



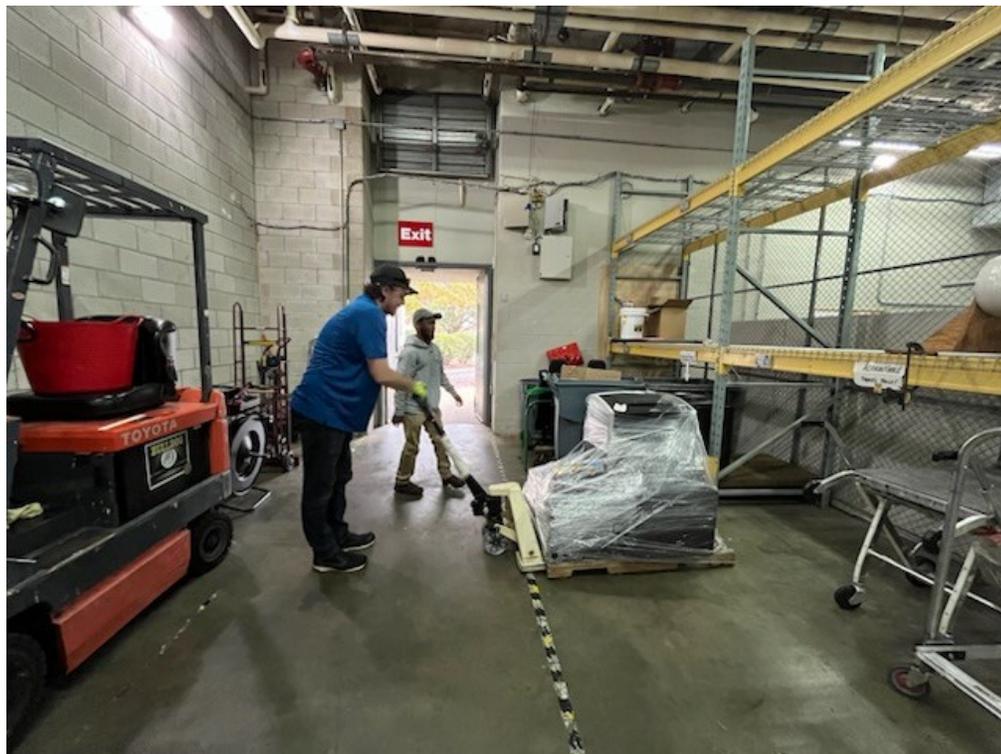
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Teamwork Drives Equipment Disposal Success at Craney Island

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Seth Larson and Wisdom Vicku prepare property for disposal. (Courtesy photo.)

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A multi-week government equipment disposal operation at the Craney Island Project Site and across the Norfolk District concluded in February, resulting in the successful removal of more than \$60,000 in excess property—and exemplifying what meticulous planning, interdepartmental collaboration, and leadership can accomplish. From Jan. 21 to Feb. 24, Logistics Management Specialist Ramonica Williams, Material Handler Jayvonn Hill, and a dedicated team supported the disposal of equipment no longer serviceable, including high-value items from the district's 989-

account totaling over \$700,000.

Hill led the physical operation with coordination from teammates and Williams.

"This disposal action support by Hill meets the US Army Corps of Engineers core principle of program delivery and communication, while strengthening partnership which is collaborative and essential for the removal of property that achieved core tenet of the Command Supply Discipline Program," Williams said.

Equipment that was disposed of included: a Stack Tool Chest, Rockwell Drill Press, Encore Zero-turn Lawnmower,



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Task Force Air Compressor, Power Back Electric Generator, Measuring GPS for Bulldozer, Heavy Duty Truck Jack, Dri-Prime CD100M Pump, Morse-Parker Pump, and a Snapper Riding Lawnmower equipment that was used for maintenance and/or maintaining the Craney Island Project Site to complete their dredging mission. The value of Craney Island equipment turned in was \$58,013.83 along with one Norfolk District Floor Model DesignJet T7200 Plotter valued at \$9,075.00 for a grand total of \$67,088.83.

Determination of which equipment to dispose of came from project site personnel, including Chief Carlos Quinones and staff members Al Anderson and Carl Johnston. They contacted Hill to initiate the process after determining the equipment had reached its lifecycle end.

