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## September is Suicide Prevention Month

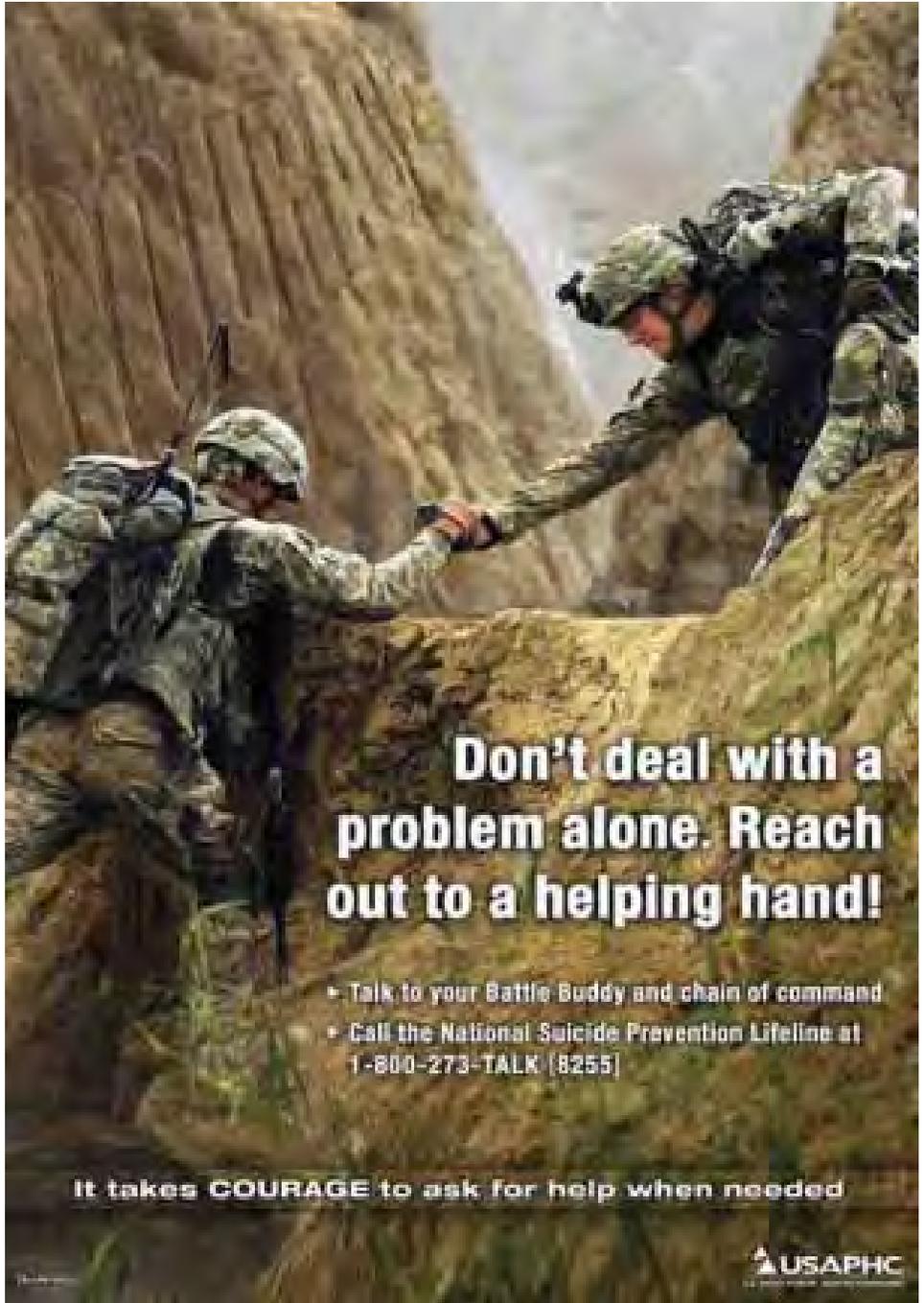
By Army Public Affairs

September is Suicide Prevention Month. The theme for this year's observance is A Healthy Force is a Ready Force. The Army Suicide Prevention Program focuses on minimizing suicidal behavior by training Soldiers, leaders, Department of the Army civilians and family members to recognize signs of suicidal behavior, intervention strategies and how to refer individuals for care.

During September, agencies and organizations throughout the Army will execute appropriate educational activity observances.

