ATA faces reductions in work force

By Kathy Gattis
ATA Public Affairs Manager

ATA announced last week the company will reduce its workforce by 1,200.

“This is not a decision we take lightly,” said ATA Chairman and CEO Henry Muñoz.

ATA, a for-profit arm of the American Airlines Group Inc., said it plans to cut salaries and benefits by 20% for its employees.

The move comes as the airline industry struggles to recover from the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic.

ATA said the reductions are expected to result in a savings of $1.4 billion annually.

ATA operates a network of 140 airports in the United States and is a major supplier of air cargo services.

“The decision to reduce our workforce was not an easy one,” said Muñoz.

“But it’s necessary to ensure the long-term viability of our company and the thousands of people who depend on it for their livelihood.”

ATA has approximately 50,000 employees worldwide.

The reductions will affect all segments of the company, including operations, maintenance, and customer service.

ATA said it will offer voluntary retirement and early retirement incentives to thousands of employees.

ATA also said it will temporarily suspend its matching contribution plan for its 401(k) plan.

ATA has more than 500,000 employees in the United States and employs about 20,000 people worldwide.

The reductions are expected to be completed by the end of 2020.

ATA said it is committed to providing its employees with the resources they need to continue their careers.

“We value our employees and we will do everything we can to support them during this challenging time,” said Muñoz.

ATA said it will continue to monitor the market and adjust its operations as needed.

“We will continue to work closely with our employees to ensure their safety and well-being,” said Muñoz.

“While this is a difficult decision, we believe it is the right one for the long-term success of our company.”

ATA said it will offer its employees the opportunity to apply for positions within the company or seek positions in other sectors.

“If you are an employee of ATA and are affected by this decision, please reach out to your human resources department for assistance,” said Muñoz.

ATA thanked its employees for their hard work and dedication during these challenging times.

“We know this is a difficult time for everyone and we appreciate the sacrifices that our employees are making,” said Muñoz.

“Please know that we are here for you and we will continue to support you through this difficult period.”

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Bill Gray hangs up his hat for lighter days on the farm in Lynchburg

By Jansei Daniels
Pig Farm Editor

When asked what they plan on doing after retirement, most say travel, spend time with family or grandchildren, but for Bill Gray, it’s something much more low-key — farming.

He was born and raised on a farm in Lynchburg, so it was likely to be doing some farm jobs, he said. “One thing I want to do is finish my childhood farm,” he said. “We’re just starting now as a part-time farmer.”

Peggy, his wife and who is the ADEC deputy director of financial management and comptroller, is excited for Bill to get out while he still has his health and has many interests.

“We have the farm, he loves to shoot and hunt and he still seems, rides his bicycle and runs when he can,” she said. “I still have a couple of years to work, I think at the same time he would be able to believe it is great that he will have a couple of years to get into his routine before theoking.”

When asked what he enjoys, he said he enjoys being with his family and being away from the farm.

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2009 Annual Awards Banquet… the hits just keep on coming

By Col. Michael Panariti

By Staff Sgt. James M. Hodges

Captain

Panariti

Airmen celebrate women’s history month

By Staff Sgt. James M. Hodges

Kuamn AB, South Korea – Let me start by saying this isn’t a commentary on getting better at a test. Everything that I am going to say is simply a tip. If you are training for your test, you are doomed to fail eventually. The Air Force Fitness Program isn’t a test. It is what you do day in and day out to improve your health. If you are training for your test, you are doomed to fail eventually. The Air Force Fitness Program isn’t a test. It is what you do day in and day out to improve your health. I know you’re doing more running because of the test. So, here’s some tips on improving your running fitness.

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Engineer-for-a-day program is alive and well in 2010

By Shean Jacobs
Public Wright Spokesman

“A scientist discovers what exists. An engineer discovers what needs to be done,” said Karl von Kármán.

Sixty-three students from eight mid-state coun-
ties recently attended the engineer-for-a-day pro-
gram at AEDC and other area businesses.

According to early McKnight, a systems sup-
port engineer for Jacobs Technology Inc., participa-
tion in the program may have hit an all-time high.

“Certainly, as far back as anybody can remember, this is the largest group we’ve ever had,” McKnight said regarding the event, which dates back at least as far as the early 1960s.