The disposal process was extensive and involved several key steps. It began with the submission of the ENG Form 4900 form to document all relevant item information, followed by photography for advertisement on the ULA Marketplace. After the advertisement cycle, Hill prepared the Department of Defense Form 1348-1A, scheduled appointments with Defense Logistics Agency (DLA) Richmond, and coordinated transportation through a GSA flatbed truck.

Each item was carefully staged, labeled, and accompanied by signed documentation to meet DLA standards.

“Planning entailed driving safely on a 200 mile roundtrip,” Williams said, noting that Hill also ensured documentation was signed and scanned to the Accountable Property Officer, Sheryel Johnson, and Resource Management for records and inventory updates.

But the team wasn’t without its challenges. The unpredictable DC, Maryland, Virginia region traffic and a snowstorm caused a canceled appointment, forcing Hill to offload and safely store the equipment before rescheduling.

“Mr. Hill offloaded the equipment, safely secured the load at the Waterfield campus, returned the GSA rental flatbed truck, and rescheduled new disposal appointment date from DLA for the following week,” Williams said.



(Courtesy photos.)



Despite these setbacks, the operation was a success—and one that supports Norfolk District’s overall mission.

This action is an important mission that addresses the removal of property from the Hand Receipt Holder’s account that is signed by the disposal agency, submitted to the Accountable Property Officer (APO), and processed by the Material Handler which aids in balancing the disposal account to zero, which enables the logistics team to meet DTO 24-12-09 (USACE Disposal of Government Equipment) requirement. Williams emphasized that this operation strengthened the district’s connection with hand receipt holders and reinforced the team’s ability to meet requirements under DTO 24-12-09, which governs the disposal of government equipment. The effort not only ensured accountability, but also cleared the path for future program delivery.

As for advice to others in the USACE who may be facing similar disposal operations?

“My advice would be to plan accordingly, build great work relationships with employees at the field/project site, and provide exceptional service, which Mr. Hill does without exception while promoting core LDRSHP principles,” Williams said.

The Norfolk District Logistics team’s dedication to excellence demonstrates how technical expertise, strategic communication, and teamwork can transform a routine disposal into a model of mission-focused execution.



Norfolk District Logistics Office personnel ready equipment for transportation as part of the disposal process. (Courtesy photo.)



John Davis Supports Maui

John Davis was recently recognized for his contributions to support the recovery efforts following the wildfires Aug. 8, 2023. The Corps of Engineers is actively supporting the Federal Emergency Management Agency, state of Hawaii and the county of Maui. USACE efforts have included providing temporary power, building a temporary elementary school, planning temporary housing and removing debris from impacted areas in Kula and Lahaina.

(Courtesy photo.)



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SPOTLIGHT ON:

*Enabling
Excellence*

Name: Sherry M. Coffey
District: Savannah, Georgia
Position: Logistics Management Specialist
Time on board: Arrived 24 February

Recently we welcomed back Sherry Coffey. Coffey has previously worked for the US Army Corps of Engineers and the Logistics Activity, and the Savannah District is excited to have her knowledge and expertise on the team again.

“Sherry Coffey is a returned employee whose performance was exceptional during her previous time here,” said Maurice D Alford, Savannah District Logistics Manager. “Sherry is a prior service member and with that experience she brings a higher level of leadership and in-depth knowledge in logistics. She will be a source of leadership, knowledge, mentorship and improve efficiency throughout our department. Sherry will be immediate value added to our team.”

Her background in logistics means Coffey brings both experience and familiarity with the processes and programs in place to support logistics in the district.

“Sherry has in depth experience across a wide range in logistics,” said Alford. “Coffey is an experienced logistician who understands regulations and policies across our commodities and more importantly how to apply it. She is detailed oriented and has a good understanding of integrating the leadership’s vision into how we deliver the logistics program here in our district. She has a multitude of attributes that tailors her for our program.”

While returning to the district, Coffey realizes that processes and programs can change all the time.

“I do not foresee any challenges that I cannot accomplish; I have worked this position before,” she said, adding that she is excited to

learn what has changed since she last worked here. “I am looking forward to learning the new systems and ensuring the customers’ requirements are satisfied.”

Coffey said she enjoys the family atmosphere and the environment at the district. In addition to her time previously supporting the district, Coffey bring a wealth of knowledge with her in the logistics field.

