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SRS contractors work together to fill holiday wishes for local kids



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Jeff Griffin
SRNS President and CEO

On the cover

Santa, his elf and Savannah River Site contractors unite to support Toys for Tots and the Salvation Army, delivering hope to children and families in need.

Welcome

to the December 2025 edition of

SRNS Today

This year has been especially meaningful at Savannah River Nuclear Solutions, as we honored our history, advanced critical work for the nation and strengthened our commitment to the communities we serve.

We celebrated the Savannah River Site's 75th anniversary during SRS Family Days. Over two weekends, employees welcomed their families for a rare behind-the-scenes look at the mission, history and daily work that drive SRS forward.

Our spirit of service was showcased through the 2025 SRNS United Way Campaign. The campaign raised \$761,811—exceeding our goal. SRS surpassed \$1.39 million, reinforcing a partnership with United Way. That same generosity extended to our annual Toys for Tots campaign, which also surpassed its goal, resulting in employees donating over \$28,000 and providing Christmas gifts for over 4,192 children and seniors across the CSRA.

Operational progress was achieved with the Area Completion Projects team advancing demolition efforts around the historic 235-F facility, supporting long-term decommissioning goals. SRNS also launched early construction of the High-Fidelity Training and Operations Center to accelerate readiness for the plutonium pit production mission, while the Project Delivery Organization exceeded every FY25 milestone, delivering work well ahead of schedule.

Beyond the Site, SRNS deepened its impact through STEM education investments, support for the DIG STEM Center, outreach events such as STEM Like a Girl, and continued commitment to veterans through Hiring Our Heroes.



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Savannah River Tritium Enterprise (SRTE) • Central Savannah River Area (CSRA)
science, technology, engineering and math (STEM)

Bringing the mission home

Family Days honors 75 years of SRS



SRS employees and their families learn about the Savannah River Ecology Laboratory animals during their showcase.

The Site marked a major milestone this year, as employees, leadership and their families came together to celebrate the Site's 75th anniversary during SRS Family Days. All site-issued badged employees were invited to bring their loved ones for a rare behind the scenes look at the mission, history and everyday work that keeps SRS moving forward.

Family Days was held over two weekends and offered a mix of guided and self-guided tours, interactive exhibits, historical displays and hands-on activities designed to showcase the Site's impact over the past seven decades. Visitors had the opportunity to see specialized equipment, speak with employees from various organizations, dine at The HUB cafeteria located in the Site's 766-H Training Center, and learn how SRS continues to support national security, environmental stewardship and scientific innovation.

According to 75th Anniversary Committee Lead and Workforce Services and Talent Management Communications Advisor Jessica Hall, "Family Days is one of the most meaningful parts of our 75th anniversary celebration, particularly as it marks the first such event since 2000 at this site. Our employees take great pride in the work they do, and this event gives their families the chance to experience that pride firsthand. It's been an honor to help create an experience that brings our history, mission and people together."

This year's Family Days events drew strong participation, with close to 12,000 visitors, including 8,832 family members from across all SRS contractors.



Child-friendly interactive displays include glovebox mock simulators used to manipulate Lego blocks in a controlled environment.

The celebration wasn't just about looking back; it was a chance to highlight the people who make the Site what it is today. From long-term employees sharing memories to new hires showing families their workplaces for the first time, the event emphasized pride, connection and community.

"This milestone not only reminds us why our mission matters but also who makes it possible," said Jeff Griffin. "Our employees and their families are the heart of SRS, and welcoming them on-site is one of the most meaningful ways we can say, 'Thank you.'"

SRNS ACP makes strides in 235-F decommissioning

SRNS Area Completion Projects (ACP) team has made significant progress on the demolition and removal of structures surrounding the F Area Materials Storage Building, called 235-F, during calendar year 2025. The ongoing initiative has been in the works for over a decade with the end goal of safely decommissioning the 235-F facility and associated structures.

Constructed in the 1950s, the 235-F facility played a crucial role in various missions, notably producing fuel spheres and pellets from plutonium-238 to supply heat to electrically powered long-term deep-space missions such as Galileo, Ulysses and Cassini. This two-story, reinforced concrete building has been inactive for more than 25 years. The facility was officially deactivated in 2023, positioning it in a safe condition for continued surveillance and maintenance until the decommissioning project could proceed.

