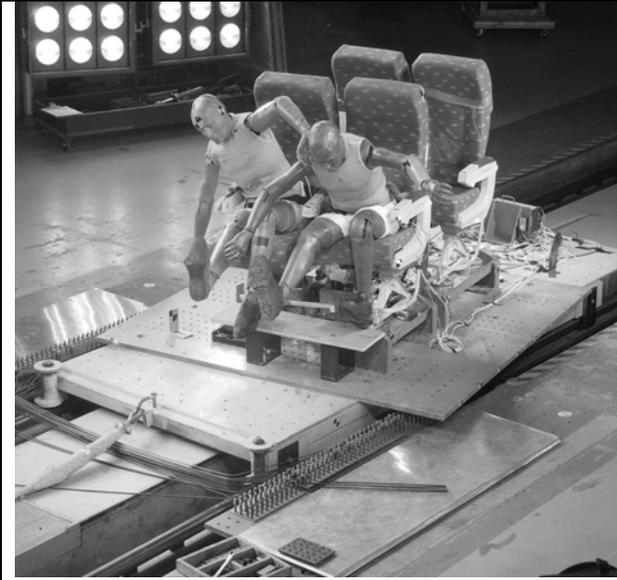
Ms. Donna Marie Stitham is assigned to the Support Services Division at Defense Logistics Agency Distribution, Oklahoma City. The impact of her daily actions is felt DLA Distribution wide. She is the recognized expert in the personnel field and is consulted by all DLA Distribution Oklahoma City employees at one time or another. Her high standards and devotion to the workforce set her apart and have made her an integral part of the organization. Her dynamic energy serves the depot in providing outstanding customer support and expert knowledge.



Did you know?

The Oklahoma Federal Executive Board assisted other Federal Executive Boards and FEMA Region VI by sharing information to facilitate establishing MOUs with their local health departments to receive medical supplies in the event of a Pandemic or biological release. This is part of a National Initiative covering medical countermeasures.

Outstanding Technical, Professional and Administrative, GS-9 and above



Anthropomorphic Test Dummies utilized by the Civil Aerospace Medical Institute that help researchers understand what happens in aircraft crash scenarios, and how to better protect occupants from injury.



Minerals Management is responsible for ensuring that energy producers accurately report and pay royalties on Federal and American Indian lands in Oklahoma



Soldiers from the 2nd Battalion, 2d Field Artillery, fire their salute cannons in front of McNair Hall, Fort Sill Headquarters, at the annual Memorial Day ceremony

If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, you are a leader.
—John Quincy Adams

Jeff Baxley

~Technical, Professional and Administrative, GS-9 and Above~
Federal Protective Service – Northern District



Inspector Jeffrey Baxley's contributions to the Federal Protective Service (FPS) have immensely enhanced the operation and reputation of FPS in Oklahoma City, OK and Little Rock, AR. His expert knowledge continually provides oversight and liaison between the federal government and the contracted security companies ensuring quick, accurate results are accomplished. Inspector Baxley's attention to detail in his deployment to Operation Boston Finish thwarted a covert intelligence gathering operation by foreign government agents, proving that he is a valuable, focused team player who is dedicated to keeping the Federal Community and surrounding area safe. Jeff's dedication in administering the National Weapons Detection Training Program (NWDTP) classes to the Protective Security

Officers (PSO) shows his commitment to the PSO's success in assisting the Federal Community. Jeffery displays true dedication to FPS and willingness to serve wherever he is needed.



Todd Bigham

~Technical, Professional and Administrative, GS-9 and Above~
Flight Inspection Services – Oklahoma City



Todd Bigham is an exceptional employee and we are proud to have him as an Avionics Engineer in our organization. Todd has an exemplary work ethic and his accomplishments are many in support of AMEG's organization, as well as in Flight Inspection Operations. While Todd does not hold an official leadership position, he does an excellent job of leading by example, which is commendable and much appreciated. Todd has saved our organization an untold number of labor hours in the aircraft maintenance process, due to his unselfish, proactive approach to problem solving; his trouble shooting expertise and his revision of AMEG's testing/validation techniques. When time and work permits, Todd remains active in the local Toastmasters Club as well

as being proactive in his community by participating in the civic process. He is an upstanding member of his community and serves as a role model for all.

Richard DeWeese

~Technical, Professional and Administrative, GS-9 and Above~
Civil Aerospace Medical Institute – Oklahoma City



Mr. Rick DeWeese is considered the technical leader in all biodynamic aspects of crash survival from aircraft accidents and mitigation of injury from said accidents. He is the Team Coordinator of the FAA's Biodynamics Research Team. Rick is responsible for the development of regulatory language and injury criteria to optimize human protective systems in civil aviation operations. His accomplishments are reflected in numerous research, didactic, and regulatory publications over the past 33 years. His expertise is repeatedly sought relative to the certification requirements of seats, restraints systems, air bags, and other aircraft equipment aimed to protect the human and optimize his/her survival from emergency events. He continuously exceeds expectations – recently, he led the delivery of the new FAA impact sled facility – a unique project that required the collaboration of multiple government and industry personnel, while also surpassing normal duties and thus enhancing human safety in the National Airspace System.



