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Multi-Wing Fuels

by Art Belmore and Gene Betting

DEL-JEN supports the fuels requirements of nine Air Force bases, each with their own unique geography and weather, missions, and fuel requirements. We also provide fuels and cryogenics support to eight Air Force Space Command bases...and that's how Multi-Wing got its name - because of the multiple Air Force Wings it encompasses:

- 1) 21st Space Wing and 302nd Air Reserve Wing at Peterson AFB, CO
- 2) 45th Space Wing at Patrick AFB and Cape Canaveral AFS, FL
- 3) 50th Space Wing at Schriever AFB, CO
- 4) 30th Space Wing at Vandenberg AFB, CA
- 5) 460th Space Wing and 140th Air National Guard Wing at Buckley AFB, CO
- 6) 721st Space Wing at Cheyenne Mountain AFS, CO
- 7) 341st Space Wing at Malmstrom AFB, MT
- 8) 90th Space Wing at F.E. Warren AFB, WY



The fuels required to support these missions ranges from everyday unleaded gasoline to rocket fuel. Though they're all part of AF Space Command, each Wing's mission is different and ranges from space shuttle launches to monitoring our national Defense Early Warning system.

Peterson AFB, CO is the home of Multi-Wing and Air Force Space Command. The demand for jet fuel is over four million gallons a year. DEL-JEN's eight person team is also responsible for fuels at Schriever AFB and Cheyenne Mountain AFS with its underground diesel fuel lake reserved for post-nuclear attack support of the Early Warning System.

Vandenberg AFB, CA is where our national defense satellite systems are launched from. DEL-JEN's five man fuels team service a variety of aircraft and will be adding rocket fuel requirements in the very near future. One of their more unique fuel support missions is the

refueling of Russian aircraft that bring in observation teams for every rocket launched at Vandenberg. Russia has observed these launches since the Reagan years as part of the Strategic Arms Limitation treaties.

Another unique aspect of the Vandenberg site is our support of civil fire-fighting aircraft used to battle the wildfires that plague California and, recently, threatened Vandenberg AFB itself.

Located only 90 miles apart from each other, **Buckley AFB** and **Schriever AFB** in Colorado have similar satellite monitoring missions. Hollywood often features imagery from these satellites where the military can zoom in to a pimple on a pedestrian's face walking in Times Square during rush hour. We can't say whether or not they *really* have that capability but we *can* state that these facilities are incredibly secure and state-of-the-art.

In addition to Buckley and Schriever, DEL-JEN's fuels team also supports Colorado ANG's F-16 squadrons.

F.E. Warren AFB supports critical missile launch facilities in Wyoming and **Malmstrom AFB**, the same in Montana. DEL-JEN also supports the bases' UH-1 helicopter missions that transport crews to the remote missile silos scattered throughout their respective states. UH-1's have also been called upon to perform rescue missions for missing hikers and others lost in the vast MT and WY wilderness areas.

Patrick AFB and **Cape Canaveral AFS** ("The Cape") are considered the "Gateway to Space". Supporting the Space Shuttle Program as well as numerous rocket launching programs is the major mission of the 45th Space Wing housed at Patrick AFB. Every time there's a shuttle team on the launch pad or satellite rocket ready to launch, you can feel confident knowing that a team of DEL-JEN employees is standing by to meet any emergency fuels needs that may arise. Although our team does not actually fuel the Space Shuttle or the rockets themselves, our support is paramount in ensuring all facilities and equipment are always mission-capable.

Patrick Air Force Base is also home to the 920th Rescue Wing with its C-130 and HH-60 aircraft always standing by for emergency rescue support. The Dept. of State and a NASA support mission are also resident at Patrick, making every day an adventure for our team members.

So, the next time you're reading about a shuttle launch, watching the vapor trail from an F-35, or thinking about your nation's security, remember that there's a good chance a DEL-JEN technician is involved. ☺

NAS Whidbey Island Events

As part of the base's 67th anniversary (Sep. 21) celebration and "National POW/MIA Recognition Day," Capt. David arranged for a demonstration by a PBY Catalina aircraft that hadn't been seen in the area for 65 years. After taxiing up an old seaplane ramp, it suffered damage to landing gear doors and the fuselage nose. It couldn't have happened at a better venue as a group of retired Navy veterans (including DEL-JEN transportation mgr., **John Cook**) worked into the night, reforming damaged parts and riveting everything back into place. Their work checked out o.k. and the demonstration went off as planned.



