



“GROUP SPIRIT”

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I feel like venting in this letter because of my frustration with our elected federal leadership. My issues are twofold. The first concerns the prolonged and ongoing attacks by elected officials of the SBA 8(a) program. It seems that the more successful a program is the greater the need is to try and dismantle something that is truly working. Hearings were held this spring in Washington, DC and both tribal and Alaska Native company representatives were called upon to defend this program.

Under the current 8(a) program we have the ability to have directed sole source contracts awarded to one of our companies. This gives greater flexibility and efficiency to the federal contractor. It also allows for the creation of a fair value contract price because it is negotiated. Also, the contract price does not have an upper dollar ceiling limitation that exists for non-tribal 8(a) contract awards.

The second significant issue for me to vent about is the inability of our elected officials to move expeditiously on the federal budget. Once again we start the summer season just as we did last year with another troubled federal budget cycle. Only this year we have the added drama of the need

to raise the federal debt ceiling coupled with the demand for deeper budget cuts. Whatever side of the equation you personally come down on, the overall effect is the reluctance by the federal agencies to commit to new contracts.

The uncertainty in this politically charged climate only serves to exacerbate business and consumer confidence. As a consequence, business is unwilling to reinvest for the long term and consumers cannot or will not purchase big ticket items that spur economic growth.

All right, let me wrap up on a positive note. Bucking the national dismal business trend, we have established two new subsidiaries. The first is S&K Security Group. Christina Courville is president of this new company and she is going to base the offices in Tennessee, in the greater Nashville area. The second company is S&K Logistics Services, with Dave Rariden as president. This company will be based in Georgia. Both of these individuals have been with the S&K family for a number of years. I have every confidence in each one's ability to develop successful companies.



KEEPING A POSITIVE NOTE

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Wingin' it!

By Jim Suzel, F-15 Wing Structural Disassembly and Analysis Project Manager, SKT LLC

Work is well underway dissecting and inspecting six wings removed from retired F-15 Eagle aircraft. S&K Technologies, LLC is working to help keep the Air Force (AF) fleet safe to fly and fight. This work follows on the heels of two previous projects for the F-15 System Program Office (SPO) where F-15C and F-15D fuselages were disassembled and examined.

Three of the wings have been disassembled so far and are currently undergoing a series of procedures to prepare the extracted parts for sensitive non-destructive inspections, which is simply referred to as 'NDI' in the aircraft industry. SKT is proud to have been hand selected to perform this critical work based on our experience and well established processes that ensure high quality data is collected.

Finding and characterizing very small defects in these aging aircraft, well before they can grow to a size that can impact structural integrity, will help the AF fleet managers set inspection and part replacement schedules. Additionally, the knowledge gained can help prevent accidents such as an in-flight failure of a critical structural member resulting in injury to the pilot and loss of the aircraft. This occurred to a Missouri Air National Guard F-15C on November 2, 2007. Events like this underscore the importance of using complete aircraft teardown and inspections as part of a sound fleet management strategy.

The wings selected for the project were removed from retired F-15's and shipped to the Byron, Georgia office from the Air Force's 'bone yard' located at Davis-Monthan AFB, Arizona. Upon arrival in Byron, a team of experienced SKT aircraft technicians, led by Senior Logistician and Site

Manager Steve Hartley, carefully goes about disassembling the structure.

They first remove each wing from its shipping trailer and mount it on a disassembly fixture custom designed by Senior Maintenance Analyst Ken Foote. Each wing is then given a thorough initial inspection to document its overall condition and then drained of residual fuel for several days before cutting or drilling operations can begin.

Then the real work begins. All critical parts identified by the SPO are located and the disassembly begins by removing the thousands of fasteners in accordance with strict protocols to ensure each fastener hole is undamaged in the disassembly process. It takes years of experience to properly drill out or remove the high strength interference fit aircraft fasteners that hold the wing components together.

