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"Providing global contracting support to war fighters."

ACC stand down raises sexual assault awareness



(Photo by Ed Worley)

Michael R. Hutchison, ACC deputy to the commanding general, stated the command will not tolerate sexual assault within our ranks.

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Prompted by reports of an increase in sexual assaults across the Department of Defense, the Army Contracting Command hosted a Sexual Assault Prevention and Response stand down at the Missile Defense Agency Auditorium, Redstone Arsenal, Ala., June 10 to raise awareness among the command's Soldiers, civilians and contractor workforce.

The day-long stand down was part of a mandate issued by the DOD leadership to raise awareness of sexual assault and to "change behaviors to safeguard the health of the force."

Initial concern was raised with the release of the Fiscal Year 2012 Department of Defense Annual Report on Sexual Assault in the Military which reported an 11 percent increase from fiscal 2011. In fiscal 2012, the Army reported

1,423 sexual assault cases.

Nationwide attention was drawn to the issue following the release of the Kirby Dick documentary, "The Invisible War," which highlighted the alleged rapes of several military veterans and "the systemic cover-up of military sex crimes."

In a pre-recorded message to the workforce, Maj. Gen. Camille M. Nichols, ACC commanding general, emphasized that sexual assault and sexual harassment will not be tolerated. At the time of the stand down, she was attending the 6th Annual I. A.M. Strong Sexual Harassment/Assault Prevention Summit held on Joint Base Andrews, Md.

"It has no place in the United States military, and certainly not in the Army Contracting Command," she said. "It is a violation of everything that we stand for and it goes against the values we defend. Let there be no misunderstanding – anyone who commits this crime will be held appropriately accountable.

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DOD adds peer support chat sessions for sexual assault victims

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON – In response to a need for peer support services identified by users of the Defense Department's Safe Helpline for sexual assault victims, Pentagon officials have launched a new service that allows victims to participate in group chat sessions to connect with and support one another in a moderated and secure online environment.

The Safe HelpRoom is available at <http://SafeHelpline.org>, officials said,

noting that the moderator can provide referrals as necessary and will ensure that chat postings adhere to all ground rules.

"Survivors of sexual assault have told us that being able to discuss their concerns with peers can provide a level of support not available through other means," said Jessica L. Wright, acting undersecretary of defense for personnel and readiness. "Safe HelpRoom is a groundbreaking development in the department's commitment to support military victims of sexual assault."

Safe HelpRoom sessions will begin immediately and are available twice weekly in two-hour sessions. Session schedules can be found on the website, along with polls to determine session topics.

The Safe HelpRoom and Safe Helpline are administered by DOD and operated by the nonprofit organization Rape, Abuse and Incest National Network, the nation's largest anti-sexual-violence organization, through a contract with DOD's Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Office.

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Patricia A. Wingers

GPC program manager looks forward to retirement

Patricia A. Wingers is assigned to Headquarters, Army Contracting Command G-8 at Redstone Arsenal, Ala.

Describe your current position

I serve as the program manager providing oversight and policy for the Army Materiel Command and Army Contracting Command Government Purchase Card program worldwide.

Describe your professional/educational background.

My educational background is primarily acquisition. I have completed the mandatory Defense Acquisition University pre-requisite courses and Level I, II and III Defense Acquisition Workforce Improvement Act certifications.

Where do you call home? Tell us about your family and what you enjoy doing during your spare time.

I was born and raised in Milwaukee, Wis., but I've called Lakeridge, Va., my home for the past 23 years.

The job brought me here to Alabama. After my retirement on June 26, I hope to return to Virginia and plan to do a lot of traveling and fishing.

I have two children and one grandson. In my spare time, I love to bowl, swim, fish and snow ski.

How does your job support the Soldier?

The GPC supports the expenditures of AMC/ACC war fighters worldwide, allowing for streamlined and expeditious purchases of supplies and services with no interruption to mission requirements. The GPC program allows for fast purchases for supplies up to \$3,000; services up to \$2,500; and construction services and construction materials up to \$2,000 for total requirement cost; and it allows making payments against existing contracts.

