

The Green Scene

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Group Photo: (L/R) Janet Smith, Michelle Edwards, Wayne Morris, Terri Berry, Raul Nieves, Tim Edwers (not pictured, taking photo Don Edwers)

JBLM VOLUNTEERS AT LIFE SKILLS PROM

Joint Base Lewis-McChord – Tacoma, WA

On May 18, 2018, 7 PCSI-JBLM employees, family members and friends volunteered to chaperone the Thurston County School District’s “Life Skills Prom” held to celebrate special needs students, for the second year in a row.

The “Masquerade Ball” themed prom had over 200 students in attendance and each volunteer was provided with a mask to wear.

Along with parents, teachers, and North Thurston High students, the volunteers assisted with setting up decorations and refreshments. As

the students arrived, they were greeted by the Capital Lakefair Court and were given “Mardi Gras” beads. They also assisted with the photo booth for individual and group photos.

The students danced all evening, only taking short breaks to enjoy some refreshments and to participate in photo booth photos. Our volunteers even hit the dance floor to dance with several of the students.

"I am so thankful to PCSI, for donating to this event and for our volunteers that assisted in making the event a huge success," said Janet Smith, 690 JBLM Project Manager.

The coordinator of the event, Life Skills Teacher, Mindy Atkinson, shared her gratitude and said that because of PCSI’s financial and volunteering support they were able to make this year’s prom the best one yet!

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Piñata time!

ANNUAL JBLM PICNIC

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On June 23, 2018, JBLM 690 held their Annual Picnic. 65 employee and family members attended at the American Lake Shoreline Beach, Sunrise Pavilion.

Grill masters, APM, Raul Nieves and Maintenance Supervisor, Rico Haynes served up hamburgers, hotdogs, and BBQ chicken. Pasta salad, fresh fruit, chips, drinks and cookies were also on the menu.

There were plenty of activities and games for everyone including: cornhole, badminton, bocce ball, ladder golf, horse shoes, swimming, water balloon toss and a Piñata for the kids, along with a huge play area at the park. Dispatcher, John Lauterbach, brought fishing poles and tackle for folks that wanted to fish and our GMW, Joseph Hamm, brought a chess board.

Each adult attendee received a raffle ticket with the chance to have their number drawn for one of the 22 raffle prizes. There were also toys and prizes for the kids.

"Everyone had a great time and I want to express my sincere appreciation to my management team for all their help and support helping me plan and execute such a fun picnic for our employees. And thank you to our Quality Control Manager, Michelle Avery-Nazzaretto for capturing our event with her camera," said Janet Smith, 690 JBLM Project Manager.



Ms. Owens and her team in Dining Facility 9205, Theodore Roosevelt, at Fort Hood

Ms. Helene Owen Recognized for Superior Knowledge in Safe Chemical Use

Fort Hood – Killeen, TX

On June 6, shift leader Helene Owens of the Theodore Roosevelt Fort Hood Dining Facility was lauded by the Logistics Readiness Center's (LRC) Safety Officer, Mr. William Floto, for having a superior Safety Data Sheet Book and her expert knowledge in the safe use of chemicals.

Mr. Floto was recently invited to attend Fort Hood Food Service's monthly safety council. He especially liked the Safety Data Sheet binder and Ms. Owens' overall knowledge and her fundamental practice of using chemicals safely and teaching our employees the correct procedures.

In recognition of this achievement, her Project Manager, Pete Kutheis, presented her a Program Manager's Spot Certificate of Achievement on 7 June in front of her team, along with a safety incentive item in the form of a water clock. Pete also rewarded Ms. Owens and her trainer, Ms. Watkins to a Jimmy Johns Sandwich lunch.

UNIVERA SERVE FIRST 5K

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On May 19, 2018, 17 PCSI employees and family members participated in the Univera Serve First 5K Run/Walk and Kids Fun Run. This included 14 returning team members and 3 first timers. Located at South Hill Park in Puyallup, this was Team PCSI's third year taking part in the event.