L to R: Brian Hoagland, Andy Anderson, **John Cook**, Craig Haws, Fred Owen, Robert Witalis, and Ron Hancock.



When a Navy Search and Rescue (SAR) helicopter sustained damage during a night-time emergency landing, DEL-JEN's Transportation Operations were deployed to pick up the stricken aircraft and transport it back to NASW. Because the route involved traveling public highways, permits first had to be obtained and pilot cars arranged. **Everet Seeley** (crane operator) and **Andrew Neumann** loaded the bird and returned it to the SAR hangar for a post-accident investigation where it was determined it needed to go to San Diego, CA for depot-level repairs. Our Shipping Dept's **Gary Brundidge** and **Debbie Titus** made the necessary arrangements.

The Explosive Ordnance Disposal Mobile Unit (EODMU) provides support for locating, identifying, neutralizing, recovery, evaluation, and disposal of explosive ordnances including chemical and nuclear weapons. With the upcoming relocation of EODMU 11 from NASW to San Diego in 2010, a 40' container of sensitive equipment and supplies needed to be transported to facilitate the relocation. The lift was discussed and planned during a pre-lift safety meeting attended by every person involved, resulting in another incident-free assignment by **Everet Seeley** and crew. ⚡



Rock Islander Wins 2-Times Green

Rock Island Integrated Services' (RIIS) **Dave Zachert** won in two Categories of DEL-JEN's "Green for Green Giveaway" contest last month. Dave has been with the RIIS Estimating Dept. since 2004 and has been doing more than his part to conserve energy and improve the environment. *Here are his award-winning efforts:*



At HOME

- 1) Installed a geothermal heating/cooling system at home.
- 2) installed new doors and storm doors.
- 3) Improved the insulation around windows.
- 4) Installed compact fluorescent light bulbs.
- 5) Installed 40,000 watt LP backup generator replacing gas generator.
- 6) Purchased energy-efficient washer & dryer and improved dryer vent.
- 7) Installed low energy, high pressure sodium lights for exterior lighting.
- 8) Purchased fuel-efficient, manual transmission car for granddaughter.
- 9) Put tire pressure gauges in all family cars to help keep proper inflation.
- 10) Got tune-ups and replaced the air filters on all cars.
- 11) Removed junk from car trunks to reduce weight.
- 12) Use our diesel truck whenever possible to save fuel.

At WORK

- 1) Worked on IJO (individual job order) project to convert Gov't. gas station to E-85 fuel.
- 2) Worked on various IJO projects to improve insulation, windows, doors, and efficiency of HVAC, mechanical, and electrical systems.
- 3) Have seen RIA purchase fuel-efficient, flex-fuel vehicles.
- 4) Have seen RIA monitor the wind for possible future use of wind energy.
- 5) Have seen use of compostable corn plastic drinking cups at RIIS and RIA.
- 6) Have seen people turn off lights when not necessary at RIIS and RIA. ⚡

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Transitions

Vance AFB



Vehicle Maintenance Inspector, **Fred Green**, retired on October 30th, after a 28 year career as a respected member of the Vance Transportation Department.

Carolyn Fraley spent sixteen of her twenty years at Vance as day shift lead for Custodial Services. Site Manager **Jon Hulsey** surprised her with a *going away luncheon* in her honor made extra special by the 71st FTW Commander thanking her for her two decades of service to the Air Force and presentation of a Wing coin. We wish Fred and Carolyn many happy years of a productive and enjoyable retirement. ⚡

Services Group Kudos Korner

Tyndall Logistics

There are several manufacturers of military-grade robots that are used for a variety of applications such as the detection and removal of IED's (Improvised Explosive Devices).

Talon® Ground Robots have been used since 2000 when they were utilized for the safe movement and disposal of grenades in Bosnia. They were the first military robots to be taken into Afghanistan in 2002 and are still there doing EOD (Explosive Ordnance Disposal) work, as they are in Kuwait and Iraq.

iRobot® produces the "PackBot," a smaller, more mobile robot that's able to climb stairs, perform 360° rotations, and maneuver over mud, snow, and rough terrain. It's able to withstand submersion in 6' of water and can be set up in <2 minutes.