Luckily, experience is not in short supply on the Byron team. Steve, along with Ken and fellow Senior Maintenance Analysts Dan Childs and Mike Bearden, have 80+ years of aircraft structural repair experience between them. During this process the team keeps records of any machining anomalies or damage found. Photos are taken by Shop Technician Jonathan Crowell. The photos and observations are then recorded in the Teardown Data Management System database (TDMS). TDMS was designed by Software Development/Chemical Engineer Kara Brockman in SKT's Dayton, Ohio office and has become the Air Force standard for aircraft teardown data collection.

After parts are extracted and visually inspected, they're shipped up to the Dayton office, where the teardown project

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is managed, for paint stripping, additional visual inspection, and photography by Senior Lab Technician Eddie Lockard. The SKT Dayton lab is currently making capital improvements to upgrade the paint removal capacity which will allow increased throughput for this and future projects. The majority of the sealant and paint removal is performed by Shop Technician Steve Rike who also has considerable experience with aircraft section disassembly. After the coatings are removed, it's much easier to detect small defects that would otherwise be hidden. Several methods of NDI are then performed, either in house by our resident NDI Technician, Tim Russell, or sent to one of SKT's certified subcontractors to ensure every defect is documented. Inspection data and photos are loaded continually into TDMS of which the AF engineers have access to, as well as engineers from other nations that operate the F-15 including Saudi Arabia, Japan, Korea, and Israel.

The AF then selects particularly significant findings for more detailed analysis such as microscopy, fractography, and hardness testing in an attempt to identify the root causes of the defects. Most of this work is performed at SKT's materials lab by Kara Brockman and Teardown Project Engineer Scott Osburn with some guidance provided by our resident materials expert, Peter Sjöblom, who has a PhD. in Material Science and also happens to be the President of SKT. Scott also keeps the entire process running smoothly and coordinates most of the activities in Dayton and Byron so the project keeps on schedule and all goals are met. In addition, he performs Quality Control functions to ensure every phase of the work is performed to the highest of standards.

SKT enjoys an outstanding relationship with the AF customer cultivated over years of partnership and successfully meeting project goals. The team has fostered that trust by going above and beyond the requirements and immediately alerting AF engineers at the SPO whenever a finding is identified that might be serious enough to affect the safety of an operational aircraft. At the conclusion of the F-15 Wing Teardown Project, the AF will have a complete set of detailed data characterizing the structural integrity of the Eagle's wings and a wealth of useful knowledge enabling them to maintain the health of the fleet. ✍



Opposite Left: Jonathan Crowell, Ken Foote, Steve Hartley, Mike Bearden and Dan Childs stand ready to work on an F-15 wing in the 100 degree Georgia heat. Opposite Right: Project Engineer Scott Osburn and Chemical-Software Engineer Kara Brockman performing microscopy on F-15 metallurgical specimens in the Dayton lab. Top: Steve Hartley scrapes off sealant while Ken Foote, Mike Bearden and Dan Childs drill out high-strength fasteners on two wing spars. Bottom: Eddie Lockard and Steve Rike ensure all traces of paint and sealant are removed after stripping.

Vendor award for Communications Group



S&K Global Solutions' Communications Group received the Mitel Channel Partner Award for "Rookie Partner of the Year" in the United States. Selection is based on performance by new dealers and rates their volume of sales and number and level of applications included in those sales, like VMWare, and NuPoint Unified Messaging.

The award was presented at the Mitel Business Partner Conference on June 3rd. SKGS is an authorized partner with Mitel and provides complete business communication systems in western Montana.

Congratulations to the group for their hard work and achievements!

Casey Collins, Sr. Sales Executive with SKGS, stands with the Mitel "Rookie Partner of the Year" award.



Expansion continues with new subsidiary

The S&K Technologies Family of Companies became one bigger in March with the creation of S&K Logistics Services. We

sat down with new President Dave Rariden to find out more about the newest subsidiary and their plans for the future.

Q1: How did S&K Logistics Services (SKLS) get started?