Team PCSI placed in a few different age groups resulting in medals for PM Janet Smith's son Jesse Valot taking 1st place and daughter, Shannon Couch taking 2nd place. Shannon's husband, David Couch placed 3rd. Also winning medals were JBLM/690 site GMW, Demetrick Louis who received 2nd place and GMW, Tom O'Dell's wife receiving 3rd place.

Univera Serve First is a public charitable organization that provides critical nutrition to at risk children. This year, with over 150 runners, the event raised enough money to provide 83,800 meals, through a local food bank, "Nourish" for homeless children and their families in Pierce County. PCSI corporate was a recognized sponsor.

Thank you to the employees and family members for their willingness to come out and participate. Great job Team PCSI, you did it again!



(L/R) Row 1 - Andrea Nazzaretto, QCM/SM, Michelle Avery-Nazzaretto, Row 2 - Suzanne & Grace Valot, PM, Janet Smith, Steve Smith, GMW, Demetrick Louis, Heidi Louis, David, Shannon, Trinity & Cecilia Couch, Row 3 - Kae O'Dell, GMW, Tom O'Dell, APM, Raul Nieves, Lilly Nieves, Furnishings Supervisor, Wayne Morris and Caleb Morris.



Check Presentation – (L/R) GMW, Anthony "Bones" Giovanelli; President S. Puget Sound Chapter, Junior Basswade; Director of the VMM, Chip Duncan; Maintenance Supervisor, Rico Haynes; APM, Raul Nieves; PM, Janet Smith

VETERANS MEMORIAL MUSEUM

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On May 12, 2018, PCSI participated in the Brothers in Arms Motorcycle Club's 7th Annual Veterans Memorial Museum (VMM) Benefit Run, which included close to 90 riders. For the 5th Year in a Row, PCSI donated to the VMM through this event with several of our employees participating in the ride. PCSI employees also participated in the raffle, the live auction, and the "50/50" event. This year's "50/50" winner was our own Assistant Product Manager, Raul Nieves! The Brothers In Arms, continued to raise \$5,128 for the VMM through this event. Built in 1995, the VMM is located in nearby Chehalis, WA where it displays donated military artifacts from the Revolutionary War to the Iraq War. The motorcycle club is comprised of veterans who donate their time supporting veteran and community causes.



Fort Hood Food Service Team

NATIONAL SAFETY MONTH

Fort Hood – Killeen, TX

June was National Safety Awareness month. In accordance with its Facility Safety Awards Program, the Fort Hood Food Service Contract conducted safety awareness events and carried out a safety incentive program for the events. The safety awareness events were to commemorate Safety Awareness Day and the Safety Training Blitz. Safety Awareness Day is a designated day where every employee participates by wearing our safety slogan button and where classes with an emphasis

on hazard identification and reporting are conducted. The Safety Training Blitz involves each work site conducting at least one training class each day during National Safety Awareness month.

Project Management also held the Quarterly Slogan contest where all employees are invited to submit original safety slogans. Since it is such a large department, it was decided to break the contest down into area managers' work sites therefore allowing those areas to vote on their peers' slogans. The winning slogan from Ms. Ah Sang's work sites was submitted by Julissa Watkins (KISS= Keep it Safe and Simple). The winning slogan from Mr. Kohl's work sites was submitted by Dunn Pahoia (Safety is always 1st!). The Assistant PM/Safety Manager, Mr. Johnny Dodson, presented a certificate and a safety incentive prize (a water power clock) to each of them.

The Food Service Team's safety awareness program contributed to the accident incident rate declining by almost 50 percent during the corporate year that just ended.