Gail Edington

~Technical, Professional and Administrative, GS-9 and Above~
Social Security Administration – Moore



Gail Edington's technical skills as an SSI Technical Expert have helped the Moore District office provide accurate service to customers throughout the Dallas Region. She has served as a mentor to new employees while also serving as an informal mentor to employees seeking to develop their career. She served on a regional team responsible for review a highly complicated and error-prone workload. At the same time she continued her high performance as a TE by completing extra work assignments that helped her coworkers and the office meet the needs of the public.

Justin Madden

~Technical, Professional and Administrative, GS-9 and Above~

Federal Transfer Center – Oklahoma City



Mr. Madden exhibits dedication, professionalism, and leadership in the field of reentry. He has successfully developed numerous partnerships with public organizations as well as other government agencies. He utilizes these partnerships to provide resources in assisting the inmate population with their reentry back into society. Mr. Madden has shown he has a vested interest to assist the inmates in all their reentry needs. He goes above and beyond the requirements of his position and gives of his own time to participate in reentry initiatives outside of the Bureau of Prisons. He provides as many resources as possible to assist the inmates in making the most effective reentry back into society.



Keith Peabody

~Technical, Professional and Administrative, GS-9 and Above~

National Weather Service - Norman



Mr. Keith Peabody is a highly respected Systems Engineer and Project Manager in the Engineering Branch of the Radar Operations Center, supporting the USAF, National Weather Service (NWS), and FAA NEXRAD Program. In the past year, Keith successfully led several major systems engineering projects to support Next Generation Weather Radar (NEXRAD) system primarily in the area of tele-communications architecture. In response to a 2013 NWS Service Assessment, he was tasked to engineer, and deploy in 2015, a communications backup capability for 57 NEXRAD sites. Keith engineered an innovative 4th Generation (4G) and Very Small Aperture Terminal (VSAT) technical solution that assured automatic failover of primary-to-backup communications services. Mr. Peabody's ongoing communications improvements keep the Nation's NEXRAD radar data flowing to enable issuance of live-saving severe weather forecasts and warnings operations.

Lina C. Robinson

~Technical, Professional and Administrative, GS-9 and Above~

Office of Assistant Administrator for Human Resource Management – Oklahoma City



Lina Robinson is an employee of the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and works in the Office of the Assistant Administrator for Human Resource Management (AHR). Lina is being nominated in her role as a Lead Human Resources Specialist in the Oklahoma City Shared Services Center (SSC) at the Mike Monroney Aeronautical Center (MMAC) in Oklahoma City. Lina serves as a Lead Human Resources Specialist for a team of five Human Resources Assistants responsible for the timely and accurate processing of personnel and benefits actions for over 20,000 employees of the FAA. In 2015, Lina led her team to process over 48,000 personnel actions with 98% accuracy. An expert in the intricacies of Air Traffic Controller pay setting, Lina was a key member of the FAA workgroup that collaborated on

and updated the Air Traffic Special Pay Plan (ATSP) Manual to provide the basis for more consistent pay setting across the agency.



Regina D. Sallee

~Technical, Professional and Administrative, GS-9 and Above~

Veterans Administration Medical Center - Muskogee



As the Support Services Specialist for Engineering Service at the Eastern Oklahoma VA Health Care System, Regina Sallee furnishes program oversight, leadership and instruction to employees who utilize Fleet vehicles and associated credit cards including Disabled American Veterans (DAV), VA-owned and GSA-leased vehicles. She provided 26 training sessions in May/June 2015 to accommodate a total of 591 participants on use of GSA vehicles, proper procedures, safety rules, policy and state and federal regulations. She ensures maintenance of all vehicles, which encompasses 105 vehicles at 14 locations. She has also trained the Fleet Managers at VAMCs in Fayetteville, Arkansas, and Biloxi, Mississippi, and is known as a Subject Matter Expert in her field.

Brian Schlais

~Technical, Professional and Administrative, GS-9 and Above~

Veterans Administration Regional Office – Muskogee



Brian Edward Schlais is a Management Analyst at the Muskogee Regional Office. As such, Brian has developed countless streamlined improvements for the largest single division within the Veterans Benefits Administration. However, it is his desire to go above and beyond that truly sets him apart among even the best of Federal employees. Brian developed a streamlined process for handling more than 8,000 annual Department of Defense development requests. He created an automated process for transferring eligibility information between the Education division and more than 50 Veterans Service Centers around the country. Brian also reached across traditional division lines to create a 60% time reduction for completion of a mandatory process at the Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment division. His

continuing commitment to the Marine Corps motto of “always faithful” is demonstrated every day by his unceasing desire to improve the process through which the Veterans of this great nation are served.