SKLS was primarily established to focus on Department of Defense (DOD) customers. While there was no single contract or requirement that resulted in the need for SKLS, there is a clear need to have a company focused in a particular direction, one that could handily draw from the successes of the S&K companies before us. Our sister subsidiaries have worked long and hard to establish world class reputations and qualifications within various departments of the U.S. Government. Many of our key customers in the Government consider the S&K brand as the go-to contractor of choice, regardless of the specific subsidiary they are dealing with. It is my intent to build from these hard earned but well deserved reputations and focus entirely on DOD.

Q2: What are SKLS's main areas of business?

We will focus on all aspects of logistics services, program management, supply chain management, life cycle management, and technical support. My plan is to vector what we have learned in the aerospace industry into land, sea, and homeland security support opportunities. That sounds like a pretty broad stroke of the brush, and it is.

Representatives from S&K Technologies, Inc. traveled to Istanbul Turkey to attend the 10th International Defense Industry Fair, IDIF 2011, on May 7-14. They were invited and hosted at the exposition by the Turkish company Savunma Teknolojileri Muhendislik (STM). During various tours at the exposition, our delegates had the opportunity to visit many of the 500+ vendors from across Turkey and throughout the region who were displaying their products and services in the defense industry.

In the photo, CEO Tom Acevedo is receiving a goodwill Turkish Plate which is a Turkish custom. The gentlemen on his right is Lt. General Retired Lee McFann, Washington, D.C., and the other gentleman is the General Manager of STM.

Bottom line is, I have a high level of confidence that we can target virtually any DOD related opportunity, compete among the best in the business, and win. S&K's reputation for taking on new challenges with great success is something I've been proud to be a part of over the years; I know we can do the same in SKLS. I'm very excited about this opportunity.

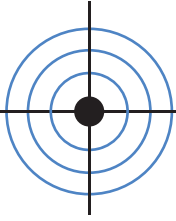
Q3: Who are the initial key personnel of the company and what is their background?

I'm currently the sole member of the company; we'll add personnel as requirements dictate over the next few months. My background consists of 24 years of active duty service in the Air Force in aircraft maintenance and logistics management. I've had a great time with S&K, beginning back in January 2003 as a production supervisor for a C-130 technical data production group, and later as the program manager of the multinational aircraft component repair and return program, and the Director of Air Force programs here in Warner Robins, Georgia.

Q4: What is the plan for SKLS's growth in the next 3 years?

My number one priority will be for growth and revenue production for the Tribes. We'll be working hard to gain experience and qualifications that will sustain the company for the long term. While our subsidiaries have done extremely well in supporting the USAF and U.S. Navy, there's a ton of opportunity in the other service branches, as well as homeland security, and other, lesser known branches of the DOD. Although I will continue to focus on the Air Force, I will certainly be looking at the entire DOD picture moving forward. I also plan to draw heavily on my experiences in Foreign Military Sales (FMS) to continue the relationships we have established and nurtured over the years. ✍





Small arms training by simulation

Managing three small arms ranges is no small task for Les Richardson at the Navy Region Northwest.

He oversees two indoor and one outdoor range that are used to train students before they begin firing live ammunition and are used for semi-annual sustainment training for all weapons qualified watch standers.

Les has his hands in nearly every aspect of the three training centers. His knowledge and expertise were vital when the region required the replacement and addition of one simulator at the training centers. In late 2010, Navy Region Northwest acquired three Advanced Interactive Systems called “Professional Range Instruction Simulator Suite” (PRISim) for Naval Base Kitsap-Bangor, Naval Air Station Whidbey Island, and Naval Station Everett.

The PRISim simulators are capable of training Naval and other Department of Defense security forces (United States Marine Corps, Air Force, Army, and contract security) in handgun, rifle, shotgun, and crew-served qualification courses, with up to three students at a time. In addition to these courses, the PRISim is capable of training forces in Shoot-Don’t Shoot scenarios, several which are Navy and military specific.