I work to improve Army business processes through continuous development, evaluation and implementation of purchase card reform initiatives.



Patricia A. Wingers

ACC, AMC to join in Army's birthday celebration

The Army Contracting Command will join the Army Materiel Command and the Redstone Arsenal military community in a joint celebration of the Army's 238th Birthday June 14.

The celebration will begin at the

Redstone Post Exchange parking lot with the gathering of military and civilian participants at 5:45 a.m. CST for a Fun Run/Walk.

Adding to the festivities will be performances by the AMC Rock

Band who will play energetic music to motivate participants.

The run/walk is meant not only to celebrate the Army's 238th birthday but help build camaraderie and boost esprit de corps in the workforce.

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412th's attachment, integration streamlines command, control of ACC's 51C contracting Soldiers

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REDSTONE ARSENAL, Ala. – The 412th Contracting Support Brigade is now attached to the Mission and Installation Contracting Command, a move that happened five months ahead of schedule, according to Army Contracting Command officials here.

It is the last major milestone in the ACC Integration that attaches stateside Expeditionary Contracting Command units to the MICC and ACC's major contracting centers.

The integration streamlines command and control of ACC's military contracting Soldiers, explained Col. Kevin Nash, deputy director, ACC Operations Group.

It also gives the MICC and ACC contracting centers direct supervision of Soldiers supporting stateside operations, he said.

ACC began attaching stateside contracting support units to the MICC and contracting centers in December as part of a four-phase plan. The last phase was scheduled to begin Oct. 1 by attaching the 412th CSB to the MICC. ACC attached the 412th to the MICC on June 1.

The 412th CSB's attachment was accelerated "to facilitate the MICC's mission command of the other attached military forces that attached under ACC Operation Order 13-09," Nash said. "Expeditionary Contracting Command's

willingness and flexibility to transition the 412th CSB early is a tribute to their support of the ACC military integration effort and their dedication to overall mission accomplishment."

Col. Tim Strange, 412th CSB commander, said the ACC, MICC and ECC leadership realized the military integration process was ahead of schedule and there was no need to delay the brigade's attachment.

"The 412th integration provided an opportunity for the MICC to re-assess its structure," he said. "Bringing on the 412th, its alignment to the (U.S. Army North/5th Army), the Defense Support to Civil Authorities and the Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear response missions fits the MICC execution of the office that supports the CONUS-based Army Reserves."

He said the support to civil authorities and the CBRN missions relies heavily on Reserve forces, making the arrangement a "logical mission marriage."

"The sense of urgency for getting it right before the fourth quarter of fiscal year 2013 shifted the effort into overdrive," Strange added.

He said the brigade will also see some mission changes, including contract execution and administration.

"The brigade mission support to ARNORTH is ideal," he explained. "By inheriting the (MICC-Fort Sam Houston, Texas) mission contracting for the ARNORTH headquarters, it provides

a synergy to the contingency support mission. Now, the 412th CSB commander is truly the single contracting expert and enabler to the ARNORTH commander."

ARNORTH conducts homeland defense and civil support operations, and theater security cooperation activities as the U.S. Northern Command joint force land component command and the Army service component command.

According to Strange, the 412th previously did not have a day-to-day contracting mission.

As ACC's military footprint grew the past several years, the 412th provided the command and control and a contracting mission was put on hold, he said. Activation of the 418th CSB, Fort Hood, Texas, and the 419th CSB, Fort Bragg, N.C., divides command and control across the two additional brigades and frees up the 412th for contract execution and administration.

His brigade will continue to be the command's lead for the annual operational contract support joint exercise, currently scheduled for January, Strange said. This year's scenario will be a DSCA response in support of the U.S. Northern Command and "adds a new wrinkle to what has been heretofore strictly a contracting exercise."

Prior to ACC Integration, the 412th was home to more than 300 Soldiers and civilians. Strange said the integration process will result in force structure of around 150.

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"Sexual harassment and sexual assault have a devastating impact on the victim and tears at the moral fiber of our units and our offices, degrading our readiness and productivity," she said. "Together, our mission is to prevent and respond to this crime in order to enable military readiness and productivity, and to reduce – with a goal to eliminate – sexual assault from the military."

