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WILLARD PIPPIN DEPLOYS TO IRAQ

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A longtime member of the United States Armed Forces, Central Supply employee Willard Pippin will deploy to Katia, Iraq in February as a Truck Commander for Convoy Security for a regiment of 3,700 soldiers. Willard went on active duty as of December 5th, and has spent the past month in Mississippi training for combat. He was released from duty to spend the holidays in Knoxville, and will return to Mississippi in January for further combat preparation prior to deployment.



Portrait of the soldier as a young man: Pippin in uniform at age 20, and this year at 58.

Willard has already completed several tours of duty overseas and was previously an army cook before coming to UT Knoxville in 2006. At the university he started out in

Building Services and soon began work as a Material Control Clerk for Central Supply.

Although a recent surge ordered by President Obama will see overseas troop levels steadily increase in the coming months, Pippin's regiment is slated to return to America after six to ten months abroad. When asked about his plans following his return to Tennessee, Pippin smiles. "I'll get in my car and just drive, with nowhere to be and no agenda," he says. "That will be the life."

QUOTE OF THE MONTH:

"Be always at war with your vices, at peace with your neighbors, and let each year find you a better man."

-Benjamin Franklin

BOB EVANS AND JOHN PARKER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIPS ANNOUNCED

Each January the Bob Evans Memorial Scholarship Fund and John Parker Memorial Scholarship Endowment award two academic scholarships to dependents of Facilities Services employees for the following school year.

The Bob Evans Memorial Scholarship Fund will award one scholarship to a child, grandchild, step-child or step-grandchild of a current or re-

tired Facilities Services employee. The John Parker Memorial Scholarship Endowment will award one scholarship to a legal dependent of a current, retired or deceased Facilities Services employee who has maintained a minimum 2.5 GPA.

Both scholarships are for the 2010-2011 academic year which begins in August 2010. Nominations for the awards

must be made to the Executive Director's office (room 208) no later than Wednesday, January 27th. Nomination forms can be obtained from Beth Atkins in room 208. Winners of both awards will be chosen by the UTK General Scholarship Selection Committee, which is based in the Financial Aid and Scholarships Office and does not include any members of Facilities Services.

SERVICE AWARD WINNERS ANNOUNCED

Service Awards recognize employees for their length of service to the university, beginning with five years and recurring every five years throughout the duration of service. In December a ceremony was held to recognize the most recent

service award recipients, and the following 14 Facilities Services employees were honored.

Larry Shoopman—40 years
Dale Abernathy—35 years
Dwight Beckham—35 years
Clarence Bowles—35 years
Darryl Ford—35 years

Sandra Britt—30 years
Luther Holloway—30 years
James Newman—30 years
Willie Smith—30 years
Albert Davis—25 years
John Deforrest—25 years
William Miller—25 years
James White—25 years
Congratulations to all!

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS ❄️

Mahmoud Dalal—1/1
John Logan—1/1
Mike Sherrell—1/1
Brian Day—1/2
Roy Elder—1/2
Bill Pace—1/3
Veronica Huff—1/4
Diane Jones—1/4
David Sperling—1/4
Edward Hibbert—1/5
Jacob Njeru—1/5
Brock Ellis—1/6
Wanda Smith—1/7
Randy Gentry—1/8

Dewayne Doane—1/10
Fred Wolfenbarger—1/10
Samuel Miller—1/11
James Blevins—1/12
Roy Britt—1/12
Eursal Payne—1/12
Leo Pedigo—1/12
William Fox—1/13
Robert Clark—1/14
Carrie Dixson—1/14
David Bryan—1/15
Stephen Follum—1/15
Bernie Wood—1/16
Patrick Pardee—1/18

Scotty Richards—1/18
Matthew Snow—1/19
Sammy Wolf—1/19
Flora Baker—1/20
Ronald Sands—1/21
Amanda Hinds—1/22
Mike McCann—1/22
Jeromey White—1/22
Billy King—1/24
Judy Jones—1/25
Vickey Miller—1/25
Charles Burch—1/29
James Childress—1/30

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS ❤️

Jeff Barnes—2/1
Mark Henegar—2/1
James Manley—2/3
Dwight Beckham—2/4
Christopher Cook—2/4
Stacey Cooper—2/4
Donald Sims—2/4
Nolan Houser—2/5
Felix Phillips—2/6
Mitzi Prowell—2/6
Randy Love—2/8
Jim McCarter—2/9
William King—2/10
Perry Longmire—2/10
Bob Porter—2/10

Michael Atkinson—2/11
William Burnette—2/11
Edward Mitchell—2/12
Raine Jennings—2/14
Dewayne Lane—2/14
Robert Frick—2/15
Beth Atkins—2/16
Bob Caudill—2/16
Dennis Frank—2/16
Timothy McNish—2/16
Caleb Cagle—2/17
Nikki Woolsey—2/17
Cassidy Lionheart—2/18
Jack French—2/19
Robert Mathews—2/19

Ted Murphy—2/20
David Ridings—2/20
Doris Cannon—2/21
Mac Chamberlain—2/22
Jennifer Murray—2/22
Joel Rummage—2/22
Roger Norris—2/23
Willie Summeour—2/23
Gary Haggard—2/26
Ron Couch—2/27
Roy Grimes—2/28
Rick Johnson—2/28
Ghenadi Popescul—2/28
James Scott—2/28

GREEN TIP

Few images evoke more melancholy than discarded Christmas trees. This year, instead of feeling blue, go green by recycling your tree!

