



S&K "GROUP SPIRIT"

SPRING 2015

A HEALTHY SOUND

Supporting the EPA in the Pacific Northwest

GARDEN OF ONE THOUSAND BUDDHAS

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the Flathead Reservation

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Letter from the Chief Executive Officer

Tom Acevedo

I am going to fill all of you in on a recent conference I attended in Seattle. I believe what I am going to tell you about relates quite strongly to our "Wellness Program." I am a member of the St. Patrick hospital advisory board and as a member of that board I was able to attend Providence's annual governance conference. St. Patrick Hospital is a part of the Providence group of clinics and hospitals and the hospital is located in Missoula, Montana.

The topic of interest I am going to discuss was Dan Buettner's "Blue Zones" presentation. Mr. Buettner was contracted by the National Geographic Society to locate places in the world where a significant number of the residents in a particular place reached the age of 100 or more. Over a two-year period he located five such places that he called "Blue Zones."

After a period of being embedded with the people living in these zones, he was able to come up with a set of similarities as to why and how the people who live in these zones live for such an extended healthy life span. What Mr. Buettner found was certain

key cultural and nutrition practices had a profound effect on reaching the centenary mark.

One of the cultural practices was having a close relationship with several individuals over their respective lives. This relationship was with either family members or very close friends. The other significant practice was staying active physically and walking daily was enough to make a difference. On the nutrition front the consumption of fresh vegetables daily and a very low intake of meat from whatever source. And the last practice was setting aside one day of the week for reflection or rest.

Mr. Buettner is now working with cities in the United States who are interested in following these practices. He says that it takes three to five years to measure the success of these practices in improving the overall health of a community. These zones did not generally have access to superior health care services. It was the daily lifestyle practices that made all the difference.

Smile! We need your picture so you can drive.

Since 2008, S&K Technologies has partnered with MorphoTrust USA to provide field technicians to repair and maintain driver's license exam stations across the state of Montana. "We travel directly to each exam station when a repair call comes in," said Corey Badgely, Project Manager and main technician, who for the past four years has travelled thousands of miles for repairs. He is often seen at the corporate office carrying equipment to an S&K vehicle in response to a station technical issue.

Each exam station has a testing kiosk and camera system and other technology like facial recognition and online appointment scheduling. In Montana, drivers receive a temporary license at the time of their appointment. The actual license is processed and printed at an off-site central facility and mailed to the applicant within two weeks. The turnkey system has increased the amount of applicants that are processed, averaging less than 15 minutes for a driver to renew his or her license.

"We support 20 offices in western Montana and provide same day service for 95% of all support ticket requests," stated Corey. "After four years we've become experts at fixing technology and equipment issues at the stations, and it's fun to work with state employees to get their systems back on line as fast as we can. It's important to the public, who take time out of their busy day, that getting a license be quick and easy."

The State of Montana recently awarded a five year follow-on contract to MorphoTrust USA to make some major updates to the exam stations and still provide field technicians. S&K will assist in upgrading the offices starting this year and continue to provide on-site technical support.

A surprisingly quiet noon-hour at the Missoula, MT, Driver's Licensing office. S&K provides technical support for the equipment at stations just like this across western Montana.



Better working with hazardous material



Moab TAC Quality Assurance Coordinator Receives Hazardous Materials Manager Certification

In early February, Matt Udovitsch, Quality Assurance Coordinator for the Moab Technical Assistance Contractor team, attended a weeklong Certified Hazardous Materials Manager (CHMM) examination preparation course in Las Vegas.

The course assists in understanding the management of hazardous materials and waste to protect public health and safety and the environment, and covers proper controls for material handling, transportation, and security through applicable scientific and engineering technologies, best management practices, resource management, and regulatory compliance. The subjects taught included storage and disposition of materials with hazards, facility operations involving materials with hazards, environmental studies, and management systems.

Congratulations to Matt who passed the qualification examination on February 26!