After her remarks, "The Invisible War"

documentary was shown to the 700-plus workforce in attendance and was followed by small group sessions and subject matter expert panel discussions.

"Success of this initiative depends on the daily, continual commitment of every single one of us to foster a climate of mutual dignity and respect," Nichols added. "We must create a workplace environment where sexual assault is not tolerated, condoned or ignored.

"We need to look around and ensure our environment is free of any offensive material. Know what correct behavior is as we interact together. Be on the lookout for behavior that violates our promise to have a safe, no-threat workplace," she said. "Take appropriate action if someone is being harassed or assaulted. If a crime does occur, we need to be there with compassion and support for the victims. Do what is right!"

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49 Soldiers selected to join acquisition workforce

FORT BELVOIR, Va. – Forty-nine candidates were selected for reclassification during the 51C noncommissioned officer reclassification board here May 14-15.

The board was administered by the Army Acquisition Support Center 51C Proponent Office.

“This was an impressive group of candidates and the competition was tough,” said Lt. Col. Anthony Maneri, FA 51C proponent officer. The 49 selected NCOs represent the best of the best and we welcome them into the Army acquisition workforce.”

The board’s purpose is to ensure the best qualified NCOs are selected for reclassification into military occupational specialty 51C acquisition, logistics and technology contracting NCO – a part of the Army acquisition, logistics and technology workforce.

“We were impressed by the quality of the packets we received for the May board,” said Master Sgt. Jason Pitts, chief 51C proponent NCO. “The word has spread that we only select best quality NCOs to enter the acquisition corps – in order to be selected, you need to be a proven leader with a solid foundation of civilian education; a total Soldier.”

The primary mission for 51C NCOs is to deploy as contingency contracting officers and serve as members of the early entry module contingency contracting team. When not deployed, selected NCOs will serve as contingency contracting officers in support of a headquarters, principal assistant responsible for contracting, contracting support brigades, contingency contracting battalions, and/or installation contracting offices for training and mission support.

The following NCOs were selected and will now join the acquisition workforce.

Staff Sgt. Corey L. Anderson
Staff Sgt. Dan E. Bayan
Staff Sgt. Jennifer L. Becker
Staff Sgt. Jason W. Bufkin
Staff Sgt. Christopher C. Carbin
Staff Sgt. Anuresh A. Chand
Staff Sgt. Charles A. Cryoskie
Staff Sgt. Charles A. Desouza
Staff Sgt. Matthew S. Dickson
Staff Sgt. Richard T. Dybdahl
Staff Sgt. Justin M. Fortado
Staff Sgt. Jennifer E. Franks
Staff Sgt. Jennings B. Herbst
Staff Sgt. Ryan D. Hoover
Staff Sgt. Ryan D. Johnson
Staff Sgt. Raina J. Jones
Staff Sgt. Ralph M. Jones
Staff Sgt. Patrick V. Kennison
Staff Sgt. Vincent M. LaHara
Staff Sgt. Mark D. Laity-Staff
Staff Sgt. Ray Lee Jr.
Staff Sgt. Bunnie K. Martinez
Staff Sgt. Raul Medina
Sgt. Alejandro Moreno
Staff Sgt. Thomas E. Misner

Staff Sgt. Tri B. Nguyen
Staff Sgt. Cassandra N. Oldacre
Staff Sgt. Thomas B. Parks
Staff Sgt. Anthony K. Pylant
Staff Sgt. Payten E. Redfearn
Staff Sgt. Patrick F. Reil
Staff Sgt. Tyler B. Sane
Staff Sgt. Justin P. Sawicki
Staff Sgt. Brandon F. Searles
Staff Sgt. Jason D. Shettles
Staff Sgt. Emilio G. Silvafigueroa
Staff Sgt. Nathaniel J. Stone
Staff Sgt. Adela Tacla
Staff Sgt. Kyle G. Tate
Staff Sgt. Jerri A. Taylor
Staff Sgt. Princessunique Thomas
Staff Sgt. Charlee R. Thousand
Staff Sgt. John R. Tigue
Sgt. Scott W. Voigt
Staff Sgt. Daniel W. Wagner
Staff Sgt. Daniel M. Wilson
Staff Sgt. Mark C. Wirtz
Staff Sgt. Lymari Woodson
Staff Sgt. Ikaisherron D. Wright

DOD Logon to enable access to online self-service sites

By John Agler
Army News Service

WASHINGTON – As Army Knowledge Online moves to next-generation enterprise services, Army retirees and family members will access DOD online self-service sites through the more secure Department of Defense Self-Service Logon, called “DS Logon.”