Brian Tri

~Technical, Professional and Administrative, GS-9 and Above~

Mike Monroney Aeronautical Center – Oklahoma City



Mr. Brian Tri is a Program Manager at the FAA Logistics Center (FAALC) in Oklahoma City. Mr. Tri manages the mobile system elements of the FAA's Interagency Agreement (IAA) with the Customs & Border Protection (CBP) organization within the Department of Homeland Security (DHS). Mr. Tri's proficiency regarding how to deploy and sustain complex systems is immense. As a result, he has been able to introduce innovative supply chain approaches that have not only led to tens of millions of dollars in cost avoidances but hundreds of millions of dollars in future workload for the FAALC through its partnership with CBP. This revenue offsets overhead expenditures and allows the FAALC to lower operating costs for its FAA customers. Mr. Tri is extremely thorough, knowledgeable and professional.

His achievements are real and measurable. His work has resulted in and will continue to result in new workload for the Mike Monroney Aeronautical Center.

Dion Burleson

~Technical, Professional and Administrative, GS-9 and Above~ (DoD)

United States Army Corps of Engineers – Tulsa



Mr. Larry “Dion” Burleson exemplifies the personal and professional qualities of technical expertise, a willing attitude and dedication of a trusted, valuable public servant. His consistent delivery of sound, accurate stream, river, lake, rainfall measurements and related electronic data was the foundation of decisions and warnings that reduced property damages, saved lives in two record 2015 floods. He became a stream gauge expert over many years, traveling each week, away from home, to remote locations in all degrees of weather. By procuring, installing, calibrating and maintaining a solid, reliable gauge network of over 120 stations in a 150,000 square mile service area in three states, Mr. Burleson directly impacted operations, decision support for local, state and responsible Federal Agencies. His efforts

are largely unknown by the engineers and scientists who trust and depend every day on the work of him and his team.



Cheryl O. Foster

~Technical, Professional and Administrative, GS-9 and Above~ (DoD)

Family, Morale, Welfare and Recreation – Fort Sill



Cheryl is the dependable and “always there” employee upon whom many rely daily. In addition to her busy assigned duties, she plays an important role in effective operations. This includes getting a key to unlock a door, dispatching a vehicle, calming an emotional employee, answering the phone, helping elderly patrons find their way around activities or the installation, responding to a “HOT” request from command, answering sensitive personnel questions from MWR managers, sharing information with senior command spouses, and many other opportunities to “excel”. Cheryl respects our Army values and believes in a strong work ethic. She is loyal to her employer and does not let challenges in her personal life interfere with her strong work performance.

Peter G. Gribko

~Technical, Professional and Administrative, GS-9 and Above~ (DoD)

Fleet Air Reconnaissance Squadron Four (VQ-4) - Navy



Lt. Peter Gribko has integrated numerous scheduling and tracking improvements which has culminated in qualifying 39 pilots to support an annual operating budget of \$35.8M which has enabled the squadron to execute 5,300 annual flight hours and over 1,100 sorties, to include the completion of over 250 Very Low Frequency missions and 110 Air Refueling missions. His leadership and work ethic, both in and out of the aircraft, significantly enhanced the training and mission readiness of the squadron and greatly bolstered the warfighting effectiveness of the Shadow team. His adept flying skill and composure under stress mitigated a potential catastrophic loss of a \$350M national asset and its aircrew. This past year, Peter has set the standard and made a substantial and lasting impact on the E-6B community,

leading to his selection as our community's Pilot of the Year.



Aaron A. Lujan

~Technical, Professional and Administrative, GS-9 and Above~ (DoD)

NEXRAD Radar Operation Center – Norman



Master Sergeant Aaron Lujan provided phenomenal support to the Nation's Radar Operations Center (ROC) as a NEXRAD Weather Radar Maintenance Technician. He hit the ground running, quickly gaining the confidence of his supervisors and was asked to lead a maintenance team to Japan shortly after his arrival to the ROC. The team completed the refurbishment of the Air Force's NEXRAD equipment early restoring radar data to the island in time for dangerous typhoon season. Aaron continued to show great leadership and professionalism as he guided all of the new technicians through two challenging NEXRAD courses; Advanced Radar Transmitter and Climbing Safety & Rescue training. Aaron continued to lead multiple deployments around his training classes; keeping major efforts for the NEXRAD program on track including the programs \$155M Service Life Extension Program, 4G/VSAT backup communication, and the NEXRAD Testbed. MSgt Lujan is an extremely valuable asset to the entire NEXRAD program.