US Marine Corp delivers Cougar armored vehicle

Tech Manual support gets hands-on

S&K Logistics Services is providing the U.S. Marine Corps with new technical manuals to support the Interrogation Arm Assembly (IAA) and the Lightweight Route Clearance Blade (LRCB). Both of these pieces of equipment mount on the Cougar armored vehicle. The technical manuals will be updated to include all Government-provided changes to operator's procedures, maintenance instructions, drawings and diagrams.

The Government is providing the Cougar for this effort which will be used in the update and development of both manuals. The Cougar vehicle is an advanced ballistic and blast-protected vehicle, which can be configured for various roles, including command and control, EOD, patrol, convoy support, forward observation, reconnaissance and med-evacuation.



Photo Above: S&K Logistics Services recently took delivery of a USMC Cougar to assist their work developing technical data and manuals for the equipment.

The Cougar is an infantry mobility vehicle designed in South Africa. It's designed to resist land mines and other munitions. Several countries use the vehicle, but it's primarily found in use by the US Military and British Army Forces.

Photos Left: S&K Logistics Services employees Ammy Pearson, Tech Data Engineer, and Mike Bearden, Tech Data Engineer, are shown inspecting several parts of the Cougar.



In the first photo, the Lightweight Route Clearance Blade (aka plow) is being inventoried.



In the second photo, they are investigating the Interrogation Arm Assembly (IAA) on the vehicle. The Interrogation Arm is a vehicle-mounted, Fassi crane arm with a boom, R-Vision camera, and a probing implement used for digging and investigating suspected Improvised Explosive Devices (IEDs), which provides standoff interrogation of suspected IEDs.

At left, testing is performed on the blast protection on the USMC Cougar (courtesy USMC).

Behind the scenes support for the EPA and the Pacific Northwest ecosystem



Across the pond from the S&K Global Solutions office in Bremerton, WA, a number of skilled S&K employees work with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) providing facilities management support services. The EPA Region 10 headquarters is located on 6th Avenue in downtown Seattle, WA, where approximately 677 people work on 11 floors. The region also has a warehouse five miles from the main office.

Serving Alaska, Idaho, Oregon, Washington, and 271 Native Tribes, the EPA Region 10 manages several key sites across the Pacific Northwest and Alaska. Some of the agency's biggest projects include protections around Bristol Bay mining activities, chemical impacts on the Columbia River, the health of the Puget Sound, hundreds of smaller cleanup sites, and support services for many tribal programs.



The EPA Office in Seattle Park Place

S&K Global Solutions is the prime contractor for this project but a significant portion of the work is provided by our team mates from NATECH. The combined team provides a variety of support services ranging from operating the EPA's mailroom, provisioning office supplies, configuring conference/training rooms,

and insuring that the EPA's fleet of service vehicles are 'road-ready' by 7:30 am each morning.

"Our team supports the EPA office in a background nature, such that customers may not notice how things are running smoothly—sort of like how we all take for granted that hot water will come out when we turn the tap but quickly realize what a luxury this is when this service is disrupted for some reason!" said Ken Schumacher, Project Manager.

Each year, the team processes over 120,000 pieces of mail of which strict records are maintained and security processes must be followed. Every piece of incoming mail must be x-rayed and logged before distribution.

Along with their regular duties, some teammates provide graphic design and professional printing services—often with very short turnaround times. These include creating brochures, flyers, banners, and mailers. The team also performs on-site property management inventories and occasional delivery services between the National Archives storage facility in Seattle.

Despite being mostly behind the scenes, the S&K Global Solutions team has a tremendous positive impact and is frequently recognized by EPA employees who appreciate the high standard of service they receive each day. "We are proud of the hard work our employees put in to making things flow smoothly for the EPA so they can in turn succeed at their projects," said Ken. "Our main goal, along with the EPA, is to benefit the ecological health of the entire northwest region."



