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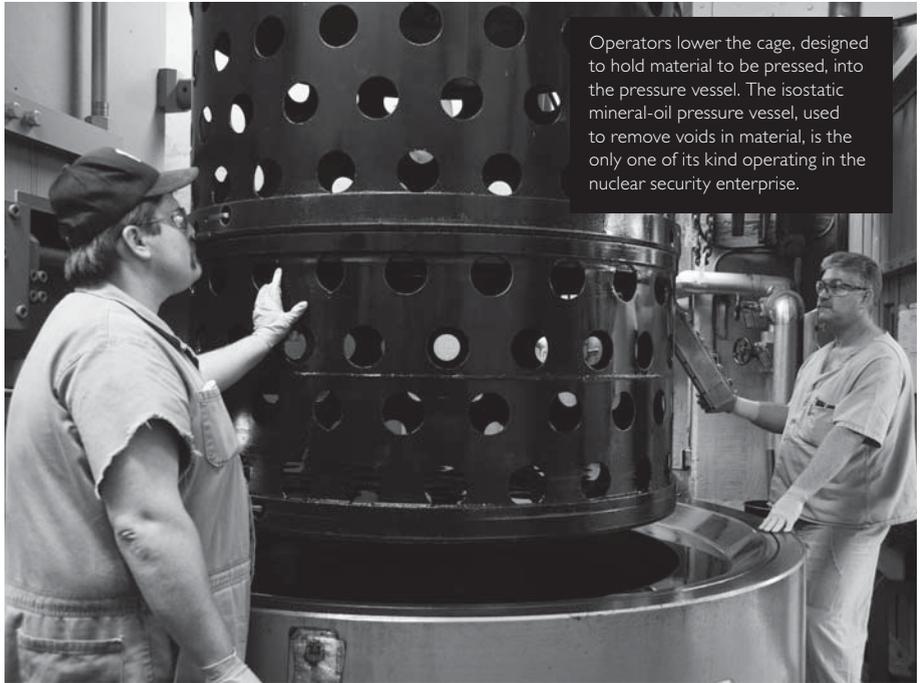
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Operators lower the cage, designed to hold material to be pressed, into the pressure vessel. The isostatic mineral-oil pressure vessel, used to remove voids in material, is the only one of its kind operating in the nuclear security enterprise.

## Problem-solving reaches new heights

When the huge high-pressure vessel in Building 9204-2 broke last November, a repair team representing almost all organizations at Y-12 sprang into overdrive. The coordinated and truly extraordinary effort brought the vessel back on line in a little over two weeks. "The repair was a tremendous effort by everyone involved," said Don McKenzie, the project manager.

The breakage occurred in the mushroom-shaped metal plug that creates a tight seal in the vessel, and engineers knew the key was locating a fabricator. After a lot of digging, the team located the company that bought the original fabricator's business. "We were very fortunate to find the name of the new owner, which had maintained the original design drawings from the 1950s," said McKenzie.

Accelerating the pace was the motto for the project. A special lifting fixture designed to remove the disabled "mushroom" was fabricated off-site and received in less than a day. A special crate for shipping the 5-foot-diameter, 6,100-pound plug was built by the carpenters overnight. The plug was modified, fitted with a redesigned mating part and returned to Y-12, along with other new parts, in just one week.

Maintenance crews spent most of one weekend installing the repaired assembly. "People were working not only overtime but also in confined space and uncomfortable positions," said the production manager. "A portable exhaust unit loaned by Construction was a big help in removing oil fumes."

Organizations at Y-12 participating in the repair included Engineering; Transformation and Projects; Manufacturing; Facilities, Infrastructure and Services; Safeguards, Security, & Emergency Services; Procurement Operations; Environment, Safety and Health; and Programs & Quality.

"I am very proud of the leadership demonstrated by many organizations to repair the press and get back into production," said Darrel Kohlhorst, president and general manager. "Fortunately, we were ahead of schedule with production, deliveries were not impacted and we had no injuries for the entire project."

# Old warheads become peaceful energy



Metal slugs, produced from surplus weapons material, are downblended to produce low-enriched uranium for reactor fuel.

