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Hammack: Army needs two more rounds of BRAC

WASHINGTON (Army News Service, March 9, 2012) -- The Army needs two more rounds of base realignment and closure, known as BRAC, to align its infrastructure with a downsizing force, the assistant secretary responsible for installations told lawmakers this week.

"The Army does support the DOD request for BRAC authority for 2013 and 2015," said Katherine Hammack, assistant secretary of the Army for installations, energy and environment, "because changes in force structure will necessitate evaluation of our facilities to optimize usage and capability."

Hammack testified March 7 on Capitol Hill to the House Appropriations Committee, subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs and Related Agencies. Her testimony followed that of Dorothy Robyn, deputy undersecretary of Defense for installations and environment, who made the case for additional BRAC rounds.

"Of all the efficiency measures that the department has undertaken over the years, BRAC is perhaps the most successful and significant," Robyn said.

Under BRAC 2005, the Army closed 11 installations and 387 reserve-component sites while realigning 53 other installations, Hammack said.

While BRAC legislation is used to close installations in the United States, no such authority is required overseas, and Hammack outlined to legislators how the Army has realigned in Germany and Korea.

"We have listened to Congress and have followed your guidance to reduce costs and

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ACC announces 2012 NCOY competition

By Lt. Col. Martha Brooks

Expeditionary Contracting Command public affairs officer

Army Contracting Command will select its Noncommissioned Officer of the year during three days of competition, May 21-23, at Camp Bullis, Texas.

"The ultimate goal for this competition is to select the best NCO to represent ACC and win the Army Material Command's noncommissioned officer of the year competition," said Command Sgt. Maj. John Murray, ACC command sergeant major.

The AMC NCO of the Year competition is scheduled for July 15-20 at Rock Island Arsenal, Ill.

This year's competition is open to all NCOs regardless of their military occupational specialty as long as they are assigned to an ACC subordinate unit. Brigades are not limited to the number of NCOs they can send to this event and are encouraged to send several to the competition.

"That is really what it is about: it's about competing, it's about being victorious. It's about saying 'no one is more professional than I,'" Murray said.

This competition will measure NCOs against their peers in several events, said Sgt. Maj. Darryl Melvin, ACC deputy chief of staff, Mission Operations sergeant major. The tests will consist of a broad range of Army skills to include physical fitness and agility, day and night land navigation, weapons familiarization, weapons qualification, and oral and written communication.

This competition will allow NCOs the opportunity to trust their military training, gain valuable experience, sharpen their individual skills and become



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Command Sgt. Maj. John L. Murray (left) and Bryan Sampson, Expeditionary Contracting Command, deputy to the commanding General (right) present Staff Sgt. Matthew Shults, 627th Contingency Contracting Team, Kaiserslautern, Germany, last year's NCO of the Year award.

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Spotlight on...

Master Sgt. Cynthia Perryman



Master Sgt. Cynthia Perryman
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Kaiserslautern, Germany—Master Sgt. Cynthia Perryman, 903rd Contingency Contracting Battalion here, has been a leader since she was a child. The oldest of seven children, she’s always helped lead the way in her family. As the unit’s senior enlisted advisor, Perryman takes an active role in mentoring noncommissioned officers. She spends time counseling, listening, setting the example and taking a genuine interest in seeing Soldiers succeed.

“I really want to help Soldiers professionally grow, so I take a lot of time with the NCOs,” stated Perryman.

With 23 years of service under her belt, she has been climbing the enlisted ladder, always pushing herself to new heights. On active duty for 13 years, Perryman spent the first 10 years of her military career in the Alabama National Guard in logistics. She worked weekend drills and annual training while attending school, being a mother, newlywed and educator.

“My life was becoming routine. I wanted more for myself and my family. I wanted to experience more than just that small town

in Alabama,” said Perryman on why she joined the Army.

“My challenge to myself is to make a difference. I’m a true believer in Army values and the one that’s dear to my heart is respect,” she said.

Throughout her career, there have been a number of people that have made a difference in her professional career. One that stands out is retired Master Sgt. Norman Hall, Perryman’s first sergeant when she was assigned to the 1st Calvary Division, Fort Hood, Texas.

“He was a great mentor and a positive influence. I joined the Army when I was 30. He sat me down and said, do and know your job, lead from the front. You will have to catch up. I embedded those words within my thoughts,” says Perryman, referring to the fact that her peers were younger but further along in their military careers. “First Sgt. Hall was a motivator and he believed in basic soldiering by counseling and giving sound advice on education, family, military, and being not just an NCO wearing the rank, but an NCO going above and beyond,”

Perryman’s personal goals include earning a master’s degree in acquisition management. She would also like to attain the rank of sergeant major before retiring.