Key structures including the 701-4F Entry Control Facility and the 720-F Central Alarm Station were recently demolished and removed from the area. In addition to the demolition of these buildings, miscellaneous removal work was also conducted in the vicinity of 235-F. This included the dismantling of two layers of perimeter security fencing and the electronic security components located between the fences. These structures were integral to the Site's operations during their active periods but no longer served a purpose since the facility's decommissioning.

According to 235-F Decommissioning Project Manager Pat O'Neill, "This isn't just about dismantling structures; it's about building a safer future! With DOE, SRNS and our state and federal regulatory partners,



The 720-F Central Alarm Station that was successfully demolished down to a slab.

we remain dedicated to fulfilling our environmental commitments, ensuring safety and compliance at every step."

The 235-F decommissioning conceptual design was completed by SRNS Design Engineering in August 2025. Currently the project team is developing the 235-F decommissioning detailed design, revised safety documents to support final decommissioning and a detailed project schedule and estimate. Decommissioning field work is scheduled for fiscal year 2027.

"This ongoing work serves as another testament to our commitment to making the world a safer place," said Jeff Griffin. "We pride ourselves on the progress achieved so far and remain steadfast in our efforts to see this vital project through to completion."

New pit production university collaborations

Pit Production Operations and Programs (PPOP) hosted leadership from The University of Texas at El Paso (UTEP) Nov. 12-13 for a two-day visit to explore new collaboration opportunities. The Site's UTEP partnership derived from an existing collaboration with Los Alamos National Laboratory to address and solve pit production-related challenges at both sites and has steadily grown over the last few years. During the visit, Eric MacDonald - Associate Dean of Research, Innovation and Impact for the College of Engineering, and James Carney, Executive Director of UTEP's W.M. Keck Center for 3D Innovation, toured the Manufacturing Technology Center, Engineering Development Lab, New Employee Training Academy, Advanced Manufacturing Collaborative, and Advanced Engineering Laboratories and participated in a series of discussions with PPOP, SRPPF, and Savannah River National Laboratory personnel. UTEP – one of the few universities in the U.S. with a metallurgy program – specializes in casting, advanced manufacturing and other projects to provide national security solutions. Establishing technical and personnel pipelines is critical for enhancing the SRNS footprint on regional college campuses, such as UTEP, that house specialized programs to potentially accelerate pit production.



Kevin Holley, Manufacturing Technology Center (MTC) Facility Manager, demonstrates equipment in the Pit Production Operations and Programs MTC to James Carney and Eric MacDonald of The University of Texas at El Paso, along with Andrew Walczak, MTC Operations Manager.



SRNS identified subcontractor Kiewit to kick off the early construction.

SRPPF Project starts HFTOC construction

In October, SRNS marked the start of early construction work on the High-Fidelity Training and Operations Center (HFTOC), a future non-nuclear operations training facility for the SRPPF at SRS. The HFTOC will be instrumental in the plutonium pit production mission by accelerating the transition from training to operations. By allowing operators to develop pit production competencies before SRPPF construction is complete, rate production of plutonium pits can be achieved more quickly once operations begin.

"It has taken a tremendous amount of hard work and dedication to get to this point where we can begin early construction activities for the HFTOC subproject," said Mike Basham, SRNS Senior Vice President and SRPPF Project Director. "The SRPPF Project team has now started work to transform the existing HFTOC building into a key asset for the pit production mission. SRNS is collaborating with NNSA and our partners as we work with a sense of urgency to deliver on this national security mission."

SRNS is repurposing existing structures at SRS for the pit production mission, an essential part of NNSA's long-term strategy for nuclear stockpile sustainment. A plutonium pit is a critical component of every nuclear weapon.

The existing 103,000-square-foot HFTOC structure must be modified to include demolition work and installation of new key systems such as ventilation, gas and electrical. Under NNSA direction, SRNS is self-performing the HFTOC design scope and using an alternate HFTOC construction strategy.

"SRNS subcontractor Enercon has completed the 90% HFTOC design, and SRNS has issued a Limited Notice to Proceed to subcontractor

Kiewit to begin site prep for the HFTOC," said Brian Pool, SRNS HFTOC Project Director. "SRNS also is expediting our procurement and fabrication strategy for HFTOC gloveboxes and long-lead items."

The HFTOC early construction scope includes site preparation activities and other internal and external building modifications. Once construction of the HFTOC is complete, projected in the late 2020s, it will be a non-nuclear environment used to train SRPPF operations personnel and provide hands-on experience with simulated radiological controls.