During the training scenarios, the PRISim system has the capability to record audio and video of the student and the scenario for playback, further enhancing the students training and allowing for thorough instructor feedback of the students’ progress. Above the 12’ wide video screen, a shoot-back cannon is mounted that houses the camera and laser pointer. The laser assists the instructor in directing the camera and positions the shoot-back cannon for instant student feedback. The cannon is capable of firing a 68 caliber ball at the student during shoot-don’t shoot scenarios. When the “on-screen bad guy” shoots at the student, the cannon is directed towards the student’s exposed body surfaces, like legs or arms, when they are no longer behind cover or concealment. During shoot-don’t shoot scenarios, students are required to wear personal protective equipment and at no time is the instructor allowed to shoot towards the student above the knees.

Region Northwest has also acquired additional equipment that provides the end user the capability to author unique local scenarios in high definition. Weapons purchased for use with the system are: Beretta M9 pistols, Sig Sauer M11 pistols, Mossberg M500 shotguns, and the M240

Crew-Served Weapons. Each of these weapons is tethered to the air compressor portion of the system. The compressor provides compressed air for recoil action of the weapons when firing. Non-tethered weapons include the M9 and M11 pistols and M4 rifles. The M9 and M11 non-tethered weapons have the capability to fire mainly in the double action mode and allows for magazine change-out training as well as qualification. The M4 rifle has a “smart” magazine that allows the instructor to input faults into the weapon while the student is training. In addition to these training devices, Region Northwest purchased system compatible laser flashlights and less-than-lethal training devices like pepper spray devices (2 oz. and 4 oz.) and the X-26 taser device.

In April 2011, Naval Air Station Whidbey Island Training Center partnered with the Island County Sheriff’s Office Emergency Reactionary Team. The sheriff’s department utilized many of the shoot-don’t shoot scenarios as well as other shooting skill builder simulations. Island County’s Emergency Response Team leader stated that, “Island County hopes to complete future training on the Navy’s PRISim with the Emergency Response Team. Training on the PRISim provided vital and essential training to the department.”

“I have to agree with the slogan on the Advanced Interactive Systems logo: It is as real as it gets!” says Les, who has been with S&K Global Solutions working as the Region Small Arms Range Manager for Navy Region Northwest since October, 2008.



Les Richardson (right) is presenting a demo to the Whidbey Island County Sheriff’s Dept. The Navy allows the local law enforcement to train on the new high-tech equipment.

Remediation phase of Tuba City project underway

Remediation of contaminated soils at the Highway 160 Site near Tuba City, Arizona, has begun. S&K Aerospace (SKA) was contracted through the U.S. Department of Energy to provide technical assistance and oversight during cleanup and restoration of the site, perform independent verification, and review documentation of the remediation. Staff from the Moab Technical Assistance Contract team is performing these tasks. In addition, SKA

was contracted by the Navajo Nation Environmental Protection Agency (NNEPA) to present radiological awareness training for the public and separately for public safety workers. Scott



Supersacks containing radiologically contaminated material from the Highway 160 Site are being shipped on flatbed trucks to Colorado for disposal.

Williams of SKA provided this training.

New World Environmental, a Native American owned company based in Livermore, California, is the Remedial Action Contractor for NNEPA. The material excavated from the Highway 160 Site is being loaded into large bags, called Supersacks, that are transported via flatbed trucks to the Grand Junction Disposal Site in Colorado.

Transport began in mid-June and it is anticipated to take about 2 months to ship the estimated 3,000 cubic yards of contaminated material.

Flooding causes minimal impact for Moab Project

Snowpack in the mountains that feed the Colorado River was almost 136 percent of normal this past winter. The subsequent snowmelt is causing the river level to be at its highest since 1995. The Colorado River borders the Moab (Utah) uranium mill tailings project site on the east. There is a man-made berm along most of the riverbank and a series of berms inland that prevent floodwaters at various levels from reaching the tailings pile.

In early June, river water rose over a portion of the berm at the riverbank in the off-pile area where contaminated soil had been removed. Early on June 8, the water rose over a low portion of the berm located at the Contaminated Area boundary on the south side of the tailings pile. The river water that has crossed this boundary has a very low velocity and the contact with potentially contaminated soil is minimal.

