



Defense Facilities Directorate

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Ralph Newton, DFD Director and Bob Taylor, PFPA Deputy Director are joined by DFD, PFPA, Contractor and Metro Agency representatives for the cutting of the ceremonial ribbon.

New Intersection Opens

On September 6, 2005 representatives from the Defense Facilities Directorate (DFD), Pentagon Force Protection Agency (PFPA), Contractors and Metro Agency personnel held a ribbon cutting ceremony to celebrate the early opening of the Eads Street, North Rotary Road intersection. This intersection feeds the most active metro station south of New York City. This project successfully diverted all traffic including metro agencies, government transportation, slug lanes and pedestrians.

The project was completed two weeks ahead of schedule. "Our sincere gratitude to our great contractor Asher Construction, PFPA Traffic Control Officers, and the other government employees who made this successful project possible," said Douglas K. Johnson, Program Manager Pentagon Building Management Office (PBMO).



New FFD Director

Mr. Adrian Upshur joined the Defense Facilities Directorate (DFD) in June 2005 as the new Director of the Federal Facilities Division (FFD). He brings a very positive vision for his FFD division as well as DFD. Mr. Upshur also brings a wealth of engineering management gained from his military, civilian, and federal civil service and looks forward to the challenges of his new job.

Mr. Upshur graduated from the United States Air Force Academy in 1980 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering. In 1985, he earned a Master of Science degree in Engineering Management from the Air Force Institute of Technology and graduated with academic honors.

At the first All Hands meeting with his FFD organization, Mr. Upshur stated, "Today is a very exciting time for federal real property managers. As opposed to the days when I joined the military and started working engineering management jobs with a "shoe-string" budget and little senior support for real property management, today's career in federal real property management is receiving not only more senior attention, but support as well."

Mr. Upshur is excited about our nation's current emphasis on facilities management. He is extremely pleased to step into his new job and welcomes the opportunity to work with the customer-focused professionals in FFD. Mr. Upshur said he is impressed with the positive attitudes of FFD workers along with the numerous memos of appreciation he has received from customers. "There is no doubt in my heart that the positive spirit of our organization and the support of our senior leaders will make us a much more capable organization and one that will ultimately be respected as the 'PREMIER' facilities management and administrative support services organization in the Federal Government," said Mr. Upshur.

DFD Town Hall

On September 8, 2005, over 250 DFD employees participated in one of two Town Hall meetings held in the new Pentagon Auditorium. During the meetings, Mr. Ralph Newton, DFD Director discussed several agenda topics including the upcoming implementation of the National Security Personnel System (NSPS), and Compressed Work Schedule (CWS).

Mr. Newton also shared the results from the May 2005 Organizational Climate survey, which prompted a lively discussion as employees shared their thoughts about the survey and other areas of concern. The next Town Hall meeting is scheduled for January 18, 2006 in the Pentagon Auditorium.

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FOB2 Fitness Center Renovation

Federal Office Building No.2 unveiled the completed renovation and build out of the Fitness Center on June 30, 2005.

The new Fitness Center features state-of-the-art fitness equipment, improved lighting, wall mounted flat screen TVs, an improved ventilation system, and professionally trained staff to provide instruction and advice.

The project was completed under budget and on schedule. According to Michael Radford, Project Manager (FOB2), the success of the project was the result of the strong collaboration between the Missile Defense Agency (MDA) and FOB2 Building Management. "They (MDA) told us what they needed and we provided it," said Radford.

The Fitness Center is open from 6:00 am – 6:00 pm, Monday –Friday.

Left to right - Michael Radford-FOB2, Adrian Upshur-FFD, Gen. Oberhoff-Air Force, and Billy Love-MDA



Mr. Charlie McCormick Receives Award

The Secretary of Defense Donald H. Rumsfeld recently awarded Mr. Charlie McCormick (FFD) the Secretary of Defense Medal for Exceptional Civilian Service for his distinguished service from April 1983 – April 2005.

Mr. McCormick started his career as a sheet metal worker in the AWG shops. His most recent position was that of Supervisory Building Management Specialist.

"To all who knew him, Charlie was one of those truly memorable characters of the Pentagon, extremely knowledgeable, energetic and enthusiastic," stated his supervisor, Douglas K. Johnson.