On Aug. 18, 2009, Team Tyndall's Combat Readiness Surface Freight Section received notification that they needed to prepare 12 of these robots for immediate shipment to Kandahar, Afghanistan. **Richard Neff** made sure all paperwork was in



L to R: **Clifton Ross**, Harry Russell & Tony Super (with the Robotics Systems Joint Project Office), and **Richard Neff**.

order as **Clifton Ross** prepared pallets for shipping. Less than 3 hrs. after the shipment left, they received urgent instructions to remove eight of the robots from the shipment and return them to the Robotic Repair Facility at Tyndall.

After several frantic calls, Mr. Ross was able to coordinate the unloading and return of the robots by the next day.

A letter from the AF's Robotic Research Group, thanked Mr. Neff and Mr. Ross for their quick response and "outstanding efforts in leaning forward to support all deployed war fighters."

NAS Fallon

"On behalf of the 2009 United States Navy Flight Demonstration Squadron, I would like to personally express our appreciation for your efforts during our recent visit to Naval Air Station, Fallon..." began a letter of appreciation from the Commanding Officer/Flight Leader of The Blue Angels.



During the Angel's recent visit, our billeting crew, led by supervisor **Lani Escartin** (L) and reservation clerk **Aida Baker** (R), went to great lengths to make sure everyone was comfortable and that all their needs were met.

NAS Whiting Field

Sometimes it's the little things that make your day. PRI/ DJI Project Manager, **George Rials**, opened his email early last month to find a note from the NASWF Commander who "just wanted to let you know that...you guys are doing an unbelievable job...I was incredibly proud of our little jewel of a base yesterday..." Mr. Rials conveyed her message to Grounds personnel whose "efforts are most appreciated!"

Vance AFB

All Federal facilities are required to implement an Environmental Management System (EMS) by the end of 2009. Under the leadership of PRI/DJI's **Robert Brinkley** and the rest of the Environmental staff, Vance beat the deadline and was the second AETC installation to declare conformance which was

confirmed by AETC's independent, third-party audit that stated, "Congratulations on your achievement to establish a system that fosters commitment to continual improvement in environmental performance/management."

A second example of leadership was demonstrated by **Linda Wood** who took an ancient Report of Survey (ROS) program and rebuilt it, making it fully electronic and compliant. Thanks to her diligence, of the 17 ROS's submitted since April, 14 closed within 60-days. Reports rate the quality of work our employees are providing, identifies deficiencies & causes, and charts corrective actions. Managers from all departments have expressed their thanks for the easy-to-use program.

Tyndall Civil Engineering

Thanks to the hard work of Team Tyndall, the Environmental, Safety & Occupational Health Compliance Assessment & Management Program (ESOH CAMP) that took place August 10-14 resulted in extremely positive ratings.

The team visited 145 facilities, reviewed 1,615 documents, and interviewed 200+ personnel. 94% of those interviewed were well-versed in their ESOH responsibilities and were described as "professional and friendly!" We are the first base in AETC to have ZERO findings in Universal Waste (fluorescent bulbs) and the first base in 15 years to have ZERO findings in HAZMAT. "Outstanding!" - stated Col McCoy, Vice Wing Commander.

Two shops in Civil Engineering received *positive findings*. Pest



Control Supervisor **Robert Bushway** received his for a sanitation checklist report. Prior to pesticide application, customers receive a checklist identifying, type, location, maintenance discrepancies, and suggestions to reduce future problems. Customers sign the completed checklist, agreeing to correct sanitation and building maintenance deficiencies, allowing Pest Management to meet the DoD *Measure of Merit* pesticide reduction goals.

The 2nd *positive* went to Utilities Supervisor, **Ralph Jamerson** for "outstanding synergy" between the various organizations involved with Tyndall's Water Quality Program - enabling C.E., BioEnvironmental, Utilities, and the swimming pool to operate as a cohesive unit and resolve problems quickly.

Kudos also led to landscape engineer, **Royce Johnson** being named, *Employee of the Month*. Responsible for over 20 acres in the AOC compound, he "sets the standard for others to follow."



Keith Stettler has been with DJI for only 1½ years but quickly became an invaluable member of the team. An ASE Master Certified Mechanic, Keith has saved the Government time and money with his work on a wide variety of equipment.

Rock Island Arsenal

The Workstation Reconfiguration Project at TACOM lasted from Dec. '08 to April 2009 and a letter of appreciation from the TACOM Director of Chemical/Biological Defense stated, "Your dedication and commitment to excellence always prevailed and you were there providing the quality maintenance expertise and support that Rock Island Integrated Services is known for."