“I have worked in the logistic arena for my entire life and retired as a chief warrant officer 5 maintenance officer with over 30 years of service,” she said.



Welcome Back!



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Q&A with FMD: ULA Fire Inspection Checklist Update

Can you provide an overview of the Logistics Activity (ULA) Fire Protection Inspection checklist and its importance within the ULA Facilities Inspection Program?

The annual ULA Fire Protection Inspection is one of three different types of inspections in the ULA Facility Inspection Program. The inspection focuses on three areas: minimizing fire risk; safeguarding human life; and limiting property damage should a fire occur. The inspection checklist combines National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) codes and standards, U.S. Department of Defense (DoD) criteria, and USACE Safety and Occupational Health requirements as they pertain to ULA-managed facilities.

What prompted the revision of ULA Form 41? Were there specific changes in fire protection standards or feedback from the field that drove this update?

After last fall's update of ULA Form 40, Facilities Management Division (FMD) wanted to update and incorporate similar changes to ULA Form 41. Additionally, we wanted to incorporate feedback from ULA facility managers. The main focuses for the revision were updating references and clarifying some inspection items to address recurring questions from prior inspection cycles.

Can you walk me through the process of revising the checklist? Who was involved, and what were some of the key considerations?

During the revision process, FMD aggregated feedback from prior inspection cycles and reviewed previously completed checklists. We identified some common areas of confusion and tried to provide additional clarification. One key consideration

was to account for site variations and ensure the checklist was applicable to all ULA-managed facilities.

What are some of the most significant changes made to the new Fire Protection Inspection checklist?

Like the changes made to ULA Form 40 last fall, ULA Form 41 adds two new sections: an Administrative Actions section and a Safety and Occupational Health Office (SOHO) Coordination section. The new Administrative Actions section reminds inspectors to review prior inspections and ensure that they have been completed and closed correctly in FEM. It also asks inspectors to review the last completed inspection to note potential repetitive issues and problem areas. The SOHO Coordination section reminds inspectors to coordinate with the Division's or District's SOHO for some items.

How do these updates improve the way fire protection inspections are conducted at

ULA-managed facilities?

The revised ULA Form 41 groups inspection items into categories focusing on one of three areas: minimizing fire risk; maintaining clearly marked and unobstructed exit paths; and ensuring the operability of fire warning and extinguishing systems. The goal is an improved systematic and thorough inspection.

Is there anything you'd like ULA employees to know about the importance of fire protection inspections and the role they play in maintaining a safe workplace?

The annual ULA fire protection inspection is one way ULA facility managers verify a safe and productive workspace for all building occupants. Occupants also play an important role in workplace fire safety in ways such as reporting potential fire hazards; knowing evacuation routes; and helping to keep exit paths unobstructed.



(From left) Stephen Lytle, Randy Wilson, and Todd Zoellner from Facilities Management Division review the Fire Inspection Checklist. (Courtesy photo.)



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Fueling Readiness: Inside USACE's Fuel Card Program

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) relies on a complex web of logistics to keep its vehicles, vessels, and aircraft operational. At the heart of that system is the Government Fuel Card (GFC) Program, a centrally managed solution that fuels USACE's mission around the world while streamlining costs and improving efficiency.

Led by Sarah Nielson, Government Fuel Card Manager in the Logistics Activity Sustainment Division, the program oversees five Defense Logistics Agency (DLA) fuel card programs tailored to unique operational needs.

"In an effort to streamline fuel procurement and optimize operational efficiency, the Logistics Activity Sustainment Division has outlined various fuel card programs that cater to specific needs across the United States Army Corps of Engineers," Nielson said.

From fueling ATVs in remote districts to keeping aircraft airborne, the program's structure is anything but one-size-fits-all.

The Voyager Fleet Card, with 1,766 active cards in circulation, supports USACE-owned vehicles, equipment, boats, and general-purpose tools. By setting specific spending limits for fuel, parts, and services, it ensures ground

assets remain ready and mission-capable.

For bulk fuel requirements under 10,000 gallons, the LOGFUEL Card offers an efficient alternative to local contracts. Distributed across all USACE divisions and districts, the program is projected to save the agency between \$750,000 and \$1 million annually.