The S&K Global Solutions and NATECH crew in Seattle, WA. The team works to support EPA Region 10 projects in the Pacific Northwest.

Back Row (Left to right): Michael Wemigwans, Mail Clerk; Theron Patterson, Warehouse Specialist; Kevin Brown, Graphics; David Baker, Site Manager; William Steele, Supply Tech. Front Row (Left to right): Janis Burge, Copyist; Lilian Sandico, Property Tech; Frederic Sandico, Warehouse Specialist.

Annual PROS Forum promotes collaboration

Suppliers and world wide customers meet at S&K hosted conference

The Second Annual Parts and Repair Ordering System (PROS) Forum was a huge success. As the prime contractor for one of the largest logistics contracts in the U.S. Air Force, S&K Aerospace strives to continually improve the program by conducting a yearly Forum with Government (AFSAC), Industry, and end-users (Foreign Customers). The PROS Forum is specifically designed to promote a productive event for all components of the supply chain process.

"This year we revised our program by offering workshops on several important topics," said Alicia. "Our PROS IV team members stepped up to present and their preparation was impressive."

Mr. Richard Petty presented on Maintenance, Mrs. Nicole Rintamaa presented on Supply, Mr. Alan Shaw presented on Quality and Shipping and Mrs. Lynn Daniel-Glover presented



This year, the event was moved from Atlanta, GA, to Dayton, OH, which provided a more convenient location for the four key players that work through this contract; AFSAC members, PROS IV teammates, the Industry suppliers who provide parts and service, and the Foreign Military Sales (FMS) end-customers.

Forum planner, Alicia Zahn, made it a focus to offer plenty of opportunities for FMS customers to meet the PROS IV team and receive additional insight into the PROS program-past, present, future. "We hosted representatives from many allied Air Forces and Navy and the feedback was very positive," said Alicia. "The One-on-one meetings between foreign customers and senior S&K leadership were a great opportunity to discuss specific requirements and concerns."

Pictured Below: Suppliers make connections during the PROS Forum Social.



on Finance topics. The closed session workshops provided attendees the time to ask questions and share experiences with the program. In addition to the workshops, a handful of suppliers also briefed on topics ranging from Federal Defense Industries' *Ultra Low SDR Rate* to Capewell's *Aerial Delivery/Airdrop*.

Headlining the event was Mrs. Cynthia Abbott, the Deputy Director of the Air Force Security Assistance and Cooperation Directorate, who gave the keynote address. She spoke about the AFSAC mission for about 30 minutes to an audience of standing room only.

With over 115 companies represented, suppliers active involvement was critical to the success of the event. S&K wants to also recognize the sponsors who helped make the show so dynamic and effective; Aero Precision, P.A.R.T.S. Inc., Federal Defense Industries (FDI), Moog, Defense Technology Equipment (DTE), Kellstrom Defense Aerospace, Northbay Aviation, Integrated Procurement Technologies (IPT), Capewell, Artemis, and Cobham.

Special thanks to all of the S&K team members that pitched in to ensure the success of this event. Your efforts directly correlated to the overall success of this event.

Pictured Above (left to right)

Photo 1 (left to right): Kevin Cruze (PROS PM, AFSAC), Tim Horne (S&K PROS Director), Cynthia Abbott (Deputy Director, AFSAC), Anthony Amadeo (S&K Aerospace President) pause for a photo after Mrs. Abbott's keynote address.

Photo 2: Mark Kamholtz, S&K Aerospace PROS IV Contract Manager, chats with Deb Massar, AFSAC PROS Program Manager - retired, during the Social at the PROS Forum.

Photo 3: Melanie Brooks, S&K PROS IV Maintenance Lead, calls out the first door prize numbers during the PROS Forum Social.

