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## MET chief named Civilian of Quarter

By Yolie Canales

Many employees at Yuma Proving Ground are known to be subject matter experts in their professions. They work long hours; some in remote areas and in harsh weather, particularly in the hot summer months, when temperatures can reach high degrees. Weather plays an important role in safety and health as well as mission accomplishment at YPG. Nick McColl, meteorological branch chief, has worked in his department in providing essential services to YPG since 2005.

McColl was recently recognized by YPG Commander, Col. Reed Young, as the Civilian of the Quarter for YPG, and Army Evaluation Testing Command in Aberdeen, Md.

McColl provides methodological guidance to customers in project planning and scheduling, and helps define unique test parameters suitable for specifying atmospheric effects on test systems and offers advise on optimum season, time-of-day, and weather conditions for successful missions.

In 2011, the branch chief position became vacant and McColl as acting chief, successfully managed the scheduling of resources, with a work force of only five

government and three contract employees. In addition to being understaffed, the U.S. had experienced a national helium shortage over the past several months. Helium is used to launch balloons with tethered instrumentation, allowing for atmospheric conditions to be measured, which is required for much of the testing that takes place at YPG. McColl developed a four pronged strategic approach to this hurdle. First, he communicated with the test community; to request that commodity groups only use balloons when necessary. Second, he reached out to other test ranges to see if he could secure any excess helium available. Third, he instructed other meteorologists and technicians in the branch to reduce the amount of helium they loaded into the balloons. Fourth, he pushed for a contract to provide YPG with a long term solution, and making YPG a priority customer to helium vendors. By taking these steps, the Meteorological Branch was able to continue supporting the YPG mission without test delay, cancellation, or data integrity issues.

McColl resides in Yuma with his wife and family. He enjoys spending his free time on family outings.



(PHOTO BY MARK SCHAUER)

Nick McColl, meteorologist and branch chief, prepares to pull the lanyard during the Civilian of the Quarter ceremony.



### VOW Job Fair a great success!

Yuma Proving Ground's Army Community Service, hosted a Veterans Opportunity to Work Job Fair at the Desert Breeze Travel Camp Community Room on Thursday, Feb. 7. Approximately 15 vendors participated and 81 individuals signed in. "It was an excellent event," said Juanita Saez. "We were able to match three veterans to three jobs. These are great results." The event which featured workshops in areas such as resume preparation, dressing for success, and interview skills was attended by the Yuma community. At left, YPG's Civilian Personnel Advisory Center, provides information to individuals seeking federal employment. Other organizations that attended the event were Yuma Private Industry Council, Yuma Police Department, University of Phoenix, Marine Corps Air Station's Human Resource Office, Hire a Vet organization, Arizona Western College, TRAX Inc., and many more. (PHOTO BY YOLIE CANALES)

# New personnel system coming

By Mark Schauer

Get ready for a new personnel and pay system coming to YPG in March.

Called the Acquisition Demonstration (AcqDemo) project, the new system will remove about 220 of YPG's Army Test and Evaluation Command (ATEC) employees from the current General Service (GS) pay schedule on March 24th. ATEC employees who are in wage grade, bargaining unit, or security positions will remain under the GS system, as will folks on the Installation Management side of the house.

Although a different system, most aspects of work life will not change for those converting to AcqDemo. Current work schedules, benefits, leave-accrual rates, and veterans' preference remain in force, as do all laws and practices that currently apply.

"The system is beneficial for most people, in my opinion," said Janet Cook, chief of staff. "It will allow managers recruiting new employees to offer more pay incentives than under the GS system, plus, it offers more opportunities for salary increases among existing employees."

When affected workers convert to AcqDemo on March 24th, salaries will be determined by their current salary plus a buy-in based on the time they have earned toward their next within-grade salary increase (WGI). As an example, a hypothetical employee who earns \$49,024 a year as a GS-09 step 2, and has six months of service toward his or her next WGI of \$1,582, would start in the AcqDemo system with an annual salary of \$49,815, the

\$791 raise representing the prorated portion of their next WGI. Rather than 15 grades, future raises are based on performance measured by six standards: problem solving, teamwork, customer relations, leadership, communication, and resource management.

"Under the current GS system, employee pay has been frozen for three years," said Cook. "With AcqDemo, employees will receive a contribution-based performance award that can include a salary increase."

These salary increases could potentially earn an employee more money than possible under the GS system. Further, this will be done in a more streamlined manner.

The AcqDemo rating system that determines performance is different than either the GS system or the discontinued National Security Personnel System (NSPS). Under AcqDemo, employees are ranked on a 1-100 scale for a rating period that conforms to the fiscal year. The ratings are established by a pay pool panel that reviews each employee's written self-assessment of how he or she met or exceeded standards.