The majority of the nation's plutonium pits will be manufactured at SRS in the SRPPF Main Process Building, a 400,000-square-foot Hazard Category-2 facility that is forecasted for construction completion and turnover to operations in the 2030s.

Equipment in the HFTOC will mimic the setup of the SRPPF Main Process Building. Operators will train and develop competencies and skills in the HFTOC before transitioning to the SRPPF.

"The challenge in front of the SRPPF mission is to deliver the First Production Unit as quickly as possible and urgently ramp up to meet the nation's stockpile needs by reaching rate production,"

said Lee Sims, SRNS Senior Vice President, Plutonium Operations and Programs. "The HFTOC facility will accelerate these efforts for NNSA by providing a non-radiological replica of core SRPPF process operations that facilitate training and readiness activities needed for the mission."

SRPPF is part of the NNSA's two-site solution to produce no fewer than 80 plutonium pits per year in accordance with federal law. The pits will be produced at facilities at SRS and Los Alamos National Laboratory in New Mexico.



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Project Delivery Organization achieves major FY25 milestones

SRNS' Project Delivery Organization (PDO) has made significant strides in enhancing project efficiency and success rates at SRS in fiscal year (FY) 2025. Established in 2024 to unify project execution and optimize minor project management, the PDO not only met all 41 FY25 Minor Project Customer milestones but also delivered two FY26 milestones ahead of schedule. On average, the team delivered each milestone 44 days ahead of schedule.

Overseeing 53 projects worth \$649 million and managing over 85 planning scopes, the PDO epitomizes centralized management as emphasized by NNSA. This approach aims to lower costs and increase successful delivery of minor projects, while enhancing infrastructure to support the nation's nuclear stockpile and global security.

"The PDO answers NNSA's call for urgency in minor project delivery at SRS," said Lee Schifer, Senior Vice President and Deputy Chief Operations Officer. "With its integrated structure, the PDO has enhanced autonomy, enabling the team to govern trajectory and project outcomes effectively to ensure a higher degree of certainty in meeting SRNS and NNSA objectives."

Project Completions and Strategic Highlights

The PDO serves as a single point of accountability, supporting Plutonium Operations and Programs (POP), Savannah River Tritium Enterprise (SRTE), and Site Infrastructure. The PDO significantly strengthens project teams by improving integration, oversight and accountability, and providing advanced project metrics and tracking capabilities.

In FY25, SRTE delivered 26 milestones on or ahead of schedule, largely due to the planning associated with the CY25 Outage. This portfolio includes six discrete projects set to complete by the end of 2025, replacing critical tritium processing equipment.

During the one-year outage, the H Area New Manufacturing (HANM) facility underwent major equipment recapitalization to support Tritium's mission of producing high-quality products for national defense. This included installing 142 process valves, 3,600 feet of pipe, 1,425 fittings, 10,200 feet of cable, 6,500 feet of conduit and 4,400 welds. A notable achievement was the removal and reinstallation of a 42,000-pound hatch using a 165-ton crane, a task not undertaken in two decades.

SRTE's project success can also be attributed to the completion of a nine-year effort to replace glovebox oxygen monitors in the HANM facility. This portfolio project, which involved the replacement of 33 oxygen monitors, has met every milestone over the past four fiscal years and was completed under budget. This accomplishment ensured uninterrupted facility operations and demonstrated efficient project management.

SRNS achieved the Construction Complete Milestone for Criticality Control Overpack (CCO) Rack Installation Phase One 10 days ahead of schedule. This phase included the proposed design layout of horizontal storage racks, each capable of storing 24 CCOs. Once tested and later implemented on the CCO Pad, this new configuration will increase storage capacity and reduce worker radiological dose.

"The team achieved critical milestones by leveraging collective experiences, manpower and technology," said Rachel Faub, SRNS Deputy Vice President of Infrastructure Modernization and Sustainment and Director of the PDO. "I could not be prouder of what this team has accomplished this year, and I look forward to what we can achieve together in the future."



The Project Delivery Organization team, comprised of 57 personnel, integrates services to enhance efficiency, urgency and project success. The team concluded fiscal year (FY) 2025 meeting all 41 milestones and delivering two FY26 milestones ahead of schedule.

Investing in the future



Jeff Griffin (left) and Kimberly Mitchell, SRNS Education Outreach Program Lead (right), present a check to Steven D.K. Brown, Founder and CEO of Dreams, Imagination & Gift (middle).

SRNS recently traveled to Williston, South Carolina, to announce support of Dreams, Imagination & Gift (DIG), an organization dedicated to bridging the educational gap between rural and urban communities through equitable STEMM (science, technology, engineering, mathematics and medicine) education.