Cross-cultural exchange at the Garden of One Thousand Buddhas on the Flathead Reservation

By Brian Tanner, Business Development Specialist, SKT

As one passes north through the town of Arlee on the Flathead Reservation in Montana, the landscape is filled with many farms and ranches owned by local residents. Just off the highway, about two miles north of Arlee, is a 60-acre piece of land that stands out from the farms and ranches. The beautiful garden layout of native trees and plants are towered by a 35-foot, colorful shrine. All around the shrine are mini-sculptures that symmetrically project outward towards a circle of more mini sculptures. The pavilion houses the largest sculpture called Yum Chenmo (in the representation of the Deity Tara), a maternal figure in Buddhist teachings. The mini statues that surround the shrine are that of Buddha. One thousand mini Buddhas to be exact, thus giving the garden the name, The Garden of One Thousand Buddhas.

Tulku Sang-Ngag Rinpoche, Tibetan master of the Nyingma School of Buddhism and the 6th incarnation of Gochen Tulku, started life learning the teachings Buddha. At the age of eight, he was captured by communist China and imprisoned for practicing Dharma. The nine years Mr. Sang-Ngag was imprisoned only strengthened his faith and he has since traveled the world to promote peace.

On his journey Mr. Sang-Ngag met Linda Pritzker, one of Forbes 400 Richest People in America and heir to the Hyatt Hotel fortune, at a Buddhist retreat in Santa Fe, NM. Linda met Mr. Sang-Ngag again in her hometown of Boulder, CO and knew that she wanted him to be her teacher. Mentioning an upcoming trip to the Mission Valley in Montana to look for a new place to live, Mr. Sang-Ngag asked if he could accompany her. They arrived in Missoula and began their trip north to the Flathead Indian Reservation. While passing through the town of Arlee, they crossed the Jocko River and came to a flat clearing, called Schall Flats. Mr. Sang-Ngag noticed the land looked like a lotus flower blooming and asked Ms. Pritzker to pull off of Highway 93 onto White Coyote Road. There was a "Land for sale" sign off the road and Pritzker and Sang-Ngag went to investigate. When they arrived at the property, Mr. Sang-Ngag recalls looking at the valley and the mountains and recognized the landscape, although never physically being there before.

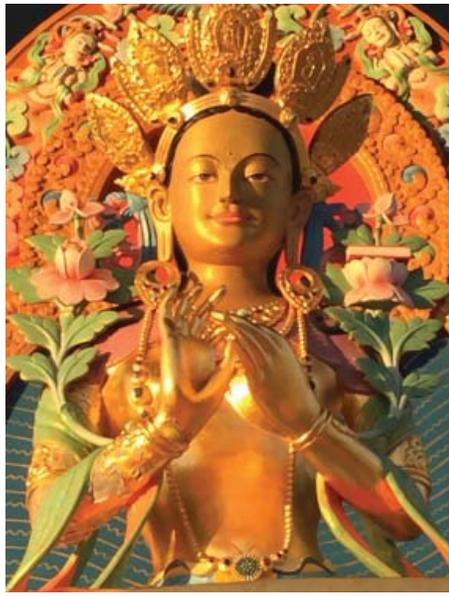
In his youth, Mr. Sang-Ngag had a vision of building a Buddhist temple at the base of a mountain and a very specific landscape. Mr. Sang-Ngag knew that, when he stood north of Arlee, that this would be the place he dreamt about and would build a temple that would promote peace in the world. Knowing the complicated history of non-Indian landownership and other religious sects buying property on the reservation, Ms. Pritzker tried to persuade Sang-Ngag to reconsider building on an Indian Reservation. Mr. Sang-Ngag had already made up his mind. An anonymous donor bought the property and the ranch house, as well as purchasing an additional house.

Photos by Brian Tanner and Amy Yalon. Visitors are welcome at any time at the Garden of 1000 Buddhas near Arlee, Montana. You can even arrange to cast your own Buddha to be one of the 1000.