David E. McGowen

~Technical, Professional and Administrative, GS-9 and Above~ (DoD)

U.S. Army Garrison – Fort Sill



Mr. McGowen has performed in an exemplary manner in the only Range Safety Office position for all of Fort Sill Range Operations, for both live fire events to include Rifle, Grenade, Rocket/Cannon Artillery, and Fighter Jets, as well as, non-live fire training facilities. He expertly de-conflicted all events to ensure no live fire accidents/incidents occurred, with over 14 million live round being fired this year. He demonstrated his ability to instruct individuals on the aspects of live fire safety is outstanding as witnessed by the Army Training Support Center who requested his assistance with an Army and Marine Corps Range Safety Course. His attention to detail, professionalism, and dedication to excellence resulted in all training requirements being accomplished for active duty, reserve component, and

foreign units training at Fort Sill.



Candice C. Morris

~Technical, Professional and Administrative, GS-9 and Above~ (DoD)

72^d Air Base Wing – Air Force Sustainment Center



Mrs. Candice Morris is an outstanding professional who excels in her assigned duties as an IT Asset Management (ITAM) Account Analyst for the 72d ABW Communications Directorate at Tinker AFB. Responsible for 171 ITAM accounts and 7,852 assets valued at more than \$7.7 million dollars, she diligently interacted with customers, resolving problems before they arose and ensuring an average compliance rate of 96 percent for all. As ITAM Office Training Manager, Mrs. Morris revitalized the initial IT Equipment Custodian training course and converted the Refresher Training course from an extremely dry 20-page text-based document to computer-based training with a built in knowledge test. Further, Mrs. Morris designed a new and improved Tinker AFB ITAM SharePoint Site, implementing

state-of-the-art features to automate and replace time intensive manual processes. Well-rounded and highly motivated, she is a team player who can be counted on to deliver perfect results in any situation!

Darryl Lynn Murrah

~Technical, Professional and Administrative, GS-9 and Above~ (DoD)

Air Force Life Cycle Management Center – Tinker Air Force Base



Mr. Darryl Murrah displayed superb technical expertise and leadership as the lead Electro-environmental Equipment Specialist (ES) for the B-2 System Sustainment Branch, Tinker Air Force Base, Oklahoma. He was locally identified as the top performer in his career field with a relentless pursuit in obtaining a highly effective ES program. His drive and responsiveness proved critical in the implementation of the solution derived by the root-cause analysis identified from the failure of several aft rack fans on the B-2A Bomber, mitigating potential loss of aircraft/life, fleet wide deficiencies, and producing cost saving measures totaling approximately \$200K. Darryl's military background and problem solving abilities are evident in every endeavor faced, and he continues to welcome obstacles some consider to have

results that are unobtainable. His "can do" spirit ensured that B-2 personnel continued working with the equipment necessary for the 509th Bomb Wing to provide exemplary support for worldwide combat operations.



Diana M. Tow

~Technical, Professional and Administrative, GS-9 and Above~ (DoD)

Defense Logistics Agency Distribution – Oklahoma City



Ms. Diana M. Tow is assigned to the Performance Excellence Office. The impact of her daily actions is felt DoD wide. She is a recognized expert in her field and is consulted by a plethora of personnel for advice when confronting quality issues. She epitomizes "Professionalism and Stewardship" in her every deed. Her "Outstanding Performance" and demonstrated professionalism, enthusiasm and attention to detail have made her an integral part of the Defense Logistics Agency, Distribution Oklahoma City Team. Her abilities are unsurpassed among her peers.

Outstanding Trades and Crafts



Inside the nearly mile-long Oklahoma City Air Logistics Center at Tinker Air Force Base, a KC-135 is stripped of its paint and engines and most of its interior while undergoing detailed depot maintenance. Mechanics inspect every inch of the jet, replacing and repairing the Air Force workhorse to keep it flying in support of missions world-wide. (Air Force photo by Margo Wright)



Army Corps of Engineers: Hydropower Turbine at Webbers Falls, Oklahoma

It is the child in man that is the source of his uniqueness and creativeness, and the playground is the optimal milieu for the unfolding of his capacities and talents.

—Eric Hoffer

Stephen Brockwell

~Trades and Crafts~

U.S. Army Garrison – Fort Sill



Mr. Stephen Brockwell constantly looks for ways to save the US Army valuable resources by repurposing parts from broken or obsolete electronic devices. His efforts save the Fort Sill Regional Training Support Center over \$20K annually. Even with all of his success, Mr. Brockwell does not rest on his laurels. He continually looks for ways to improve the effectiveness of existing training aids, devices, simulators, and simulations (TADSS) and has the uncanny ability to listen to and interpret requirements from Soldiers looking to enhance training. His unparalleled performance of all assigned duties and his tireless efforts to enhance Soldier training make Mr. Brockwell deserving of this award.