The DS Logon system allows DOD and Veterans Affairs members and affiliates to access DOD and VA applications such as eBenefits, TRICARE Online, Beneficiary Web Enrollment, MilConnect, Transferability of Education Benefits, Health Net Federal Services, Humana Military, MyTricare.com, and TRICARE-overseas.com, to name a few.

The DS Logon system will be the primary method for all DOD and VA Web authentication in the not-too-distant future.

The Army’s goal is to maximize DS Logon enrollments and to institutionalize the process that enables registration by November. DS Logon will replace logon via Army Knowledge Online.

Using a single username and password, DS Logon provides a high level of authentication that goes beyond that of a simple username and password.

Those eligible for a DS Logon account include: service members (active-duty, Guard/Reserve, retirees); veterans; spouses (including surviving spouses); and eligible family members 18 and over.

Users must be enrolled in the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System to obtain an account. There are two types of accounts: basic and premium. A premium account allows users to access websites that contain their personal information.

A basic account can be obtained online without verification of identity, but it does not provide access to personal information in VA or DOD systems. The main advantage of a basic account is that it enables users to upgrade more quickly to a premium account when they go in person to a VA Regional Office or a TRICARE Service Center.

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Fort Benning contracting office bulldozes savings

By Daniel P. Elkins

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JOINT BASE SAN ANTONIO-FORT SAM HOUSTON, Texas

– An innovative solution by the contracting office at Fort Benning, Ga., has saved the government almost a half of million dollars while boosting the mission capability of the installation's department of public works.

Shirley Watson, the industrial property administrator for the Mission and Installation Contracting Command at Fort Benning, took advantage of a redistribution program to reallocate five serviceable full track dozers to meet her DPW customer's requirement. In addition to the \$438,415 in savings, she leveraged a training exercise by the National Guard for the delivery of equipment this month at no cost, a further government savings of \$25,000.

Watson said she first became aware of the availability of one dozer in March as part of the redistribution program managed by the Installation Management Command at Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

"You can't go wrong with the redistribution program. Items are usually in serviceable if not like-new condition," she said. "The DPW was immediately interested in getting a dozer through the program but only asked for one despite the fact they were short five."

Through an exchange of emails and phone calls, she helped secure funding for transportation.

"I called the DPW officer and asked if he was willing to cover the cost to get the equipment here," Watson said. "He was



(U.S. Army photo)

Shirley Watson, MICC industrial property administrator, saved the government more than \$460,000 by acquiring 5 full-track dozers for the Fort Benning Department of Public Works through the Installation Management Command redistribution program.

eager to cover the costs; \$5,000 to transport an \$87,000 dozer is a pretty good deal."

Upon reaching IMCOM to inform program representatives of available transportation funding, she learned that additional dozers were available that could also be reallocated to the Fort Benning DPW if it was willing to fund the cost of transportation.

"After DPW agreed to cover the transportation cost, I received a surprise call from IMCOM (about) a training mission planned by the National Guard, and the dozers would be delivered cost free," she said.

The MICC-Fort Benning deputy director believes contracting offices should educate their personnel on how the program works as today's fiscal environment demands Watson and other MICC members to explore all alternatives for meeting their customers' mission needs.

"Her perseverance saved Fort Benning considerable costs in new equipment procurement, contributed to the overall mission of Fort Benning by procuring the needed equipment, and saved DPW funds that could be allocated elsewhere," said Brenda Clark, who also serves as chief of contract support division.

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To obtain a DS Logon account, users may visit the "DS Logon - My Access Center" online at <https://www.dmdc.osd.mil/appj/dsaccess>. On the site, users may set up a basic account, or upgrade to a premium account.