Taking McKnight, alongside Harry Clark, an engineer-
ning specialist for AEDC and McKnight’s former sys-
tem engineer with Jacobs, helped organize the event, which was one of several activities held during Na-
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As a systems support engineer for Jacobs Technology Inc., McKnight was a systems support engineer for Jacobs, one of the major sponsors of the event.

This year, the event was held at Arnold Air Force Base, where McKnight has been working for over 20 years.

The event is designed to give students a taste of what it’s like to be an engineer and to help them decide if engineering is a career path they might want to pursue.

Students were divided into groups and assigned to different projects, such as building a bridge, designing a wind turbine, or creating a robot.

The students worked on these projects throughout the day, with the help of Jacobs engineers and scientists.

At the end of the day, the students presented their projects to the engineers and scientists, who provided feedback and answered any questions the students had.

Clark, who has worked at AEDC for over 30 years, said, “This is a very intensive day for the students, but it’s good for the nation, and we really do appreciate it.”

The majority of AEDC participants in the pro-
gram were engineers or scientists, but a number of other employees served in support roles and helped make the day a success.

McKnight said, “That’s one of the things I wanted to stress to the students, that if you want to pursue the path of becoming a professional engineer, it’s not for the faint of heart, and we really do appreciate it.”

Howard Frederick, an electrical design engi-
neer, who served as a mentor for some of the students, explained the importance of the engineer-for-a-day program.

“It’s such an oppor-
tunity for them to see the potential of what would it be like to make something into electrical engineering,” Frederick said. “This is a very intensive engineering place, where they see a lot of different aspects of it, and what an engineer does.”

The students, mostly ranging from high school sophomores to seniors in high school, are generally quite interested in science and technology, and the event is designed to expose them to these fields.

“I’ve done this several times and that’s a pretty typical reaction,” Frederick said. “They haven’t had an opportunity of engineering classes yet, really. They’ve had some basic high school level science and math, and they’re getting exposed for the first time to some of the practical engineering and problems that we face.”

“We get a good bit of participation from our high school students,” Frederick said. “We want to rise to winter pool, which is 959.5 feet. Since the ramp has been completed, the Woods Reservoir water level is being allowed to rise to winter pool, which is 959.5 feet. Now that Work to replace the main boat ramp at Morris Ferry was completed this week.

“We are here to celebrate what comes natural to you,” he said. “As a due course in what you do every single day we are here to say congratulations and we want to celebrate your excellence.”

Clark noticed that people at the event had a better place.

Local Earth Day activities

On Sunday, April 11, Dennis Horn (well-known local wildlife expert) will lead a two-hour hike at the Short Springs Natural Area to recognize Earth Day.

Processors who wish to take part should meet Horn at the water tower shortly before 10 a.m. or 2 p.m. The hike will take participants down to Machine Gun Falls. Reservations are not required.

ATA Environmental scientists have planned base-level Earth Day activities for Thursday, April 22 from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. AEDC employees are invited to stop by the Main Auditorium to visit vendor exhibits.

Several other base vendors will provide useful information about recycling, biodiesel

Guest speaker praises Arnold AFB, award nominees and winners

By Janes Davis
High Tipton Reporter

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formance Consulting Firm and internationally recognized speaker, was the guest speaker at the annual awards banquet held March 11 at the Arnold Lakeside Con-

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A challenging workout will actually overload your tissues. The damage is done, and the repair response is part of how we get stronger. But the repair process takes WAY longer than you think, and typically the time between workouts is much shorter than you need for a complete repair.

So over time, the lines must…you improve initially in all the positive aspects of the workout combine, but the damage accumulates as you experience sequential incomplete/partial repairs. Eventually, the muscles reach a point where ratio between the undamaged tissue and damaged tissue stabilizes, and any increase in the workout only makes it worse. Typically, we’ll feel sore or achy, so we won’t take the damage to an extreme, but we just can’t convince ourselves that it’s one or even half a day. We chalk it up to bad luck or find some other explanation. But if you actually did train more, right? WRONG! I was plateaued, and didn’t even know it. I did the same thing several times…a string of different events (elliptical, running, cycling, swimming) and a “hard day/light day” routine.