Friends Helping Friends Gala

Winn Army
Community Hospital
(WACH) - Ft. Stewart,
GA

Once again, volunteers from Site 740 participated in the



Friends Helping Friends Gala. In its third year, the gala is organized by a group of students at Bradwell Institute High School in Hinesville, GA for special needs students in Liberty County, GA. New this year was some of Bradwell's football players who assisted with decorations as well as escorting attendees on the red carpet. This drew media attention from local news station WJCL and local paper, "The Coastal Courier". WJCL also highlighted three football players from the University of Georgia who participated. The event continues to grow and Julia Agosto, Office Manager at WACH, said "It was such an honor to witness the event and be part of such a wonderful school that is choosing to involve the students. It's always a pleasure to see the faces of the students having a wonderful time."





Chad Cloutier pulling an oyster pot from the Elizabeth River with a couple of NMCP sailors.

NMCP Oyster Pod Day

Naval Medical Center Portsmouth

Two PCSI TEAM 700 employees (Mark Bridenstine, Project Manager, and Chad Cloutier, Assistant Project Manager) joined the Naval Medical Center Portsmouth (NMCP) Environmental Program Manager, Lanette Donegan, and approximately a dozen sailors from the NMCP combined First and Second Class Petty Officer's Association in the semi-annual oyster pod cleaning project.

Chad, with the help of several sailors, pulled five pods from the river that had been tethered to the pier at hospital point. Mark supervised. The sailors scrubbed off dirt, mud and other debris that covered the pods and the oysters. Cleaning the wire pods allows water to flow freely through them making it easier for the oysters to filter the water. Adult oysters can filter about 50 gallons of polluted water each day, and each of the five pods holds approximately 100 oysters.

"We always want to do the right thing and set the standard here," said Lanette Donegan. "We're always looking for new ways to prevent pollution." Donegan added there are many people, bases and businesses that rely on the Elizabeth River to operate daily. "It's extremely important that we maintain the pods we have."

While Sailors were busy scrubbing the pods with wire brushes, Chad and Ms. Donegan returned the old, mature oysters to the Elizabeth

River Project and exchanged them for baby oysters. Mark continued to supervisor the sailors. Once the pods were properly prepared, the baby oysters were placed in the pods. The pods were then secured with zip-ties and lowered back down into the water from the pier.

Local non-profit organizations in Hampton Roads, such as The Elizabeth River Project and Chesapeake Bay Foundation, have worked endlessly to reduce the amount of pollution in Hampton Roads by using oysters that naturally filter debris from the water. Military bases in Hampton Roads work with these organizations placing the pods along the bases' piers.

(Excerpts taken from an article written by Petty Officer 1st Class Laura Myers)



Tinker Fleet Receives Recognition

Tinker Air Force Base (AFB), Oklahoma City, OK

Once again, the vehicle fleet managed by PCSI at Tinker Air Force Base has been named as one of "The 100 Best Fleets in the Americas"™ in 2018. This is the eighth year PCSI at Tinker AFB has been selected in this category. Now in its 18th year, the award contest is open to all government fleets in North America – about 38,000 total. The award recognizes peak performing fleet operations according to 12 performance criteria in the application process.

Keep up the great work, Team Tinker!





JBLM Team #1



JBLM Team #2

SPECIAL OLYMPICS

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On April 29, 2018, 24 PCSI employees and family members volunteered for the Special Olympics Southwest Regional Spring Games at Mt. Tacoma High School in Tacoma, WA. This was PCSI's 4th year volunteering for this event, participating with tasks such as, keeping time, marshalling athletes to their event, assisting with soccer games, and score keeping.

There were approximately 450 athletes in 169 different races and 73 different field events. The soccer event had 33 different teams (nearly 330 athletes) participating in 6 different brackets. There were also 42 athletes participating in the individual skill competition. Our very own Jeremy Leatherwood played soccer as the goal tender.

Jeremy's team won both of their games and will now be going to the State Special Olympics in June. Congratulations Jeremy!

We also cheered on Corporate QC Manager, Daryl Heckard's daughter, Kristina Heckard, as she competed in the 100 and 200-meter races and the standing long jump where she took gold! Great job Kristina!