A Suicide Prevention Month 2012 link has been established on the Army Suicide Prevention website to facilitate the Health Promotion Risk Reduction Suicide Prevention Program and comprehensive Soldier and family fitness training and resource needs. Public service announcements are disseminated throughout the Army. The Army Vice Chief of Staff has directed an Army-wide stand down for Sept. 27, 2012 with the theme: Shoulder to Shoulder, We Stand Up for Life.

The loss of any member of the Army family is a tragedy regardless of the reason and can have a profound impact on overall readiness. Through leadership, education, and respect for each other, the Army can reduce or eliminate the stigma associated with suicide and help-seeking behaviors. The Army employs a holistic, multi-disciplinary approach to suicide prevention that includes health promotion risk reduction and CSF2. Ensuring prompt access to quality health care is an essential component to the Army's approach to suicide prevention.



**Don't deal with a problem alone. Reach out to a helping hand!**

- Talk to your Battle Buddy and chain of command
- Call the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline at 1-800-273-TALK (8255)

**It takes COURAGE to ask for help when needed**

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# ACC-Redstone's Klinkhammer promoted to colonel

By SKIP Vaughn

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REDSTONE ARSENAL, Ala. - Newly promoted to colonel, Ian Klinkhammer gave the credit to the people who serve with him, helped raise him and made him the person he is today.

"It's not about me," he said. "I'm just a representation of all of them."

Klinkhammer, deputy executive director at the Army Contracting Command-Redstone, was promoted Aug. 29 in a ceremony at the Sparkman Center's building 5303.

"I enjoy my job, I enjoy coming to work," the Montgomery, Ala., native said. "What kills me is people that don't enjoy their job. My message to them is go do something else."

"What great work: We're supporting Soldiers. Every little thing you do is still supporting the guys downrange."

He served as the product manager for Air Warrior from August 2009 until mid-July before joining ACC-Redstone.



Holding the newly uncased colors for ACC-Redstone are Command Sgt. Maj. John Murray, Army Contracting Command (left), and Col. Ian Klinkhammer, deputy executive director, ACC-Redstone. (U.S. Army Photo by Skip Vaughn)

He has a bachelor's of science and business administration in finance from Auburn University and a master's in business administration from Florida Tech.

Klinkhammer and his wife, Terry, have two daughters: Kylie, 17 and Taylor, 15.

Maj. Gen. Camille Nichols,

commander of the Army Contracting Command, was the presiding official at the promotion ceremony. Afterward she assisted as the colors for ACC-Redstone were uncased for the first time.

"The colors are really a symbol of defining the organization and its lineage," Nichols said.

## Immediate support for Immediate Response 2012



(Left to right) Federal Republic of Germany exchange officer Maj. Steffen Runge, U.S. Army Europe logistics exercise planner; Sgt. 1st Class Mitchell Call, USAREUR training and exercise planner; Staff. Sgt. Patty Troutman, contracting specialist, 675th Contingency Contracting Team, Gafenwhoer, Germany; Maj. Phuong Nguyen, contracting officer, 675th CCT; meet with Irena Banjsak-Vukelic, operation manager, Pleter-Usluge, to oversee the payment for services provided in support of Immediate Response 2012. This multinational field training exercise focused on the platoon, company and battalion-level support in organizing, controlling and supporting full-spectrum operations. A subordinate unit of the 409th Contracting Support Brigade, Kaiserslautern, Germany, the 675th CCT facilitated contracting for the basic support needs including latrines, fuel, laundry, food and rental vehicles. (U.S. Army Photo)

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## Commanding general visits the 412th

Maj. Gen. Camille M. Nichols, commanding general, Army Contracting Command (center) and Command Sgt. Major John L. Murray, ACC command sergeant major (right center), receive an update on the upcoming mission readiness exercise from the 412th Contracting Support Brigade, Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston, Texas during a Sept. 6 trip. Briefing Nichols are (left) Dean Carsello, 412th deputy director, Col. Timothy Strange, 412th commander, and Master Sgt. Mark Spainhour. (U.S. Army Photo by Shirley Herwig)

## Observing National Preparedness Month

By Army Public Affairs

National Preparedness Month is a commemorative event recognized each year to emphasize the importance of preparedness. Soldiers, families and civilians are encouraged to turn awareness into action by being informed, making a plan, building a kit, and getting involved.

This year marks the ninth annual NPM campaign and the Army's focus remains steadfast: to educate, empower, and involve the Army community in preparedness activities that enhance the resiliency of the Army and increase the nation's readiness for all hazard events.