"The appraisal system may be a little complicated initially, but that's why we're offering training courses for both supervisors and employees early in March," said Cook.

ATEC headquarters has utilized the AcqDemo system almost since its inception in the late 1990s. The program currently covers about 15,000 civilian employees in the Department of Defense. YPG is the first ATEC proving ground to give the system a try.

## Girl Scout cookie sale on YPG



(PHOTO BY KELLIE PACELLA)

The Yuma Proving Ground Girl Scout #179 troop kicked off the cookie season with a "Walk About" on post selling cookies to various businesses and community residents. They will be setting up a booth in front of the AAFES Shoppett on Wednesday, Feb. 27, from 3:30 to 5 p.m. If you would like to order cookies, please contact Sara Gleason at: [sdgleason@yahoo.com](mailto:sdgleason@yahoo.com).

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# Bishop visits YPG and leaves quite impressed

By Yolie Canales

Providing pastoral care to approximately 1.8 million Catholics worldwide, including U.S. Soldiers, Sailors, Marines, Airmen, Coast Guardsmen, hospitalized veterans, and civilians serving the federal government beyond U.S. borders as well as their families is what the Archdiocese for the Military Services (AMS), USA does.

Recently, Bishop Neal J. Buckon, bishop of the AMS, visited YPG while in Yuma.

“This was a great opportunity for me to come and see what Yuma Proving Ground’s mission is all about and learn what this unique place is known for, while at the same time visiting with the YPG Chaplain, Maj. Loren

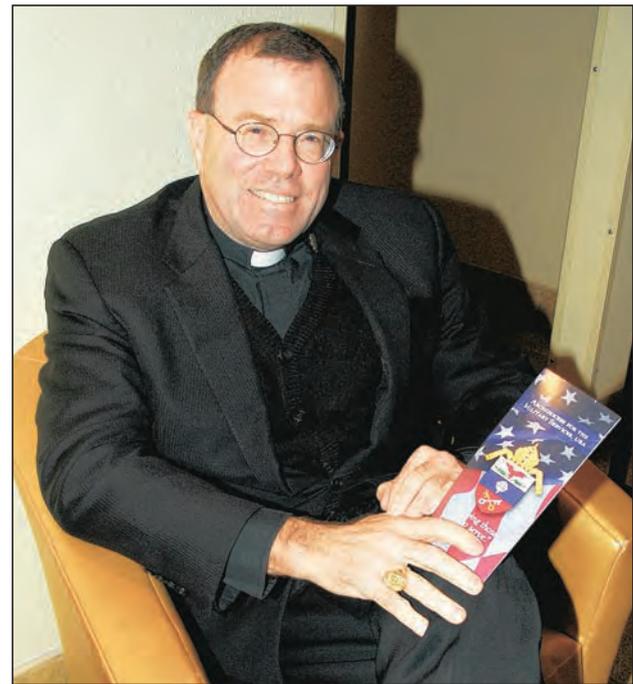
Hutsell,” said Bishop Buckon, a 28-year retired Army Lt. Col. “As a Catholic Bishop, I’m also making pastoral visits to the chaplain community, and celebrating a confirmation mass at Marine Corps Air Station Yuma.”

Bishop Buckon, who retired from the Army in 2010, said that Pope Benedict asked him to become an auxiliary bishop for AMS for all military personnel. Buckon said, “When Catholics come into the military, we want to allow them to continue practicing their faith freely.” According to Buckon, there are more than 500 ordained priests who carry out the global ministry of the AMS, with approximately 250 active-duty chaplains who are also commissioned

officers in the U.S. military, as well as some 250 civilian or retired military priests serving as chaplains in Veterans Administration Medical Centers.

While at YPG, Buckon met with Col. Reed Young, YPG commander; Julio Dominguez, YPG’s technical director; Command Sgt. Maj. Keith West; Rick Martin, garrison manager; and Chaplain Hutsell. He was provided an over flight of the proving ground range.

“YPG is one unique facility,” said Buckon. “It has a very important mission with a wonderful team of experts in their fields and a vibrant community. I look forward to coming back next year to visit and spend more time.”



(PHOTO BY YOLIE CANALES)

Bishop Neal J. Buckon visited the proving ground and leaves with great memories of his visit.

## Boy Scouts compete



(PHOTO BY KELLIE PACELLA)

The Boy Scout Pack #3 from YPG participated in the annual Pinewood Derby, where each scout raced a car they had made. The following were winners of their den: Hayden Morales-Webelo, Noah Jones-Bear, Kaden Pemberton-Wolf and Landen Kennedy-Tiger.