By varying the activity and allowing some rest between workouts, we give the healing process more time to run. When I finally get back into it, I was dreading having to make up all the lost time. Imagine my surprise when I finished the course nearly TWO MINUTES faster than the last run! I was thrilled initially, as my time on the course came down steadily. But before long, the gains slowed to a crawl. Eventually, the muscles didn’t even know it. I did the best I could, but the repair process takes WAY longer than you think. I had a great course laid around the camp, and hit me lucky. A flu bug was going around, and hit me hard. I was off the road for two weeks. When I finally got back into it, I was dreading having to make up all the lost time. Imagine my surprise when I finished the course nearly TWO MINUTES faster than the last run! I needed a little bit of rest, and a break was the only thing that would make it happen. It didn’t have to be this way.

If you work out regularly, “holy trilogy” of training: Train Hard, Race Harder, REST HAREST!
Easter egg hunt set for April 3

Easter Programs will host the annual Easter Egg Hunt on April 3 beginning at 11 a.m. The event will be held on the back lawn (any weather). Prizes will be awarded in three age groups: 2-3 years, 4-5 years and 6-12 years. Call 454-3277 by March 25. Refreshments will be served and Peter Cottontail will make a special appearance. (Photo provided)

Softball to begin soon

Open League and Women’s League Softball will begin the end of April. Get your teams together now and sign up as individuals or teams. Games will be played on Mondays for Women’s League and Tuesdays and Thursdays for Open League. These games are played each night beginning at 5:30 p.m. (Photo by Rich Goodheart)

Group Class Big 5 challenge in April

The Fitness Center challenges all eligible group class participants to complete one of each class during the month of April. Choose from Cycling, Yoga, Pilates, Pilota and Zumba. This challenge is designed to show the diversity of group classes offered and encourage individuals to try new forms of physical activity. Participants who complete the “Big 5” will receive a prize. Cycle Pump classes are Monday (easy pace), Tuesday (endurance) and Thursday (challenging) at 11 a.m.-noon. Yoga is Monday from 11 a.m.-noon. Zumba is Wednesday from 11 a.m.-noon. Pilota is on Wednesdays at 11 a.m.-noon. Pilota is on Fridays at 11 a.m.-noon. Cycling and Zumba classes are held in the Eagles Nest East upstairs. All other classes are held on the gym floor.

Administrative Professional’s day specials

Arnold Lakeside and Mulligan’s Grill at Arnold Golf Course would like to recognize Administrative Professionals’ Day with special offers. Arnold Lakeside will be open for lunch from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Order from the Express or Hags’ Pizza menu.

Prep to host Easter lunch buffet

Arnold Lakeside will offer a special Easter Sunday lunch buffet April 3 from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Reservations are required by March 15 calling 454-3350. Cost is $17.95 for members, $19.95 for non-members and $19.95 for ages 12 and under. The buffet will include sliced roasted turkey breast, sliced Lunan bowl, sliced pin ham, baked cuban fillet, cut on the cob, steamed broccoli, green beans almondine, mashed potatoes, baked macaroni and cheese, pasta salad, salad vegetables, Italian breadsticks and white gravy rolls, fruit gelatin, pecan pie and carrot cake. Coffee and tea will be available. (Photo provided)
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#### Fitness Center Group Class Big 5:
- Participate in one of each class offered during April and receive a prize.

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  - Friday: 4:30-9 p.m.; Saturday 12-5 p.m.; Sunday 12-5 p.m.
  - **ALC Express and Pizza:**
    - Friday: 5-9 p.m.; Saturday: 5-9 p.m.; Sunday: 5-9 p.m.; Monday - Thursday: 5-9 p.m.; **BOGO Night:* Buy one regular priced dinner and get a second of the same item, for free

#### BX/Commissary customer eligibility
- **AEDC** government civilians and AEDC contractor employees have access to all commissary services. Contractors must show their ID card and receive a Yellow Card to access the commissary. Contractors can purchase consumable items including toiletries and over-the-counter medications. Contractor employees have access to the following:
  - AEDC government civilian and AEDC contractor employees have access to the following:
    - Fuel, non-alcoholic beverages, and cold, frozen, and canned foods in an unopened container or can. Short-order items and beef products are available only for AEDC government civilians.
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Arnold’s finest honored at annual awards banquet

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Brad Pearson
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Jim Glover
ATA Customer Service Team Member of the Year

AFMC Community Services Flight Technician

Michelle Lipsey
Integrated Test & Evaluation, External Customer: Technical Project Leader for ATA Technical Award