When smaller vessels operate beyond typical micro-purchase thresholds or in locations where the Voyager Card isn't accepted, the Swipe SEA Card becomes essential. With 190 vessels enrolled, the card comes with a \$150,000 spending limit for fuel and ensures accessibility for maritime units.

The SEA Card Open Market Program supports larger vessels operating in areas without established contracts. Unlike other programs, it doesn't use a physical card. Instead, it functions through an electronic web system known as DoD-

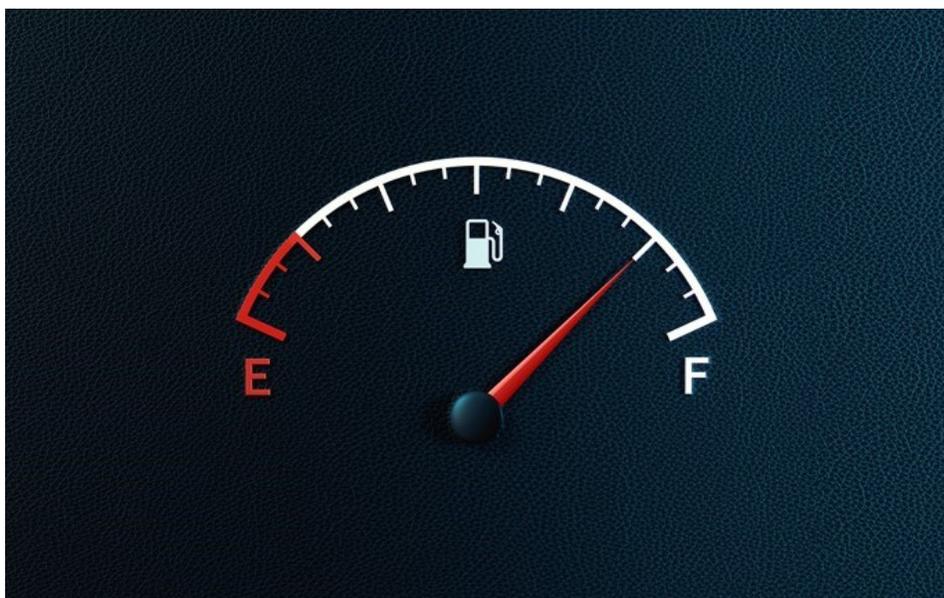
SCOMS (SEACARD Order Management System).

Currently, 43 accounts use this platform to coordinate fuel orders, receipts, and invoices.

In the skies, the Air Card Program fuels 11 aircraft and supports procurement of fuel-related services such as deicing, landing fees, and equipment rentals, ensuring aviation assets are always ready regardless of location.

In fiscal year 2024, the Government Fuel Card Program enabled the purchase of 11.5 million gallons of fuel at a total cost of \$25 million—an effort that resulted in an estimated \$1.5 million in savings for USACE.

Nielson pointed to the standard fuel price tool developed by the Department of Defense as a key contributor to those savings. This tool, managed through the Defense Working Capital Fund, buffers agencies against fuel market volatility by stabilizing costs through gains and losses



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absorbed over time.

“The standard price is determined well before the fiscal year it will be in effect,” she said, noting that projections extend 18 months in advance. Those prices incorporate transportation, storage, and prior year fund performance—none of which reflect local market rates. The FY25 Standard Fuel Price Memo is already in circulation to assist with budgeting.

By consolidating oversight under one centralized office, the program enhances operational efficiency—particularly for remote field teams.

According to Nielson, this centralized structure provides clear direction, manages resources and risk, aligns priorities, and facilitates communication across USACE.

With more than 2,100 fuel cards currently in use, transaction security is paramount. Each card is managed by an Accountable Official (AO) who is nominated in writing and must be a government or military employee. AOs are personally responsible for ensuring transactions are appropriate, legal, and properly documented.

“All AOs must complete DoD Fleet Card training before assuming their roles,” Nielson

said.

In addition to AOs, the program includes Component Program Managers, Agency Program Coordinators, Commanding Officers, Certifying Officers, and Card Users, each with distinct responsibilities in a hierarchical structure designed for accountability.

The SEA Card and Swipe SEA Card offer a variety of advantages for personnel operating USACE’s marine fleet. The SEA Card program provides an efficient, secure, internet-based ordering system and enables open market purchases through competitive bidding when no DLA bunker contract exists at a seaport.