In 2009, the Army established the Army Emergency Management Program implementing all hazard preparedness planning. To bring awareness to this program and increase Army preparedness, the Army Deputy Chief of Staff, Strategy, Plans, and Policy, executed the Ready Army campaign. Ready Army is a proactive community awareness campaign to empower Soldiers, families and civilians to prepare in advance for all hazards, natural or man-made. Earlier this year, the Army renewed its

teaming commitment with the Federal Emergency Management Agency's Ready Campaign, Ready.gov, to develop a unique Army component that applies to Soldiers and their families.

The Ready Army campaign continues to incorporate the best outreach tools and educational material to encourage Soldiers, families, and civilians to turn awareness into action that enhances individual and family preparedness. The Army will stride forward and align stakeholders such as Family Readiness Groups with the all hazards planning process. The Army plans to modernize installation emergency management systems beginning in 2013 to enhance protection capabilities. These initiatives increase Army resiliency for the future.

According to the National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Association, 2011 was the United States' costliest and deadliest hurricane season in recent years. It was also the fourth deadliest and second worst active season for tornadoes. Events such as these continue to stress the importance of proactive planning to allow installations to prepare for all hazards and restore full operational capability in minimal time and cost.



## For a job well done

Master Sgt. Andres Reta, 409th Contracting Support Brigade, (right) currently deployed in Afghanistan, was recognized by Maj. Gen. R. Mark Brown, commanding general, Joint Theater Support Contracting Command, for his outstanding contracting support while assigned to the Kabul Regional Contracting Center, Afghanistan. Reta was presented with an outstanding senior enlisted certificate and the commanding general's coin for excellence. (U.S. Army Photo)

# Providing the homeless a ray of hope

By Beth Clemons

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HUNTSVILLE, Ala.-Dorphelia and Wilbert Foster have found that helping others is a great way to help themselves.

The couple began reaching out to others the day they wed. After marrying in Madison, Ala., the Fosters stopped in Birmingham, Ala., along their honeymoon journey.

“As we were travelling the streets of downtown we came upon several homeless people lying in the storefronts and walking the sidewalks,” said Dorphelia, a contracting officer at Army Contracting Command-Redstone. “Although it was raining we both felt compelled to stop and speak with them. God put it on my husband’s heart. My heart was in tune and in agreement and off we started.”

Eight years after that impromptu night, the Fosters continue their homeless outreach at tent cities around the Huntsville area.

“We most frequently visit a homeless camp under Interstate 565,” said Dorphelia. The day shelter, overseen by First Stop, Inc., provides basic services to the homeless in Huntsville and Madison County.

Wilbert, a native of Birmingham and local small business owner, says growing



**Dorphelia and Wilbert Forster fold and bag clothes destined for one of the homeless shelters in Huntsville, Ala. (U.S. Army Photo by Larry D. McCaskill)**

up in the projects as one of 14 children gave him an understanding of hunger.

“We try to visit the camp every couple of months,” said Wilbert. “When I’m blessed with a little extra I just want to share it with them so they have a better day. We sit down to laugh and talk, it’s great to put a smile on someone’s face.”

Dorphelia, a native of Chattanooga, Tenn., said she simply loves people and has a passion for outreach.

“We’ve both been used as vessels in

our life to help people and have always loved it. The homeless are people too, so we’re led by God to reach out to them as well,” Dorphelia said.

When they visit the shelters, the Fosters bring gently-used clothes and lots of food.

“Sometimes, friends and co-workers will donate as well,” said Dorphelia. “We’re just there to lend a listening ear and share some spiritual encouragement and insight from God’s word.”

## Anonymous Email Program

<https://acc.aep.army.mil/Pages/Anonymous.aspx>

The Commander’s Anonymous E-mail Program is set up so employees can voice their concerns or ideas freely and confidentially.

**Concern/Suggestion:** Is Paperless Contract Files the official contract electronic filing system and who is required to use it?

**Response:** Thank you for your feedback regarding PCF. In accordance with Army Contracting Command Policy Memorandum 11-4 dated Sept. 12, 2011, all ACC organizations and offices shall use the Virtual Contracting Enterprise Paperless Contract File application as the official contract file repository for all new contract actions.

Once PCF is established by a principal assistant responsible for contracting no new contract actions will be filed in paper format, to include procurement-sensitive information. Additionally, some paper files from legacy contracts may be in evidence. If a contract action is not in PCF, the folder should contain a determination from the appropriate authority stating why the policy could not be followed.

If you need additional information or have any questions, please contact our Contracting Operations Directorate at (256) 955-5721.