“Part of my success has been staying focused and surrounding myself with positive people. There’s good and bad wherever you go but you have to be able to know it when you see it and choose the route you want to take,” she said.

Reclassifying three years ago from the logistics branch, Perryman believes she has found her niche. “I reclassified into contracting because while I was making great progress in my military career, but I wanted more. The door of opportunity was opened and I walked in,” said Perryman.

“I enjoy contracting because it’s challenging. I can see my work being appreciated. It’s worthwhile because I contribute to the fight and I feel I make a difference. It’s a path to a great future after the Army and I’m happy. I think I’ll be doing this for awhile,” said Perryman with a smile.

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ACC trio wins 2010 Louis Dellamonica awards

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REDSTONE ARSENAL, Ala.— Three Army Contracting Command employees have won Army Materiel Command's 2010 Louis Dellamonica Award for Outstanding Personnel.

Timothy P. Baker, Dorothy Bell and Sylvia R. Youngman were among the 10



Timothy Baker

recipients announced by AMC earlier this month.

The award recognizes outstanding accomplishments that significantly contributed to AMC's mission and overarching goals and objectives. Each year AMC selects 10 employees, military and civilian, below the rank of general officer and senior executive service, which meet the established criteria and stand out as model employees.

"It's truly an honor to be recognized by AMC," Baker said. "I'm also very appreciative of my leadership for nominating me and providing me with rewarding career opportunities."

He is the operations branch chief in the ACC-Aberdeen Proving Ground's Huachuca Division, Fort Huachuca, Ariz., where he supervises more than 50 contracting employees.

"Mr. Baker continuously and positively motivates and inspires his subordinates, coworkers, superiors and customers," said Debra Parra, Huachuca division chief. "He has extraordinary leadership skills and dedication to excellence that are reflected throughout

the organization. He manages an overwhelming workload, but remains focused on successfully accomplishing the mission in support of our war fighter."

Bell is a contracting officer assigned to the Mission and Installation Contracting Command Installation Contracting Office-Fort Carson, Colo. She is currently deployed to Army Contracting Command-Kuwait, Camp Arifjan, where she is the division chief for Contract Support Operations.

"To be nominated for this award is a privilege" she said. "I am truly honored to have won this prestigious award. Louis Dellamonica's work ethic and lifetime achievements represent the 'cream of the crop.' I am humbled to be measured by his standards."

Frank Petty, director of the MICC ICO-Fort Carson, said, "Dorothy is one of the Army's best and is most deserving of the award and recognition. She embodies the highest standards of loyalty, integrity and personal behavior continuously, creating an environment where peers and subordinates without hesitation seek out her mentorship."

Petty added that Bell's 2011 Army Acquisition Excellence Award in the



Dorothy Bell

Individual Sustained Achievement Award category further demonstrates her exemplary performance as a professional.

Youngman is chief of the Sustainment Contracting Division, ACC-Rock Island, Rock Island Arsenal, Ill. "I am honored to receive the prestigious Dellamonica Award," Youngman said. "It is a privilege

to serve with the magnificent AMC family supporting the Soldier in the field."

Michael R. Hutchison, ACC-Rock Island executive director, said "Sylvia leads the way as a contracting professional by excelling at highly visible and demanding mission. The leadership she provides to her team of approximately 40 employees allows them to excel in the execution of nearly \$1.2 billion worth of contracts in support of AMC's materiel integrator – the Army Sustainment Command. She regularly accepts challenges, such as the source selection authority on the



Sylvia R. Youngman

Integrated Logistics Support Services contract, Army Sustainment Command's largest contract of the year. These contributions, in addition to many more, make her an excellent business advisor to ASC, a true mentor for her team and a valuable asset for ACC-RI and AMC in general."

Dellamonica was a general engineer with AMC's Hawthorne Army Depot, Nev. He was both the oldest and longest-serving Department of Defense employee before retiring in January 2007 at the age of 94 with more than 65 years of service.

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footprint in Europe and in Korea," she said.

In Europe over the last six years, the Army closed 97 sites and returned 23,000 acres. In Korea over the same time period, Hammack said the Army closed 34 sites with 7,300 acres returned to the host nation.

"In the next four years, we plan to close another 23 sites and return 6,400 acres, primarily to Germany," she continued, adding that in Korea over the next four years the Army plans to close 20 sites and return 9,400 acres.

"And so we are implementing a BRAC-like base realignment and closure overseas," Hammack said, "similar to what has been done in the United States."

The last BRAC round stateside greatly benefited the Army National Guard and Reserve, she said, explaining that dilapidated buildings were closed and units consolidated in new facilities. She added this enabled the return of land to local communities, helping their economies and tax base.