Donald Brandt
Facilities Operations & Maintenance, Engineering Design

Charlie Smith
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Dr. Don Malley
704th Mission Support Group, Management Operations Division

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Missile Defense Interceptor-in-the-Loop Test Team Technical Achievement Award winner

Outstanding Craft Person of the Year

William Dunne
People’s Choice

Air Force - Senior Noncommissioned Officer

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716th Test Squadron, Test Project Manager

Larry Davey
854 Maintenance Squadron, Space & Missile Asset Manager

Charles Evans Jr., NAF Category I

Charles Evans Jr., NAF Category II

Deborah Trice
704th Mission Support Group, Services Division

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People’s Choice

Team Member of the Year

External Customer; Technical

Integrated Test & Evaluation, 704th Maintenance Group, ATA Customer Service

Munitions Superintendent

Master Sgt. Carl Miller
704th Mission Support Group, Logistical Munitions Superintendent

Air Force - Senior Noncommissioned Officer

SNCO, Master Sgt. Gregory Nuth
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814th Maintenance Squadron, Senior Enginee

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As an outsider, as Clark refers to himself, he sees Arnold as an individual and collective group of intellec- tuals who are willing to do things that other people are not willing to do.

“That’s what’s going to bring economic develop- ment to Coffee County – it’s the people.”

Charlie Smith is techni- cal award winner and was humbled by his award.

“It is difficult for me to receive an individual award for what so much a team effort,” Smith said. “The award means a lot more to me representing my oppor- tunity to serve with a great team of professionals for so many years. When I think of what I have accomplished I will always remember the help and fellowship shared with both fellow colleagues here at AEDC and customers across the nation.”

ATA team member of the year in administration, Ray McCoy, felt it was a great honor to receive an individual award. “Just when you think you are just going along your job, someone gives a compliment like this,” McCoy said. “I feel extremely happy to work with exceptional people in both work force qualification and employee development. I send out thanks to all of them.”

Amy Foster was awarded in the Air Force civilian of the year in the administrative category. “If I could sum it up in a word it would be - humbling,” Foster said. “This award is more of a team award than an individual award. PK is such a close knit family with members that complement each other’s strengths and offset each other’s weaknesses. This award shows how well 25 PKPls work together to fulfill our mission.”

For Nikki Morris winning a non-exempt salaried ATA team member of the year award is not only complimentary to her but her whole team of coworkers. “I am in awe to receive this award,” she said. “I work with a great group of people who are not only intelligent and extremely skilled at what they do, but also just like a family to me. I could not have achieved this award without them and this is a reflection of all of our hard work and dedication to this great country we live in.”

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AEDC’s Job Shadow Day was held March 9. More than 35 students from grades 8-12 were encouraged to visit their parents or sponsors’ workplace and spend the day shadowing them on the job. Students were welcomed by Col. James Jolliffe, 704th test group commander and Steve Pearson, ATA deputy general manager at the Main Auditorium and watched the center video before going on tour. After the tour, the students spent the remainder of the day at their parents or sponsors’ workplace.

Tim Orange, pipefitter, explains to his son Ethan, who is a student at Grundy County High School, what he does at AEDC. (Photos by Rick Goodfriend)

From left, Natasha Young, ATA administrative assistant for human resources, explains some aspects of her job to Lauren Ring, a La Vergne High School senior, during Job Shadow Day at Arnold AFB March 11. The high school senior’s father is Jim Ring, an ATA pipeliner. (Photo by Philip Lorenz III)

Jim Burns, chamber lead for the 718th Test Squadron, shows his daughter Kellye, a West Middle School student interested in space physics, a port opening at the top of the Mark 1 Space Chamber. (Photo by Rick Goodfriend)

Ed Walker, utility operator in the Cooling Water section of the Utilities Operations branch, shows his son Garrett the cooling water configuration in the Aeropropulsion Systems Test Facility exhaust building. Garrett, a student at Warren County High School. (Photos by Rick Goodfriend)

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“I think we complement each other very well. I can’t tell you how many times he has simply said, ‘Now Peg, you just need to calm down’ and over time, I have become a much calmer person.”

Prior to AEDC, Bill was an analytical engineer for Pratt & Whitney Aircraft at West Palm Beach, Fla., where he was responsible for updating F100 engine trim curves and operational procedures. When he joined AEDC in October 1977, Bill was a project engineer in the T-1 project office for the center’s first prime contractor ARO [Arnold Research Organization]. By the end of the contract in 1980, Bill decided to join the ranks of the DoD’s civilian work force and has been there ever since.