SRNS donated \$25,000 to support DIG's most ambitious project yet—the construction of a new, first-of-its-kind facility in the heart of Barnwell County.

This facility will be known as the DIG STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) Center and will serve as a beacon of opportunity. This new hub will be a vital resource for the tri-county region of Allendale, Barnwell and Aiken, rooted in place-based learning, mentorship and community development. The center is more than just classrooms; it's an investment in the community's future, featuring:

- After-school STEMM enrichment for students in grades 1–12
- State-of-the-art tech labs and co-working space to boost innovation and digital equity
- Job training, certifications and workforce development programs to strengthen local economies
- A full-service fitness and recreation facility, to include an indoor basketball court, senior wellness programs and Amateur Athletic Union youth sports
- Community event spaces including a commercial kitchen, coffee shop and venue rentals

This center will empower over 900 families by 2028, with a design that promotes education, wellness and economic opportunity, all under one roof. By investing in this center, SRNS is directly contributing to the launch of South Carolina's first rural STEMM innovation hub. Since 2013, over 390 students have been engaged annually, culminating in a remarkable 100% high school graduation rate among participants. Additionally, more than 14 former DIG students have gone on to become working engineers or are actively pursuing STEMM degrees in college.

"The DIG STEM Center is more than just a building; it's a launchpad for the next generation. At SRNS, we are committed to building the workforce of tomorrow," said Jeff Griffin. "Our investment ensures that every young person in our local communities has equal opportunities to access top tier STEMM education."

Employee receives Fluor Silver Medallion

Tracy Hurd, SRNS Ironworker, was recently bestowed a Fluor Silver Medallion award. This distinguished award is given to employees who act in a lifesaving manner and assist others in distress, either on or off the job.

On August 6, 2025, an employee experienced a severe injury at SRS. When his coworker suffered a hand injury resulting in trauma and significant blood loss, Hurd's immediate response was nothing short of heroic. Drawing on his previous military training, he expertly applied tourniquets, successfully controlling the bleeding and stabilizing his injured coworker.

Hurd's decisive and skilled response not only prevented further complications but also likely saved his coworker's life. His ability to remain calm and act efficiently under immense pressure exemplifies exceptional courage. Hurd's extraordinary efforts warrant recognition for his outstanding bravery.

Hurd was bestowed the Fluor Silver Medallion for demonstrating the core values of SRNS

safety culture by taking decisive action to save the life of a fellow employee. He emphasized the importance of taking a proactive approach to safety, stating, "Don't let an accident be the reason you learn about safety. Let it be your state of mind, not just for yourself, but also for your team. Safety first, safety always!"

"As leaders within this organization, we constantly emphasize the importance of safety and rapid response in times of crisis," said SRNS Senior Vice President, Environmental, Safety, Health and Quality Duane McLane. "Tracy's immediate response to save a colleague exemplifies extraordinary courage. His bravery and calm demeanor in the face of adversity are a testament to the values we hold dear at SRNS. We are immensely proud to have employees like Tracy among our ranks and thank him for his unwavering commitment to the safety and well-being of his teammates."



SRNS employee Tracy Hurd received Fluor's most prestigious safety award for his lifesaving actions.

SRS delivers smiles



During the Toys for Tots event, SRS contractors work together to load trucks with gifts. SRNS also presented four \$5,000 checks, totaling \$20,000 in support of local programs.

A Toys for Tots holiday celebration

SRS EMPLOYEES once again demonstrated their strong commitment to community support during this year's Toys for Tots Celebration, surpassing both campaign goals and expectations. The annual effort aimed to raise \$20,000 for Toys for Tots chapters and support the adoption of 550 angels for the Salvation Army. Thanks to the generosity of SRS employees, the campaign closed with more than \$28,000 raised, 555 angels adopted and an impact of 4,192 Christmases coming to life for children and seniors across the CSRA this year.

The joint fundraising campaign was held by SRS contractors: SRNS, Savannah River Mission Completion and Centerra-SRS.

Duane McLane, SRNS Senior Vice President of Environment, Safety, Health and Quality, and Toys for Tots campaign executive sponsor, said, "Our employees continue to demonstrate what it means to serve our community with purpose. Surpassing both our fundraising and angel adoption goals shows the strength of the SRS family and its dedication to supporting children and families. We are proud to stand with Toys for Tots and the Salvation Army in making the holiday season brighter for those who need it most."