The Army will downsize its active-duty force by 80,000 Soldiers over the next six years, Army Chief of Staff Gen. Raymond T. Odierno said in separate testimony March 8 to the Senate Armed Services Committee. Overall, DOD plans for a 5.5 percent reduction in troops from across all services over the next five years.

"The math is straightforward," Robyn told the House Appropriations Committee members. "Force reductions produce excess capacity. Excess capacity is a drain on resources. Only through BRAC can we



Katherine Hammack, assistant secretary of the Army for installations, energy and environment, testified on Capitol Hill March 7 about energy security and Base Realignment And Closure. (U.S. Army photo)

align our infrastructure with our defense strategy."

In the fiscal year 2013 budget, the Army is asking for about \$100 million to handle environmental cleanup and caretaker issues at sites closed by the last round of BRAC. Another \$79 million is requested primarily for environmental cleanup of sites closed by even earlier rounds of BRAC.

The Army's overall fiscal year 2013 budget request for military construction, family housing and BRAC is \$3.6 billion, a 32 percent reduction from this year's budget, Hammack said. She added that the smaller budget request "reflects the current fiscal reality."

One way the Army plans to save money

is by reducing energy consumption and producing its own power through large-scale renewable-energy projects such as solar arrays, wind turbines and geothermal power.

"Reducing energy at Army facilities is mission-critical to us as we have seen energy challenges due to recent weather events," Hammack said. Midwest tornadoes over the last year hampered the ability of some installations to access energy off the grid as power lines went down, she explained.

Since 2003, the Army has reduced installation energy consumption by 13 percent, she said, while at the same time the number of active Soldiers and civilians has increased by 20 percent.

An Energy Initiatives Task Force was stood up at the Pentagon last year to help installations with large-scale energy projects. It is currently reviewing about 10 projects that could generate up to a gigawatt of energy, Hammack said.

In fact, she said a request for proposal, or RFP, was released last week for a \$7 billion multiple-award task order for energy projects.

"These projects are going to give us more energy security by relying on natural resources," Hammack said.

Hammack concluded her testimony noting that within the first quarter of FY 12, the Army implemented \$93 million in energy-saving performance contracts, "and that was more than we did in all of fiscal year '11, which was \$74 million." She said contract processing time had also been cut in half and was down to 12 to 14 months.

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better leaders of Soldiers, Melvin said. NCOs will also appear before a formal board and write an essay during the competition.

"The purpose of the NCO of the Year competition is to find an NCO who embodies the 'be, know, do, lead by example' type of NCO in our brigades," said Command Sgt. Maj. Angel Clark-Davis, Expeditionary Contracting Command command sergeant major. "I want to solicit every noncommissioned officer's support in making our competition successful. It's our inherent responsibility to teach and mentor our subordinates to be all they can be. The best indication on how well you are doing as a leader is by measuring the performance of your NCOs. You're on the right track if your NCOs are physically fit, mentally tough, technically competent and proficient in their warrior tasks and drills."

All the senior NCOs agree that units have to properly select the NCOs and test them prior to arriving at the competition.

"Pride in knowing they represented their command is another benefit gained from this competition," said Melvin. "The NCO's supervisor and chain of command can be proud in knowing that one of their very own was selected as the best and brightest NCO that the ACC has in its formation."

Clark said NCOs who would like to compete should contact their chain of command to complete the enrollment packet and begin training to win the competition.

"Above all, be a roll model, set the example and lead from the front" she said. "The rate of the pack is determined by the speed of the leader."



ACC in the News

These articles include mention of the Army Contracting Command.

Army Contracting Command goes on five-mile march

The Redstone Rocket, March 7, 2012

By David San Miguel
ACC Office of Public & Congressional Affairs



Taking full advantage of the mild, spring-like temperatures, 60 military and civilian members of the Army Contracting Command and the Expeditionary Contracting Command took to Vincent Park at Redstone Arsenal, Ala., to participate in the command's 5-mile road march, Feb. 23.

According to Command Sgt. Maj. John L. Murray, ACC command sergeant major, the road march is part of a series of activities hosted by the command to help build morale and camaraderie.

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Childhood curiosity leads to a historic letter

The Redstone Rocket, March 7, 2012

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At 12-years-old, Deborah J. Hunter's curiosity would lead her down a path resulting in a brush with a significant historical figure.



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Military services jump at training opportunity

The Redstone Rocket, March 7, 2012

By Ann Jensis-Dale
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Several U.S. sailors were among more than 250 military and civilian contracting officers participating in the Army Contracting Command's Joint Dawn 2012 exercise, Jan. 19-Feb. 3 at Fort Bliss, Texas.

"This is the first time that the Navy was invited to participate in Joint Dawn and I am here with seven other Navy supply corps officers all going through this training," said Navy Cmdr. Michael Curran. All the naval participants are assigned to the Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Acquisition and Procurement.

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