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# Installations remain Army Strong

## February Go-Getters

Army installations will continue to hire the critical career fields from firefighters to child-care workers, Lt. Gen. Mike Ferriter, commander of the U.S. Army Installation Management Command, announced today.

Earlier this week, Headquarters, Department of the Army provided guidance regarding a department-wide hiring freeze and release of term and temporary civilian personnel.

In that guidance, authority to approve exceptions to the hiring freeze is delegated to commanders of Army Commands, Army Service Component Commands, Direct Reporting Units and the Administrative Assistant to the Secretary of the Army for Headquarters, Department of the Army and its Field Operating and

Staff Support Agencies. The above authority delegates hiring authority to the Commanding General, U.S. Army Installation Management Command.

"I am authorizing the hiring to continue in the following program areas to ensure we continue to provide programs and services in support of critical missions, national security, safety of human life and the protection of private property," Ferriter said.

Garrisons are given approval to hire firefighters, security guards, civilian police, air traffic controllers, lifeguards, Sexual Harassment/Assault Response and Prevention program staff (permanent and term), Alcohol and Substance Abuse Program counselors, and -- regardless of funding source -- Child,

Youth and School Services staff in accordance with IMCOM Command and Headquarters, Department of the Army hiring guidelines.

Ferriter emphasized, "Because of the important nature of installation management business, we will review hiring requests at each garrison and can make additional approvals to ensure critical missions continue. We have spoken with every garrison commander or deputy and command sergeant major throughout IMCOM this week to ensure they understand the importance our mission. The Army leadership remains committed to providing the best possible support to Soldiers, Families, civilians and our Soldiers for Life."



Congratulations to Justein Rucker (top), Second grade and Bradford Walk (bottom), Third grade students from Miss Nixon's class for being selected Price Elementary School "Go-Getters" for the month of February!

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Before introducing Yuma Proving Ground engineers at HL Suverkrup Elementary School, Iris Espinoza (second from left) talks to students about engineering careers. Participating engineers are: James Meyers, Omar Silva, Juan Elizarraras and Carlos Anyaya.

## YPG sparks interest in engineering in students

By Chuck Wullenjohn

Yuma Proving Ground employs people in variety of positions, many of them in engineering, but relatively few of those engineers grew up in the local area. A YPG program aims to interest young people from the Yuma area in engineering early so they might become future YPG employees.

Late last year, the proving ground implemented the Engineers in Elementary Schools program that sees young engineers visit classrooms to spark the interest of students at the fourth- and fifth-grade levels in engineering careers. The basic idea is to urge kids to start preparing for technical careers by doing well in all their subjects in school, including mathematics and science.

Program presenters plan to visit elementary schools throughout the county. Since the first school visit in late November, they have visited nine schools thus far in several Yuma County communities: Wellton, San Luis, Somerton and Yuma. Program organizers set a goal to visit the many schools that want the presentation by

the end of the spring term. Right now, the program is on track to do just that.

Iris Espinoza, YPG civilian training and outreach manager, coordinates the program, which puts an engineer (typically a relatively recent college graduate) in front of groups that have varied from 20 to more than 100 kids. The engineer delivers a "one-hour, high-energy presentation" on several of the engineering disciplines and on the types of things engineers in those areas do.

The intention is to communicate with, and engage young people in the possibility of someday becoming engineers. Too many young people, says Espinoza, still see the prospect of attending a university and receiving a college degree as an unattainable goal. Studies show that many students lose interest in science around the fourth- and fifth-grade levels.

"We often see blank stares from kids when we ask them what an engineer is after we enter the classroom. Many think engineers only drive locomotives or fire engines."

By the end of the visit, however,

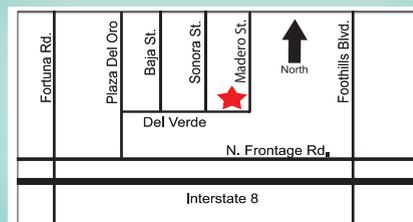
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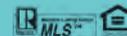
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# YPG Fire Department trains for aircraft emergency

By Mark Schauer

It is a call no one ever wants to receive.

The pilot of one of YPG's UH-72A Lakota helicopters radios the control tower at Laguna Army Airfield (LAAF) that there is a burning electrical smell coming from the instrument panel and that he is losing control of the aircraft.

This time the call for help is only an emergency drill, but all participants realize the possibility that one day the call could be real.

"We are required to exercise our pre-accident plan annually," said Robert Schultz, aviation safety officer.