Looking back, Bill feels the construction of ASTF and the running of the first engine was one of his most memorable times at the center. At the time, he was the senior project engineer in what was then called, Systems Integration and Operations Division, ASTF Program Office at AEDC.

“The first time we ran an engine in ASTF was an exciting time for me. We had been working on it for a long time and it was pretty exciting to see it run,” he said.

For Ron Polce, 704th Test Systems Group director, it’s been a great 30-year relationship and friendship with the test manager, investments chief, support director, technical director, Air Force senior leader and gentleman farmer from Moore County.

Polce first met Bill during his interview to join the ASTF activation team.

“What impressed me during Bill’s interview still impresses me and all who meet and know Bill,” Polce said.

“Although very casually dressed with a full Grizzly Adams beard, Bill was soft spoken yet confident. It was easy to detect his genuine sincerity and in just a few minutes we knew he was a competent jet engine tester, loved working at AEDC and could lead our ASTF checkout program.

“Our choice was easy and during the last three decades Bill has continued to confidently and professionally lead AEDC.”

Mike Barlow, Utilities Operations manager, and Bill Hall, ATA’s Facilities Operations & Maintenance business manager, have also worked with Bill Gray and have fond memories of their different projects they worked on together.

“Bill always had AEDC’s best interest at heart and would quietly seek out the relevant facts on any issue,” Barlow said. “He made decisions and took actions accordingly. As a result, he stood out as a voice of corporate knowledge, reason and consistency, especially during periods of rapid change. Bill was a pleasure to work with and cared about AEDC’s people.”

Hall feels AEDC has been fortunate to have Bill as a leader for many years, and feels it is losing one of its finest.

“Over the years Bill has developed into a friend as well as a government counterpart and someone I could trust to help with issues be it an AEDC or a personnel problem,” Hall said. “He also took the time to listen and help make the right decision, but also always had the time to stop and ask ‘How’s the running going?’

Not to sound cliché like most who retire, but Bill says he will miss the people the most.

“Everybody says it’s the people and it is,” he said. “I have enjoyed looking back on the people I’ve worked with. I think there’s a certain amount of comfort in a large group of people that you’ve worked with and that’s mutual respect and a lot of them I am not going to see again, unless they come to Lynchburg and they are certainly welcome.”
Wednesday Night Free Fishing; April 8, 5-9 p.m. FREE! Anglers need to call 454-5900 for reservations. Cost to the participant. All private vehicle travel costs are the responsibility of the participant. All participants must be registered. A valid Tennessee fishing license is required. Contact the 704th Services Center, 454-4025.

Youth Movie Night; April 10, 5-9 p.m. Free! Free popcorn and a rocking good movie! Transportation is provided. Parental supervision is required. Reservations are required. Call Youth Center, 454-5864.

Youth Center; April 11, 4-6 p.m. Free! Free Family Fun Night. Enjoyfood, drinks, activities and more. The first twenty-five children will receive apzoo. The reservations must be confirmed prior to the 10th of April. Call 454-5900.

Youth Leadership Camps; April 16-18, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. The camps aim to develop future leaders and team-building skills. Registration deadline is March 25. Youth Center, 454-4209.

Youth Community Service Day; April 19, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Community service allows participants to give back to the community. All participants must register. Youth Center, 454-5864. Call for reservations.

Youth Community Service Project: April 25, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Call for reservations. This is a court-ordered project to help the community. Call 454-4025.

Youth Sports Spectacular; April 26, 7-8 p.m. FREE! The event is designed to introduce young athletes to a variety of sports. Call 454-4025.

Youth Center; April 27, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. FREE! Call for reservations. The event is open to 4-H members and their families. Call 454-4209.

Youth Center; May 1, 6-8 p.m. Free! A special event just for the kids. Call 454-5864.

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AFIT has funded seats still available

By George Bailey
Acquisition & Logistics Instructor

Air Force Institute of Technology’s (AFIT) School of Systems and Logistics (AFIT/LS) offers an excellent opportunity for mid-level managers to learn or refresh on issues and initiatives impacting experienced acquisition and support professionals.