With more than 60 years of extensive work producing and storing nuclear weapons, Y-12 uses its expertise, as well as its facilities and equipment, for peaceful purposes. By converting highly enriched weapons-grade uranium to low-enriched uranium (LEU) by downblending it, Y-12 is providing a powerful source of electricity and eliminating weapons-usable material. Annually, a portion of the electricity used in the U.S. comes from commercial nuclear power reactors that use uranium downblended from nuclear weapons. Y-12's downblending program not only eliminates weapons but provides LEU for zero carbon emission "green" nuclear power.

Significant cost savings from reduced secure storage and positive environmental/nonproliferation benefits are realized by eliminating weapons-grade materials. "Downblending also provides an important backup inventory should there be a disruption in the supply of feed for fuel fabrication," said Gary Person of Programs & Quality.

To date, programs managed by Y-12 have eliminated 2,579 equivalent nuclear weapons and provided enough LEU to power all U.S. households for 263 days.

Y-12 also is one of the world's most secure, reliable suppliers of enriched uranium feedstock. "We fuel research and medical isotope reactors worldwide, including multiple customers in Europe, Asia, South America, North America and Australia," said Tony Keller of Programs & Quality. Y-12 recently completed its largest-ever foreign shipment of low-enriched feedstock, then executed one of the shortest turnarounds on record. "We received foreign containers one morning and shipped them loaded the next afternoon. That's Y-12 at its best!" said Keller.

## Largest new facility startup in recent NNSA history

January 2010 will be remembered in Y-12 history as the month the Highly Enriched Uranium Materials Facility (HEUMF) project achieved readiness for operations.

Planning for the readiness phase of the project began four years ago and intensified over the past year with hundreds of employees working 10- to 12-hour days/seven days a week to prepare HEUMF to safely and securely perform its mission. But before the facility could begin operations, its processes had to successfully pass two readiness reviews required by U.S. Department of Energy Order 425.1.

Those reviews included the Contractor (B&W Y-12) Operational Readiness Review (ORR) held in November 2009 and the National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA) Headquarters ORR held in December 2009. The NNSA ORR team lead, Dick Crowe, indicated that—of all the facility reviews he had participated in—HEUMF was the best prepared to undergo review.

Production Vice President Les Reed, Startup Manager Beth Schaad, and Operations Manager Jason Hatfield credit the project's recent success to in-depth planning, staff proficiency and thoroughness, and dedication by everyone involved.

In addition to being praised for the best-prepared readiness review conducted anywhere in the complex, the project achieved readiness to start up an impressive 10 weeks ahead of schedule and under budget, resulting in money saved on the project. Beth Schaad stated, "HEUMF's achieving operational readiness was a proud day for Y-12 and for the HEUMF project team, which had to overcome many challenges to accomplish this milestone."

*Note: An upcoming issue of The Y-12 Times will cover HEUMF's beginning of operations.*

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—Beth Schaad,  
HEUMF Startup Manager

# Meet an ARRA worker

Y-12 has the seventh largest American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) contract in the nation, with its ARRA projects creating slightly more than 500 jobs. Who are all these new people, and what are they doing? Over the next three months, we will feature three individuals working on these projects.

## Who

Ken Davis, Facilities, Infrastructure and Services

## Position

Ironworker apprentice assigned to journeyman Ronnie Phillips—“I feel fortunate to have him as my journeyman because he had the previous apprentice of the year.”

## How long at Y-12

Approximately 6 months

## Previous employment

Rubbermaid

## Recovery Act projects worked

Beta 4 and Old Salvage Yard—“Everything is new to me, but with each project, I’m learning more about my craft and Y-12. I have worked on plant shutdowns in the past, but never on such a large scale. Soon I expect to be moving machinery in Alpha 5.”

## Further thoughts on projects

“I was surprised at how much everything is segregated for recycling—paper, batteries, rubber, drums—there are orderly piles everywhere.”



Ken Davis, right, assists in dismantling a purifying pump in Beta 4.



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Reduce,  
reuse,  
recycle always at work

The reduce, reuse and recycle concept is at work at the Y-12 National Security Complex thanks to the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA). Y-12’s Building 9204-4 (Beta 4) project transferred a package monitor from B&W Y-12 to the Oak Ridge National Laboratory (ORNL). This large piece of equipment (weighing about 12,000 pounds) was used to check items before disposal. It was no longer needed at Y-12 and had been on the swap list for reuse for more than two years.

