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MIL Kicks off the Summer with Annual Crab Feast



Beautiful weather, crab-picking, outdoor fun, and great music all made for a wonderful way to kick off the summer season at MIL's annual crab feast and summer picnic. On Saturday, June 25, Maryland, Virginia, and DC area employees gathered at Mayo Beach Park in Edgewater, Md. to ring in the summer season. About 250 employees were in attendance for a fun-filled day at the idyllic beach park situated at the mouth of the South River and the Chesapeake Bay.



Guests were invited to feast on a bounty of crabs and barbeque food while enjoying an array of activities for all ages. Kids kept busy on the moon-bounce and enjoyed having their faces painted while others posed to have an artist do a caricature drawing. Many took advantage of the rock-climbing wall and kayaks or simply went for a swim in the bay. Most kept busy enjoying the music while picking crabs and chatting in the pavilion overlooking the water.



MIL is proud to host the annual get-together as bringing our valued employees together to have a good time is as rewarding as the hard work everyone puts in day in and day out. We hope those employees in the region had a chance to come out and relax and have a great time with their co-workers, family and friends!



MIL Cares Celebrates • Acknowledges • Responds • Energizes • Strengthens



MIL CARES Shows Its American Spirit While Sponsoring A Wounded Warrior Event

MIL CARES joined Julie Aguilera (DoS-Rosslyn/OBO) and Rhonda Cadogan (MIL – Proposal Manager) for the 5th Annual Patriot Cruise and Salute on June 4th in Occoquan, VA. Each June,

Prince William Yacht Club (PWYC) and Prince William Marina (PWM) hosts Wounded Warriors who are inpatients at Walter Reed Army Medical Hospital and their families for the cruise and salute, which is a day of boating, food, beverages, music and fun. The purpose is for the boating community, specifically at PWM, to dedicate time and resources to thank Wounded Warriors and their families for their service and sacrifice, and also to provide a mental respite from their medical concerns. The troops thoroughly enjoy the day, particularly when it's warm, bright and sunny as it was on June 4th.

This is the second year that Julie and her husband, Ray, who is retired Air Force, have participated in the Patriot Cruise. Unfortunately, this was also the second year that several of the Warriors had enjoyed the Patriot Cruise, which means they have been at Walter Reed for at least two years. Our Wounded Warrior, Stephanie, had been severely injured in a military vehicle accident while stationed in Afghanistan. She sustained head to toe injuries, including a traumatic brain injury, and nearly lost one leg in the accident. Stephanie has been an inpatient at Walter Reed for almost a year, and expects to remain there for at least another year.

Approximately 150 Wounded Warriors and their families arrived at the marina via luxury buses provided by one of the boat owners. A large Cub Scout troop displayed the colors as

each Wounded Warrior disembarked and received a gift bag, which is typically packed with summer and/or beach-related gifts. This year, their gift bags included a MIL cooling necktie, which was a big hit with the troops. The Wounded Warriors and their families were then escorted or driven to the boats they were assigned to, and the cruise began.

On the way down the Occoquan River to the Potomac River, each of the participating 40 boats were saluted by a Fairfax County Fire and Water Rescue boat with a large plume of water. Captain Ray then took Julie, Rhonda, the First Mate, and Stephanie in El Sueno north on the Potomac River, where they anchored off at in a cove in front of Mt. Vernon. After a total of four hours on the river, all of the Warriors arrived back at the marina for a large BBQ spread –over 850 pounds of pork, chicken, ribs, and sausages – which was prepared and donated by the Pit Pirates BBQ Team, who had been cooking for over 24 hours. The Pit Pirates also donated potato salad, cole slaw, and a multitude of desserts. Budweiser, another corporate sponsor of the Patriot Cruise in addition to MIL, donated cool, refreshing beverages, and a live band provided music, which many of the Warriors enjoyed as evidenced by their dancing both with and without wheelchairs. Three retired Army Joint Chiefs of Staff awarded each troop with a specially-minted Patriot Cruise coin, after which the Warriors boarded the buses for the drive back to Walter Reed. It was a special and memorable day for the Warriors as well as for those who donated their time, funds, fuel, food and materials. For additional photos, see <http://picasaweb.google.com/pwmarina> and click on the Patriot Cruise and Salute 2011 file.

MIL is proud to have been a corporate sponsor for this event, and to support our troops for their service and sacrifice for our country.





EduSerc AWARDS



exempt, non-profit organization that dedicates itself to the development and advancement of youth, adults and the community across the nation. Founded in 1996, the focus of the organization is to build an infrastructure of resources to strategically and creatively address needs in the community that involve education.

The EduSerc awards ceremony is the first red carpet, black tie affair that honors educators in our country for their excellence in education, community service, and advancements in the community. The ceremony is designed to improve the image of educators and highlight the value of education in the United States. With coverage by CBS Channel 1 news, everyone got the star treatment. Lloyd Farmer and his wife Robin walked the red carpet on behalf of the MIL Corporation.