Kudos were also received for the hard work the Roads & Grounds and Unscheduled Dep'ts put into the Army Sustainment Change of Command Ceremony held earlier this year. ☼

Innovations

Andrews AFB

When TW/DJI Fuels Distribution Systems Lead, **Jeff Conley** found himself involved in a discussion on how fuel was drained from pressure relief tanks on hydrant servicing vehicles, he decided to formally evaluate the process in-place that involved draining fuel into a bucket, then pouring it into a bowser. The process not only presented spill hazards but the potential for personnel & equipment to be exposed to splashing fuel & fumes.

After brainstorming with fellow employees, he bought a small hand pump and, with the help of **James Nesbitt & Eric Waybright**, installed it on the bowser using clamps and hoses from the supply cabinet. The results were better than expected. The pump requires minimal effort to operate, stores neatly at the end of the bowser, and can drain a 25 gal. tank in less than 5-minutes.

For the \$150 investment, all hazards have been eliminated with the added benefit of no chance of fuel contamination from exposing it to the elements in the open bucket.



Jeff's innovative idea will save the Gov't. fuel and time for years to come, while providing a much safer work environment.

NAS Whiting Field

The PRI/DJI Engineering Dept. recently completed two energy-saving projects in support of Whiting Field's Conservation Program. The first



L to R: **Dave Garner**, **Butch Antone**, **Jennifer Gray**, and Engineering Dept. Manager, **Jay Baynes**.

involved enhancing the Wings Club's hot water heater with a solar system that utilizes one of Florida's most abundant resources: the sun. Solar collector

panels pre-heat water before it enters the hot water heater via solar-powered pumps. By isolating the Wings Club boiler system and integrating the solar system, we expect to save the Gov't. \$13,000/year with the system paying for itself in <6 yrs.

The second project involved replacing an old boiler with a new waste oil heating system. The existing 760,000 BTU natural gas boiler supplies hot water to 3 buildings housing PRI/DJI shops. Since Vehicle Maintenance collects an enormous amount of used motor oil, it was only logical to switch to a waste oil system. Energy savings should be \$12,000/year with payback in <6 years.

Vance AFB

When our PRI/DJI Supply Managers wanted to take advantage of a Wright Patterson program to replace the storage system in Individual Equipment, they were told approval was contingent on being able to achieve certain tasks by a tight deadline. With the help and hard work of the entire Vance Team, they met the deadline three days early. The new \$90,000 state-of-the-art storage bins and shelving units will be arriving soon and, thanks to the Supply team, at no cost to the Vance Wing.

Tyndall Logistics

A savings of \$4,000 to the Government was realized when, during installation of a new flammable storage building, Team Tyndall took the lead and coordinated delivery, offloading, and installation of the new home for >150 flammable line items.



Range Support Services

TW/DJI's Range Support Services (RSS) personnel are spread across three primary sites within a harsh, geographically diverse 220 mile radius: Tonopah Test & Training Range, Tolicha Peak Electronic Combat Range, and Creech AFB.

Because range vehicles are an average of 20 years old, our Vehicle Maintenance (VM) teams have to be especially resourceful, often having to fabricate or scavenge parts from target vehicles. *Here are some recent examples:*

Creech AFB

When an associate contractor advised the Gov't. that they had received a new trailer-mounted, mobile threat system that needed immediate fielding, the Government realized they did not have the \$53,000 needed to purchase a truck capable of transporting the system.

The Government asked if we had any ideas about how they might be able to immediately support America's war fighter. Our Creech VM Team quickly generated an answer. RSS had a low mileage, four-wheel-drive F-750 tractor that was not being heavily used. Less than a week later our mechanics had



modified its electrical hookup, added an electrical braking system and transferred the F-750 to its new owner - saving the Government the cost of a new truck.

Tolicha Peak Electronic Combat Range

The Tolicha Peak VM team demonstrated their own ingenuity when operators of an old dump truck that had been converted to a snow plow expressed concern that unprotected hydraulic hoses and valves might expose them to scalding hydraulic fluid if they should spring a leak.

After brainstorming, our Team had the Fabrication Shop



build a cover for the controls. The modification required substituting the truck's bench seat with a bucket seat that wouldn't interfere with the seatbelt but after an exhausting search of RSS target vehicles, a perfect fit was found.

As an extra bonus, they also installed a storage cabinet where the passenger side of the bench seat used to be and a safer, more capable snowplow is ready for use long before the first snow will begin to fall.