Taking heed from Ms. Pritzker, Sang-Ngag met with the CSKT Tribal Council to gain the support of the tribe before construction began. Mr. Sang-Ngag brought traditional gifts of coffee and katags (offering scarves) to the Council, which they accepted. Mr. Sang-Ngag also cited similar histories of the Tibetan people and the Native people of North America. The Tibetans, a lot like the American Indians, faced displacement and oppression from their government. The Tibetans also burned sage and juniper as sacramental offerings during prayer and have respect for the sacredness of the land. The Tribal Council cited concerns that the Buddhist site would draw many people to the area and possibly drive up land prices. Julie Cajune, tribal member, mentioned to New York Times, "It's ironic but many Indian people cannot afford to buy land on their own reservation." The concern was shared by many in the community as well, that thought the Buddhist site would draw many people to the area. Mr. Sang-Ngag met many times with Tribal officials and shared their concern for any attention the garden might bring. Most people in the community now feel more comfortable with the garden. Mr. Sang-Ngag reassured the community that the Buddhist garden is for everyone, regardless of religious affiliation and spiritual beliefs. Every spring there is a peace celebration, where tribal spiritual leaders and the Buddhist community come together and celebrate their efforts for world peace.

The 24-foot tall statue in the representation of Tara is called Yum Chenmo, the Great Mother. The garden itself is laid out with the statue of Yum Chenmo in the center and eight-spoke wheel symmetrically protruding outwards. The base of the statue contains destroyed weaponry to signify peace on earth. The eight-spoke wheel is in the shape of the Wheel of Dharma, which is sacred to the Buddhist teachings. Each wheel spoke and the outer circle contain the one thousand statues of Buddha, of which 900 are currently constructed. The remaining statues will eventually be built and the garden will be complete; the time table is contingent on the amount of money raised. His Holiness the 14th Dalai Lama has accepted an invitation from Mr. Sang-Ngag to visit the Garden of One Thousand Buddhas and consecrate the land once it is finished.



Moab TAC Team S&K Aerospace

The S&K Moab Technical Assistance Contract (TAC) Team provides technical assistance to the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) on a uranium mill tailings cleanup project located in Moab, Utah. This quarter, the TAC Team is being recognized for its outstanding support to DOE and collaboration with the Remedial Action Contractor (RAC) in response to a significant rockslide that occurred at the Moab site last November. 

When rail operations were halted at the remediation site, the DOE requested an investigative engineering study to assess the rockslide situation. Within the span of one week, the TAC Team had prepared a proposal to respond to DOE's request, received a contract modification incorporating the work, and finalized the subcontract with the engineering expert. The staff worked late nights and weekends, including during Thanksgiving week, to achieve this quick turnaround. Check our next issue for a full report on how S&K worked to restart rail operations and continues to monitor and mitigate slide activity. 



Back (left to right): Mike Bishop, Tom Bachtell, Michelle Shaffer, Polly Robinson, Lisa Phillips, Dollie Bell, Rick Ryan, Wendee Ryan. Front (left to right): Joe Ritchey, Dana Cooper, Nancy LeBlanc, Chris Banghart, Laurie Stieferman, Allison Kenney, Cindy Smith, Kym Bevan, Patty Wilson. (Not pictured: Zach Crouch).



Back (left to right:) James Ritchey, Robert Buckingham, Ernie Colunga, Kevin Gerber. Front (left to right): Tom Cox, Liz Moran, Bob Hopping, Matt Udovitsch, Ken Pill, Scott Williams.



EA5 OUTSTANDING RECOGNITION AWARD

Dennis Brantley
Victor Cruz
Ozzy Leija
Daniel Mathews
Johnathan McMahan
David Dean (bottom left)



EA5 TEAM EXCELLENCE AWARD

Kay Caudill
Robin Bowman
(both bottom right)



BULLDOG AWARD

John McEntee, S&K Aerospace RSAP Program Manager based in Warner Robins, GA, received the Bulldog Award from Lt. Col. Jeffery Hamblin at Robins Air Force Base to show his appreciation to John for going above and beyond customer expectations.