MIL is proud to have supported the Educators Serving the Community (EduSerc) Awards, held at the Music Center at Strathmore on May 4, 2011. EduSerc is a 501 (c)(3) tax-

2011 Relay for Life Relay Rock n' Rollers Team October 1-2, 2011, Ridgecrest, CA



The Relay for Life in Ridgecrest, CA is taking place on October 1-2, 2011. This year the teams for the Relay include the Relay Rock n' Rollers, composed of many civilian and contract employees for RDT&E as well as family and friends. Among the team members are Tamara Hembree, team captain, Lisa Murphy, co-captain, Megan Otilio, Nepheli Wander, Brandon Rivera, and John Cusick, employed with the MIL Corporation. Last year this team, under the team name of Friends of Jacki, made just over \$1400, and they're hoping they can at least double their donation amount to the Relay for Life.

The Relay for Life event began in 1985, as a fundraising event to provide much needed donations to the American Cancer Society. Today, more than 3.5 million people in over 5,000 communities participate each year to generate donations for the American Cancer Society. This money goes towards programs for free cancer screenings, health screenings, testing and follow up care for the uninsured & underinsured, online and hotline cancer support systems, transportation and accommodations for cancer patients, funding for cancer research, and

provisions for free educational resources on cancer causes, treatments, and ways to maintain a healthy lifestyle, to name only a few programs. For more information on the American Cancer Society, please go to www.cancer.org.

The Relay Rock n' Rollers has a team webpage which can be accessed here: http://main.acsevents.org/site/TR/RelayForLife/RFLFY11CA?team_id=967572&pg=team&fr_id=31882

Anyone can feel free to go to this page to see updates on the team and their progress, as well as purchase luminaries for donations or make donations to the team or a particular team member. The Relay Rock n' Rollers also intend to host fundraising events for additional donations, and information for those events will also be included on the webpage.

The Relay Rock n' Rollers are working towards a remarkable goal of the cure for cancer, and their efforts will indeed positively affect the goals the American Society is working so hard towards. Wish this team the best as they strive to meet their donation goals and contribute to the mission of the Relay for Life!

Protecting Those That Protect Us



MIL's Elizabeth Armogida and Adam Ptack present a donation.

Almost all China Lake Naval Base contractors and civilians reside in Ridgecrest, CA and rely on the protection of the Ridgecrest Police Department. As part of the MIL Cares Program, MIL employees raised \$2300 to lend helping hand to the Ridgecrest Police Department in California. The city of Ridgecrest provides housing for the majority of the civilians and contract workers who support the China Lake Naval Base. In 2007, MIL was awarded the contract to provide networking and application support services to Research, Development, Test and Evaluation (RDT&E) Infrastructure Division at China Lake. Currently, we have over 30 employees who work at the naval base and reside in Ridgecrest.



The Ridgecrest Police Department's tactical team is attempting to obtain new vests for each member of their dedicated team. Over the past three years, they have expanded their mission to include high-risk search warrants and barricaded subjects. Their current vests do not provide protection against high powered weapons or any side, shoulder and throat protection. Therefore, the department found it necessary to move to a "Level 3 Ballistic Vest" to protect their officers; however, each vest costs \$2300. The only alternative is to call in the Bakersfield SWAT team, which is over two hours (103 miles) away.

These dedicated officers have been forgoing overtime for training and operations and spending their own money for replacement equipment, as required. They have been keeping the people of Ridgecrest safe and now we want to help keep their officers safe. Please help us ensure the safety of these officers.

To donate to this worthy cause or for more information, please contact Elizabeth Armogida at the California MIL office at 760.499.6100 or earmogida@milcorp.com.

Celebrating the Centennial of Naval Aviation



Lexington Park, known as the gateway community to the U.S. Naval Aviation Test and Evaluation Center at Pax River, is preparing to celebrate the Centennial of Naval Aviation. One-hundred years ago, the U.S. Navy acquired its first aircraft for the defense of the country. In 1943, the U.S. Navy established NAS Patuxent River to test naval aircraft for the fleet.

The community of Lexington Park grew up around the new base and this legacy is being marked this year with street banners and events. Banners will be hung along Great Mills Road and Rte. 235 in Lexington Park and along Cedar Point Road and Buse Road on the

Naval Air Station. The banners will be visible from early summer through the end of the year to the 22,000 employees at the base, the 100,000 visitors expected for the Blue Angels Air Expo during Labor Day weekend, and to the members of the St. Mary's County community.

MIL will sponsor a banner, which will carry our logo and dramatic images of a shadowed outline of the USS Lexington, the WWII carrier for which the Park is named, and a soaring fighter jet representing advancements in naval aviation. The banners were designed by local artist, Jeff Hobrath, Chief USN (Ret.), CEO and founder of Jeff Hobrath Art Studio.

MIL takes great pride in being a part of the Lexington Park community and its legacy.