The river level peaked this year on June 10th at 15.3 feet as measured at the Moab site, and has since receded. The flow rate measured at the nearest official gage was 46,600 cubic

feet per second (cfs). The river level will fluctuate as the snowmelt continues. The river water did not reach the tailings pile even when the level peaked, and we do not anticipate this occurring. By comparison, last year, which was considered a normal runoff year, the river peaked on June 9th at 11.6 feet as measured at the Moab site. The flow rate at the official gage was 30,100 cfs.



View of flooding in the well field and recently remediated off-pile area. The tailings pile (not visible) is to the right of this view.

In preparation for flooding of the site, the Moab Technical Assistance Contract (TAC) staff de-energized the well field electrical supply and locked and tagged it as out of service. In addition, TAC staff secured equipment and facilities. The floodwaters will take several weeks to completely leave the Moab site. Sediment carried by the floodwaters bring

valued nutrients to inundated areas and can flush out salt in the soil. The flow velocity this year should not have been sufficient to deposit inches of sand and silt or to cause erosion of underlying soils from the area. Also of note, the condition of recent revegetation planted in the off-pile remediation areas and facilities is yet to be known.

New office location

After an extensive renovation of a house built in 1961, S&K Global Solutions has opened a new permanent office in Bremerton, Washington, one block from the main gate of Naval Base Kitsap and the Puget Sound Naval Shipyard.

Although small in stature, the building contains 1,600 square feet of office area on two levels. The main floor has a large reception and office area, secure office and galley kitchen. Downstairs is the conference room, network area, an office and a luxurious vice presidential suite (a windowless 8'x16' closet).

The new location has ideal exposure for SKGS. It's on a corner lot on a major road that leads to the Washington State Ferry dock and one of two entrances into the naval base. Future plans call for an ADA bathroom, a second bathroom, new siding and a flagstone sign similar to the ones in St. Ignatius and Warner Robins that feature our trademark S&K feather icon. The office is a visible reminder to the Navy that S&K is there to support them for the long haul. ✍



Top: A view of the SKGS office in Bremerton, WA. Center: New video conference room set up for important meetings. Bottom: Newly poured parking slab in the back of the office.

S&K Global Solutions goes to work at Robins AFB

April 1st was the beginning of a new era for S&K as the newest SBA 8a certified company started working on the USAF F-15SA Manpower Support Services contract in Warner Robins, Georgia. S&K Global Solutions joins her sister companies S&K Technologies and S&K Aerospace in supporting the Air Force in Georgia. The contract currently has 17 positions working at Robins AFB and in Saudi Arabia but is expected to increase in size in the coming months.

Our employees are highly specialized administrative and logistics specialists dedicated to supporting USAF Foreign Military Sales. SKGS welcomes all of them to the S&K family and looks forward to a long relationship with the F-15 community and USAF.

Discounts come with Benefits

Did you know that part of your Blue Cross Blue Shield medical plan enrollment includes a benefit for discounts on the below items?

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Vision: Save on vision products and services at Davis Vision, QualSight LASIK and LasikPlus.

Hearing: Save on products from Beltone and TruHearing.

Complementary and Alternative Medicine: Save on products and services from Healthyroads.

You can explore these healthy choices, order new ID cards, check your medical and pharmacy claims information, and more, by registering for Member Online Services, with your Subscriber ID number located on your Blue Cross Blue Shield card, at www.bcbsmt.com.

Teaming up in Georgia

The S&K office in Warner Robins, Georgia has been turning heads. The office recently received a face-lift both inside and out and the expressions on peoples faces when they walk into the lobby for the first time since the renovation have been fun to watch. The renovations are due to the growth and expansion of the multiple S&K subsidiaries occupying the facility and working together as a team for the enterprise.

The office originally housed the first S&K Technologies employees working at nearby Robins Air Force Base. In 2005, the personnel expanded and grew to accommodate S&K Aerospace employees. The latest addition is 15-plus employees, including S&K Global Solutions personnel, working on an Air Force F-15 Technical Order contract.