Lakeesha Blasingame S&K Aerospace

Lakeesha Blasingame is the Employee of the Month for S&K Aerospace PROS IV Maintenance Team. Lakeesha was instrumental in Maintenance meeting their monthly goal of 500 repair contract awards. In doing so she exceeded the established individual monthly goal by 53%. She managed 461 assigned requisitions, while maintaining the team standard of 14 day updates. Combined with her efforts in placing requisitions on contract as well as maintaining current statuses in her workflow she was also able to process 125 cancellations. While performing all of these actions she managed to keep her error rate at an outstanding percentage of 1.08%.



MaryRose Morigeau S&K Technologies Inc.

Since MaryRose Morigeau started at the Corporate office in St. Ignatius, MT, she has constantly strived to streamline the PROS process and make it much more efficient. Additionally she has helped established other helpful processes in regards to our AP department, such as the invoice logs.

MaryRose serves the PROS project directly as an Accounts Payable Clerk. She is always positive about work and is willing to go that extra mile to assist anyone who needs help.



Gwendolyn (Renee') Ussery S&K Aerospace

Gwendolyn (Renee') Ussery is a Technical Data Editor with S&K Aerospace at Robins AFB, Georgia in support of the RSAF Foreign Military Sales Contract. Renee' has been employed with S&K for over 15 years and consistently leads in production and quality far exceeding monthly goals, and sets a high standard for others to follow. Renee' is very active in morale boosting and team building programs generating a positive workforce environment. Of special note this quarter, Renee' took the lead in resolving an urgent configuration problem that had grounded five Royal Saudi Air Force aircraft. Instead of the estimated 45 days to complete, Renee' turned around the request in a mere two weeks after tirelessly investigating and solving the problem. Renee' frequently goes above and beyond the requirements of her job, and is well deserving of the Employee of the Quarter Award and the recognition from her S&K family.



2015 TEAM TINKER SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING AWARDS

The U.S. Air Force B-1 Engineering Branch in Oklahoma City, OK, nominated two S&K Global Solutions employees for the 2015 Team Tinker Science and Engineering Awards. Doye DeBolt, Sr. Equipment Specialist (right), and Michael Morgan, Sr. Equipment Specialist (left), are part of a crew recognized for the accomplishments of scientists, engineers, and technology managers across the Air Force Sustainment Center (AFSC), Air Force Life Cycle Management Center (AFLCMC), and the Air Force Nuclear Weapons Center (AFNWC).

EPIC TEAM INNOVATOR AWARDS

The following folks were recognized for Innovative Improvements within their teams that have helped save NASA budget money throughout the year. They are part of the S&K Global Solutions EPIC contract at Johnson Space Center. Awardees are (from left to right): Sara Talbott, Donna Gushanas, Samantha Corbett, Paula Garza and Patti Hill. Juan Lomas, Johnathan McMahan, Dennis Brantley and Jerry Feuling were not present.



Finding a Work-Life Balance

This issue we are highlighting some of the services available to all employees through our Employee Assistance Program with UNUM. Did you know that you can get help for the following:

School Issues - from kindergarten to college, we can help with:

- Choosing a school for your child
- Understanding how your involvement in school can help your child
- Helping with homework, study skills and tests
- Advocating for your child in school
- Special needs and special programs
- Applying to college
- Paying for college – options for financial aid, scholarships, and loans

Employment and Managing People - At work, some of the ways we can help include:

- Career Advancement Tips for Managers
- Developing Your Leadership Skills
- Ten Strategies for Overcoming Overload
- Keeping your Team Resilient
- Delegating
- Managing Difficult Employees
- Managing Performance Issues
- Setting Goals as a Leader
- Helping Employees Manage Stress

Online Seminars

- Happiness: Learning from Positive Psychology
- Managing your money in Today's Economy
- Personal Budgeting

Call anytime to speak with a caring, experienced consultant ready to answer your questions. 1-800-854-1446.