As the pilots land on a remote corner of one of LAAF's runways, the control tower contacts range control and the YPG fire department.

Within minutes, a crash fire rescue vehicle approaches the downed helicopter spraying water from its attached water cannon, with two ambulances following behind. If the Lakota had really crashed and leaked its hundreds of gallons of fuel,

firefighters would use flame-retardant foam instead of water to douse the flames. As the fire vehicle stops,

several firefighters emerge and ready a hose to approach the helicopter.

They are dressed in silver proximity gear, heavily-insulated full-body suits and visor-equipped helmets made of aluminized glass fibers and designed to reflect intense heat. Aircraft fires typically burn much hotter than house fires, and aircraft frames are made of composite materials that billow potentially deadly smoke as they burn.

"The safety of the pilots and passengers is the firefighters' number one priority," said Schultz. "Secondary to that is making an effort to not destroy the helicopter if possible."



(PHOTOS BY MARK SCHAUER)

Clad in proximity gear, heavily-insulated full-body suits and visor-equipped helmets, two YPG firefighters put pilot Paul Uster on a stretcher during an exercise simulating a helicopter crash.

In a helicopter crash, accomplishing these two important goals is a methodical process that must be undertaken rapidly.

"We have to shut the engines down, shut the fuel switches off, and shut the batteries off to make sure the craft is safe for us to get to before we pull out the pilots and passengers," said John Staggs, fire chief.

"The engine will run for as long as it has fuel," added Schultz. "It doesn't care if the rotor blades are attached or not."

If the crashed helicopter's rotor

blade is still attached and turning, the firefighters also have to engage the rotor brake to allow personnel to approach the craft from all sides. This done, the firefighters carefully pull the pilots from the Lakota and carry them to waiting stretchers. In a real crash, the injured would be stabilized on the trip to the hospital.

"Overall it went good," said Staggs of the exercise. "We learned a couple of things that will make us better prepared in the future."



Far away from the scene of the simulated aircraft fire, YPG firefighters load pilot Paul Uster into an ambulance. In a real crash, YPG paramedics would stabilize the injured en route to the hospital.



In a real-world helicopter crash, emergency responders need to turn off the downed aircraft's engine, fuel switches, and battery in order to safely remove the injured from the wreckage. They also need to set the rotor brake to stop the blades from turning.



Participants in a simulated helicopter crash felt the annual training was beneficial for their readiness.

# How to log into e-OPF

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things are different.

"Kids have preconceived notions that gradually change," Espinoza explained. "We show them the many types of engineers there are, all the types of jobs that they can do and we tell them that engineers are problem-solvers. We also tell them that anyone willing to do the work can become one."

Program presenters have adjusted the presentation as they gained experience and have enjoyed the academic reception they have received. One teacher has asked them to return to assist with a science project, and each visit ends with a barrage of questions from the students: Is being an engineer fun? What do I do to become one?

Educators can contact Iris Espinoza at 328-7740 or iris.l.espinoza.civ@mail.mil.

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## 2013 Silver Spur Rodeo Parade participant



(PHOTO BY MARK SCHAUER)

Yuma Proving Ground Commander Col. Reed Young waves at spectators along the parade route of the 2013 Silver Spur Rodeo Parade. Each year, the Yuma Jaycees invites the Yuma Proving Ground commander to participate and ride along in the parade. This is a great opportunity for the Yuma community to have a first-hand 'meet and greet' with the installation's commander.


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February is Black History Month. We asked members of the workforce, "Who is your favorite figure in black history?"



**Shaun Mather**  
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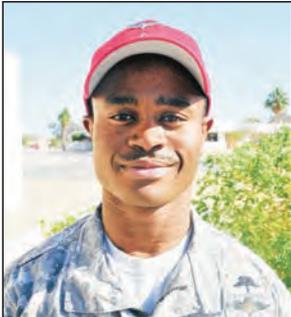
Shaun Mather, engineering technician: Garret Morgan. He invented the traffic signal and the gas mask. I like learning where things come from, and traffic lights are something that we are affected by on a day to day basis and don't even think about



**Donnett Brown,**  
Environmental  
protection specialist

Matthew Henson. He was the first person to reach the geographic North Pole. It was remarkable, for the time period that he lived in, that he overcame so many obstacles. He was a conduit between native people and explorers.

Sojourner Truth. She had a lot of courage to escape from slavery and not only speak out against slavery; but in favor of women's rights as well. I love her quote when she was elderly, "I suppose I am to be kept here because something remains for me to do. I suppose I am yet to help break the chain." To me that is a very powerful statement about life for all of us.