Tonopah Test Range

While an RSS team member was dismantling a forklift, her foot became wedged in a gap between the forklift steps and the fender. With her foot stuck in the gap, she fell to the ground and suffered a number of gashes and bruises to her face and was later diagnosed with a suspected concussion.

The subsequent accident investigation revealed a design



defect in the forklift. We reported the problem to the manufacturer and took the forklift and its duplicate out of service while the Vehicle Maintenance team assessed the problem. They quickly fabricated and installed plates to block access to the gap - and painted them bright yellow so operators could see where *not* to place their feet. ☺

Laughlin Fuels Division: Excellence Is Our Game by Jerry Holt, Fuels Manager

On April 1, 1991, the Fuels Management Flight at Laughlin AFB took a dramatic turn. The U.S. Air Force handed over responsibility for managing Base Fuels Operations to a contractor and phased-out the military fuels operation that had been in existence since the base was established in 1943. The contractor took control of all aircraft fuel servicing; the receipt, storage and accountability of all bulk petroleum; and ancillary fuels accounting and quality control functions. The Fuels Flight began as a stand-alone contract but was assimilated into the BOSS contract in 1996.

The first employees hired for the new contract included 4 recently retired AF fuels specialists that formed the backbone of the team - but by the time the hiring process was complete, there were 10 employees with AF fuels experience - 8 of which are still working in Laughlin Fuels.

Because training was conducted by the incumbent AF personnel before they left for other assignments, training was top notch and thorough, if not a little grueling.

Since that time we've been on our own. We've made it our mission to issue only clean, dry fuel and have never had a takeoff delay because of lack of fuel support.

There have been significant changes at Laughlin since that time including the change in training aircraft to the T-1 Jayhawk in the 1900's; the phase-in of the T-6 Texan; the phase-out of the T-37 "Tweet"; and the introduction of the T-38 Talon that continues to be the trainer for our future fighter pilots. JP-4 jet fuel became the much safer JP-8. Below-ground fuel storage tanks were removed to meet state environmental requirements. We've worked around construction of new fillstands and spill-containment areas; gotten a new, modern fuel pump-house and four 550 GPM fillstands; and replaced all underground piping in the storage area.

Through it all, our hard work and attention to detail has earned us an impeccable record. In 18½ years, Laughlin Fuels has serviced over 960,000 aircraft and has never been charged with a delay. We look forward to servicing our 1-millionth aircraft in December, 2010. Our current average aircraft response time (the time between the call/need for fuel and the arrival of the refueler at the aircraft) is an enviable 30-seconds or less.



We have also received, stored, quality controlled, and accounted for over 292 million gallons of jet fuel - plus thousands of gallons of ground fuels and liquid oxygen. To many AF bases, 15 million gallons/year is not a large amount because some bases issue that much in a month, but when your average fuel issue to an aircraft is only 305 gal., 15 million is a lot!

Our Fuels Division is justifiably proud of our record and reputation. ⚙

5 of the 8 original employees are pictured. Back: Rocky Strong, Steve Allred, and Jerry Holt. Front: John Tijerina and Tom Pohl. Not shown: Irma Balderas, Kirk Boyden, and Harold Reed.

Ohio OA/CTS

Conceived by Dorothy Height in 1986, *the Black Family Reunion Celebration* is a cultural weekend that brings people together with businesses, government, the arts, and the community to "focus on the historic strengths and traditional values of the black family."

Held in major cities across the nation, these events attract over 2-million visitors annually. This year's Cincinnati event alone saw a record-breaking 200,000 attendees during the 4-day event.



A perfect venue for recruiting, DEL-JEN's Cincinnati staff volunteered to work the lost children's booth and, in a booth of their own, passed out Job Corps literature and answered attendee questions. ⚙

New England OA/CTS

According to the advertisement, "there's no better way to enjoy the sights, sounds, and taste tempting aromas of the fall season than at *The Big E*." The Eastern States Exposition is a 2-week state fair for the New England states of CT, MA, ME, NH, RI, and VT that combines food, music, vendors, livestock, carnival rides, and exhibits.

This year, the Job Corps booth staffed by DEL-JEN and New England Job Corps students was a popular stop for the inquisitive attendee who got to spin the "Wheel of Questions" for prizes that included a free high school

diploma; free career training; free food and housing; and a



guaranteed life-changing experience - everything all Job Corps students can get when they enroll, work hard, and stay with the Program. ⚙

Fluor Foundation Job Corps Scholarship

The Fluor Foundation's Job Corps Scholarship rewards one outstanding student from each DEL-JEN operated Job Corps Center with a \$5,000 renewable scholarship to their choice of an institution of higher learning.