Jace Landon Funkhouser

~Trades and Crafts~

Air Force Life Cycle Management Center – Tinker Air Force Base



MSgt Jace Funkhouser displayed superb technical expertise and leadership as an Electro-environmental Equipment Specialist (ES) for the B-2 System Sustainment Branch, Tinker Air Force Base, Oklahoma. He was locally identified as one of the top performers in his career field and constantly strives to improve his assigned systems. His drive and responsiveness was evident in his identifying many wasted man-hours during the process of applying cooling air to the aircraft. Jace took it upon himself to develop a permanent modification to the duct work that reduced task time as well as instituting applicable safety devices to eliminate the backwards flow of cooling air while the aircraft is running on its own power. This project saved 8 man-hours per occurrence and reduced aircraft downtime as well as potential damage to the aircraft caused by repetitive replacement of the

T-duct. His “can do” spirit ensured that B-2 maintenance personnel continued working with the equipment necessary for the 509th Bomb Wing to provide exemplary support for worldwide combat operations.

Ashton Raye Kazmierczak

~Trades and Crafts~

Fleet Air Reconnaissance Squadron Four (VQ-4) - Navy



Petty Officer Ashton Kazmierczak is a superstar in the Maintenance Department. No one has done more toward improving combat readiness, maintenance excellence, professional development, and the moral of all hands. Without question, she is the deck plate role model for the command. She is the Sailor that has been specifically assigned to troubled programs throughout the year to apply some rudder trim and get them on course. When all else fails, Ashton is sent in because her results have been landmark and lasting. She is an incredibly well-rounded individual with a contagious enthusiasm that incites productivity throughout the ranks. She sets new standards for others to follow and answers any challenge with sustained superior performance. A highly gifted leader, talented maintenance manager, and

polished example of the best the Navy has to offer, she has conquered every challenge put in her path.



Christopher C. Lockcuff

~Trades and Crafts~

72^d Air Base Wing – Air Force Sustainment Center



Mr. Christopher "Cody" Lockcuff began working at Tinker AFB in May 2014 and is assigned as a Mail Clerk in the Official Mail Center. He conducts daily operations including picking up, sorting, and distribution of mail to over 35 organizations. Cody maintained 100% accountability of all mail while ensuring delivery in a timely manner. Cody's commitment to the team is demonstrated when asked to fill in during the absence of co-worker at the Postal Service Center managing over 1000 mail boxes for dormitory residence. His willingness to help others is evident as he offers his own time to help shred boxes of paper in the official records staging area. He also picks up recyclable materials and disposes of them in the base recycling bins. His

pledge to the community is shown by working towards his Emergency Medical Training certification which benefits the Nicoma Park Fire Department as volunteer fire fighter.

Wade Sallee

~Trades and Crafts~

Veterans Administration Medical Center - Muskogee



As the Carpenter Leader for the Eastern Oklahoma VA Health Care System, Mr. Wade Sallee repairs and maintains building and ground structures, installs and repairs building furnishings, constructs/alters buildings and ground structures, and installs and maintains locks and hardware systems. He ensures that all building and structure repairs meet building codes and VA standards with a very high level of craftsmanship. He prioritizes and completes all work orders before their allotted timeframes and his workmanship is of the highest journeyman level. Mr. Sallee has saved the medical center over \$50,000 in the last year in completing projects with in-house personnel and helping lead the various trades compared to having this work completed by an outside contractor.



Shannon Sheesley

~Trades and Crafts~

Veterans Affairs Medical Center – Oklahoma City



Mr. Sheesley is a dedicated, hardworking federal employee that is vital to making sure the Oklahoma City VA Medical Center is functioning at the highest level in order to provide the Nation’s Veterans with the greatest environment of care they deserve. Shannon’s commitment to the Medical Center goes beyond his normal duties and hours He is committed to ensuring the Medical Center functions at all times of the day and night.

Outstanding Team Award



Lightning makes a show after VORTEX2 operations ended for the day. The vehicle is called a mobile mesonet, and is outfitted with weather instruments to measure the atmosphere as it drives through the storm. Photo

Credit: J.J. Gourley,
NOAA/NSSL

507th Air Refueling Wing



Excellence is an art won by training and habituation. We do not act rightly because we have virtue or excellence, but we rather have those because we have acted rightly. We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence, then, is not an act but a habit.

—Aristotle

DPTMS Plans and Operations Division

~Outstanding Team Award~

U.S. Army Garrison – Fort Sill

The Operations Branch was responsible for the planning and executing of 56 ceremony events with over 11,500 spectators, both military and civilian. Coordinated depressing and fielding to include new material introductory briefing, mission support plans, maintenance and operator training and turn-in plans for 8 New Equipment Fielding's which provided approximately \$18M worth of equipment and training for 38 military and civilian personnel. Successfully planned and executed two Full Scale Exercises instead of the one annual requirement which included 100 actors, 12 controllers and evaluators. This team provides outstanding support to the Installation Garrison Directorates by processing 620 Task Orders and 285 Installation Command Operations Orders. The Operations Branch also provided outstanding customer service to the Fort Community during the May 2015 flood emergency.