Pam Davis of Document and Property Management said, “Reutilization of government property is always preferred over letting property sit idle. For this equipment, reutilization or disposal as scrap were the only options. This transfer was considered a great success. Through the reutilization screening process, a customer—ORNL—was identified. The transfer was on then off, as different hurdles were identified and then resolved. The final hurdle was crossed when ARRA funding was appointed for breaking down the item to allow shipment to ORNL.”



Package monitor

# e-routing saves time



The SAP DMS team. Sitting left to right: Ann Glenn, Anne Shanks and Pam Summers. Standing left to right: John Baranyi, Chris Crawford, Barbara Cline, Kerri Rosenberger, Mike Sandstrom, Josh Harris and Paul Smith. Team members not pictured: Sandy Holt, Bill Pickett and Debbie Reed.

A new SAP Document Management System (DMS) is now live—after more than year of hard work of a team comprising Document and Property Management, Engineering and Information Technology employees. The system represents a new technology for managing controlled documents, an enhanced process for storing documents with data and a new tool for workflow.

Business Services' Betty Robinette, said, "The deployment of SAP DMS is another milestone in the strategy to provide effective tools in managing records and documents electronically. Users at Y-12 should find SAP DMS to be a big improvement over the old systems in use."

SAP DMS will continue to provide information about controlled documents, including Engineering reports, Facility Production documents and technical procedures. Importantly, it adds the capability to load active documents into the system.

Robinette noted, "This system will enable electronic routing of documents for approval from the desktop and to the Document Management Centers when further processing as controlled documents is needed."

Future functionality will include product configuration documentation and electronic production execution procedures at the shop floor. What this means is, the user will be able to access SAP productivity processes and the DMS real-time to ensure they have the latest versions of technical documents and procedures.

Efforts are under way to begin the next phase, which is to provide the same tools for classified documents and records. SAP DMS was developed to replace two legacy systems, SMART and EDIS/PRIS, that had been in place since the late 1980s.

## Apprentices 'get' safety

Now in its second year, Y-12's Apprenticeship Program has 68 apprentices, 45 in their second year and 23 in their first. Through classroom and on-the-job training, apprentices are learning skills to become boilermakers; carpenters; electricians; heating, ventilating and air-conditioning technicians; insulators; painters; pipefitters and welders. On the top of their to-do list is learning about Y-12's safety culture.

Tracy Miller, an apprentice pipefitter, is not only new to Y-12 but also new to her trade. Learning the ropes of her craft while keeping safety front and center can be challenging. "I am learning a new trade for which I have had no previous knowledge," she said. "The easiest way I have found to keep safe on the job is to be aware of my surroundings. To me, that is the first step. Without that awareness, you cannot begin to work safely."

Like Miller, apprentice Chad Bishop is learning his trade from the ground up. He admits learning the skills of a boilermaker is an eye-opener. Reading blueprints, learning boiler theory, repairing pressure vessels, fabricating equipment—it's all in a day's work. So is being safe.

"I try to be in the moment and protect my fellow workers by watching out for their well-being," he said. "You cannot see every hazard every time, so looking out for your team can definitely prevent an accident or save a life."

For apprentices learning their craft and those teaching them, nothing is more important than doing the job safely.



JY McNabb (right) supervises four apprentices, including Chad Bishop (left), working with craftpersons at the steam plant. "We work in an environment with many hazards—steam, fly ash, hot and cold conditions. If we aren't safety conscious every working minute, there are so many opportunities for someone to get hurt," McNabb said.

## Around Y-12 ...

- At press time, employees had donated more than \$19,000 to the American Red Cross Appalachian Chapter for Haiti earthquake relief efforts. B&W Y-12 is also contributing \$2,000 toward the relief fund.
- A public hearing was held in January at the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Oak Ridge Operation's Information Center to discuss the National Park Service's recommendation that a Manhattan Project National Historic Park be located in Los Alamos, N.M., instead of Oak Ridge. A DOE alternate proposal includes a national park presence at three sites: Oak Ridge, Los Alamos and Hanford, Wash., with the headquarters in Oak Ridge. Contact Ray Smith (851-6423; smithdr@y12.doe.gov) or submit comments at <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/commentForm.cfm?parkID=482&projectId=14946&documentId=30977>.
- A piece of lunar sample material (moon rock) originally transported from the moon inside the Y-12 Apollo Lunar Sample Return Container (Moon Box) on the Apollo 11 mission 40 years ago is returning to space. NASA astronaut and STS-130 mission Commander George Zamka will deliver the rocks to the space station during space shuttle Endeavour's mission in February.
- The Y-12 Fire Department recently completed a rope rescue operations training course. According to Dewayne Headrick, fire department safety officer, "One of the things we heard prior to the training was ... everyone had different methods of storing and maintaining their ropes and equipment. So we decided we needed to have a 'Y-12 way' for consistency." Now, they keep all rope rescue hardware equipment in color coded and preconfigured bags—another example of improving effectiveness.