To celebrate the success of the campaign, employees gathered in the Site's N Area for the campaign celebration where volunteers loaded trucks with donated toys and gifts for families across local communities. Representatives from Toys for Tots and the Salvation Army attended as the SRS community showcased its strong tradition of giving back.

Campaign Chair Jade Harkness highlighted the collective effort behind this year's success, stating, "This campaign reflects what makes SRS special. Thank you for showing up, for serving and pouring into this mission with excellence and purpose. Every donation, angel adoption and volunteer helped create a meaningful impact for families across the communities we support."

SRNS presented four checks during the event. Toys for Tots Aiken, Toys for Tots Augusta, the Aiken Salvation Army and the Augusta Salvation Army each received \$5,000 to support holiday assistance programs.

"We serve the families that are unheard and unseen. By working with community partners like SRS alongside the Salvation Army and Toys for Tots program to make sure that families who do not have gifts under the tree are taken care of," said Michael Good, Commanding Officer for the Salvation Army of Aiken. "We're thankful that because of the partnership and support from SRS, children living in poverty can experience a day where they are full of joy, even if they may not be living in the best of circumstances."

Centerra also contributed to the effort, presenting a \$6,000 check to support the campaign. "Supporting this campaign is an important part of our commitment. We are honored to contribute to an effort that brings hope and joy to so many families," said Mark Bolton, Centerra-SRS General Manager.

"We're grateful for the many ways SRS makes a difference in people's lives. The Salvation Army serves as a steward of that compassion, helping translate SRS commitment to caring for others into meaningful community impact," said Jonathan Raymer, Area Commander at The Salvation Army of Augusta.



'This is girl power!'

SRS STEM Like a Girl event empowers next generation

Nearly 60 eighth-grade girls from schools across the CSRA recently gathered at the Ruth Patrick Science Education Center (RPSEC) for the SRS STEM Like a Girl—Introduce a Girl to Engineering and IT event.

STEM Like a Girl, hosted by the SRNS Education Outreach Programs, is an all-day event designed to inspire the next generation of female leaders in STEM by offering participants the chance to explore career paths through engaging, female-led activities.

"SRNS remains dedicated to providing young women with the tools and inspiration needed to pursue careers in STEM," said Taylor Rice, SRNS Education Outreach Specialist. "This event not only fosters fresh perspectives and creativity but also opens doors for students interested in these fields. SRS continues to invest in the future of young students in STEM, ensuring a continuous influx of fresh perspectives and ideas that drive our missions forward. We owe our success to our incredible volunteers who dedicate their time to make a meaningful difference."

Volunteers from all Site contractors, nearly 50 in total, guided students through interactive stations focused on robotics, coding and engineering disciplines such as electrical, mechanical, design and civil engineering. Students also witnessed engineering concepts come alive on the big screen of the center's DuPont Planetarium.

Lauren Nichols from North Augusta Middle School and Charlotte Anderson from Columbia Middle School quickly bonded during their group activities, expressing that the best part of their weekend was witnessing girls from various counties coming together to form new friendships.

"This is girl power," said Nichols. "This experience not only solidified my passion for design engineering and robotics but also inspired me immensely. Witnessing a group of passionate women share their experiences at SRS made me want to pursue this field even more."

Anderson added, "Sometimes, loving science and technical fields can make you feel like an outcast,



Nearly 60 eighth-grade girls from Aiken, Bamberg, Barnwell, Edgefield, Columbia and Richmond counties gathered at the Ruth Patrick Science Education Center for SRS STEM Like a Girl— Introduce a Girl to Engineering and IT.



Kaylen Moore, Honesti Gantt, Eva Rivers and Tinsley Myers collaborated on the "Protect the Pringle" activity.



Stella Doud wore a robotic glove to learn how sensors interpret hand and finger movements.

so I was a little scared to attend alone. However, we've all come together with shared interests and bonded over them. My favorite was the building activity, because it gave us a chance to work together in a competitive setting. My group placed first because we combined our diverse ideas to create the strongest structure. I've truly had the best time."

Lindsay Minnick, SRNS Operational Technology, assisted in the robotics demonstration where students explored wearable robotics with lift assist, Rubik's cube solvers, remote control crawlers and sensory wireless technology. "Educating young minds and showing them that anything is possible is incredibly enjoyable," said Minnick. "By sparking that interest early on, we are preparing for a future where the younger generation can maintain our workforce's knowledge and help bridge age gaps in the industry."