MIL Moments



Congratulations to Lisa George, a National Travel Support Analyst on the CTA, who gave birth to a son, Daniel Lewis George, on Wednesday, May 4, 2011 at 1:29 a.m. Daniel weighed in at 10 pounds! Both Eva Durkin and Kristen Norton (NSI) have been providing Analyst support during Lisa's maternity leave.



On June 18th, Robert Poppleton, a member of the OBO team, Department of State, and his wife, Letty, welcomed Peter Robert at 10:50 pm. He weighed 6 lbs., 2 oz. and was 20 inches long. Both Junior and Mamma Poppleton are very healthy and doing well.



Jennifer Blevins, Team Leader for the National Travel Support Team on the CTA, married Derek Meek on Sunday, May 29, 2011. Congratulations to Jennifer and Derek Meek!



Congratulations to Cara and Pete Lager on the birth of their son, Paden Reese Lager. Paden was born on May 9, 2011 at 6 lbs 8 ounces. Paden's dad, Pete, is an MIL Team Lead for the RDT&E WD Engineering and Installation (E&I) Team. Welcome to the world, Paden. Who knows...maybe Paden will join the MIL team someday, just like his dad!

MIL'S BIGGEST LOSER CHALLENGE RESULTS

After nearly four months of healthy eating and exercising, the results are in! Here are the winners of the MIL Biggest Loser Challenge:



1st place: Patrick Deboe!

He lost a total of 50 pounds or 19.49% of his body weight. For all his hard work and dedication, Patrick is now \$375 richer.

Here's what Patrick had to say regarding his weight loss challenge:

My daily routine before the competition was probably like many other people: Work all day, eat dinner with the family, watch TV/spend time online and then go to sleep. I had been telling myself that I needed to lose the weight, but I could never find the right motivation to begin. I knew The Biggest Loser challenge would bring out the competitive nature of our division, so I decided to participate and see how I would do. It was very embarrassing to expose my initial weight, but I felt it would be even more embarrassing if I revealed my weight and then didn't lose it.

I lost 16 lbs in the first week of the competition by drinking a juice of raw vegetables, barley grass and algae for my meals and only water for thirst. I'll admit that this concoction smelled like the inside of a fish tank, but after a couple of days, I became used to it!

For the rest of the competition, I focused on reducing my portion sizes, eating earlier in the evening and drinking more water. Whenever I got the craving for a snack, I would just drink more water! I also cut out the obvious diet killers: Fast food, sodas, chips and sweets. It was difficult when people around me would eat pizza and drink sodas, but the drive to win the competition and lose the weight kept me focused. Encouragement and positive reactions from my friends and family also helped motivate me to continue my loss.

I also started replacing TV and online time with exercise. I began going for short walks and then slowly increased the distance, speed and duration. At the beginning of the challenge I would only walk a mile, but by the end I was walking/jogging 50 miles a week! A trick I used to improve my distance was to run several miles away from my car so that I had no option but to run back to get home!

By the end of the competition, the participants had lost over 300 lb. Considering this success, I encourage the other divisions of MIL Corp to have a similar activity to promote weight loss and healthier living. Replacing sodas with water and chips with carrots or celery are small things that an individual can do to start losing weight. Losing excess weight takes dedication, patience and sacrifice, but the reward of a healthier life is worth it!



2nd place: Pete Thistle

Pete lost 33 pounds or 15.98% of his body weight and was rewarded with a \$175 cash prize. Pete told us all about his dedicated and inspirational regimen:

MIL: How did you lose the weight?

Pete: By eating right and exercising.

MIL: What was your diet/exercise secrets/regimen?

Pete: I monitor my calorie intake and make sure to create a daily deficit of my caloric requirement. I eat five small meals a day, which keeps the metabolism engaged and more efficient. For exercise I do a circuit weight training program combined with intense cardio work 5-6 days a week.

MIL: How did you stay motivated and encouraged during the challenge?

Pete: Seeing the results on a weekly basis makes it easy to keep it up.

MIL: What was the biggest food/snack sacrificed in order to lose the weight?

Pete: I cut down on a lot of things, but I didn't eliminate anything from my regular diet. The key is simply to burn more calories than you eat, so it doesn't

matter where the calories come from.

MIL: Reactions from your friends and family?

Pete: Everyone has been really impressed. Losing this much weight in such a short time causes a pretty drastic change, so people are shocked when they haven't seen me in a few weeks.

MIL: Any relapses?

Pete: My plan had calculated periodic indulgences factored in. It helps to keep up my morale but mostly I use it as a tool to keep myself on track. If I know that I have a day planned where I can let go, I'm less likely to falter throughout the schedule.

MIL: Any other information you'd like to share with MIL Corp regarding your experience?

Pete: Losing weight is hard work, and there is no quick fix. You have to make a commitment and stick with it. It isn't easy, but what is worthwhile is worth effort.