A remarkable public servant, Mr. McCormick also received the DoD Medal of Valor for his meritorious actions on September 11, 2001.

Regrettably, Mr. McCormick passed away on September 20, 2005.



Mystery Maintainer

Our Mystery Maintainer began her Pentagon career as a Personnel Clerk in 1988 with Headquarters, Department of the Army. Today she serves as a Management Analyst involved with various programs managed by DFD. Her responsibilities include oversight of a transit program that services over 30,000 employees throughout the National Capital Region.

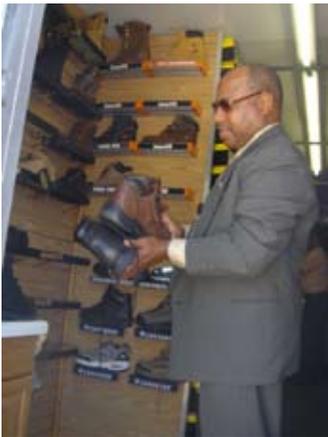
Our Mystery Maintainer shares a strong sense of mission, is committed to teamwork, and enjoys helping others.

In her spare time, our Mystery Maintainer enjoys traveling to her beloved home state of California to visit with family. She also enjoys volunteering for community service programs and spending time with her family.

Looking ahead, our Mystery Maintainer said, "My motto is to live one day at a time and relish every moment of my life."

Who's Who in OPSEC

Operational Security (OPSEC) Recognition for this quarter goes to the Washington Headquarters Services, Defense Facilities Directorate (DFD). WHS/DFD has taken great strides to implement OPSEC throughout their organization. The OPSEC Manager has an outstanding training program and has over 95% of their 535-person organization trained on OPSEC. Critical to the success of any OPSEC program – senior leadership is heavily involved and provides advocacy for the OPSEC Program. Hats off to Mr. John Harris, the OPSEC Manager as well as the DFD Director, Mr. Newton and Deputy Director, Mr. Provancha for their support.



Darryl Diggs, FFD/PBMO shops for safety shoes in the shoe mobile.

Safety Shoe Mobile

Through the combined efforts of the Defense Facilities Directorate (DFD), the Pentagon Renovation Program (PenRen), and the Pentagon Force Protection Agency (PFPA), General Schedule (GS) employees can now shop for their safety shoes on site at the Pentagon.

Located in the RDF the second Tuesday of the month, 10:30–2:30pm, the Lehigh Shoe Mobile offers over 500 pairs of shoes in a variety of shapes and sizes.

Shoe catalogs are available in FFD, PBMO, PFPA, and ETSD offices.



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Employees of the Quarter

We are proud to recognize Ms. Valerie Brown's selection as one of two DFD Employees of the Quarter for the Third Quarter 2005.

Ms. Brown is a Management Analyst assigned to the Management Support Division (MSD). She joined the DFD family in 1997 and has 17 years of Federal Service including her military service as a U.S. Army Officer.

Ms. Brown has been involved with many organizational improvement efforts including: organizational assessments, climate surveys, customer-related matters, and communication initiatives. "I really enjoy working in DFD, said Ms. Brown. "Every day presents an opportunity for me to make a difference. I'm proud to be a part of the DFD family and to be working with really good people."



We are also proud to recognize Mr. Bob Barr's selection as one of two DFD Employees of the Quarter for the Third Quarter 2005.

Mr. Barr is a WS-15 electrician supervisor who leads the 24-person Pentagon Electrical Support Program (PESP)-Pentagon Generator Support Program (PGSP) team in PBMO, Federal Facilities Division (FFD). He joined the DFD team in 1987 after working nine years with GSA as an Electrician supporting power plants throughout the National Capital Region. He has nearly 27 years of Federal Service.

"I am really proud of the people on the PESP-PGSP team," said Mr. Barr. "Bill Thomas sets a high standard for work accuracy and Matt Morris provides great leadership for the employees maintaining the RDF generators and doing reimbursable work." Mr. Barr said he enjoys partnering with the other two members of "The Three R's" – Ramin Zandpour (ETSD) and Rob Walker (PBMO), to work on electrical projects and coordinate power outages with the Pentagon Renovation team. "My approach is to be fair to everyone and to share my job knowledge with others, this makes my job easier," said Mr. Barr.