Among its key features:

- Real-time bunker reporting and data
 - Elimination of paper DD1155 forms
 - Virtual dispute resolution
 - Worldwide coverage
- Annual reviews and merchant category code management
- The Swipe SEA Card facilitates purchases over the micro-purchase threshold and supports interfund billing.

With thousands of transactions and strict federal oversight, managing such a large-scale program isn’t without challenges.

“Ms. Jackie and I encounter several challenges in managing a large-scale fuel card program,” Nielson said, referencing a colleague in the program. “Government programs operate within a complex network of regulations, policies, and legal requirements, which can cause delays and impede progress.”

To stay ahead of compliance



Sarah Nielson, Government Fuel Card Manager.

requirements, the team has developed internal procedures to ensure the program continues operating within all federal guidelines.

Looking ahead, Nielson noted one major development on the horizon: the GFC Fuel Policy, which is in the final stages of development. Once published, it will offer standard regulatory guidance for AOs, Certifying Officers, Ordering Officers, and Card Users, reinforcing consistency and oversight across the enterprise.

As USACE missions evolve, the Fuel Card Program remains a critical component of operational success—ensuring teams across land, air, and sea have the fuel they need to build, support, and respond wherever they are called.



MVD Solves MILAIR Issue, Improving Support

From: Brian K. Pirtle
Division/ District: Mississippi Valley Division (MVD)
Position: Regional Logistics Planner

This month's Mississippi Valley Division significant logistics support act occurred within our Regional Logistics Office (RLO). Over the past few weeks, the team conducted a deep dive of the Military Air (MILAIR) request process. In doing so, they worked closely with both CIO-G6 and the Operational Support Airlift Activity IT Office to resolve a long-time issue that has prevented our Division MILAIR Validators from accessing the Joint Air Logistics Information System (JALIS), which is the system utilized to submit MILAIR support request.

After multiple phone conversations and computer technician system remote support sessions, the issue was identified and rectified by the

successful downloading of the required JAVA (8X64) application as well as the approval and uploading of the JALIS URL to the Corps Network.

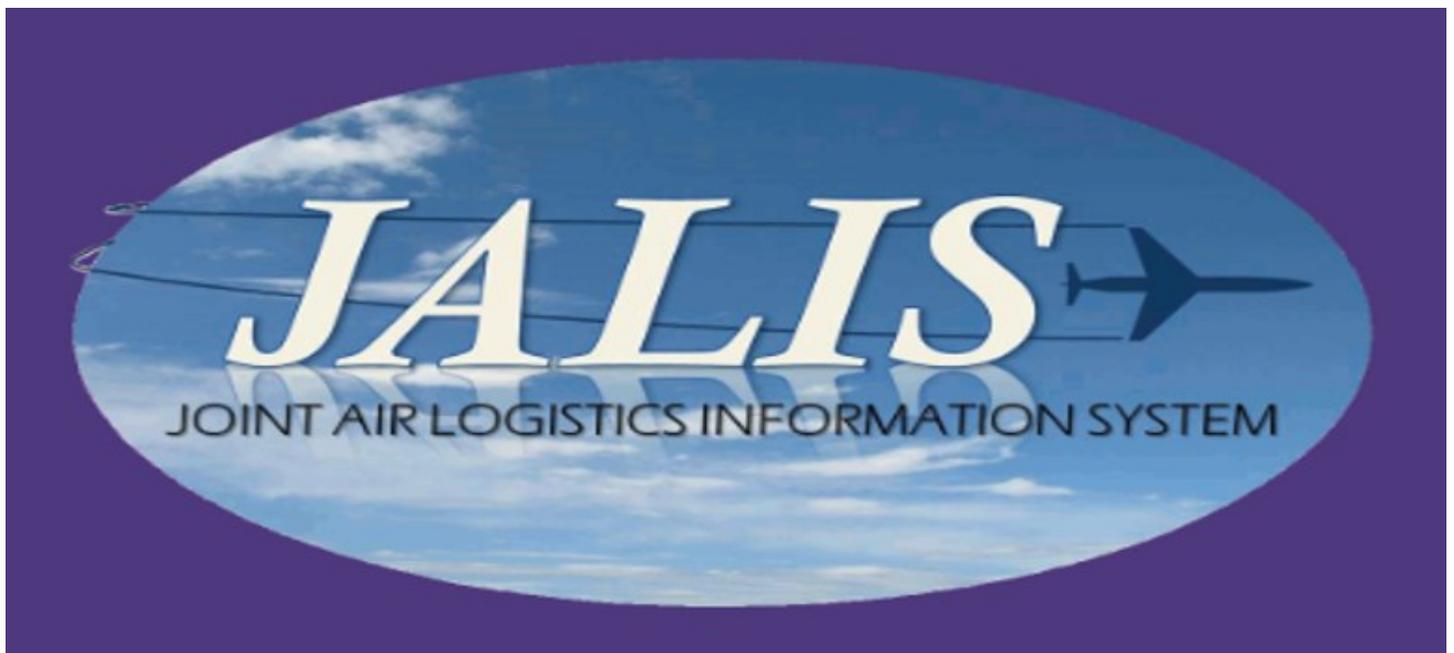
Upon completion of these two items, the team created an instructional continuity PowerPoint presentation that highlighted the steps and procedures of how to request the required JAVA application via the USACE APP Portal and how to access JALIS to submit, modify, or cancel MILAIR request.