3rd place: Ricky Chesser aka Rick Springfield

Ricky lost 34.5 pounds or 13.66% of his body weight and received a \$100 cash prize. Here's what Ricky had to say regarding his impressive weight loss:

MIL: How did you lose the weight?

Ricky: Walking!

MIL: What was your diet/exercise secrets/regimen?

Ricky: Portion Control

MIL: Any funny anecdotes you would like to relay?

Ricky: Patrick drank pond scum to drop the weight.

MIL: How did you stay motivated and encouraged during the challenge?

Ricky: My daughter's wedding was coming up.

MIL: What was the biggest food/snack sacrificed in order to lose the weight?

Ricky: Wings, Little Debbie Snack Cakes, cookies, candy, "Five Guys", potato chips, Triple Burgers from anywhere, "Sheetz" onion rings, fried chicken, fried shrimp, fried pickles, pancakes, french fries...Anything that had any taste at all. Beer, Jack Daniels, donuts, scrapple, eggs and cheese with mayo on toast, spam, fried oysters...

MIL: Any other information you'd like to share with MIL Corp regarding your experience?

Ricky: Never build an MIL building next to a Checkers and Burger King restaurant.



The winning team was Team B (The Jared's)

Team B lost a combined total 123.5 pounds or an average team percentage of 10.8% weight loss. To reward them for all their dedicated efforts, Larry Wise has offered to pay for lunch at the restaurant of their choosing.

MIL Corp is proud of all the commitment and determination displayed by all who participated in the Biggest Loser Challenge. All your sacrifices have paid off and we appreciate seeing the healthier 'you'. Keep up the good work!

CONFERENCES



On April 27, Robin Withall attended the 26th Annual Federal Outlook conference in McLean, VA. Ray Bjorklund, Vice President and Chief

Knowledge Officer at FedSources, provided an in-depth analysis of the 2012 budget and the impact it will have on industry. "Some of the burden we're going to have to share" with a cash-strapped government "is going to be happening sooner, rather than later." That, Bjorklund said, "is the key takeaway message" from a close analysis of the White House's 2012 budget request.



On May 3, Harvey Weiner attended AGA's Corporate Partnership Advisory Group (CPAG) dinner featuring Owen Barwell, COO - Loan Programs Office, Dept of Energy (DoE). Mr. Barwell is responsible for running the organization that loans billions of dollars in support of important energy, scientific, and national security investments. Mr. Barwell previously served as Deputy CFO at DoE, where he was responsible for the Department's financial management, budget formulation and execution, program analysis and evaluation, and corporate information systems organizations. The CPAG dinner participants freely asked questions and gained "off-the-record" management and political insights from Mr. Barwell.

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On May 3-4, Lloyd Farmer attended the AGA Annual Spring Educational Conference in Washington, DC. Each year, over 120 government financial management and accountability professionals attend this conference seeking to educate themselves, improve their organizations, and network with colleagues and peers. He noted that the discussion on the changes to the Government Accountability Office (GAO) Government Auditing Standards (often referred to as the "Yellow Book") was particularly interesting. Jeanette M. Franzel, Managing Director at GAO, outlined changes on three chapters covering independence. Under the new framework, the auditor identifies threats to independence and then assesses the significance of the threats. If identified threats are deemed significant to the engagement, the auditor then determines whether safeguards could be put in place to mitigate the threats to an acceptable level. The framework also provides guidance on the significance of certain specific threats and whether those threats can be mitigated.

On May 3-4, Harvey Weiner, Linda Glasco and Karen McGee attended the Association of Government Accountant's (AGA) 2nd Annual Federal Performance Conference in Arlington, VA. The Government Performance and Results Modernization Act of 2010, Performance and Accountability Reports, and OMB's Accountable Government Initiative are examples of regulatory elements that provide information on agency performance goals

and the extent to which these goals were (or were not) met. This conference featured speakers from the Federal Government and industry who described specific processes, systems and techniques for setting goals, analyzing performance and financial information, and reporting results, all with the goal of improving agency planning and effectiveness.



On May 4, Linda Glasco and Deji Odunlami attended the AFCEA Bethesda's Energy and Environmental IT Day which brought together more than 350 senior government leaders and IT professionals across the federal energy and environmental communities including the Department of Energy, Environmental Protection Agency, the Department of

Defense, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, General Services Administration and Office of Management and Budget. This conference highlighted the relationship between the federal "green" initiatives and how Information Technology projects can contribute to the "green" initiatives. WTOP Federal News was broadcasting live from the conference at the North Bethesda Marriott. The MIL Corporation was a conference sponsor and received exposure to the federal and contractor IT community.



On May 4, Robin Withall attended the Tech America 21st Annual Federal CIO Survey Conference.

This year, the title and focus of the event was "Improving Government Performance: Closing the IT Gap." Notable members of the federal community including Mark Day of HUD, Dave McClure of GSA, Elizabeth McGrath of DoD, and Susan Swart of DoS, discussed the ways in which the Administration and Congress might focus on 21st century challenges and how technology innovation is essential to transforming government.