Albuquerque JCC's recipient for 2009 was Jordan Faltys who is continuing his education at Central New Mexico Community College, majoring in Business & Marketing Management. Jordan was an eloquent spokesperson for the Program during Secretary of Labor, Hilda Solis's visit to the AJCC campus last June.



Darren Bailey was the recipient from Gainesville JCC. After successfully completing his Office Administration trade and earning his GED, he enrolled in Santa Fe Community College where he is currently on the dean's list as he prepares for a career in accounting. ⚙

Job Corps' 45th Anniversary

The Job Corps Program began in 1964 under Lyndon Johnson's Economic Opportunity Act as part of the president's war on poverty. Since that time, over two million young people have earned diplomas and acquired academic, vocational, and social skills, enabling them to find jobs or move on to higher education.

In celebration of the program's 45th Anniversary, special events have taken place throughout the year, culminating in a National Job Corps Association event last October in D.C. Here's how our Centers observed the occasion:

Albuquerque JCC

Sep. 24: AJCC came up with a fun & unique way to celebrate Job Corps' 45th anniversary by holding a "Blast From The Past" event in the Center gymnasium. Everyone was encouraged to dress in 1964 style garb and a contest was held for the



best outfits. As '60s music blasted thru the PA, contestants broke out into dance. **Dr. Emily Salazar** (BCL) gave a brief history lesson that included mention of her father who had been the Program's first Mental Health Consultant. A series of speakers followed, including Albuquerque mayor, Martin Chavez who proclaimed the day as "New Mexico Job Corps Day".

Gainesville JCC

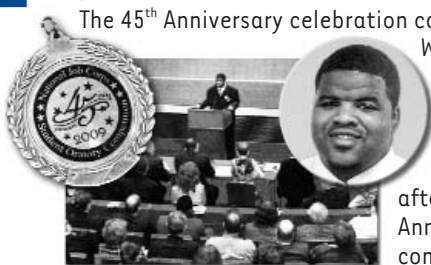
Sep. 30: GJCC celebrated 45 years of "Building Lives and



Students wait to make their presentation during Career Expo Open House.

Launching Careers" by hosting a Career Expo Open House lunch that attracted 100 business, community, government, and service organization representatives. Students from all trades made presentations to educate attendees on what GJCC graduates had to offer to the edification of all in attendance. The event was covered by ABC affiliate, WCJB television and The Gainesville Sun newspaper.

MSJCC Student Wins Gold



The 45th Anniversary celebration could not have ended any better than for student **Brandon Diggs** from MSJCC. While growing up in Memphis, TN, he was fortunate to be part a large family with a loving mother but admits to making some bad decisions along the way. He dropped out of school, joined a gang, abused drugs, and might be in jail today if not for the fateful morning he happened to see a Job Corps commercial on TV. He signed-up, worked hard, and soon became a campus leader. Only 11 months after enrolling, Brandon was voted by staff to represent MSJCC in the Job Corps' 45th Anniversary Oratory Competition. After making it through two rounds of pre-competition eliminations, he was selected to be one of four students who would travel to Washington, D.C. for the final competition.

Addressing an audience of hundreds of attendees, dignitaries, fellow students, and media, Brandon delivered his heart-wrenching speech that brought some in the audience to tears - and, at the end of the day, he was awarded "First Place". The Fluor Foundation was there to present him with a \$1,000 check. Center Director, **Charlotte McGowan** was there to congratulate him - but most important - his mother was there to share the moment with her son.

We wish him the best of luck and look forward to future news of his accomplishments. ☪

Kittrell JCC

Sep. 23: KJCC celebrated the anniversary with a multi-faceted week of events that began with an assembly in the gymnasium that was broadcast in it's entirety by Time Warner cable TV. To a packed audience that included all student and staff



members, 2009 graduate **Tewonia P.** sang the National Anthem before Rev. **Frank Sossamon** conducted an invocation.

SGA members spoke about Job Corps' history and it's impact on the Nation and former alumnus shared some emotionally-charged success stories. Before our Culinary Arts students served refreshments, Henderson Mayor, Pete O'Geary and N. Carolina Governor, Beverly Perdue presented proclamation letters to Center Director, **Arvin Lane**, congratulating all in attendance for their accomplishments.