You can also Access your Work-Life Balance benefit through the Lifeworks App on your devices. Search for "LifeWorks" in the app store and enter "lifebalance" for the username and password.



Quick Tips for Increasing Optimism at Work

Staying optimistic can help you deal with many types of challenges at work. Here are some ways to maintain a positive attitude on the job.

Remember that you can stay optimistic even if you aren't happy about a situation. You may wish you didn't have some challenges, such as a long commute, a difficult client, or a heavy workload, but you can still have a positive attitude when dealing with these challenges. Make your commute an enjoyable experience by listening to an audio book or your favorite music, or think of a new skill you are developing as a result of your work.

Focus on what you can control. Avoid dwelling on situations you can't change. Instead, focus on doing your best on everything you can control, such as getting to work on time and organizing your tasks so that you can complete them in the most efficient way.

Do something every day that makes you feel good at work. Have lunch with your favorite co-worker. Take a short walk on a beautiful day. Or listen to upbeat music on your mp3 player or smartphone for a few minutes on your break.

"Talk back" to yourself. Create and write down substitutions for any negative ideas that may affect your ability to do your job. If you sometimes think, "I'll never be able to finish that project," try, "I'll break it down into manageable pieces." If you think, "I don't know how to do that," try, "I have an opportunity to learn something new."

Use "thought-stopping" techniques.

Learn a few easy ways to interrupt negative thoughts that may arise at work and elsewhere. Psychologist Martin Seligman suggests in his book *Learned Optimism* that you carry a 3 x 5 card with "STOP" written on it in red and look at it when you find yourself focusing on unpleasant things. You might keep this card in a drawer at your desk or workstation.

Spend time with co-workers who have an optimistic attitude and tend to be in a good mood. Make an effort to cultivate friendships with these people, and their positive energy will be contagious.

Maintain good-health routines. You'll find it easier to stay optimistic if you feel good physically and mentally. Try to sleep for 7 to 9 hours a night, get 30 minutes of vigorous exercise at least three times a week, and eat a healthy breakfast in the morning and a healthy lunch at work every day.

Give yourself credit. After tough days, take time to think about the things you did well, such as staying calm and polite when you had to deal with a difficult customer.

You can find more tips for dealing with your mood or stress, and many other subjects that may suit your personal needs, by going to www.lifebalance.net and logging into the S&K Employee Assistance Portal provided by UNUM. The User ID and Password are: lifebalance.



PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Erica Blackburn, S&K Global Solutions Project Specialist/Technical Writer, and her daughter, Karley Danger James, attended a Pancake Breakfast with the Easter Bunny on Sunday, March 22nd, an annual fundraising event for the local Trenton, MI, fire department's charities.



ALIENS VS. ASTRONAUTS FUN RUN

Carroll Thronesbery, Barbara Morgan, and Daniel Mathews (photos L to R) from our Houston, TX, office participated in the Aliens vs. Astronauts 5K Fun Run at NASA-Johnson Space Center on Saturday, April 4th. S&K Global Solutions was a sponsor ("Gold Event Partner") of this event.



RUN TO LOSE 5K

They're on the loose! Several S&K employees based in Warner Robins and Byron, GA participated in the 7th Annual Cantrell Center 5K to help fight the national epidemic of obesity. Pictured top (left to right): Arthur Sullivan, William Carroll, Michael Herak, James Southwick, Barry Brooks. Pictured middle (left to right): Tomica & Richard Petty, Melinda Taylor, Carmelita Williams, Melanie Brooks, Shannan Bertrand, Raymilia & Isabela Garcia. Pictured front kneeling (left to right): Cynthia Small and Meghan Peacock.