"This is the perfect way to change someone's life through outreach," said Elizabeth Tsekrekas, Savannah River National Laboratory Postdoctoral Research Associate. "My favorite part of today was watching the girls come in a bit shy, but as the day progressed, their personalities began to shine. When girls see female volunteers, it shows them they can achieve anything they set their minds to."



Celebrating successful United Way campaign

The 2025 SRNS United Way (UW) Campaign achieved remarkable success, culminating in a celebration that highlighted the dedication and generosity of the SRNS community. The campaign raised an impressive \$761,811—surpassing its \$650,000 goal by 17%. These funds will directly support local United Way organizations and their efforts to enhance education, improve health outcomes and promote financial stability throughout the CSRA.

The theme “Celebrating History, Shaping Tomorrow” aligned with the Site’s 75th anniversary and served as a fitting opportunity to reflect on the Site’s longstanding relationship with United Way—a relationship nearly as enduring as the Site itself.

Staci Peters, SRNS Senior Vice President of Business Services and Executive Sponsor of the UW campaign, stated, “The success of this campaign is a testament to the dedication and compassion of our employees. Together, we have made a meaningful difference in our community.”

Throughout the campaign, SRNS hosted 50 on-site fundraisers across 29 teams and achieved a 94% completion rate for electronic

pledge cards. The eCard program, which supports monthly payroll deductions, continues to serve as the foundation of the annual campaign. In addition, more than 200 employees participated in over 18 off-site volunteer initiatives, including Project Serve (UWCSRA) and Project Unite (UWAiken) which provides facility maintenance and repairs to local United Way partner agencies, and Project VISION (Volunteers In Service In Our Neighborhoods), which provides low-income disabled and senior citizens with essential home repairs. These initiatives are focused on expanding educational opportunities, supporting hands-on community improvement efforts, and strengthening overall community well-being.

The campaign’s reach extended beyond volunteer projects. More than 600 participants took part in off-site fundraising events, including the United Way Softball Tournament, United Way Golf Tournament, bowling events and pickleball competitions, further strengthening engagement across the Site.

SRNS United Way Chair Ethan Guidry shared, “I am proud of the commitment shown across our organization. Every contribution, whether time or resources, helps advance the vital work United Way does in our community!”



Softball champions

The 21st annual SRS UW Softball Tournament, one of the most anticipated events of the campaign season, marked a historic milestone, raising more than \$24,000 for local UW agencies, drawing 27 teams from SRNS, SRMC and BSRA—the largest participation the event has ever seen. More than 400 players took the field, showcasing the strength of SRS’ giving spirit.

The qualifying round and finals were held over two separate days. After two competitive days of back-to-back matchups, the Tritium 2 team won, claiming their first tournament championship title. In the finals, they secured the win by defeating Business Services with a score of 23-10.

Funds raised from the tournament will support UW agencies throughout the region.



2026 SRS Public & Historic Tour Dates

January

Jan. 22

February

Feb. 12, 19

March Historic Tours

(Dunbarton) Mar. 17, 19, 24
(Ellenton) Mar. 31

April

Apr. 23, 30

May

May 14, 21

June

Jun. 11, 25

July

No Tours in July

August

Aug. 6, 20

September

Sept. 3, 17

October Historic Tours

(Ellenton) Oct. 6, 8, 13, 29

November

Nov. 12

December

Dec. 10

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SRS Public Tours announced for 2026

The SRS Tours and Protocol Office is inviting 700 members of the public to sign up for 21 driving tours of the Site and two in-depth walking tours featuring the location of the former town of Ellenton in the upcoming year.

In 2025, 23 public tours were given to nearly 600 visitors to impart an understanding of the history of SRS, NNSA and DOE facilities and impacts on the local community.

The SRS general driving tour offers participants the opportunity to step through the legacy of SRS, learning more about NNSA's missions and ongoing programs including the Tritium mission, plutonium processing mission, Surplus Plutonium Disposition Project and the Legacy Waste Management Program.

Site visitors will learn firsthand how the local community has played an instrumental part in promoting national security and safety through the years. The historic tours of Dunbarton and Ellenton have been popular and insightful in educating the public on the displacement of the residents to make room for the construction of what is currently known as SRS.

"Our tour presents a firsthand opportunity for visitors to learn how their neighbors in the community support the nation," said Bob Bonnett, Tour Program Coordinator. "These tours are uniquely accessible and provide a glimpse into the future of the Site's transformative missions."