The growth has required reorganizing of the existing office space and employee locations. In the front reception area, the large mural of the Mission Mountains still greets visitors, but the receptionist window has been flipped to the opposite side of the room. A parking lot expansion is in the works. To top off the renovation, “The Rock” also received a face-lift when the new S&K logo was installed. S&K is the only facility in Warner Robins with a unique 5,000 pound rock as their sign by the road. Although not shipped from Montana, the intent is to bring a little Montana ambiance to this south Georgia community as we continue to serve and grow in the region while offering support to the economic stability of the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes on the Flathead Reservation.



Left: The Mission Mountain view is still prominent in the Warner Robins, GA office, while the receptionist window has been moved to the other side of the room. Right: The new logo is installed on the flagstone sign outside the building on Osigian Blvd.

Longstanding Director retires

Wyman McDonald retired from the board of directors for S&K Technologies, Inc. in March. Sitting on the board of directors since 2007, Wyman served concurrently on S&K Electronics board of directors. We at S&K Technologies, Inc. would like to convey our appreciation for his dedication in upholding our company mission, as well as his support of tribal enterprises in general. We wish him well in his retirement, his wit and wry sense of humor will be missed.

Wyman McDonald, standing, is presented with gifts while attending an S&K board of directors meeting at our headquarters in St. Ignatius, Montana.



Springtime traditions

By Brian Tanner, Business Development Specialist, SKT Inc.

For the Salish, Spring is a time when the people honor the Creator for bringing new life to the land. They begin to gather roots and medicine for the year, such as the bitterroot, which is "the first visitor of spring." While gathering other roots such as camas, the Salish people make a pilgrimage to the sacred Medicine Tree. Since time immemorial the Salish have visited the Medicine Tree to ask for healing and pray for ailing family members. Spring marks the time when the earth is full of life and celebrations are held to honor new life and remember those who have passed on.

The bitterroot is dug for its nutritious value. It's often referred to as the heart root because of its benefits to heart health as well as the root itself has a heart. Before digging can begin, an Elder will pick the first bitterroot, peel it, and remove the heart from the root and place it back into the ground. The heart ensures that next year the bitterroot will come back and make the people strong.

The bitterroot, which is also Montana's state flower, is pulled from the ground to expose its long roots. The roots have a thin layer of skin which is peeled off to expose the raw edible "meat." Before the root is eaten or stored, the heart is pulled out and placed back in the ground from where it was removed. Much like its name, the bitterroot has a strong bitter taste. When cooked the bitterroot is often mixed with berries, salmon, or game meat. Once harvested, the Salish celebrate with a bitterroot celebration and feast.

The story of the Medicine Tree comes from a Salish creation story of a battle between Coyote and a giant Ram. The Ram was a monster that killed anyone who crossed his path. To slay the Ram, Coyote dared the ram to butt a tree with his head to show his strength. The Ram ran down the valley and hit the tree so hard that his horn went through the tree and the Ram was stuck. Coyote then proceeded to cut the head off the Ram leaving it in place. Coyote told the Salish that the head was to remain in the tree and that the people should come and bring offerings to the tree for health and good fortune. A fur trapper by the name of Alexander Ross from the Hudson Bay Company made an entry in his journal dated March 11, 1824, which tells of an encounter with the sacred Medicine Tree. In his encounter he mentions a skull and horns still embedded into the trunk of the tree.

In 2001, a strong wind storm damaged the tree but did not kill it. Shortly afterwards vandals poured salt on the roots killing the tree. The Tribes purchased land adjacent to the location of the old Medicine Tree and placed parts of the old tree with a new ponderosa pine. A 20 foot stump of the old tree still exists and is located twelve miles south of Darby, Montana just off Highway 93. The move does not stop the Salish who still make the pilgrimage to the Medicine Tree. Each spring many tribal and non-tribal members bring offerings of ribbons, money, or other small items that are tied together and placed into the tree. Prayers are also sent to those who are ailing in health and those who have passed on. 🍃



Left: Salish elder Felicite McDonald peels the gathering's first root to give a blessing for the dig to start. Right: Junior Green picks through a clump of roots Wednesday, separating the bitterroot from the grasses, during the first digging of the one of the most important traditional food sources for the Salish and Pend d'Oreille tribes. Dozens of tribal members gathered at the dig site near Hot Springs for the annual opening of the gathering season. Photos courtesy of Kurt Wilson of the Missoulian.