**Sgt. Colin Alexander**  
Parachute Rigger

Sgt. Colin Alexander, parachute rigger: Rosa Parks. I admire her for standing up for her rights by not giving up her seat on the bus. That one act had a huge impact on the country.



**Beverly Williams**  
Legal Assistant:

Harriet Tubman. I recently learned more about her and how she did far more than free slaves through the underground railroad. She was concerned with all people and had an amazing life.



**Maj. Loren Hutsell,**  
Chaplain

## Chaplain's Corner

# An underground railroad

By Chaplain (Maj.) Loren Hutsell

The Christian season of Lent began on Ash Wednesday (February 13) and continues until Easter. Lent is a time when many Christians prepare for Easter by observing a period of sacrifice, repentance, and spiritual disciplines. The purpose is to spend time reflecting upon Christ's love and sacrifice, as well as to consider what changes one can make to live in greater service to others. Martin Luther taught that a religion that gives nothing, costs nothing, and suffers nothing, is worth nothing. So it's important to ask, how much value does my faith really have? Someone like Harriet Tubman helps us to consider the value of our faith.

Harriet Tubman was a brave woman who escaped from slavery during the Civil War. Despite a huge reward for her capture, she returned to the slaveholding states nearly twenty times to lead hundreds of African-Americans into freedom. She was a primary conductor of the Underground Railroad and once declared, "On my underground railroad,

I never run my train off the track and I never lose a passenger." When asked about the source of her fearless strength, she was known to say: "It wasn't me, it was the Lord. I always told him, I trust you. I don't know where to go or what to do, but I expect you to lead me. And he always did." Harriet Tubman was never captured and she lived her life in devotion to helping others. Her faith had great value because she was even willing to risk her life to lead someone to freedom.

The Scriptures teach that our faith is to be active and engaging the world around us. Our faith is described as being a light in the darkness. That means that we are to be making a difference in the life of someone else. There are many people in our lives who have been denied love, truth and justice and who could use some support. There are many people who need an "underground railroad" of support during difficult days and situations that might be getting the best of them. During this season of Lent, may God lead each of us in greater devotion and care of others in need.

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Patrick D. Aiello, MD

Dr. Aiello received his MD degree from the University of Michigan. After completing both an Internship and Residency in Internal Medicine at the University of North Carolina, he finished a Residency in Ophthalmology at the world renowned Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota. He is board certified in both Internal Medicine and Ophthalmology.

In addition to caring for his patients at the Aiello Eye Institute, he is an examiner for the American Board of Ophthalmology, and a clinical instructor for the Midwestern School of Osteopathic Medicine in Phoenix. He is a Retired Air Force Senior Flight Surgeon and State Air Surgeon for the Arizona National Guard with 27 years of military service. Having performed more than 15,000 surgeries, he is regarded as one of the state's leading eye surgeons.

Dr. Aiello is the only Ophthalmologist doing Lasik and PRK in Yuma, Arizona.

### Aiello Eye Institute

Dr. Aiello organized the Aiello Eye Institute in Yuma in order to provide world-class eye care to the community. With a highly trained staff and associates utilizing only the latest technology and equipment, the Aiello Eye Institute provides the areas most comprehensive and patient-centered vision healthcare. Your vision is our mission.



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### About Dr. Snyder



Elliott Snyder, OD

Fluent in Spanish, Elliott Snyder, O.D., offers optometric care for patients of all ages. He came to Aiello Eye Institute from Florida, where he studied at Nova Southeastern University's College of Optometry. He grew up in Las Vegas and received a bachelor's degree in biology from University of Nevada, Las Vegas. He continued his education at Nova in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, earning a bachelor's degree in vision science and a doctorate in optometry.

During his time in optometry school, Dr. Snyder served as student body president and was a recipient of the Transition Lens Scholarship. He also participated in vision testing with the Florida Special Olympics and worked with the Florida Council for the Blind and Visually Impaired.

Also while in school, he had several externships where he gained valuable knowledge in the fields of ocular disease, pediatric ocular care and contact lens management.

Dr. Snyder is a supporter of the Boy Scouts of America and the Lions Club. In his free time, he enjoys spending time with his family, bike riding, swimming and reading.

Dr. Snyder is an active member of the American Optometric Association (AOA) and works with InfantSEE®, a public health program managed by Optometry Cares, the AOA Foundation.

As a highly respected optometrist, Dr. Snyder, offers his patients the very best in precision eye care. To learn more about what he can do for you, request an appointment with Dr. Snyder, or call our office and one of our staff will schedule an appointment for you.

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