Mississippi JCC

Aug. 26: MSJCC began nearly 2 months of anniversary events with a kick-off ceremony highlighted by a visit by Supreme Court Justice, James W. Kitchen. When word of the planned event reached local NBC affiliate, WLBT, they asked to spend



the day here, to film the ceremony and interview students and staff. The segment was a feature story on the evening news broadcast.

Oct. 15: MSJCC closed their anniversary celebrations with a program featuring Crystal Springs Mayor, Arthur Lee Evans, who thanked MSJCC for its "many acts of kindness and the compassion it's shown the residents of Crystal Springs." The mayor challenged our students to "study hard (and to) be ready to step up to the plate when a need in your community arises." ☪

News from Albuquerque JCC

Aug. 7: In keeping with AJCC's goal to support the community, United Blood Services held another campus blood drive, this time gathering nearly 30 pints of the life-saving fluid. Staff and students were pleased to learn that the total of their donations has the potential of saving over 87 lives.

Oct 3: Sensei Lee Kittell's Karate Club has been preparing for the upcoming National Championship competition in March, 2010. A step toward that goal was to compete in the SW Regional Championship but several untimely illnesses diminished the team to only a handful of participants. Despite this handicap, all but one competitor placed in the top 4 in either kata or



sparring - a requirement to be invited to the Nationals.

Oct. 10: AJCC held their fall graduation at the University of New Mexico, a tribute to the great job they're doing as they rose in the ranks to number 6 of the total 123 Centers nationwide.

Gainesville JCC Updates

Aug 28: With 30 years of twice-yearly graduations, the 45 year old Gainesville Job Corps Center was honored to have Congresswoman Corrine Brown deliver the keynote speech during their summer graduation ceremony. Of the 138 actual graduates, only 50 were in attendance since most had already found jobs, started college, or enlisted in the military.



Sep. 3: GJCC Deputy Director, **Conney Whitehead** and Community Relations Committee President, **Gwen Love**, attended a City Commission meeting where Mayor Pegeen Hanrahan presented them with a proclamation declaring Sep. 23rd as "Gainesville Job Corps Day". Mayor Hanrahan complimented the staff



for the great work we do for the community and wished us continued success.

Shown are Center Director, **Sam Kolapo** flanked by HR Mgr. **Barbara Walker** (L) and Gwen Love (R). ☺

Kittrell JCC News

Aug 22: Arriving by car, bus, and plane, over 100 KJCC alumni, spanning many generations, converged on the Center to celebrate and pay honor to the Job Corps Center that changed most of their lives. After touring the campus that has changed drastically since they attended, the group got to spend quality time together, catching up with old friends and reminiscing about their time together.



Sep. 8: Center staff made sure ample screening venues were available so all students could see President Obama's historic speech to America's youth. Students watched with rapt attention as the president urged students to work hard, set educational goals, and to take responsibility for their education.



Sep 9: The Leadership Task Force Conference held in the Center gymnasium featured Dr. L. Scott Kimball who made a presentation to >60 students to help them to become future leaders.

Sep 11: In celebration of Green Block National Day of Service, KJCC staff and students hosted events in Vance and Warren Counties, educating senior residents on ways they can conserve energy, resources, and "save the planet". While there, students took the opportunity to do some landscaping and clean-up work.

Sep. 18: "A Fresh Start to a New Beginning" was the theme of the fall commencement ceremony that saw 61 graduates step up to accept the diplomas they've worked so hard to earn. Keynote speaker, Pastor Eddie Wayne Lawrence, delivered an exhilarating speech that drew a standing ovation from all in attendance.

Sep. 23: Instructors used a variety of creative techniques during the U.S. Constitution Day Program to teach about our



nation's laws. Role-playing as politicians in the 1700's, students quickly got into character as they debated each other on whether or not the Constitution should be ratified. Students enjoyed the experience so much they've asked to start a debate team. Another exercise entitled, "The Preamble Race" had two teams competing to re-arrange the scrambled words to the Constitution's preamble in the shortest time. A fun quiz and scavenger hunt ended another highly-successful Kittrell academic event.



Oct. 2: Students & staff once again conducted a Litter Sweep along U.S. Hwy. 1. All trash collected was then taken back to the campus where it was deposited into the appropriate recycling bins as part of the Center-wide initiative to recycle and "go green."



Oct. 13: BCL Joan Robinson manned the Center booth at VGCC's Business Expo where she got to schmooze with local business representatives and do on-the-spot recruitment for KJCC.