The continuity document was shared with not only the eight MILAIR Validators within the division, but fellow Logistic Planners across the spectrum to heighten awareness on how to access JALIS to request MILAIR support from the Ft. Belvoir Operational Support Airlift Activity Office. This act also provides assurance to commanders that logistics is postured to facilitate MILAIR



request if/ whenever needed.

This example of team work and problem solving elevates the abilities across the entire enterprise and ensures ULA will continue to provide top-tier logistics support to the US Army Corps of Engineers at every echelon.



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SPOTLIGHT ON:

Enabling Excellence

Name: L. Stephanie Rosario
District: Pacific Ocean Division
Position: APO – Accountable Property Officer
Time on board: 1 year

While only on board a year, Accountable Property Officer Stephanie Rosario has made quite an impact on the Pacific Ocean Division (POD). From creating educational products to streamlining processes, she has consistently improved the working environment of the Logistics Office.

“Stephanie is incredibly organized and keeps track of all the due outs while maintaining an excellent filing system of documents,” said Ross Wallage POD Regional Logistics Manager. “She has enhanced POD’s ability to account for property by developing multiple ‘how-to’ flyers and conducting monthly update meetings to discuss changes or issues. Stephanie is continually improving the way we do business in POD, striving always for a better more efficient process.”

Wallage said that Rosario’s immense knowledge in her field is a valuable attribute to the division.

“She is the Subject Matter Expert,” he said. “She keeps us on track and in compliance. She is able to handle all questions and troubleshoot anything about the hand receipts, Personal Property Module and AssetTrack. When it is time to conduct turn-ins or assist with inventories she is not afraid to get her hands dirty.”

Rosario takes her work seriously, understanding the impact it has on the district. All the while she keeps a “people first” mentality in getting the job done.

“It has been a great honor to be able to ensure accountability and integrity in the management of properties,” she said. “I take pride in implementing best practices that improve efficiency and protect government assets. I also appreciate the collaborative environment I get to experience while working with diverse teams of people on various projects across the country and world.”

Rosario recognizes that her work is part of the bigger picture supporting not only the local communities the division supports, but the world.

“The area of practice that I have the most enjoyment with is my district’s emphasis on innovation and sustainability,” Rosario said. “The initiatives we embark on not only improve our community but also the environment. The effort put in by my colleagues to achieve and personify the mission and values of the Corps makes the team work well and accomplish our

projects”.

It’s not always been a smooth ride to achieve streamlined and efficient processes, but Rosario rose to each challenge and found ways to make improvements along the way.

“I have encountered some issues, for instance, inventory issues identified upon taking over and ensuring that the laws are followed while changing policies,” she said. “I have been able to come up with effective solutions that have improved our process and inventory management by fostering open communication with my team members, Hand Receipt Holders and then Command. It is my privilege to serve the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and I look forward to continuing to serve with dedication and integrity.”

As Wallage mentioned, Rosario came to the position with a wealth of knowledge already established in the field of logistics, including decades in Army logistics.