As nominated by their coworkers and managers:



S&K Global Solutions, LLC is proud to award Christina Powell, Staff Support Specialist, the Employee of the Quarter Award for Summer 2011



Christina is a versatile, self starter who assists in the management of day-to-day operations at the PNW Regional Operations office. She consistently provides excellent organizational skills in the office and she has started and maintains the office training program, quality management system, and employee database. Jim Hollis, Program Manager for SKGS says, “Christina is an excellent employee who’s always willing to assist and do whatever work is needed. Her willingness to work as a temporary substitute on our high profile contracts is undeniably a major factor in SKGS’ ability to go the extra mile.” Holly Morrison of Booz Allen Hamilton says, “Christina trained quickly and was well liked by the day shift that got to interact with her. We had no customer issues and she was always willing to take corrections and suggestions from others. We definitely appreciated her willingness to fill in at short notice!” Christina is an extremely sharp individual who has excelled at every diverse task given to her. She is instrumental in our QMS efforts, training and fiscal tracking. She is a pleasure to work with and her positive attitude certainly brightens the office.



S&K Aerospace, LLC is proud to award the SKA Contracting Team the Employee/Team of the Quarter Award for Summer 2011



The SKA Contracting Team is recognized for the outstanding support and superb contract administration they perform. This dedicated team consisting of John Thompson, Kathryn Brown, and Max Ray instill the qualities required to position S&K for continued success. Since March 2010, this extremely dedicated team transitioned nine Prime Contracts associated with the Federal Aviation Administration, F-15 RSAF and USAF Technical Data, F-15 FMS Financial Management, Department of Energy, Moab Project, Predator, and F-15 Repair & Return for S&K Aerospace. In addition to the prime contracts, they expertly negotiated and administered 17 subcontracts. Their vast knowledge, varied experience, true professionalism, and dedicated efforts were vital during the pre-award, award, post-award, and close out of the associated contracts. Additionally, this dedicated team provided a critical contribution during the development and award of the F-15 Manpower Support Services contract during an accelerated contract schedule. The exceptional efforts of John, Kathryn, and Max continuously result in positive comments from our customer and are instrumental to our company’s success.



The chili’s ready!

From left to right, Jacob Kofal (employee Kevin Kofal’s son), Arthur Molin, Casey Frisbie, David Fretz, Heather Goldstraw, a chili fan, Rob Goldstraw, and Carroll Thronsbury represent at the chili cook-off contest held every year in the recreation area on NASA Johnson Space Center property in Texas. The original date for the cook-off was the first week in May 2011. However, the next to last shuttle flight had bumped it to the first Saturday in June 2011. The team had fun trying to avoid the heat and made a pretty good pot of their signature Thunderbird chili. These employees are from the S&K office in Houston, TX.



Team luncheon

On June 1st the S&K Aerospace team supporting the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) in Washington, DC met for a team lunch at the Smithsonian National Museum of the American Indian. The museum is just one block away from the FAA headquarters building where the team members provide administrative and IT support for the FAA Air Traffic Organization - Terminal (ATO-T) division. The museum's Mitsitam Cafe features authentic Native foods found throughout the Western Hemisphere and looks out on a water fall and natural landscape. The team picture was taken in front of a display in the entry area of the museum. In the picture from left to right are Ebonni Wright, Lisa Brown, LaTanya Fourth, Wendy Parker, Verlene Little and Dorothy Kelley. Not in the picture is the Washington Manager, Curt Marsh (taking the picture) and Michele Gil who was out that day.

New and Transitioned Employees

Join Us in welcoming these new members of S&K's winning team!