Oct. 13: The Leadership Task Force held its first annual Open House to expose and encourage students to become involved in the >18 on-campus extracurricular clubs that support artistic, recreational, career, or hobby interests in a social gathering. Each club set up a booth or table with brochures and information.

Oct 24: Make A Difference Day (MADD) is a "national day to help others," held annually on the fourth Saturday of October. This year, KJCC teamed with the Red Cross, Boy Scouts of America, and the N. Carolina Dept. of Vocational



Rehabilitation for volunteer projects at numerous locations. Many student volunteers got to ply their trades at community and social service centers around town.

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Oct 28: KJCC's newest crop of CNA grads completed their transition from student to professionals during VGCC's Certified Nursing Assistant commencement exercises. These graduates are now equipped to take the state exam to receive certification that will allow them to work at health-care facilities as CNAs.

Oct. 30: Marquis H. began his training at KJCC in July, 2008. He graduated 14 months later after earning his HSD, Culinary Arts trade, as well as numerous awards for "outstanding performance." On Oct. 30th, he learned he'd been accepted to the Treasure Island Advanced Culinary Arts Program in San Francisco. Marquis attributes his success to the training received by Culinary Arts instructor, Stacey Smith and hopes one day to own and operate his own 5-star restaurant. ✦

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Jul. 30: Students from multiple trades banded together for a community service project at the Crystal Springs Sports Complex. Facility Maintenance, Career Technical Training, and Welding students spent the day modifying security windows to install portable air conditioners and performing a variety of other challenging tasks at the city facility.

Aug. 5: Congressman Bennie Thompson held a recruitment presentation for Northrop Grumman, the largest builder of ships in the U.S. The company is currently seeking experienced welders, cooks, office workers, and security personnel to fill vacancies at facilities across the country.



Aug. 25: Residential Advantage, Inc. is a builder of homes and apartment complexes. Their visit to MS-JCC provided them the opportunity to familiarize themselves with the skilled workforce we can provide them at their construction projects. MS-JCC will assist their search for qualified employees by utilizing our Work Based Learning (WBL) to set up modules that will train in the specific needs of the company, that recently, has adopted a "green" philosophy on construction.



Aug. 31: The American Lung Association's "Teens Against Tobacco Use" (TATU) is a peer-to-peer educational program utilizing high school students to teach middle and elementary school students about the hazards of tobacco. MS-JCC's TATU group paid a visit to Crystal Springs Middle School to make their presentation to members of the Adolescent Offenders Program.

Sep. 29: In honor of Veterans Day, MS-JCC held a luncheon for our staff military veterans. After each was recognized and thanked for their service to our nation, representatives from the Veteran's Affairs Office and Senator Roger Wicker's office made presentations on the benefits and opportunities available to them. Each speaker then made themselves available for 1-on-1 consultations. ✦



DEL-JEN Re-Awarded Mississippi Job Corps Contract

Ten years ago in 1999, DEL-JEN won its third Job Corps Center contract with the award of a highly competed contract to operate Mississippi JCC. We won again in 2004 and during this time were awarded five consecutive National Director's Awards for "exemplary performance."

In an early progress report, the Department of Labor ranked MSJCC #1 out of the (then) 118 Centers using criteria such as graduation and placement rates, post-placement rate, and average wages earned.

As operator, we supply the personnel, materials, and professional services required to provide educational, vocational, health care, housing, dining, counseling, and job placement services for nearly 400 resident students. We are also responsible for facility maintenance of all structures, security, grounds care, and HR/administration.

In August, 2009 we were pleased and honored to learn that we had been selected once again to continue operating MSJCC. The new term began on Sep. 1, 2009 and is a 2-year contract with three 1-year options.

This re-award allows for the continuation of the highly successful "Concurrent Enrollment Program". Since local public schools do not offer a Technical curriculum, eligible students may enroll at the Center to take advantage of these classes. It's a program unique to MSJCC.

A future Solo Parent Program is also in the planning stages. Construction of a new, separate dormitory would allow up to 30 solo parents and their children to take advantage of the career training offered at MSJCC. On-site day care would be part of the program that would train young women to become self-sufficient.

Charlotte McGown will continue as Center Director. Under her dynamic leadership with the support of a dedicated Senior Leadership Team, MSJCC is the top performing Center in the Atlanta Job Corps Region. We congratulate both the staff and students at Mississippi Job Corps Center and are sure that, together, they will continue their journey to success. ✦



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