Participants will also visit the University of Georgia's Savannah River Ecology Laboratory at the end of each tour to learn about the multiple local ecosystems and protections in place for wildlife at SRS.

SRS public tours can accommodate up to 34 people, and each historic tour has a limit of 50 people. All tours are filled on a first-come, first-served basis. Participants must be 18 years of age or older and U.S. citizens. Participants must register separately.



To register, go to [srs.gov](https://www.srs.gov) and click on registration button. For more info, email robert.bonnett@srs.gov or call (803) 952-8994.



Expanding commitment to veterans

SRNS is reinforcing its commitment to military veterans by signing a memorandum of understanding with the U.S. Department of War and the U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation's Hiring Our Heroes (HOH) program.

"We deeply value the incredible service and sacrifice of military veterans and their families, and we remain dedicated to supporting them through meaningful employment and career development opportunities," said Anna Gordon, SRNS Senior Human Resources Specialist. "This exciting collaboration enables soon-to-be-retired veterans to receive on-site, hands-on training, helping to bridge the gap between military service and civilian careers."

Launched by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce in 2011, HOH creates employment opportunities for transitioning service members, veterans and military spouses. The HOH SkillBridge

fellowships offer retiring service members the chance to connect with potential employers nationwide during their final months of active duty, at no cost to participating companies. SRNS proudly employs nearly 700 veterans, making up approximately 12% of its total workforce.

"We are committed to leveraging the extraordinary experience and skill of our country's veterans, constantly searching for additional employment pathways for veterans to meaningfully contribute to SRNS missions," said Bryan Ortner, Senior Vice President of Workforce Services and Talent Management. "Through effective partnerships like Hiring our Heroes, we are fortunate enough to both strengthen our organization and honor those who have served our country."

Heroes in new roles

Sean Keels, Network Operations Engineer for SRPPF and U.S. Army veteran with 20 years of service in Computer Network Systems Engineering, oversees the design and implementation of a computer network at SRS.

"The Army is tasked with deploying, fighting and winning our nation's wars, but it encompasses much more than just infantry and other combat arms," explained Keels. "Service members receive training in a wide variety of fields to support and sustain operations. Veterans bring exceptional leadership, a strong work ethic, adaptability and a team mentality. This program connects SRNS with veterans interested in supporting our nation's defense while being part of a growing, successful company."

Justen Brooks, SRNS Standards Laboratory Metrologist and U.S. Marine Corps veteran with over 10 years of service in Aviation Calibration, performs tests and calibrations in all metrology areas related to the electrical discipline, ensuring precise measurements and accurate equipment function.

"The HOH initiative connects veterans with meaningful employment opportunities, benefiting both the veterans and SRNS by integrating disciplined and skilled individuals," said Brooks. "The technical expertise I gained in the Marine Corps is directly applicable to my current responsibilities, allowing me to perform my job effectively."

Kyle Billings, Senior Master Sergeant who served 20 years in the U.S. Air Force's Security Forces Career Field, amassed extensive experience in law enforcement, security, base defense and logistics readiness. Billings transitioned to SRNS Safeguards, Security and Emergency Services after completing his final military assignment.



Justen Brooks, Sean Keels and Kyle Billings

"After committing 20 years to the military, it's stressful thinking about what comes next," explained Billings. "This employment opportunity provided the time I needed to settle in, start fresh with my family and smoothly transition into my new role. HOH provided a myriad of resources, including resume writing, preparation classes for job interviews, networking opportunities and peace of mind throughout the process."

Employees meet SRTE FY25 milestones

SRNS employees at the Savannah River Tritium Enterprise (SRTE) successfully completed all fiscal year 2025 (FY25) project milestones on or ahead of schedule. This significant accomplishment includes 26 milestones across 17 projects—all while continuing to supply high-quality tritium products in support of the nation's defense.

"I am super proud of our team for successfully meeting all project milestones. These projects are incredibly important to modernize our infrastructure and ensure we can continue our long legacy of delivering to the warfighter," said Nick Miller, Senior Vice President of NNSA's Tritium Operations for SRNS. "It is an intricate dance to execute these projects successfully while ensuring there are no disruptions of operations to fulfill our commitments to the Department of War."

A dedicated team handled a significant portion of this accomplishment through thoughtful planning of the Calendar Year 2025 (CY25) Outage. This portfolio of six projects replaces critical tritium processing equipment and will be completed and operational by the end of 2025.