S&K GLOBAL SOLUTIONS

ALASKA
 Jones, Sarah Environmental Protection Specialist
 Perez-Danila, Sue Technical Support Specialist

GEORGIA
 Barfield, Linda Administrative Support Specialist
 Brooks, Melanie Supply Support Specialist
 Brown, Marvin Logistics Specialist
 Hart, Larry Equipment Specialist
 Hawkinson, Gregory Senior Program Manager
 Jones, David Supply Support Specialist
 Justin, Steven Logistics Specialist
 Kunkel, Terry Logistics Specialist
 Leonbruno, Lori Administrative Support Specialist
 Luke, Ronnie Equipment Specialist
 Sapp, Wanda Administrative Support Specialist
 Sigmon Jr, James Equipment Specialist
 Treend, Brenda Administrative Support Specialist
 Turner, Misty Senior Resource Analyst
 Zahn, Alicia Event Planner

WASHINGTON
 Chargualaf, Jordon Admin Intern
 Charles, Reginald IT Helpdesk Specialist I
 Olin, Christopher Small Arms Range Specialist

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CORPORATE OFFICE - MONTANA
 Durglo, Adessa Summer Youth - Temp
 McClure, Thomas Summer Youth - Temp

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 Calvert, James Shift Supervisor
 Giovanni, Romeo Shift Supervisor
 Griffin, Gary Temp Guard
 Shauger, Scott Shift Supervisor
 Zumpano, Andrew Guard II

GEORGIA
 Cherry, Jonathan Technical Data Engineer II
 Johnson, David Technical Data Engineer II
 McEntee, John Technical Data Engineer III
 Parkins, Glenn Quality Assurance Specialist
 Powell, Kim Administrative/Receptionist
 Stevenson, Raymond Flight Manual Manager
 Sullivan, Thomas Logistic Specialist
 Whigham, Judson General Systems Technical Data Engineer II

S&K SECURITY GROUP

ALASKA
 Melhase, Troy Program & Management Analyst

S&K LOGISTICS SERVICES

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GEORGIA
 Cochran, David Tech Data Engineer II- Structural
 Klingaman, Bruce Tech Data Engineer II- Electronics
 Southerland, Thomas Tech Data Engineer II - Ground Handling
 Podskoc, Cassandra Tech Data Editor II
 Stones, Andrew Tech Data Engineer III



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Anthony Fergus was born June 16th to Mike Monahan, SKGS VP of Business Development, and his wife Joslyn. Anthony was 7 pounds 3 oz.



Steve Klepzig, SKA Project Analyst/ Programmer announces the marriage of his daughter, Erin, to Gary Wardell. The couple was wed on June 26th. Gary is an airframe and powerplant mechanic at WestStar Aviation at the Grand Junction Airport and Erin is a music (piano) teacher with Sera Schools.



Carson Kenneth Kirkpatrick, born June 9th, is the great grandson of Donna Kirkpatrick, SKGS Sr. Program Manager, who lives in Bremerton, WA.

Judy Decker's granddaughter Tiffany Burland (whom she raised from the age of two) married Billy White on May 14th.. Both recently graduated high school and the new husband left for the service June 5th. Judy is the receptionist at our headquarters in St. Ignatius, MT.



Ken Krantz, Facility Manager at our headquarters in St. Ignatius, MT welcomes his 17th and 18th grand children, and twins on May 26th. Kooper Forrest (right) was born at 5:07pm, weighing 6 lbs 5 oz and 21 inches long, Kolton Harley (left) was born at 5:09pm, weighing 6 lbs 4 oz and 20 inches long.



Lisa Tatman, Project Controls Analyst with the Moab TAC Team, and Bret Phillips were married in Grand Junction, Colorado, on June 18. Their dog Bob is ecstatic.



On June 14th, Parker James was born to the delight of his grandmother, Shelley Schultz, SKA CAD/CAM Operator working with the Army Corps in Libby, MT. Parker is the newest of 4 Grandchildren which include Bianca, who is 2 1/2 (pictured), Ethan who turned 1 on July 7th, and Hudson who is 4 months old.



Ryan Moran and Liz Glowiak, Hydrogeologist with the Moab TAC Team, were married in Moab, Utah, on May 28.

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Ian Rufe, SKT Inc Sr. Business Development Specialist, and Karisma Hill were married at Matachica Resort, San Pedro, Belize on April 26, 2011.

