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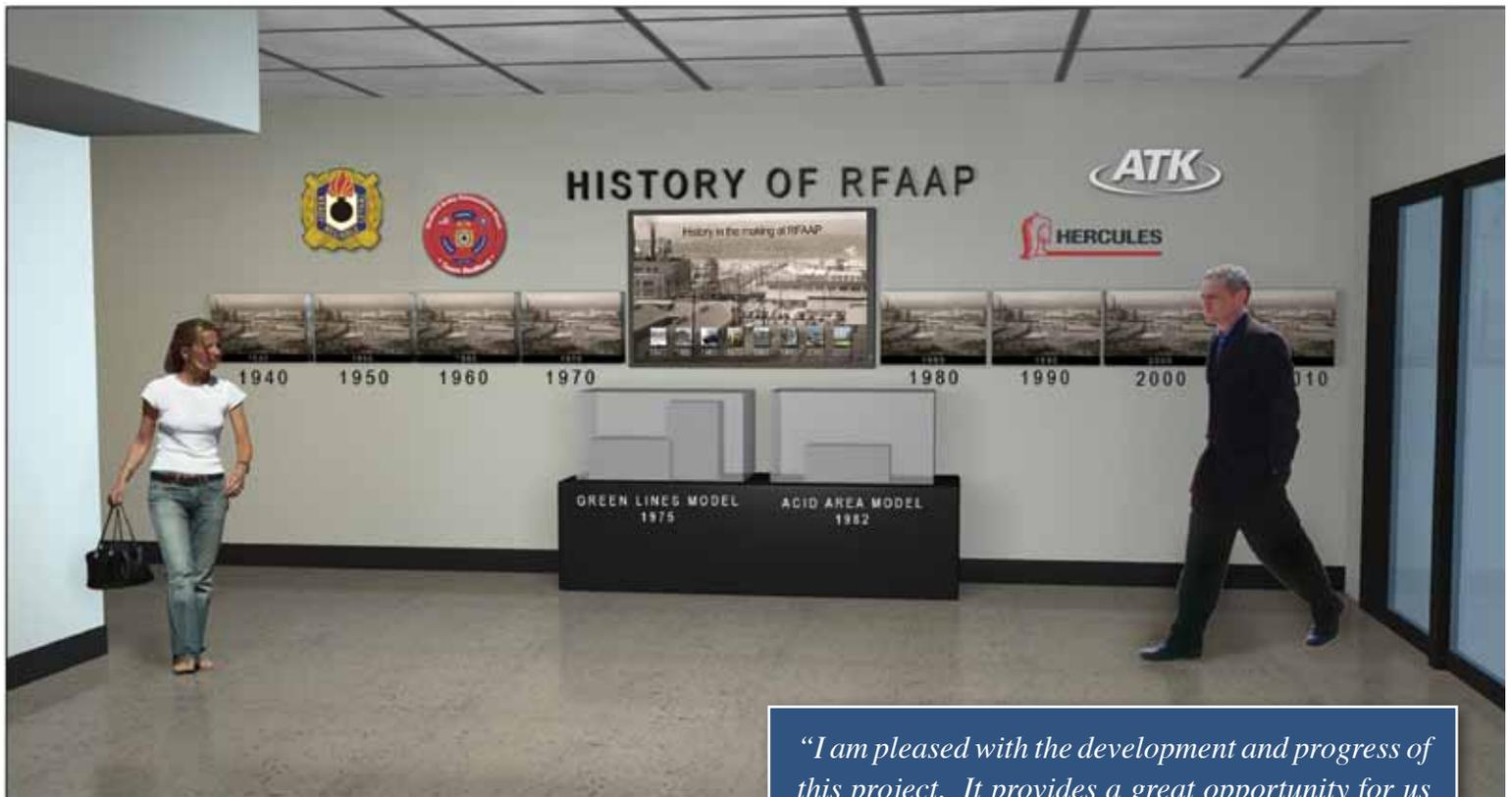
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HISTORY TO COME ALIVE AT RFAAP



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Conceptual Rendering of the RFAAP History Exhibit

The renovated cafeteria in Building 220 will soon feature an interactive history exhibit. In addition to vintage photographs and restored scale models of RFAAP manufacturing buildings, each decade at RFAAP will be highlighted with its own short video. The exhibit is being produced by ATK Media and will be on display in the coming months.

The exhibit is scheduled to be completed and ready to be enjoyed by all ATK Employees and visitors by June 2009.