DPTMS Plans and Operations Division

Employment Services Team

~Outstanding Team Award~

Office of the Assistant Administrator for Human Resource Management – Oklahoma City

The Employment Services Team provides services to the largest concentration of Department of Transportation employees outside Washington D.C. In 2015, the team published 400 vacancy announcements, evaluated qualifications for 23,000 applicants, issued 500 referral lists, processed 440 competitive hiring actions, and processed 2,000 non-competitive personnel actions. The team embraces the AHR shared values of people first, mission always and you (customer, peer or employee) matter. Each team member is adept at collaborating with others, displaying flexibility/agility, and cooperating to support team efforts. Continuous improvement is their top priority and they routinely explore ways to improve the delivery of customer service. Their approach to accomplishing work is reflected in their success in exceeding critical performance metrics and achieving the human capital goals of their customer in 2015.



Employment Services Team Nominees:

Daniel Bolding	Linda Dean
Thierry Hobson	Karen Hunter
Wanda Jones	Brenda Ryan
R. Scott Wagner	Wanda Witten

Environment of Care Team

~Outstanding Team Award~

Veterans Administration Medical Center – Oklahoma City

The Environment of Care staff of Rich, Brian and Roger supplied the OKC VA Health Care System with exceptional service initiating and raising the bar on new programs, in addition to providing outstanding staff and patient health support and safety programs. This team made improvements to our facilities above and beyond their normal job duties. A new emergency notification system was fielded, a new water sampling protocol was established and the equipment obtained to streamline its implementation, fit testing currency was doubled to 99%, and rounds inspection finding addressed in timely fashion rose to 100%, all of which improved the readiness and safety of our staff and the patients we serve. Their dedication and professionalism serves as an outstanding example of team work.



Environment of Care Team

Nominees:

Richard Henry

Brian Gnewuch

Roger Farmer

*Eastern Oklahoma VA Health Care System Medical
Equipment Team*

~Outstanding Team Award~

Veterans Administration Medical Center - Muskogee

The Medical Equipment Team includes individuals from multi-disciplinary fields including Logistics, Bio-Medical, Surgical Nursing, Ophthalmic and Radiology. The team worked closely with medical services to fulfill their “wish list” of medical equipment needs. In 2015, the team scoured the nation and was able to secure over \$2.1 million worth of medical equipment from 11 VA medical centers across the nation! Not only does this express innovation, but intensive motivation. These actions have directly impacted care at the medical center for future success by identifying new opportunities for medical care. The team continues to scan the horizon, looking for strategic opportunities or demands for strategic change.



Eastern Oklahoma VA Health Care System Medical Equipment Team

Nominees:

Jacob Chavez	Melvin Cullum	Lyndell Handley
Pat Huber	Christy Iven	Janie Lloyd
Justin Nottingham	Sherri Olandese	Inez Reitz
Patty Sanchez	Dr. Robert Wang	

Fleet Air Reconnaissance Squadron Four (VQ-4)

~Outstanding Team Award~

Fleet Air Reconnaissance Squadron Four (VQ-4) - Navy

Fleet Air Reconnaissance Squadron Four (VQ-4) is the premier Nuclear Command, Control and Communications Squadron. The Shadows strengthened the nation's nuclear deterrence capability by successfully concluding a major weapons system modification of their entire fleet of E-6B Mercury aircraft, providing a robust and modernized communications link between the President and the nation's strategic nuclear forces. VQ-4 took on additional roles typically performed by testing and evaluation units while exceeding all tasking from the Joint Chiefs of Staff and United States Strategic Command. The Shadows took on a 10,000 maintenance man-hour increase in the last year, successfully executing multiple modifications and service life extension overhauls. VQ-4 also supported the overwhelming majority of E-6B training and testing hours. VQ-4's ability to meet all operational goals and requirements through exceptional leadership, efficient resource management, and the extraordinary flexibility and fortitude of its personnel reflects the highest levels of government service and naval tradition.



Fleet Air Reconnaissance Squadron Four (VQ-4)

Information Technology Asset Management Office

~Outstanding Team Award~

72^d Air Base Wing – Air Force Sustainment Center

The 72d Air Base Wing Communications Directorate’s Information Technology Asset Management Office provides base-wide program oversight and management of \$54,703 Information Technology hardware assets valued at \$62.1M dollars for the five major wings at Tinker Air Force Base. Together, this six-member team ensured compliance with Air Force policy and provided guidance, training, and administrative support to more than 600 Information Technology Equipment Custodians managing 530 ITAM accounts. As a tight-knit group, they worked closely together to maintain a 96 percent compliance rate for 10 straight months, well above the Air Force standard of 80 percent, earning them two AFMC Best Large Defense Reporting Activity awards for September and November. ITAM Office personnel also improved methods used to impart information and gain customer buy-in, training classes and online training tools, and internal and external processes that benefit both themselves and their customers.