On June 1, Ron Hannah, Julie Aguilera, and Barrington White, along with 200 others, attended the Government Business Travel Association event GovTravDC, a cutting edge event designed

for both government and business travel professionals who are committed to smarter travel management. The event showcased the latest information, innovations and insight on metrics and reporting to meet higher performance results.

CONFERENCES (CONT'D)



From May 30 through June 4, the MIL participated in the American Society of Military Comptrollers (ASMC) yearly Professional Development Institute (PDI) in Minneapolis Minnesota. More than 3,300 attendees passed through the Exhibit Hall, where MIL was represented. Resource managers in the Department of Defense and US Coast

Guard participated in a full day of service activities, seven general sessions, more than seventy workshops, and many special events. Lloyd Farmer, Linda Glaso, John Yanksy, and Harvey Weiner attended sessions at this year's event.



SPOTLIGHT ON THE MIL HUMAN RESOURCES TEAM



*Spotlight on the MIL Human Resources Team
Jessica Downing, Kathleen Buscher, and Patricia Pennini*



Kilhwa Choi

Our Human Resources department has two new additions to the staff headed by Kathy Buscher, Director of Human Resources.

Kathy has over 20 years of experience in organizational development and performance management. She handles the savings plan as well as HR policies, procedures, and practices.

Jessica Downing, Human Resources Administrator, handles the Metro benefit, tuition reimbursement, and various HR forms.

Kilhwa Choi is MIL's newest Human Resources Generalist. With five years of HR experience in benefits, immigration, compliance, and database management, Kilhwa handles MIL's benefit administration, new hire orientation, and all immigration matters.

Kathy, Jessica, and Kilhwa join Patty Pennini, Human Resources Analyst and AFSO, who has 20 years of experience in Human Resources and has been with MIL for eight months. Patty is responsible for payroll, security and new hire processing.



Wellness Watch

8 Tips toward a Healthier Mind

- 1.** Sometimes you just need to RELAX. Take some time to help you relax, reenergize, and organize your thoughts and feelings.
- 2.** Treat your body with RESPECT. Don't relieve the emotions of stress through bad habits such as excessive smoking and alcohol consumption. It will only wear you down physically and emotionally, which will add unnecessary stress to your body.
- 3.** Don't be afraid to LIVE LIFE. Open yourself up to new ideas and interests. Broaden your perspective by exploring new pieces of literature or works of art. Listen to others' ideas/opinions. Try new hobbies, visit a new museum, or just have lunch with friends. Varied experiences contribute to the mental balance that is essential to a healthy life!
- 4.** Find what makes you HAPPY. Spend time with family and friends. Engage in a physical activity that you enjoy and make time to do it on a regular basis. You'll feel emotionally refreshed and more productive as a result.
- 5.** Improve your ability to COMMUNICATE. Talk about your emotions and thoughts with family members, friends, or health care providers. Talking can provide an effective outlet to stressors and can facilitate a better outlook on life.
- 6.** THINK before you act. Feelings and emotions can be powerful. Before you do or say something you may regret, make sure you give yourself time to think. Clear your mind through taking a walk or eating a nutritious snack! If you decide to act, do so with respect for yourself and others.
- 7.** Everyone has their own LIMITS. We're not super-humans. Learn to accept your limitations in overwhelming situations and set reasonable expectations. Don't overload yourself to the point where you can't live a healthy life!
- 8.** Strive for BALANCE. A healthy balance of fitness and nutrition is essential to maintaining good mental health. Feel more refreshed and increase your productivity through staying active and eating well today!
- 9.** ASSESS your STRESS LEVEL by taking the stress quiz at <http://www.mentalhealthamerica.net/llw/stressquiz.html>.

Contract News

NRC CPAR

The MIL Corporation has received an “exceptional” rating in all areas of the Contractor Performance Assessment Report (CPAR) for work on the US Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) contract to provide IV&V Services for the Financial Accounting and Integrated Management Information System (FAIMIS) project.

CPAR assesses a contractor’s performance and provides a record, both positive and negative, on a given contractor during a specific period of time. The information is recorded in the Federal Past Performance Information Retrieval System (PPIRS), the system used to collect and retrieve performance assessment reports from Federal agencies for use in source selection determinations. Each assessment is based on objective facts and supported by program and contract management data, such as cost performance reports, customer comments, quality reviews, technical interchange meetings, financial solvency assessments, construction/production management reviews, contractor operations reviews, functional performance evaluations, and earned contract incentives.

In the Assessing Official Narrative, NRC Contracting Officer Sharon Lim wrote of MIL, “given what I know today about the Contractor’s ability to execute what they promised in their proposal, I definitely would award to them today given that I had a choice.”