The quickest and most convenient method of obtaining a premium account is to complete the "remote proofing process" on the site. That process involves using a secure ID that users may already have,

such as a social security number, and answering three basic, personal questions. CAC holders may upgrade their accounts immediately using their CAC.

Individuals who do not have a CAC and who cannot complete the remote proofing process for some reason may request an activation code from the Defense Manpower Data Center if they have a myPay account established at the Defense Finance and Accounting Service.

Users who cannot complete any of these processes can obtain a DS Logon premium account by visiting a VA Regional Office or a TRICARE Service Center. Locations can be found on the "DS Logon - My Access Center" website. Many Real-Time Automated Personnel Identification System, or RAPIDS, offices, military ID card offices, can also provide DS Logon accounts.

Brigade activation strengthens contracting capability

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JOINT BASE SAN ANTONIO-FORT SAM HOUSTON, Texas

– Officials from the Army Contracting Command activated the 419th Contracting Support Brigade during a ceremony June 7 at Fort Bragg, N.C., in a continuing effort to provide installation and operational contracting support to Army commands.

The activation follows the attachment of stateside contracting Soldiers to the Mission and Installation Contracting Command in February as part of their integration with contracting centers and offices throughout ACC and the MICC.

“Establishing this brigade provides the MICC headquarters the capability to enhance core customer support through improved, strategically aligned support to commands and installations,” said Col. Antonio Brown, 419th CSB commander and director, Field Directorate Office at Fort Bragg. “The brigade also provides the opportunity to strengthen contract compliance and oversight as well as ensure a core balance between horizontal and vertical span of control.”

Like previously established contracting support brigades aligned to an Army command with a geographic area of responsibility, Brown said the 419th CSB also possesses an expeditionary mission.

“The 419th CSB fills a capability gap by serving as the global response force for contracting operations,” he said.

He explained that this allows the



(Photo by Staff Sgt. Channel Pedersen)

Col. Antonio Brown commands the newly activated 419th Contracting Support Brigade.

brigade to provide operational contract support to the XVIII Airborne Corps and eight continental U.S.-based divisions as well as tailored contracting support to the Army and joint war fighter.

With its activation, the brigade assumes an initial operational capability and will work with MICC officials this summer to fill several key positions with military personnel who will help lead the unit to full operational capability over the next two years.

“These individuals will play a key role in quickly implementing the requirements for full operational capable status,” Brown said.

The 419th CSB will be made up of

more than 250 Soldiers assigned to one of six contingency contracting battalions. In addition to the 900th Contingency Contracting Battalion at Fort Bragg and the 902nd CCBn at Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Wash., four battalions are planned to be activated in 2013. Those include the 922nd at Fort Campbell, Ky.; 918th at Fort Carson, Co.; 919th at Fort Bliss, Texas; and 925th at Fort Drum, N.Y.

Aligned under the battalions will be contingency contracting teams and senior contingency contracting teams.

Training and accomplishing contracting operations alongside MICC civilian contracting members day-to-day, these teams are also called upon to perform all contracting in a contingency environment including military and stability operations as well as natural disasters and humanitarian events.

“There is still much work to achieve full operational capability status by the beginning of fiscal 2015,” Brown said. “With adequate resources, we will meet all objectives to become the Army’s first contracting support brigade capable of deploying anytime, anywhere the Department of Defense needs us.”

The 419th CSB is one of two brigades being activated as part of the integration of Soldiers with the MICC. The 418th CSB will be activated at Fort Hood, Texas, in a ceremony on July 10 and will also be attached to the MICC.

Maj. Gen. Camille Nichols, ACC commanding general, officiated at the activation ceremony and accompanied Brown in the uncasing of the 419th’s colors.

Major trains for Spartan Death Race

Maj. Michael C. Pavlisak, contract specialist with the Army Contracting Command – Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md., flips a large tire to train for an athletic competition known as the Spartan Death Race. The race, held each June in Pittsfield, Vt., is a long-distance adventure race in Vermont’s Green Mountains. It consists of various physical and mental challenges.