“I am pleased with the development and progress of this project. It provides a great opportunity for us to preserve and display the story of Radford Army Ammunition Plant’s role in defending our country’s freedom and the freedom of our allies over the last 68 years. The members of Team Radford and all the people within the region can take pride in this rich history. Thanks to all of you that have championed this project and made it a lasting remembrance of Radford’s role for all future employees and friends of the arsenal. Without your hard work and dedication, it would not have happened.”

COL DRUSHAL



Jim Scoutten host of “American Shooter”.

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FROM THE COMMANDER

J.R. DRUSHAL
COL, CM
Commanding

Wow! How time flies when you're having fun. I must sadly report that this will be my last Powder Press note. I change command on 12 June concluding my 2 years in command.

It has been an absolute joy serving each and every one of you the last two years. I must admit, this command has been a huge learning experience for me. But, as an Army officer, we remain flexible and we never stop learning. Every day I came to work and each time I went out on plant, I learned something new. It's absolutely impossible to gain a complete understanding and appreciation for the complexities of the plant and the accomplishments you have made within two years. I am truly amazed at the collective knowledge of the entire workforce gained over the years here and have high hopes you will continue to serve our nation proudly. I am certainly proud of you and find the folks working at RFAAP to be no different than any soldier, marine, sailor, or airman - a team of commit-

ted professionals working towards the common goal of a strong nation.

Every Commander wants to leave his mark during his tenure. The idea is to attempt to leave the plant better than when you arrived. The cumulative effect over the years should eventually lead us to a modern, lean, and efficient plant. But, I have a different slant on this concept. I hope the mark I have made on the plant is that which has created lasting memories for those of you I was lucky enough to work and speak with. Yes, improving processes or leaving new or rebuilt buildings behind is great, but I find that my experiences with each of you is what is more important.

I will depart and remember with fondness my time at RFAAP. I leave you in capable hands with the arrival of LTC Andy Munera. He is an old 82nd Airborne Division buddy and will continue to do battle to take care of you, the plant, and the mission.

RFAAP continues to enjoy a very good reputation in the Ammunition Industrial Base. Joint Munitions Command has complete confidence in all of you, your leadership, and our products. Keep up the fine work and for those prior Army and Marine Corps guys - "I'll See You on the High Ground"!

ATK Introduces NEW Employee Referral Program



>Four
award
levels:

Non-exempt hires: \$500
Skilled labor: \$1,500
Salaried hires: \$2,000
Strategic hires: \$4,000

Strategic Hires:

1. Must have skills that directly support program performance (i.e., design engineer or program manager)
2. Must have unique or specialized skills (i.e., systems engineer or digital signal processing engineer)
3. Will include positions that are hard to fill due to changing labor market conditions

General Information:

- Understandably, hiring managers, HR and Directors are not eligible. Requisitions must be marked as "Employee Referral Eligible" to qualify.
- Award amounts are paid after the hired referral completes 30 days of employment.

How to Apply:

1. Under Employee Solutions, click "Career Opportunity System" link.
2. Select "Refer a Friend" at the bottom of any job posting.



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*Jeff Hamley
Human Resources
Generalist*

Join the National Marrow Donor Program (NMDP) *Register and give hope to patients everywhere.*

There are many patients who are desperately waiting to find a donor match. You may be able to save someone's life.

I joined the Registry in 1994. In January 2009, I was asked to donate marrow for a 10 year old girl with Acute Myelogenous Leukemia.

My donation took place at Wake Forest University in Winston Salem. The procedure went well with very little side affects.

You must be between the ages of 18 and 60 and in general good health. You should be committed to helping any patient. A simple blood test or cheek cell swab that

is given through an authorized NMDP Donor Center or Recruitment Group is needed to obtain your HLA tissue type so it can be entered into the National Registry. You will have to complete a short health questionnaire and sign a form stating that you understand what it means to be listed in the Registry.

The odds of finding a marrow donor in the general population are typically 1 in 20,000. Because of some rare genetic makeup, some people's odds are 1 in a million. You could be the one a patient needs.

Today, the NMDP has made it even easier to save a life. Join the NMDP bone marrow donor Registry online, at www.marrow.org, or to find a NMDP center in your community, please call 1-800-MARROW-2.

Once you are listed on the NMDP Registry, you will be contacted if you are identified as a possible match for a patient.

Certificate of Recognition

for achieving ISO certification from BSI Management Systems.

During a brief ceremony, RFAAP Commander, Colonel Jon Drushal, presented Pyrotechniques by Grucci, an ARMS tenant at RFAAP, with a certificate of recognition for achieving ISO certification from BSI Management Systems.