Reginald W. Mitchell, controller for the NRC, will present a session at the upcoming Association of Government Accountants Professional Development Conference entitled, “NRC Financial Systems Implementation—On Time and On Budget”, where he will review the successful and on-time implementation of NRC’s financial system, highlighting best practices and lessons learned. MIL was instrumental in the success of this project. Congratulations to the entire MIL NRC team!

Overseas Buildings Operations (OBO) Bureau

MIL staff assigned to support the three distinct projects at the Department of State, Overseas Buildings Operations (OBO) Bureau, has been staying very busy. A few of the highlights are:

Robert Poppleton supports the Planning and Real Estate (PRE) directorate, Real Property Management division, and plans and conducts special studies on State’s lease management systems. He has developed, implemented, and now manages an auditing system for a \$400+ million international lease portfolio used to evaluate the economic impact of the system’s data accuracy. To accomplish these tasks, Robert manages a team of six lease reviewers and collaborates with a team of Property and Data Managers. Additionally, he recently conducted training for five Foreign Service Officers who are

now using the auditing system he developed. To date, Robert has completed review of over 7,000 short- and long-term leases at over 90 posts worldwide.

Axel Aranda, Chelsea Allen, and Bill Frame support the Resource Management/Financial Management (RM/FM) division. Chelsea manages a portfolio of 30 active projects containing Strategic Capital, Major Rehabilitation, and Follow On projects, with a combined total budget of approximately \$400 million. She manages the projection of future year monetary needs for each project, reporting monthly to senior OBO management on the status of each project. Chelsea also supervises the current spending by verifying and reviewing requests for additional monies as well as authorizations to issue contracts and contract modifications, and interacts with domestic and overseas personnel on all issues relating to project budget and spending.

Chelsea is responsible for the Congressional Carryover Report that is submitted to Congress on a quarterly basis to provide data on the progress of initial carryover spent across various appropriations. Finally, Chelsea manages the SharePoint Reprogramming Library, keeping track of all Congressional Notifications, including Site Notifications, the annual Financial Plan, and stand alone Reprogramming requests.

Axel Aranda remains extremely busy supporting the RM/FM Office Director, the OBO Executive Director, and the OBO Deputy Director on a variety of tasks, including business process reengineering. Under this task, Axel created a Business Process Review project based on OMB A-123 for internal controls over new business process models and performance metrics, and designing and deploying SharePoint collaboration websites.

Axel also provided guidance to the project management team on deliverables and PMI-based documentation, along with performing Root Cause Analysis, Impact Assessment, establishing internal controls, implementing Corrective Action Plans, and Plan of Action and Milestones for OBO’s OIG audit responses. Axel also performed system architecture design, documented system requirements, conducted testing, facilitated data migration, and coordinated the implementation of BLUE in the OBOLink system of record to streamline an electronic media vendor invoice processing system.

In addition, Axel was detailed out to the OBO Human Resources office where he developed business requirements and mapped business processes for their office. He also designed and developed an Employee Relations database as well as a Compensatory Time Off for Travel database.

Contract News

Bill Frame's main responsibilities as a Budget Analyst include the Residential Design and Cultural Heritage program, in which he developed a unique system to capture the amounts "in process". He processes Post Communication Inter-agency and Inter-bureau agreements and reimbursements, and serves as OBO's sole point of contact with State's Office of Logistic Management for all funding and issues related to transportation and procurement surcharges.

Bill's performance contributed to OBO's ability to successfully manage over \$5 billion in resources in FY2010, complete the construction of five new embassy/consulate facilities, continue construction on another 37 major construction projects, and award seven contracts for the construction of seven more new facilities.

The OBO Travel Office, which is currently staffed by Georgiana Wacksman, Wayne HarRell, Keita Morrison, Belinda Wells, May Sifuentes, and Project Manager Julie Aguilera, continues to receive accolades from OBO Senior Staff as well as OBO travelers for a job well done. During FY2010, the Travel Office staff conducted technical reviews on more than 6000 travel authorizations and vouchers in E2 Solutions within the required 2-business day window, thus ensuring OBO travelers remain compliant with the FAM, FTR, FAH and Bureau travel regulations and policies.

In addition, they provided over 14,000 instances of travel help desk support, which included E2 assistance, password resets, travel policy questions, and data entry assists. As if that didn't keep the staff busy, they reviewed and facilitated the processing of nearly 2,000 visa applications and 350 passport applications.

The OBO Travel Office staff is revamping their intranet website. This project, driven by Georgiana and Belinda, will provide user-friendly navigation of travel-related policies, procedures, and applications.

Georgiana is currently taking courses developed by the Society of Government Travel Professionals (SGTP) to earn her certificate as a Certified Government Travel Professional. The SGTP encourages open communication within the travel community, focusing on current travel subject matter and solutions that are being implemented and further developed in the ever-evolving area of Government travel.