Thank you to PCSI corporate for providing the water for this event, which was handed out to all the athletes and volunteers with their pizza lunch.

"I am so thankful to our team for taking their Sunday to volunteer, everyone did a tremendous job and truly enjoyed the experience," said Janet Smith, Project Manager.



Chad Cloutier (Green Shirt) and Jerome Bowers (White Shirt) with the PCSI Pickup Truck.

NMCP Clean the Base Day

Naval Medical Center Portsmouth

The morning of June 1, 2018, 6 PCSI employees (Chad Cloutier, Pam Smith, Jerome Bowers, Jackie Demby, Tara Taylor, Dedas Baker) assisted over 150 Naval Medical Center Portsmouth (NMCP staff members) to clean around the base perimeter and two miles of shoreline.

Chad Cloutier led the volunteer effort for TEAM 700 through close coordination with the NMCP Environmental Program Manager, Lynette Donegan. Said Donegan, "This event is important, because it helps keep our waterways clean and the Elizabeth River trash-free."

Throughout the cleanup, participants were encouraged to look for a "most unique item" in an unofficial competition. Some of the unique items found included doormats, safety helmets, swim noodles, buoys, a basketball and basketball hoop, trailer hitch and a sign attached to concrete.

One team even found a note in a bottle that was dated May 13, 2018. The note included a happy Mother's Day and happy birthday message to a woman on behalf of her late son.

As teams bagged smaller trash items and piled up larger ones, PCSI employees and environmental staff collected the piles of trash in pickup trucks, making about 40 rounds around the base and taking more than 20 loads to a dumpster. Nearly 4 tons of trash and debris were collected.



(L-R) Furnishings Supervisor - Wayne Morris, QCM/SM Michelle Avery-Nazzaretto, GMW Tim Edwers, Shaun Edwers, PM Janet Smith, Josephine Leatherwood, Dis-patcher Jeremy Leatherwood, GMW Jessie Thompson

WEAR BLUE: RUN TO REMEMBER

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On May 26, 2018, PCSI employees and family members volunteered for the Wear Blue: Run to Remember event. This organization was founded by Gold Star Spouse, Lisa Hallet whose husband, John, was killed in action while deployed with his unit from JBLM. Founded as a running group where spouses could deal with their grief in a positive, healthy way, while at the same time remembering and honoring fallen heroes.

There are chapters around the country, but the DuPont chapter remains the primary "hub." They have a Gold Star Race Program and a Gold Star Youth Mentorship Program (GSYMP). Partnering with Big Brothers/Big Sisters, this program matches a Gold Star Youth with an active duty service member for a 9-week period where they run together every Saturday morning, working towards running a 5k on Memorial Day (Wear Blue also holds a run on Memorial Day in DuPont that is attended by hundreds that come out to honor the fallen. The program has helped reconnect these children with the life of a soldier, so they can feel closer to the life that their fallen parent led. The special relationships built with their mentors and the special attention was powerful, as was the confidence and sense of accomplishment they felt from training for their run.

With monies, provided by PCSI corporate, we were able to sponsor the run, providing breakfast for the Gold Star kids, mentors and other Wear Blue runners and volunteers. We had the opportunity to meet and interact with the Gold Star kids, their mentors and the Wear Blue leaders/volunteers, including Military Spouse of the Year, Krista Simpson-Anderson who is a Gold Star Spouse and mother of 2 boys.

Prior to the start of the run, a circle of remembrance is held where everyone reads aloud at least one name of a fallen hero they are running for. "I cannot put into words the impact the circle of remembrance made on me and my team. I encourage other sites to see if there is a chapter in their area and get involved. It is so easy and doesn't take much time, but the benefit of doing so is immeasurable. To get more information you can check out their website and videos," said Janet Smith, 690 JBLM Project Manager.