## ABC money benefits local charities

Four nonprofit organizations each received a \$200 donation thanks to the recycling efforts of Y-12 employees. Those receiving a donation were Knox Area Rescue Ministries (KARM), Horse Haven, Saving Little Hearts and The Love Kitchen. The organizations were chosen by the Y-12 Aluminum Beverage Can (ABC) Committee from 25 organizations nominated by employees.

Myrna Herron of Programs & Quality nominated KARM. KARM helps the needy of the Knoxville area by providing meals and shelter. "It is rewarding to see how KARM is providing [those in need] with the tools to get back on their feet and take care of themselves," Herron said.

Horse Haven cares for unwanted and neglected horses. Pam Wright of Communications Services nominated the organization. "I stand in awe of these volunteers who do so much to make sure these horses are safe and cared for, and get a second chance," she said.

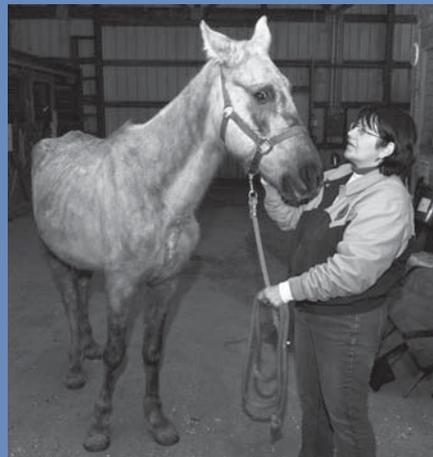
Engineering's Gail Hackett nominated Saving Little Hearts, a support group for those who have children facing heart surgery. "A family close to us received support during their daughter's treatment for a congenital heart defect," Hackett shared. "It means so much to know you are not alone during such uncertain, stressful times."

The Love Kitchen, nominated by Diane James of Document and Property Management, serves approximately 2,000 meals twice a week to those in need or homebound. James said, "Helping those in need is what I believe we are here to do."

To learn more about the ABC Committee, visit the Pollution Prevention website (<http://www-internal.y12.doe.gov/pp2/>).

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This year promises to be one of change for the Y-12 Live Wise Program. For several years, employees have wanted help with their wellness. The wait is over; change is coming. Watch YSource and *The Y-12 Times* in the coming months for information.



Nina Margetson, director of Horse Haven, with Shane.



Every bed and spare location at KARM has been occupied during the cold weather.

## MORE INFORMATION

To obtain a copy of the full annual reports, or any part thereof, write or call the office of the plan administrator at 602 Scarboro Road, Oak Ridge, TN 37830 and phone number, 865-241-2966.

You also have the right to receive from the plan administrator, on request and at no charge, a statement of the assets and liabilities of the plans and accompanying notes, or a statement of income and expenses of the plans and accompanying notes, or both. If you request copies of the full annual reports from the plan administrator, these two statements and accompanying notes will be included as part of those reports. The charge to cover copying costs does not include a charge for the copying of these portions of the reports because these portions are furnished without charge.

You also have the legally protected right to examine the annual reports at the main office of the plans: 602 Scarboro Road, Oak Ridge, TN 37830, and at the U.S. Department of Labor in Washington, D.C., or to obtain copies from the U.S. Department of Labor upon payment of copying costs. Requests to the Department should be addressed to: Public Disclosure Room, Room N-1513, Employee Benefits Security Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20210.