“When I first heard about the race, it appealed to my ‘type A’ personality,” he said. “Last year was the first time I competed and I wanted to see if I could

do it. There were 344 participants and I was one of the 51 finishers. I competed for 64 grueling hours in wooded and mountainous terrain.”

The theme of the race was ‘betrayal’ and organizers continuously deceived the competitors by misrepresenting upcoming events. Over the 2 1/2-day competition, there were obstacles such as chopping wood, swimming, hiking up a mountain while carrying a 60-pound bag of cement, a body roll through a sheep paddock, and a 250-question brain-teasing exam, just to mention a few, Pavlisak said.



(Photo by Michele Pavlisak)

Obama to military sexual assault victims: 'I've got your backs'

By Karen Parrish

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON – President Barack Obama said sexual assault is an outrage, and anyone within the military who commits the crime “is betraying the uniform that they’re wearing.”

Speaking at a White House press conference May 7, Obama said the problem of sexual assault in the military is neither new nor easy to solve, but leaders “have to do everything we can to root this out.”

Obama noted he worked with former Defense Secretary Leon E. Panetta on

the issue, and spoke about it with current Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel. He said the Defense Department is working to gather accurate reporting of assaults and is building “a system of accountability and transparency” up and down the chain of command.

“We have to exponentially step up our game to go at this thing hard,” he said.

Obama offered a personal message to those military victims of sexual assault.

“I want them to hear directly from their commander in chief that I’ve got their backs,” he said. “I will support them, and we’re not gonna tolerate this stuff. And there will be accountability. If people

have engaged in this behavior, they should be prosecuted.”

Everyone in the military should understand “this is not who we are, this is not what the U.S. military is about, and it dishonors the vast majority of men and women in uniform who carry out their responsibilities and obligations with honor and dignity and incredible courage every single day,” the president said.

“(When) we find out somebody’s engaging in this stuff, they’ve got to be held accountable; prosecuted, stripped out of their positions, court martialled, fired, dishonorably discharged. Period. It’s not acceptable,” he said.

Defense contractors will share burdens of furloughs, Hagel says

By Jim Garamone

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON – The Defense Department is reviewing all of its contracts, and DOD contractors will share the burden of spending cuts, including the furloughs facing the department’s civilian workforce, Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel testified before the Senate

Appropriations Committee’s defense Subcommittee June 11.

“Contractors are part of any institution,” he said. “We need them – certain skills, certain expertise.”

DOD Comptroller Robert F. Hale, who accompanied Hagel, told the committee that about 700,000 defense contractors work throughout the department. And they are in for some

changes, he added.

“The furlough process does include contractors,” Hagel told the Senate panel. “It includes companies, it includes acquisitions, it includes contracts.”

The department is taking a \$37 billion sequestration spending cut in fiscal year 2013, which ends Sept. 30.

“The majority of that is going to come out of contractors – about \$2 billion will come out of furloughs,” Hale said. That means a drop in the number of contractors in the department.

“I don’t know yet how much, because the year isn’t over, but I think there will be a sharp drop,” the comptroller said.

The senators asked about contractors after news reports of alleged National Security Agency leaker Edward Snowden receiving a \$200,000 annual salary. Contractors generally receive more in salary than DOD civilian employees, Hale said.

“Whether or not a contractor or a civilian is cheaper or better really depends on the circumstances,” he explained. “There are some cases where we simply don’t have the skills in the Department of Defense that we need, or it’s a short-term job and it wouldn’t make any sense to grow them.”

If it is a long-term job, he added, it makes more sense to hire a civil servant.



ACC in the News

This article mentions Army Contracting Command.

Army Contracting Command’s Jamal Cummins shares graduation stage with his mother

By Leada Gore

(Posted on AL.com, June 10, 2013)

For Army Contracting Command’s Jamal Cummins, education is a family affair.

Cummins, a human resource specialist, Human Capital G-1, Army Contracting Command at Redstone Arsenal, recently received his bachelor’s degree from Strayer University. At the same ceremony held at the Georgia Dome in Atlanta, Cummins’ mother, Jocelyn Cannegieter, received her master’s degree.

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