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L/R: Command Food Service Technician Mr. Bowers and Dining Facility Manager SFC Noemi Virostek present Mr. and Ms. Yi with an award of appreciation.

Long-Time Dining Facility Employees Honored During Farewell Event

Fort Hood, TX

The Fort Hood Food Service Team conducted a farewell event for several long-term employees who recently departed. A light lunch and cake were served in the meeting room of the Theodore Roosevelt Dining Facility on July 31, 2018.

Attending the farewell were Mr. Song Yi and Mrs. Chong Yi, who have served as dining facility attendants in the Fort Hood Dining Facilities, since July 1979.

Ms. Kwang Steacy served as an attendant since April 1982, Ms. Man Cha Johnson served as an attendant since April 1993, and Mr. Michael Evans served as a shift leader and is re-locating.

These individuals are truly outstanding and are greatly missed by the staffs of all the Fort Hood dining facilities.

PCSI All Stars

PCSI Employee of the Month

April 2018: Jose Gaytan, Site 560

May 2018: Kalub Bray, Site 570

June 2018: Robert Hire, Site 650

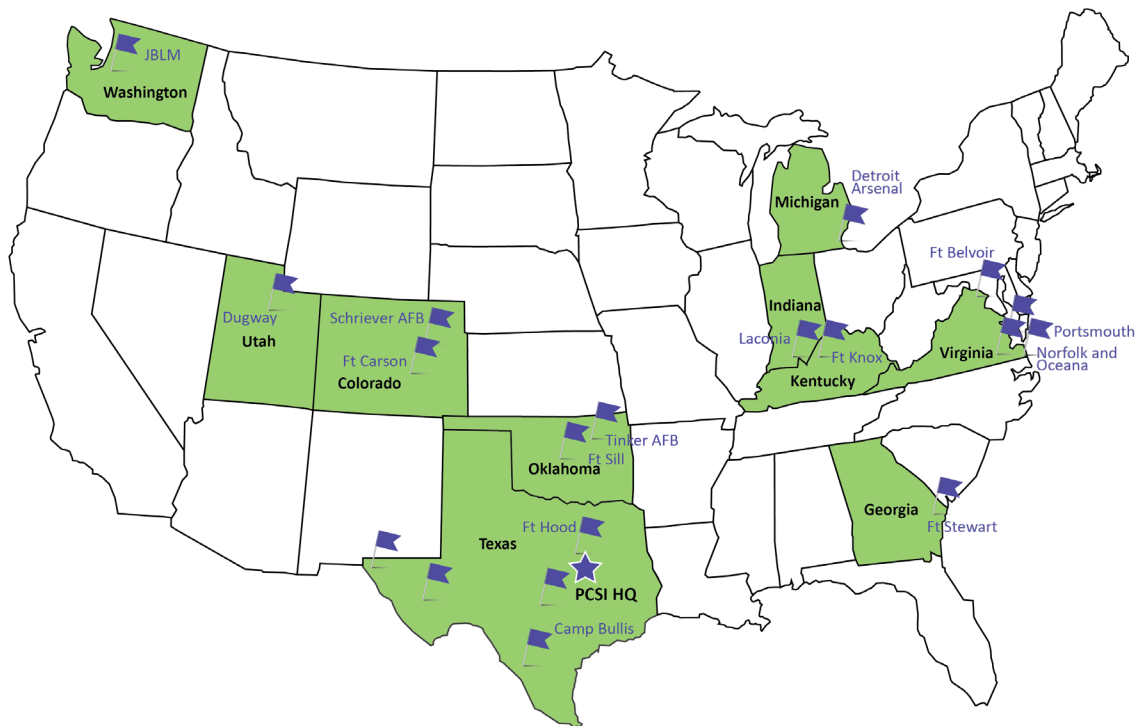
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Employee: Kalub Bray, Site 570

Supervisor: Michelle Avery Nazzaretto, Site 690

Corporate Employee: Daryl Heckard

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