The ISO 9001:2000 Certificate of Registration validates Grucci's quality management system as being in conformance with a standard of established criteria. Grucci achieved the ISO certification on their first review by BSI Management Systems. Grucci's record of sustained quality production has been acknowledged by various Government agencies.



Pictured above are COL Drushal, on left, presenting the award to Mr. Randall Sumner, Facility Manager for Grucci, with employees in attendance. COL Drushal gave a short speech praising the efforts and dedication of all Grucci employees for their continuing support of our war fighters. Grucci has been manufacturing explosive simulators for the U.S. Military for over 10 years.

Congratulations to ATK Employees reaching years of service milestones

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| Reed, Benjamin M | 45 | Feb-09 | Boyd, Vickie A | 25 | Mar-09 |
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| Osborne, Jeffrey W | 43 | May-09 | Coulson, David R | 25 | May-09 |
| Dixon, Johnny G | 43 | Jun-09 | Donckers, Joseph M | 25 | Jun-09 |
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| Wade, Owen T | 42 | Mar-09 | Lilly, John W | 20 | Mar-09 |
| Davis, Arlie R | 42 | Jun-09 | Taylor, Carolyn R | 20 | Mar-09 |
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| Montgomery, Alvin W | 41 | Jun-09 | Quesenberry, Dwayne D | 20 | Apr-09 |
| Page, Marvin W | 40 | Jun-09 | Akers, Julia H | 20 | May-09 |
| Martin, Louis G | 35 | May-09 | Hicks, David S | 20 | May-09 |
| Anders, Richard S | 30 | Feb-09 | Frazier, Jane O | 15 | Feb-09 |
| Daugherty, Arthur T | 30 | Feb-09 | Wright, Mary W | 15 | Mar-09 |
| Mabe, Richard L | 30 | Feb-09 | Olmo, Debbie S | 15 | Apr-09 |
| Meredith, Timothy A | 30 | Feb-09 | Crockett, Harry E | 15 | Jun-09 |
| Price, David L | 30 | Feb-09 | Pfeiffer, Scott C | 15 | Jun-09 |
| Castele, Sharon S | 30 | Mar-09 | Stoots, Barry W | 10 | Feb-09 |
| Gabrysch, Leslie P | 30 | Mar-09 | Buckner, G lenda D | 10 | May-09 |
| Pack, Waymon R | 30 | Mar-09 | Sutphin, Brenda M | 10 | May-09 |
| Altizer, Sue H | 30 | Apr-09 | Thompson, Connie B | 10 | May-09 |
| Dalton, William L | 30 | Apr-09 | Neal, Lynda A | 10 | Jun-09 |
| Aker, Brenda A | 30 | May-09 | Velarde, Stephen P | 10 | Jun-09 |
| Alls, Thomas L | 30 | May-09 | Dickerson, Linda A | 5 | Feb-09 |
| Betteken III, Joseph C | 30 | May-09 | Rowland, Kimberly C | 5 | Feb-09 |
| Epperly, Lisa Y | 27 | Feb-09 | Pearman Jr, James D | 5 | May-09 |

RADFORD ARMY AMMUNITION PLANT COMMANDER'S PROMOTION CEREMONY

Family, friends and fellow soldiers gathered to watch as Lieutenant Colonel Jon Drushal, Commander, Radford Army Ammunition Plant, was promoted to the rank of Colonel by Brigadier General Thomas Spoehr, Director of Integration, Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff, G8, The Pentagon. The ceremony was held at the Huggard Building, Radford Army Ammunition Plant, on 27 February 2009.

Brigadier General Spoehr thanked everyone for attending the ceremony. After detailing Colonel Drushal's long and illustrious career, the General stated that, "Colonel Drushal is a dedicated and willing public servant that has distinguished himself in all of his assignments."

Colonel Drushal stated, "I am honored that the Army has such trust and confidence in me. This is indicative of the



Brigadier General Spoehr (left) Colonel Jon Drushal, Commander (right)

phenomenal support provided by those I have both worked for and for those whom, have worked for me. This rank is not a symbol of privilege and entitlement, but rather it is a symbol of responsibility and obligation."

Always Wear Your Seatbelt



Every day in the plant we see vehicles being operated without seatbelts. I understand the hassle; I could run a bunch of statistics by you that would show you why seatbelts are important and go hand in hand with safe operation of a vehicle.