In the back row, left to right, Bill Frame, Chelsea Allen, Belinda Wells, Julie Aguilera, Axel Aranda
Front row, left to right, is Georgiana Wacksman, May Sifuentes, Keita Morrison, Wayne HarRell
Not pictured: Robert Poppleton

Central Travel Agency (CTA)

There have been a few changes in the Central Travel Agency (CTA) Team that supports NAVAIR/NAWCAD at Patuxent River, Maryland. Two employees have moved up in the team providing more complex tasks for the customer. **Janet Lawrence**, now a Tier 2 National Travel Support Analyst and **Kristy Lingenfelter** (NSI Subcontractor), now a Tier 2 Authorizations Review Agent.

Lynn Hammett, a MIL employee since 2001 with the CTA and a senior manager leading the National Travel Support and Claims Review Teams, left on May 20, 2011. The CTA and its customers will miss Lynn and we wish her all the best. Congratulations to the following employees that are now supporting the customer in new roles as a result of Lynn's departure:

- LaVana Bryant – Manager for the National Travel Support Team
- Jennifer (Blevins) Meek – Team Lead for the National Travel Support Team
- Eva Durkin – Move from Claims Review Team to the National Travel Support Team
- Wanda Howard – Move from Authorizations Review Team to Claims Review Team
- Diana Gluz – Temporarily acting as Manager for the Claims Review Team

RDT&E WD

Customer Recognition

Martha Schiller works on the RDT&E Business Solutions team at China Lake. Since her start with MIL, she has invested her time and energy in learning the nuances of each customer environment, and the intricacies of individual customer personalities, with the goal of providing the highest possible level of customer support. Last month, Charles Daugherty, Structures and Design Branch at China Lake, requested an explanation of the charges on his statement. Martha's explanation was so thorough that not only did the WD RDT&E Customer Services Branch Head, Justin French, thank her, but praised Martha's level of communication stating, "Fantastic communication. You have done an outstanding job learning and understanding our dynamic and unique business." Additionally, Bob McGowan, RDT&E Division Head, congratulated Martha on another occasion, stating, "Kudos for doing such a great job! It's wonderful to have such outstanding folks on our team." We have enjoyed working with Martha, but unfortunately she will be relocating at the end of August. We wish her the best of luck and hope one day our paths will cross again.

RDT&E Systems Administrators **Micah Lloyd**, **Keith Bennett** and **John Cusick** make up the HBSS sustainment team at China Lake. Following the HBSS audit, Jonathan Bushnell, RDT&E Network Operations Manager, sent an e-mail congratulating the HBSS sustainment team for doing such a fantastic job ensuring that all of our customers were 100% compliant on all implementation, configuration and FRAGO requirements to the headend equipment and all Lab assets. Additionally, Justin French, WD RDT&E Customer Services Branch Head, added, "I am very confident in the ability of the team, and have every reason to believe that our strategy is not only sustainable, but offers the best value to the command at large. Micah and the rest of the HBSS sustainment team have done a fantastic job!" Congratulations on a job well done and thank you for the continued support you provide to the HBSS team.

Naval Air Weapons Station (NAWS) Annual Job Fair

On May 25, the City of Ridgecrest and the NAWS Fleet and Family Support Center (FFSC) joined forces to provide the military and civilian communities with employment opportunities in and outside the federal sector. The event was held at the local convention center, Kerr-McGee Center. Many of the booths were manned by local government contractors, all of the local financial institutions as well as a few local businesses. Even the Los Angeles Police and Fire Departments attended looking for interested individuals. Our local CA recruiting team, Human Resources Manager **Elizabeth Armogida**, Ridgecrest Recruiting Support Specialist **Franky Kleinback**, and Associate **Alicia Bushnell** represented MIL. They accepted resumes and conducted on-site interviews. It was a very productive day and we picked up quite a few good resumes.

Certifications Completed in March, April and May 2011

Brandon Rivera	EXIN ITIL Foundation Cert MAC OS X Support Essentials 10.6 Cert CIW Java Script Specialist Cert Certified Network Defense Architect Cert
Jimmy Smith	CompTIA Project+ Cert
Peter Bertella	CompTIA Security+ Cert
Brian Saunders	MAC OS X Support Essentials 10.6 Cert

DoC ITA Win!

We are truly excited to announce that MIL has won a second large contract with the Department of Commerce. MIL successfully beat an incumbent for this new work to provide infrastructure support services at the International Trade Administration (ITA). This multi-year, \$15M dollar procurement allows us to greatly expand our presence and capabilities within Commerce, providing opportunities for existing staff to pursue and the ability to supplement our already great Commerce team with additional new resources.

ITA coordinates all issues concerning import administration, trade law enforcement, agreements compliance, international trade and commercial policy, trade promotion, and trade competitiveness. Our project team of over 25 individuals will provide total support for ITA's network, server, and desktop infrastructure. Due to ITA's broad base of operations, our team profile includes staff located in Washington DC, Cincinnati, St. Louis, San Francisco, Pittsburgh, and Baltimore. To better support our international users, we will also have a resource at the American Embassy in Singapore.