“I have had over 20 years of service in the U.S. Army where I worked as a Logistician and have deployed five times,” Rosario said. “Besides my military career, I have also taken my time to serve as a volunteer with the Red Cross. After my military career, I got a civilian job with the U.S. Army Human Resources Command and my position was a casualty analyst for one year. These experiences have given me a good logistics and personnel management background to add to my current position.”



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Free Training Opportunities for Federal Employees

From Victor Mooney, Training Branch Chief

During an ever changing landscape for federal employees, federal workers can still access a wide range of free training opportunities to enhance their skills and boost their future career prospects. Investing time in training not only benefits individuals but also enhances organizational performance, customer relations, and employee retention.

Government agencies continue to offer valuable training resources, especially in areas like leadership, technology, cybersecurity, and compliance. By sharpening soft skills—such as communication, problem-solving, critical thinking, and leadership—employees can significantly improve their marketability and contribute to overall workplace success.

Here are some free training resources available to federal employees:

1. **Civilian Human Resource Agency (CHRA):**

Offers support for Soldiers, Civilians, Families, and Veterans worldwide. CHRA provides HR solutions, ensuring readiness and sustainable workforce management. <https://home.army.mil/riley/tenants/partners/civilian-personnel>

2. **United States Army Combat Readiness Center:**

Offers online courses for safety professionals and Army civilians, covering topics like risk management and occupational health. <https://safety.army.mil/TRAINING-COURSES/Online-Training>

3. **Defense Acquisition University (DAU):**

Provides classes aimed at helping professionals in acquisition management to improve their skills in program and project management. <https://dau.edu/>

4. **General Services Administration (GSA):**

GSA offers training for federal employees in areas such as contracts, acquisitions, technology management, and government policy. <https://gsa.gov/>

5. **Udemy:** A platform offering over 27,000 courses, Udemy provides flexible online learning options that include certifications and personalized recommendations. <https://www.udemy.com/>

6. **USACE Lunch and Learn (MS Teams):** A series of online learning opportunities for US

Army Corps of Engineers employees, announced through email notifications.

7. **Joint Knowledge Online (JKO):** JKO offers online courses and resources to improve operational readiness and support joint military operations. <https://jkodirect.jten.mil/>

8. **Fed Impact - ProFeds:** Free retirement workshops offering an 8-hour course, with links sent via email for registration. Email sent out monthly to ULA employees.

OSHA Academy: Provides online training for meeting OSHA certification requirements, with flexible pacing for busy professionals. <https://www.oshacademy.com/>

Additionally, federal employees can earn continuous learning points by completing courses lasting 50 minutes or more, further enhancing their career development.

By taking advantage of these no-cost resources, employees can continue their professional growth without the financial burden—ensuring they remain competitive and valuable assets to their organizations.



Your Logistics Activity Training Branch is here to meet your professional development training needs! From Left: Rodney Haygood, Dennis Davis, Victor Mooney—Branch Chief, and Deb Osborne.



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U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Kicks Off Year Long Celebration of 250 Years of Service to the Nation

By Patrick Bloodgood, USACE HQ Public Affairs

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) is highlighting 250 years of service to the nation by celebrating its birthday throughout 2025. USACE was established on June 16, 1775, when the Continental Congress authorized the first Chief Engineer to oversee the construction of fortifications and other military infrastructure. Over the centuries, USACE has been at the forefront of engineering excellence, responding to the nation's most complex challenges with unmatched expertise and dedication.

From constructing fortifications during the Revolutionary War to building the infrastructure that saw America grow as a military and economic powerhouse, USACE's mission has always been clear: deliver engineering solutions for the nation's toughest challenges. For the past 250 years, as the nation expanded USACE's missions expanded as well to meet the needs of the country. Flood risk mitigation, navigation, water supply, environmental restoration, providing state-of-the-art facilities for the nation's warfighters and emergency response were all areas added to USACE's responsibilities. Today, USACE continues to be the nation's leader in engineering, environmental, and water resources management.

USACE is responsible for:

- Operating and maintaining over 700 dams and reservoirs,

which provide flood control, water supply, and hydroelectric power to millions of Americans.