# BENEFITS SUMMARY ANNUAL

## 2008 Summary of Findings

The following is a summary of the annual reports for the Group Welfare Benefit Plan for Employees of Certain Employers at the U.S. Department of Energy Facilities at Oak Ridge, Tennessee—a health, life insurance plan (employer identification number 54-1987297, plan number 506) for the plan year ending 12/31/2008 and the Group Welfare Benefit Plan for Employees of Certain Employers at the U.S. Department of Energy Facilities at Oak Ridge, Tennessee—a health, life insurance plan (employer identification number 54-1987297, plan number 009) for the plan year ending 12/31/2008. The annual reports are available from the Employee Benefits Security Administration, as required under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974.

## Welfare

### INSURANCE INFORMATION

The plan has contracts with Life Insurance Company of North America, United Healthcare Insurance Company, Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, Connecticut General Life Insurance Company, Aetna Life Insurance Company, Cigna Healthcare of California, Inc., Delta Dental of Tennessee, and Vision Service Plan to pay certain claims incurred under the terms of the plan. The total premiums paid for the plan year ending 12/31/2008 were \$27,218,719.

Because they are so called “experience-rated” contracts, the premium costs are affected by, among other things, the number and size of claims. Of the total insurance premiums paid for the plan year ending 12/31/2008, the premiums paid under such “experience-rated” contracts were \$19,380,038 and the total of all benefit claims paid under these experience-rated contracts during the plan year was \$17,994,492.

### BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENT

The value of plan assets, after subtracting liabilities of the plan, was \$-940,488,057 as of the end of plan year, compared to \$-993,985,085 as of the beginning of the plan year. During the plan year the plan experienced a change in its net assets of \$53,497,028. This change includes unrealized appreciation and depreciation in the value of plan assets; that is,

the difference between the value of the plan’s assets at the end of the year and the value of the assets at the beginning of the year or the cost of assets acquired during the year. During the plan year, the plan had total income of \$267,602,257 including employer contributions of \$140,759,065, employee contributions of \$73,346,164, gains/(losses) of \$0 from the sale of assets, and earnings from investments of \$0. Plan expenses were \$214,105,229. These expenses included \$10,276,478 in administrative expenses, \$203,828,751 in benefits paid to participants and beneficiaries, and \$0 in other expenses.

### YOUR RIGHTS TO ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

You have the right to receive a copy of the full annual report, or any part thereof, on request. The items listed below are in that report:

1. An accountant’s report;
2. Financial information and information on payments to service providers; and
3. Insurance information including sales commissions paid by insurance carriers.

## Savings

### BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Benefits under the plan are provided by a trust fund. Plan expenses were \$94,151,356. These expenses included \$1,441,255 in administrative expenses and \$92,710,101 in benefits paid to participants and beneficiaries, and \$0 in other

# ANNUAL REPORTS

for Employees of Certain Employers  
insurance, dental, and vision benefits plan  
ending 12/31/2008—and the Savings Program  
in Ridge, Tennessee (employer identification  
annual reports have been filed with the Employee  
Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).

expenses. A total of 11,766 persons were participants  
in or beneficiaries of the plan at the end of the plan  
year, although not all of these persons had yet earned  
the right to receive benefits.

The value of plan assets, after subtracting  
liabilities of the plan, was \$1,228,103,214  
as of the end of the plan year, compared to  
\$1,526,579,633 as of the beginning of the plan  
year. During the plan year the plan experienced  
a change in its net assets of \$-298,476,419. This  
change includes unrealized appreciation or  
depreciation in the value of plan assets; that is,  
the difference between the value of the plan's  
assets at the end of the year and the value of  
the assets at the beginning of the year or the  
cost of assets acquired during the year. The plan  
had total income of \$-204,325,063, including  
employer contributions of \$23,328,975, employee  
contributions of \$63,291,379, gains/(losses) of  
\$0 from the sale of assets, and earnings from  
investments of \$-294,952,560.

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4. Information regarding any common or  
collective trusts, pooled separate accounts, master  
trusts or 103-12 investment entities in which the  
plan participates.