EMPLOYEE CELEBRATES SON'S GRADUATION

Congratulations to A1C Thomas E Rice II, the son of Lynn Cook, Financial Specialist II with S&K Logistics Services in Byron, GA, who just graduated from Air Force Basic Training in San Antonio, TX in November. Thomas just completed his Tech School in Wichita Falls, Texas, and is a member of the Georgia Air National Guard. He returned home on March 18th to his wife, son, parents and little sister who are very proud of him.



CHERRY BLOSSOM FESTIVAL

Khloe Addison Reid, daughter of Sharnarra K. Reid, S&K Logistics Services Contracts Administrator, participated in the Little Mr. & Miss Cherry Blossom Pageant January 10th, 2015 at the Douglas Theater in Downtown Macon, GA.

TEACHING ENGLISH IN MONGOLIA

After graduating from the University of Montana last year, Emily Rohrlach, the daughter of Heidi Rohrlach, Controller at the S&K Technologies, Inc. headquarters, joined the Peace Corp and is currently teaching English in Mongolia. She is halfway through the 27-month tour. Emily lives in a ger (like a yurt) without running water and has survived the extremely cold winter with just a small wood stove. "Her biggest struggle so far has been getting used to eating horse meat-the only meat available in the winter-and finding a shower," said Heidi.





CONGRATULATIONS

Amanda Page and Brad Nadeau were married on November 8, 2014 in Leesburg, VA, followed by a relaxing honeymoon in Hawaii.

Amanda is a Business Analyst with S&K Global Solutions in the Washington, DC office.



Micah Carlyle Mullens was born on January 24 and weighed 8 lbs, 13.5 oz, 21 1/4 in long. His proud parents are John W. Mullens, Director, Business Development with S&K Global Solutions out of Warner Robins, GA and his wife Sue. Micah is their 6th child.



Juan Lomas, S&K Global Solutions Project Technical Specialist, welcomed beautiful and healthy daughter, Madilyn Ava Lomas. She was born March 9 and weighed 6 lbs, 14 oz. Mom and baby are doing great.



S&K Aerospace's international team is proud to announce the birth of baby Ahmed Heshime Krassi. He is the son of Ahmed Krassi, Country Manager, Air Force Division Programs for S&K Aerospace and is based in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. Little Ahmed was 4 lbs, 14 oz, and 17 inches long.



Bernice Peavey, Financial Management Specialist with the S&K Global Solutions, F-15 MSS contract at Robins AFB, GA, is the proud Great Grandmother to Hannah Kate, born on February 13 at 8:06am, weight 7 lbs, 13 oz, 20 3/4 inches long. Her big sister is Braelyn Nicole Byce.



SON OF MOAB TAC TEAM EMPLOYEES LAUDED FOR BASEBALL PERFORMANCE

Congratulations to Neil Ryan, son of Moab Technical Assistance Contract Team employees Rick and Wendee Ryan, who was named Great Plains Athletic Conference (GPAC)/Hauff Mid-America Sports Pitcher of the Week at the end of March. Ryan is a freshman at Concordia University in Nebraska and is a starting pitcher on the varsity Bulldogs team. He has had a great start to his college baseball career, leading the GPAC in earned run average (0.83), opponent batting average (.183), and fewest hits allowed per game (5.79). He ranks second among conference hurlers in wins with four, including two shutouts, and has struck out 28 players in 32.2 innings. This summer, Ryan plans to play for the Haysville Aviators, a team in the collegiate Jayhawk Baseball League based in Kansas.



Joseph Grim Rufe was born on January 3rd with divine instructions to cause all kinds of mayhem for his parents; S&K Global Solutions VP of Operations, Ian Rufe, and his wife Karissma. This little guy started at 7 lbs, 13 oz, and 20 inches long of trouble... and adorableness.



Mike and Laura Kennedy are proud to announce the birth of his first Grandchild, Kennedy Lee Sinclair, born March 22. Kennedy weighed 9 lbs, 3 oz, and her parents are Bob and Kristi-Kennedy Sinclair. Mike is a Quality Assurance Specialist working on the PROS IV contract in Georgia with S&K Aerospace.