Information Technology Asset Management Office

Nominees:

John M. Clark	Mike A. Marks
Candy M. McDonald	Amanda C. Moore
Candice C. Morris	Delbert H. Vick
Tanya M. Whitfield	

Inventory Management Team

~Outstanding Team Award~

Defense Logistics Agency Distribution – Oklahoma City

This team is assigned to the Defense Logistics Agency Distribution, Oklahoma City Support Operations Division. The impact of their daily actions is felt throughout the Department of Defense. This team is recognized as the experts in their field and is consulted by numerous agencies for advice when confronting inventory issues. This team epitomizes professionalism and customer service in every way. In the past year this team has demonstrated outstanding performance, professionalism, enthusiasm and attention to detail and they have made themselves an invaluable part of the larger DLA Distribution Oklahoma City Team. Their abilities are unsurpassed their peers.



Inventory Management Team

KC-135 Depot Sustainment Team

~Outstanding Team Award~

Air Force Life Cycle Management Center – Tinker Air Force Base

The KC-135 Depot Sustainment Action Team distinguished itself by outstanding achievement as the KC-135 Programmed Depot Maintenance Support Team. The team was critical to the largest all organic Programmed Depot Maintenance line in the Air Force. In FY15, 77 aircraft were delivered to the warfighter at a record-setting 131 flow-day pace. The team also produced the first-ever honeycomb core and established an organic production capability saving 2,000 mission capable hours and 20 million dollars per year. Additionally, the team completed the most extensive KC-135 repair in its history which saved a mission critical Special Operations Forces KC-135 from retirement. Furthermore, the team identified an enhanced corrosion compound application process cutting depot defects, reducing repair time by 480 hours, and saving 8 million dollars per year. Lastly, the team executed a PDM buy-down strategy for five KC-135s, minimizing schedule and cost impacts which averted a 52.5 million dollar cost in FY 2015.



KC-135 Depot Sustainment Team

Nominees:

Myron Bokemper	Dale Caradonna	JD Clayton	Susan Cody
Chuck Darnell	Lisa Fouquette	Pat Grannan	Stephanie Hamblin
Cynthia Hernandez	Jay Hunter	Dewayne Jones	Sheryll Judd
Cailee Kies	Cindy King	Scott Lasiter	Gwen Mason
Paul McCord	Kevin Meehan	Bob Nelson	Kevin Noel
Maj Andy Nye	Jeff Prichard	Renee Ring	Benny Reeves
Mahlon Smith	Samantha Sumner	Vernon Tilly	Brad Trantham
Steve Wall	Harriet Willingham	Dalia Winans	Ken Wood

Lender Relations Team

~Outstanding Team Award~

Small Business Administration – Oklahoma City

The Oklahoma SBA Lender Relations Team launched a series of Lending Fairs statewide that not only reached out to entrepreneurs but also targeted special populations that might not otherwise have access to these resources. The idea grew out of two simple problems: how to make the intimidating process of getting a loan less so; and how to match the right lender with the right borrower. “It’s like speed dating for small business loans,” is how Dottie Overall, SBA Oklahoma District Director describes the event. “This event gives entrepreneurs an opportunity to meet several financial institutions in one location to find the right ‘partner’ for their business.” The Oklahoma SBA Lender Relations Team is also outstanding in meeting the goals established by the SBA for performance in the areas of increasing the number of SBA Lenders, increasing the volume of loans in Oklahoma and increasing awareness of the SBA lending program.



Lender Relations Team

Nominees:

Dustin Allen
Cindi Carter-Renfro
Sandra Ransome

Light Enforcement Helicopter Instructor Pilot Team
~Outstanding Team Award~
National Air Training Center – Oklahoma City

The NATC LEH IP Team used best practices, efficiency, and innovation to develop vendor-equivalent helicopter training saving the U.S government millions of dollars annually. By developing in-house initial and recurrent helicopter training, the LEH IP Team reduced travel costs while providing agency-specific training replacing more generic costly vendor training. In FY 2015 the NATC instructed 204 pilot training courses delivering a \$2,439,840 savings. For FY 2016, the NATC is scheduled to train 192 LEH pilots, which will save \$2,296,320. The total cost savings between FY 2015 and FY 2016 is forecasted to be \$4,736,160, which yields 396 trained and qualified pilots. This in-house instruction also ensures standardization of AMO's operational capability and preserves and protects AMO personnel and resources.