- Maintaining over 12,000 miles of inland waterways, which facilitate the transportation of goods and commerce.
- Managing over 150 million acres of public lands, which provide habitat for wildlife and recreational opportunities for the public.
- Providing emergency response and recovery support to communities affected by natural disasters.
- Conducting research and development to help solve the nation's most challenging problems in civil and military engineering, geospatial sciences, water resources, and environmental sciences for the Army, Department of Defense, civilian agencies, and the nation's public good.

"For 250 years, the Corps of Engineers has been working to safely deliver quality projects on schedule and within budget," said Lt. Gen. William H. "Butch" Graham, 56th Chief of Engineers and commanding general of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. "I am proud to be a part of this elite organization, and I'm extremely proud of the 40,000 committed USACE teammates who wake up every day to solve some of the nation's toughest challenges."

To commemorate this milestone, the USACE will be participating in events and activities, nationwide throughout the year, including ceremonies, exhibits, and community outreach programs. Learn more about USACE's 250th activities at www.usace.army.mil/250th,



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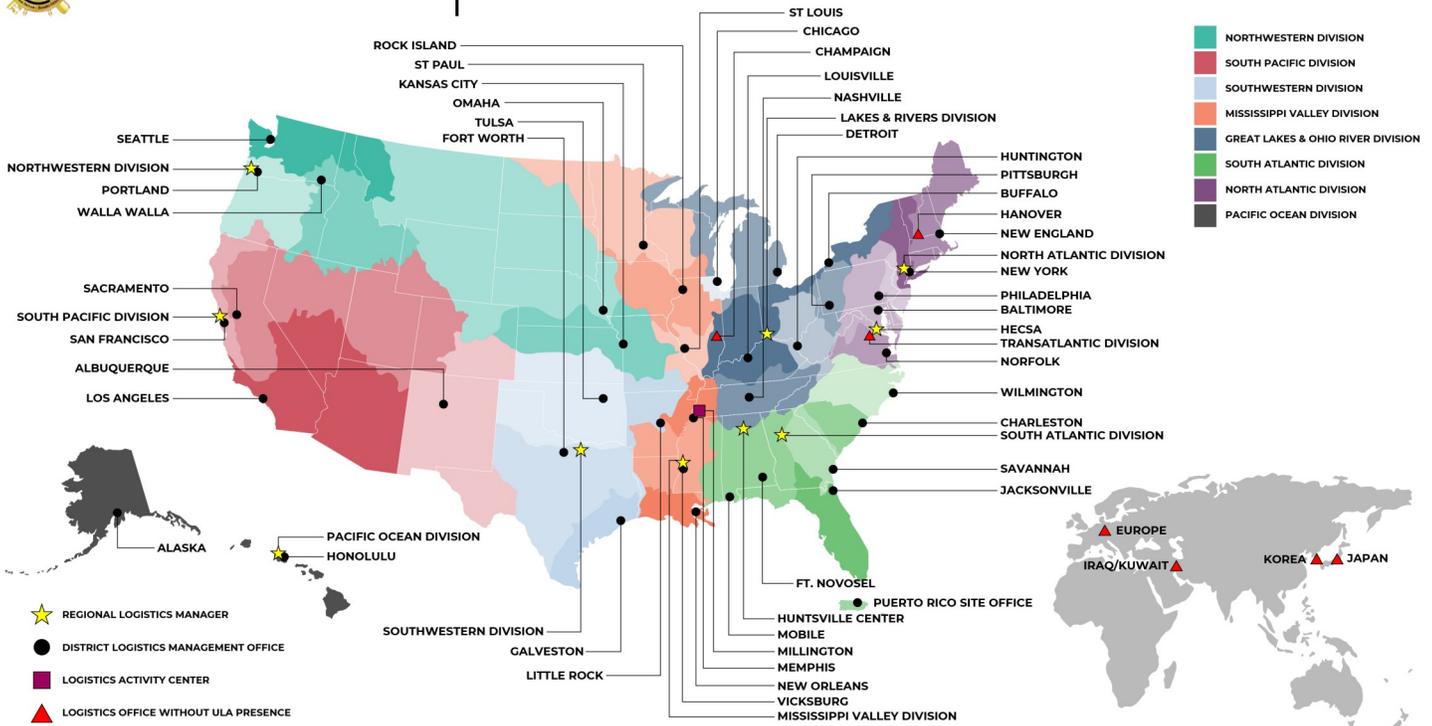


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