## SERVICE



## ANNIVERSARIES

### JANUARY

44 years

Engineering: **Charles T. McLoughlin**

43 years

Budgets: **James W. Cox**

Programs and Quality: **John B. Stephens**

42 years

Programs and Quality: **Andrea K. Zava**

41 years

Facilities, Infrastructure and Services:

**James E. Kincaid**

Production: **Carl H. Linginfelter** and

**Danny H. Lowry**

35 years

Classification: **Richard Baylor Jr.**

Facilities, Infrastructure and Services:

**Terry A. Beach** and **Richard G. Ware**

Performance Assurance: **Donald F.**

**McCarthy**

30 years

Document and Property Management:

**Hazel J. Arnwine**

Engineering: **Karen E. Lott**

Environmental Compliance: **Louis W.**

**McMahon**

Facilities, Infrastructure and Services:

**Robert W. Bryson, Jerry M. Cruse,**

**Eddie E. Culbertson Jr., Stephen W.**

**Phipps** and **Terry R. Shope**

Performance Assurance: **Carol C. Hetzel**

Production: **Terry L. Carmack, Edward E.**

**Carpenter, Jerry W. Hanna, Patricia W.**

**Hart, Jack W. Moye** and **David R. Peterson**

Programs and Quality: **Mitchell A. Guinn**

Radiological Control: **Teresa L. Crawford**

25 years

Contracts and Special Initiatives: **Sandra G.**

**Brown**

Facilities, Infrastructure and Services:

**Catherine E. Green**

Production: **Phillip H. Gheen**

20 years

Applied Technologies: **David M. Cecala**

Document and Property Management:

**Whitney P. Moore**

Engineering: **Mahendra B. Butala,**

**Steven L. Doak** and **Gilbert W. Sherrill**

Environmental Compliance: **Robert L.**

**Johnson Jr.**

Production: **Kimberly D. Bryant** and

**Rose M. Hall**

Radiological Control: **Donald E. Leonard**

### FEBRUARY

42 years

Engineering: **Douglas E. Bailes**

41 years

Facilities, Infrastructure and Services:

**Kenneth E. Jack**

40 years

Information Technology: **James A. Seneker**

Production: **Neal A. Hill**

Programs and Quality: **Cheryl Y. Ellis**

35 years

Classification: **Max D. Trundle**

Facilities, Infrastructure and Services:

**James E. Smith** and **Edwin R. Willis**

Production: **Jerry F. Mounger** and **Terry C.**

**Tindell**

30 years

Communications Services: **Elias W.**

**Whitfield III**

Engineering: **Ronald R. Uglow**

Facilities, Infrastructure and Services:

**Jerry T. Waterson** and **Richard E. Yeats**

Production: **Carolyn J. Blakely, Betty L.**

**Jones** and **Terry R. Miller**

Programs and Quality: **Murrell R. Jones**

Safeguards, Security and Emergency

Services: **Rachel M. Hayes**

25 years

Occupational Health Services: **Martha L.**

**Lewis**

Projects: **Earl G. Hess Jr.**

20 years

Applied Technologies: **Reid L. Kress**

Engineering: **James C. Anderson**

Production: **Sharon F. Henegar**

Radiological Control: **Kay M. Bailey**

## Go red for women

Feb. 4

Join your co-workers in wearing red and help wipe out heart disease in women

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## Y-12 Medic blood drive

Feb 8-11

Watch YSource for details.

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# Freedom symbols instill strength



Jim Hackworth carried flags loaned by coworkers while serving in Afghanistan.

While Navy reservist Jim Hackworth was serving on the ground in western Afghanistan, he carried three flags in his backpack. All three were loaned as symbols of pride and encouragement from Y-12 coworkers.

Two flags of the United States of America and one U.S. Navy “Don’t Tread on Me” flag came from Patsy Ruppe and Tony Vermillion of Production. “During our 60 patrols, the flags were always with me, reminding me of why I was over there,” said Hackworth.

The criticality safety engineer served for 11 months with the U.S. Army’s embedded training team to the Afghanistan Army and with the police mentoring team.

Before overseas deployment, he and other Navy personnel trained intensively for nearly three months at Fort Riley, Kan. Instruction included combating counterinsurgencies, foreign language, weapons and reaction to improvised explosive devices. “The training I received there was radically different from my background as a submariner,” said Hackworth.

He found the Afghans to be open and hospitable people. “Part of our mission was interacting with civilians,” he said. “Every place we stopped, children approached [us], and I always carried candy, pens, and paper to hand out.”

For the most part, the area where he was stationed was calm. “All the thoughts and prayers from my friends at Y-12 meant a lot,” said Hackworth. “I truly believe they helped keep me safe.”

Although this was his first time serving overseas, he wasn’t surprised by the professionalism of his fellow soldiers. “I have three-and-a-half years left before retirement from the Navy, and I’m more than ready to go back if they call me.”