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## ACC duo receive Army awards

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Two U.S. Army Contracting Command employees have been recognized by the Department of the Army Office of Small Business Programs as recipients of its Contracting Professional of the Year and Part-Time Small Business Specialist awards.

Lisa Slagle, Mission and Installation Contracting Command, Fort Sill, Okla., received the Department of the Army's Contracting Professional of the Year Award and Tanya Brown, ACC-Redstone, Letterkenny Contracting Office, Letterkenny, Pa., received the Part-Time Small Business Specialist Award during an August ceremony in Washington, D.C.

"I really was surprised, I didn't know



**Lisa Slagle recently received the Department of the Army's Contracting Professional of the Year Award.**

that my name was submitted," said Slagle, a contracting officer who also won at the U.S. Army Materiel Command level. "I was more surprised to see it went forward to the Army Small Business Program level.

"There are a lot of small businesses in my hometown community of Lawton (Okla.), and I've seen a lot of them go out of business," said Slagle, who has worked at Fort Sill for 23 years. "I've always watched out for small businesses where I live and work, and it's satisfying to know the Federal Acquisition Regulation

requires me to set aside select contracts for small business."

In fiscal year 2011, Slagle worked hand-in-hand with Fort Sill small business specialists to be the first contracting officer to establish a woman-owned small business category set aside at MICC-Fort Sill. Set-asides allow contracting officers to award or reserve certain acquisitions exclusively for small business.

"She has always advocated for set-asides for small businesses throughout her career, both as a contract specialist and as a contracting officer," said Annette Arkeketa-Rendon, the small business specialist at MICC-Fort Sill. "She readily volunteered to attend small business conferences and outreach venues prior to a full-time small business specialist being assigned."

According to Sarah Keebaugh, chief, LCO Policy Division, Brown was nominated by David Seitz, associate director, Office of Small Business Programs, Aviation and Missile Life Cycle Management Command.

"It is nice to be recognized for the efforts that one puts forth each and every day. For that alone, I was very appreciative," said Brown. "I love speaking with small business representatives and assisting them in doing business with the federal government. I find it extremely rewarding. Small business owners sometimes find it extremely difficult to break through the barrier to do business with the federal government. Whenever you are able to help someone navigate through that, they truly appreciate it."

Keebaugh said Brown's recognition is anything but a surprise because of her strong work ethic.

"Her efforts in the small business program have ensured that the Letterkenny Contracting Office exceeded all five of the fiscal year 2011 goals," Keebaugh said. "She is a very self-motivated employee who will go above



**Tracey L. Pinson, director, Army Office of Small Business Programs (left) presents Tanya Brown, center, her award as Cynthia Lee, program manager, OSBP joins them. (U.S. Army Photo)**

and beyond to assist the office with any matter brought to her attention. She is definitely a go-to person to get things done."

Brown's commitment to her part-time position stems from what she views as small business' commitment to the Soldier.

"I believe in small businesses because they work extremely hard every day to help us support the war fighter," Brown said. "Small businesses employ millions of people across the country and their contributions do not go unnoticed, but many small businesses are struggling right now. As small business specialists, we all need to do our part to ensure that small businesses are given the maximum opportunities to win contract awards and support our men and women in uniform."

(Dan Elkins, MICC Public Affairs, contributed information to this article.)



# ACC in the News

These articles mention Army Contracting Command.

## Army Contracting Command easing burden on contracting officers

By Jason Miller

September 6, 2012

Federal News Radio

The Army Contracting Command is helping to lead an effort to modernize the service's contract writing system.

This is more than just a technology refresh. It's about improving the functionality of the existing contract writing tools that many contracting officers use every day.

<http://www.federalnewsradio.com/396/3023451/Army-Contracting-Command-easing-burden-on-contracting-officers>

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## ACC-RI employees perform well on NCMA certification test

September 5, 2012

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By Ms. Liz Adrian (AMC)



ROCK ISLAND ARSENAL, Ill. - The Quad City Chapter of the National Contract Management Association announced that 83 percent of the Army Contracting Command-Rock Island employees who completed a 12-week training program and took the Certified Federal Contracts Management certification exam passed the test and are now Certified Federal Contract Managers.

[http://www.army.mil/article/86729/ACC\\_RI\\_employees\\_perform\\_well\\_on\\_NCMA\\_certification\\_test/](http://www.army.mil/article/86729/ACC_RI_employees_perform_well_on_NCMA_certification_test/)



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