We want to recognize the efforts of Vin Seibert, Stephen Stewart, Chuck Rieger, Rhonda Cadogan, and Michael Means. Congratulations to all and welcome to the new members of our project team!

KUDOS for Sue Abell and Julie Daye-Baden



The MIL Corporation would like to recognize the outstanding efforts of Sue Abell and Julie Daye from MIL's Lexington Park (LP) office. Sue and Julie provide administrative support to the RDT&E and Pax River staff members located in Lexington Park and St. Inigoes, Maryland, as well as long-distance assistance to MIL staffers at multiple RDT&E facilities on the West Coast.

For the RDT&E effort, in particular, Sue and Julie ensure that daily operations occur smoothly at MIL's Southern Maryland offices by managing a multitude of administrative functions. This includes everything from facility support (managing office space, furniture, HVAC, etc.), to supplies (from refrigerators to paper clips and everything in between). Sue and Julie also ensure that mail and phone calls are routed properly and that all employees' travel arrangements are made and processed properly, even when there is no lead time.

As Office Manager's, Sue and Julie have the responsibility for everything that comes into and goes out of the LP offices; not to mention keeping all employees well informed and the even bigger responsibility of keeping them all happy and content. Sue and Julie's administrative and coordination skills were recently put to the test as MIL hosted its first Joint Mission Environment Test Capability (JMETC) offsite meeting. Over two days in early April, Government representatives from the JMETC program, including the RDT&E COR, attended meetings at MIL's offices to discuss and review JMETC operations. In a recent email to Ed Morgan from Duane Salzman, an RDT&E AD Infrastructure Division Branch Head, made the following observation and commendation:

"On behalf of the RDT&E and JMETC teams I wish to extend sincere thanks to a couple of MIL employees. Ms. Sue Abell and Ms. Julie Daye-Baden helped make the JMETC CONOPS offsite such a success. Their contributions helped to ensure a most successful engagement between all parties involved. Once again please extend our thanks for all of their support."

Those of us who are the daily beneficiaries of their organizational and management skills completely agree with Mr. Salzman, and echo his sentiments. To show MIL's appreciation for their outstanding performance in support of the JMETC offsite, as well as for their daily high level administrative support, Sue and Julie have received a MIL Certificates and MIL Bucks to use at their leisure.

Please join us in congratulating Sue and Julie!

Life Before and After BRAC



Bob Waxman, Judge John Hanson Briscoe, and Jack Gelrud

"Life Before and after BRAC", the second of the Patuxent River Naval Air Museum's Educational Program series, was a great success. Held at the museum on April 17, 2011, the event celebrated the 2011 centennial of naval aviation and was sponsored by the Patuxent River Naval Air Museum Foundation Education Committee.

As the Base Realignment and Closing (BRAC) process came into play, St. Inigoes was spared the hit because of its vitality. Today, St. Inigoes is a vital part of NAVAIR. Panelist and MIL senior consultant **Bob Waxman** was one of the original em-

ployees at Webster Field in St. Inigoes. Many times referred to as the mayor of St. Inigoes, Mr. Waxman played a significant role in the growth of Webster Field. He retired as director of NEASEA and is recipient of the Navy Distinguished Civilian Service Award.

As a panelist on the series, Mr. Waxman noted that preparedness is essential to winning business and that this was their formula for success over the years. He traced the growth of St. Inigoes as an independent electronics center of excellence for the Navy. He noted that the installation grew through a solid partnership with its support contractors and was able to attract solid business.

Also on the panel were former Maryland House Speaker and Circuit Court Judge John Hanson Briscoe and Jack Gelrud, who founded a pharmacy in Lexington Park in 1949. Despite the rapid change brought about by BRAC, the panelists felt that there was great potential to further build up the business infrastructure in Lexington Park.



On the Calendar

The **2011 ASMC Washington Chapter Golf Tournament at Ft. Belvoir Golf Club** will take place on **Wednesday, July 20th**. The tournament will begin with a shotgun start at 0800 and conclude with a delicious catered lunch on the patio of the club. Good luck to the MIL team!

MIL will attend and exhibit at **AGA's 60th Annual Professional Development Conference & Exposition (PDC)**—the premier education and networking event for government financial managers and accountability professionals, on **July 10-13, 2011**. The theme for this year's conference is "Celebrating Our Past, Embracing the Future."

The PDC offers a comprehensive program, captivating speakers, lively discussions, top-quality education sessions, and equips you with knowledge and skills you need to be a more effective leader. This year, featured panelists include MIL's own John Roland and Harvey Weiner. In addition to an outstanding technical program, the conference features a numerous networking events to help you make new contacts, exchange ideas and collaboratively work on solutions to common problems. Exhibitors are also available to demonstrate the newest products, tools and cutting-edge technology available to help your agency achieve its mission.