Go to <http://www.keepknoxvillebeautiful.org> to find out details about Keep Knoxville Beautiful's annual treecycling event, or bring your tree to the Forks of the River or Solway recycling centers, where greenwaste can be dropped off for a small fee.



Congratulations to Sustainability Manager Gordie Bennett and his wife Duygu on the birth of their daughter Defne, who was born on November 17th!

CHUCK THOMPSON AWARDS FOR SHOOPMAN, SUMMEY

Each September, the annual Chuck Thompson Awards are given out to two Facilities Services employees who have demonstrated extraordinary dedication to their jobs and who have worked for the university for at least ten years. Facilities employees nominate their colleagues, and recipients are chosen by a committee comprised of staff from the Facilities Services and Human Resources departments. One award is designated for an employee in the services/clerical area of the department, and one for an employee in the crafts area.

This year, Larry Shoopman, a Building Services custodian who works at the Allan Jones Aquatic Center, received the award for the services area, and Jackie Summey, a Senior Steam Plant Specialist, won for skilled

crafts. Both Jack and Larry have dedicated an enormous amount of time and energy to UT Knoxville and Facilities Services. Jack has been with the department for over 20 years, and Larry's been with Facilities for 40 years. They were chosen from a pool of 30 nominations, each for an extremely impressive and qualified nominee.

2009 marked the 11th annual Chuck Thompson Awards ceremony. In addition to engraved plaques, the winners receive a financial award through an endowment established by the family of Chuck Thompson, an Assistant Director of Facilities Services until his retirement in 1976. The first Chuck Thompson Awards presentation was made in 1998 and the original winners, Raymond Tinsley and Willie Battle, still work for UT.



Larry Shoopman, right, accepts his award from Assistant Director Harry Moore.

PERSONNEL CHANGES

Transfers/Promotions

Brian Burch Sr.—Line Installer to Craft Supervisor III (Electrical Services)
 Kenneth Hooker—Truck Driver I to Welder (Care of Grounds)
 Chris Mahoney—Service Aide II to Custodial

Foreman (Building Services)

New Faces

Ronald Adams—Building Services
 Matthew Cornelius—Electrical Services
 Corey Mays—P/M Athletics

VACANCIES

Estimator—Architecture & Engineering
 CAD/Design Operator—Special Projects
 Assistant General Maintenance Craft Worker—Steam Plant
 Senior Steam Plant Operator—Steam Plant
 Carpenter (4)—Carpentry Services
 Senior Cabinetmaker—Carpentry Services
 Administrative Support Assistant II—Carpentry Services
 Senior Electrician (2)—Electrical Services
 Senior Locksmith—Lock & Key Services

Maintenance Specialist—Preventive Maintenance
 Service Aide I—Building Services
 Service Aide II (2)—Building Services
 Custodial Foreman—Building Services
 Lawn Gardener—Care of Grounds
 Truck Driver I—Care of Grounds
 Senior Maintenance Specialist—Preventive Maintenance (R)
 Service Aide II (2)—Preventive Maintenance (Arena)



Steam Plant Superintendent Darryl Ford, left, presents the Chuck Thompson Award to Jack Summey.

Check out the Facilities Services web page!

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Radon Action Month

Radon is a natural radioactive gas with no smell, color or taste, which may be present at dangerous levels in your home. The gas is the leading cause of lung cancer among non-smokers and the second leading cause among smokers, claiming more than 20,000 lives annually. January is National Radon Action Month, and the U.S. Surgeon General is encouraging all Americans to protect their health by testing their homes for Radon.

A limited number of free Radon test kits are available from TDEC—the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation—for Tennessee citizens. To request a Radon testing kit, send your name and address to: Radon Program, 711 R.S. Gass Blvd, Nashville, TN 37216 or e-mail TDEC.Radon@tn.gov.

UPCOMING EVENTS: JANUARY							UPCOMING EVENTS: FEBRUARY						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 New Year's Day NO WORK	2	31	1	2 Groundhog Day Non-Exempt Staff Paychecks	3	4	5	6
3	4	5 Non-Exempt Staff Paychecks 	6	7	8	9	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
10	11	12	13	14	15	16	14 Valentine's Day 	15 President's Day 	16 Non-Exempt Staff Paychecks 	17 Ash Wednesday	18	19	20
17	18 Martin Luther King Jr. Day NO WORK	19 Non-Exempt Staff Paychecks 	20	21	22	23	21	22	23	24	25	26 Exempt Staff Paychecks 	27
24	25	26	27 Last day to apply for the Bob Evans and John Parker Memorial Scholarships	28	29 Exempt Staff Paychecks 	30	28						