Safety first always, so if you drive a powder van, you get to slide by while loaded because we want you to be able to leave the vehicle without delay if there is a problem, but for the rest of us we need to take the time and fasten our safety belts.

Programs are in place around the country for CLICK IT or TICKET IT and these programs are used to help make us aware that seatbelt usage saves lives and MONEY. Money spent on hospitals, days off, rehabilitation, and therapy.

Speaking from experience as a police officer for over 35 yrs and one of the biggest critics of wearing a seat belt

with a weapon and not being able to get out of the cruiser fast enough, I learned a valuable lesson from a friend who was in a pursuit and changed the type of road from concrete to blacktop at 55MPH and rolled a brand new Tahoe with 500 miles on it. He was not wearing a seat belt and he was ejected from the driver's seat, hitting the computer, radio system and then the passenger door before the vehicle stopped.

There is nothing more precious than life itself, seat belt usage is the law and not only here but all over the country; so when you are stopped don't get upset; just be happy that we care enough about you to do the checks and enforce the rules.

Thanks for your support in the WARFIGHTER mission and be safe.

Kenneth J. Mahoney, ACO Risk Manager



"The Scream" by Edvard Munch 1893

ALERT:

Adobe PDF Vulnerability

ATK has been infected by a known vulnerability in Adobe Acrobat Reader with infected PDF files. We have been receiving targeted attacks exploiting this vulnerability. These targeted attacks put ATK and our customers proprietary information at risk of cyber-crime. We are actively working with our Anti-Virus vendors to keep current on preventing the vulnerability. Adobe has stated they won't have a fix until mid-March; we are at risk until we deploy patches internally into late March.

IT needs your help in being proactive and preventative in avoiding infections from opening bad PDF files. Here are some tips:

- If you don't know the person you received an email from, **DO NOT OPEN IT.**
- Even if you know the sender, but you are not expecting an attachment from them, call to verify the attachment before opening it.
- If you aren't expecting an email for an external event or seminar, absolutely **DO NOT OPEN IT.**
- If you receive an email from yourself, which is a spoofed message, absolutely **DO NOT OPEN IT.**
- Do not click on links within e-mail messages from unknown senders.

If you get an e-mail and open an attachment and the content isn't what you expected to see or the file doesn't appear to open properly, contact the corporate IT Service Desk immediately, 877-285-0550. The file could contain a virus. This is similar to current attacks we are seeing in our system.

What is Your Product Center Scorecard Result?

This past year we established a scorecard to evaluate quality performance of each Product Center.

This scorecard monitors performance in the following areas.
See Scorecard graphic.



Bonus points can be awarded for positive feedback from our customers as well as points

will be deducted for product lot failures. As a member of the Product Center, do you know how your area is doing? Ask your supervision or the Quality Engineer.

| SCORECARD | |
|------------------|--|
| ✓ | Customer Complaints |
| ✓ | Cost of Quality scrap and rework data |
| ✓ | Timeliness to corrective actions for audits, Material Review Records, and discrepancy reports for equipment and gauges |
| ✓ | Management of suppliers |

ISO Quality Management System Audit

April 20 - 24th, 2009

Beware of the First of March!



A late winter storm comes to Radford bringing with it six to eight inches of snow in some areas.



Safety Milestone 2,000,000 Man-Hours

On February 4th we reached 2,000,000 man-hours without a lost time injury. This is a significant achievement at Radford and is the 1st 2,000,000 man hour award since ATK became the operating contractor. Congratulations to all employees in reaching this milestone.

*Be kind to the Planet.
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Rocket Science 101



Third-grade students at Prices Fork Elementary received a visit from AES engineers Tom Farabaugh, Joe Bellotte and Duncan Langlois on March 12th. The students learned about rockets.



Preliminary Acid Tank Work in Support of the New NAC/SAC Facility

The purpose of this project was to demolish two existing tanks T-50 & T-53 in the Acid Area Tank Farm and replace T-53 with an existing tank T-62 from the Oleum Plant. This project is the first step of many that have been programmed for the purpose of modernizing the Acid Area Tank Farm which is vital to commissioning the new NAC/SAC Facility during 2010. The project was initiated early to meet the requirements of an electrical power outage during ATK's normally scheduled Christmas shutdown.

ATK Modernization Project Engineer, Bill Nietzold, managed this project to successful completion. As a result, savings in excess of \$500,000 were realized by the U.S. Army. The ACO Staff is proud of this preliminary work required for support of the NAC/SAC and wish to congratulate Mr. Nietzold on a job well done.

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