“SYS 400 – Current Topics in Acquisition and Support” offers 30 continuous learning points to senior captains, field grade officers, and civilian equivalents with at least 10 years of experience in acquisition and performing as mid-level managers at Air Force product centers, air logistics centers, test centers, laboratories, or headquarters (from any major command).

It is preferred that everyone attending also have at least a Level II Acquisition Professional Development Program (APDP) certification in any functional field. The course is open to and applicable to persons from the aircraft, space, information and support communities. Topics vary somewhat to reflect the most recent changes, but also to accommodate the schedules of expert guest speakers. The course enables students to listen to and engage with the experts – there is generally a different speaker or facilitator for each topic presented. Because of the dynamic environment and busy schedules, Air Force personnel are challenged to keep up with the multitude of policy changes. In a short three-and-a-half day period, this course uncovers many of the ever-challenging topics that impact Air Force Acquisition and Support.

The course is a wonderful opportunity for students to learn from one another as they gather together from different functions, jobs, bases, and backgrounds to share knowledge and experience during roundtable discussions. Students thus benefit from exposure to the wide range of current topics in the acquisition and support arenas, helping to assess the impacts to their roles and responsibilities as managers.

This class is centrally funded for approved military and civilian DOD employees. AFIT/LS will pay your travel and per diem to come to the Wright Patterson AFB, Ohio area for class. AFIT will arrange student billeting and bus transportation daily to and from class (rental cars, if desired, would be unit funded). More information on this and more than 80 other AFIT acquisition, logistics, engineering, management, and software classes (both on-line and live) can be found at http://www.afit.edu/ls/index.cfm

For more information, contact Susan Jones, DSN 785-7777 ext. 3288 or to register for a seat in SYS 400, visit AFITNow at https://www.atrrs.army.mil/channels/acqnowcl/registrar/.

Lala Harris awarded for idea

Jeff Foster, manager of ATA Commodity Management, presents Lala Harris with a check for submitting an idea/commitment to the ATA Energy Conservation idea program. Harris’ idea was to take action to review power usage in administrative buildings to determine buildings with higher usage and determining reason for high usage of power. For example Harris said, in several buildings the HVAC systems are older units that need repair or replacement. Older units tend to be harder to regulate, and therefore individuals are running fans in the winter (too hot) or heaters in the summer (too cold) which can be a waste of energy. (Photo by Rick Goodfriend)
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if Tunnel 9, which uniquely provides the test environment for these complex challenges, could be utilized in a phased and innovative way. In the year preceding the trip, the AEDC facility, control room, engineers, technicians, and instruments to make measurements that can interrogate more fully the physics-based phenomenon questioned.

“Late last year, a proposal was made to replace the standard sphere cone check model with an actual system configuration representing the most likely Air Force solution to the next generation prompt global strike missile system, HTV-2,” Marren said.

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“Tunnel 9’s technical director, said, “This level of success is a testament to our deployed warfighters,” he said. “We always find something that leads somebody on the project to say, ‘Holy cow, why can’t we do business better?’ I like to bring those things back as examples of how we can think in a command, and be more responsive to our deployed warfighters,” he said.

To return to service checks are completed later this month, Tunnel 9 will have an enhanced information capability matched with an accurate and capable controller to once again rise to meet the challenging needs of advanced hypersonic systems.

There are on the far end of the supply and distribution route, and their needs are amplified by distance and time.”

“Every step we make, the basic operating support people are fed up,” he said. “They clearly see the impact they’re having on the mission. All of us on the team were proud to see motivated Americans undertaking and sacrificing in support of our nation’s objectives.”

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The general returned from the trip with taskings for his AFMC team.

For example, at the Transit Center at Manas, Kyrgyzstan, General Hoffman learned that Airmen could not count on the gear in their chemical-protection bags to have enough remaining service life to match their deployment timing.

“Many items have a shelf life and a service life. If we send items that will expire soon, we are putting a burden on the other end to sort them, ship expired items back, and so forth. We don’t need these transportation legs to accomplish what one should do. If there’s a burden to be had, AFMC should bear that burden,” he said.

Also at Manas, he observed delivery of scores of M-ATVs, or Mine Resistant, Ambush Protected All-Terrain Vehicles. Components for the vehicle, such as the gun turret, are shipped singly on pallets, then assembled and installed on the vehicle at the forward operating base.

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