Light Enforcement Helicopter Instructor Pilot Team

Nominees:

John-Paul Ayubi	Gregory S. Combs	William R. Gann
James Hasburgh	Mark L. Matzen	Kurt W. Meltzer
Michael D. McWilliams	Greg H. Parrott	Jamie St. Dennis

Military Entrance Processing Station Testing Section

~Outstanding Team Award~

Military Entrance Processing Station – Oklahoma City

The Testing Section of the Oklahoma City (OKC) Military Entrance Processing Station (MEPS) consists of 15 employees located in the metro area and throughout the state. This dynamic team collectively contributed toward 250 hours of community volunteer service through various channels that include Lowe’s Heroes, homeless outreach efforts, clothing and education for under-privileged children, child mentorships, Toys for Tots, Salvation Army, Goodwill, Wreaths Across America, Oklahoma Blood Institute, and American Red Cross. This team exceeded its duty responsibilities by committing over 500 hours of statewide travel to ensure the youth of Oklahoma can be presented with career opportunities for a bright and successful future. The OKC MEPS Testing team stands above its peer group in all matters of teamwork and operational performance, and directly led the OKC MEPS in its rise from the 57th in the nation to 5th overall during this past year.



Military Entrance Processing Station Testing Section

Nominees:

Jimmy Bricker	Cary Carney	Randy Cornwell	Tony Daugherty
Gary Davis	Riley Debendetti	Martin Dominguez	Kris Fain
Norman Glass	Carolyn Graham	David Hill	Wanda Humphries
Sgt Maxwony Jean	Leslie Lee	Mary Riley	Lyle Russworm

Region 7 Team
~Outstanding Team Award~
Federal Protective Service – Region 7

The Federal Protective Service, Region 7 Team was called into action on April 19th, 2015 to provide safety and security operations for the 20th Anniversary of the Oklahoma City Memorial. Through superior dedication and service 16 inspectors, three Explosive Detection Canine Teams, two Special Agents, and Command Staff were able to ensure the safety of 45,000 spectators, survivors, families, and employees for the three day event. The team was called back into service just two weeks later when they protected the Memorial Marathon which saw 25,000 participants, 20,000 spectators, and 5,000 support staff. The team's actions to ensure the safety of others bring great credit to themselves, the Federal Protective Service and the Department of Homeland Security.



Region 7 Team

ROC Kadena Radar Restoration Team

~Outstanding Team Award~

NEXRAD Radar Operation Center - Norman

The Kadena Radar Restoration Team performance was outstanding. The team overcame huge obstacles in each phase of the project. Coordinating the work of multiple teams, many half a world away, while carefully handling cultural differences, and orchestrating the massive logistical effort to reconstruct a vital asset, that had been almost completely destroyed, took a highly dedicated team able to keep all parties focused on the end goal. Every member of this team took that to heart and worked diligently to restore the radar system in time for the heart of the 2015 Pacific typhoon season.



ROC Kadena Radar Restoration Team

Nominees:

Terrell Ballard	Nigel E. Ellis
Bobby Harp	Gary T. Harper
Robert L. Heelan	Aaron A. Lujan
Chad A. Smith	Jeffrey B. Turner

Travel Services Team

~Outstanding Team Award~

Federal Aviation Administration – Oklahoma City

The Federal Aviation Administration's (FAA) Travel Services Team at the Enterprise Services Center (ESC) provided outstanding customer service to 20 government customer agencies and over 70,000 travelers. The biggest accomplishment for the Travel Services Team was the implementation of the new e-travel system, E2. The Travel Services Team implemented the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), Government Accountability Office (GAO), Commodity Future Trading Commission (CFTC), Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC), Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS), National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) and the entire Department of Transportation on to E2, including a phased-in approach for the FAA due to their magnitude and complexity. Normally, an e-travel system implementation takes 18 months for one agency, but the Travel Services Team successfully implemented all 20 federal government agencies in just 11 months. This was largely due to strong collaboration with each customer agency. Customers and leadership at all levels were ecstatic.



Travel Services Team Nominees:

Christeen Banks	Lea Bean	Michael Ann Bradley	Diane Champeau	Candice Cline
Darice Cook	Donna Copeland	Deborah Davis	Diedre Emmons	Candice Galeski
Misty Grantham	Michael Harris	Casey Hayes	Amber Hoffman	Dana Holliday
Jenny Hope	Erica Hughes	Perette Irby	Melissa Johnson	Shelly Johnson
Jeff Karth	Terri King	Amber Lawson	Debbie Leissner	Felecia Lindsey
Teresa Machnicz	Melissa Matherly	Tony McCurdy	Holly Muck	Leilani Pounders
Traci Ryan	Trevian Sirls	Jennifer Smith	Laura Smith	Leavetta Smith
Charles Stevens	Nyla Thomas	Dana Titus	Kim Warner	Lydia Woolum

Thank you for joining our celebration!



Fireworks crackle over the city of Altus reservoir as part of the July 4 Independence Day celebration in Altus. The annual firework display is free to the public. (U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Brian Boisvert 97th Air Mobility Wing)