"During the outage, we accomplished the installation of 142 process valves; 3,600 feet of pipe; 1,425 fittings; 10,200 feet of cable; 6,500 feet of conduit; and 4,400 welds," said Miller. "Additionally, we removed and replaced two chillers, four compressors, 14 hydride beds and one column. Despite the complexity of this undertaking, our team not only met all CY25



The glovebox oxygen monitors are Safety Significant Components designed to continuously monitor oxygen levels within the glovebox environment.

Outage milestones—on or ahead of schedule—but also prioritized safety and minimized disruption to existing operations."

SRTE project success also can be attributed to the completion of a nine-year portfolio of projects to replace glovebox oxygen monitors in SRTE's H Area New Manufacturing facility. In all, employees replaced 33 monitors.

SRNS continues to address the Site's aging infrastructure by taking a proactive approach to ensure safe, reliable and efficient operations. The integration of new technologies and the modernization of facilities highlight the company's dedication to achieving the highest standards of operational excellence, with projects being delivered on time and within budget.



NWMOC participants visit the Site

Participants in the Nuclear Weapons Management Orientation Course (NWMOC) visited SRS on Dec. 9, touring SRTE, the Manufacturing Technology Center, and Savannah River National Laboratory. Attendees also received a general Site driving tour and SRPPF briefing. The NWMOC group contains 24 managers from across the Nuclear Security Enterprise, including Kansas City National Security Campus, Air Force Nuclear Weapons Center and

Sandia National Laboratories, in addition to SRS. The 11-month program includes over 150 hours of classroom instruction on all topics related to nuclear deterrence and nuclear weapons, along with visits to a variety of NSE sites to understand facility capabilities and contributions to the deterrence and weapons missions. Current SRS NWMOC participants are Floyd Stanley and Jason Varble, both of PPOP.

THE PEOPLE OF SRNS

Toys for Tots Chair, Senior Risk Analyst

Jade Harkness



Senior Risks Analyst Jade Harkness has worked to establish competencies and provisions to mitigate risk and create opportunities for customers of the NNSA for two years at SRNS. Her culmination of expertise spanning six years at the Site with the Training Department and Independent Evaluation Board helps her ensure that customers, such as Pit Production Operations and Programs, reach necessary milestones within their scope.

She holds a Master of Science in Management and Leadership from Southern Wesleyan University and

a bachelor's degree from the University of South Carolina. Prior to working at the Site, Harkness worked as the Lead Training Facilitator for one of the largest UPS Supply Chain Solutions accounts. She was led to the field of Risk Management due to her experience in her local graduate chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Incorporated.

Harkness volunteers her time and efforts at her local nonprofit organization, Crowning Lupus. The organization's mission is to ensure that men and women living with lupus can avoid health disparities through finance, education and advocacy across South Carolina. Harkness seeks to illuminate and eliminate gaps in healthcare, academic and physical resources available in her community.

When not volunteering or at work, Harkness works on her competitive cheerleading passion as an Assistant Coach for the Voorhees University Spirit Program. She enjoys spending time and creating memories with her village of family, friends and amazing husband who all reside in Aiken.

Kaci Prouty serves as the Senior Administrative Assistant to the Director of Project Controls at SRNS. Since taking the role in April 2024, she supports the Director and Deputy Director of Project Controls in keeping operations organized and communications flowing. She also assists in problem solving across the management team. Prouty has been at SRS since October 2022, starting as the administrator for Payroll Operations and moved to her current role through a rotational assignment.

Prior to SRNS, Prouty gained over 25 years of experience in several diverse backgrounds ranging from retail, healthcare, payroll—largely in business operations and administrative support. She is an internationally certified administrative professional, a motivational speaker, certified emotional intelligence coach, soft skills trainer and a certified workshop facilitator. Prouty also worked as a small business administrator and supported two regions using her skills in leadership support, customer service, being the “go-to person” on which others can count.

Outside of work, Prouty is a proud mom to her 10-year-old son and plays an active role in her community as a youth basketball coach. She has a love for the arts. She is a creative at heart when practicing her writing and speaking skills—anything that allows her to mix passion and purpose brings her happiness and lets her make everyday moments into lasting memories.

Toys for Tots Co-Chair, Senior Administrative Assistant

Kaci Prouty



Toys for Tots Chair Jade Harkness and Co-Chair Kaci Prouty worked alongside volunteers and organizers at the Toys for Tots 2025 pickup.

FEATURE FRIDAY

The following employees were highlighted as part of the SRNS Feature Friday series on social media.



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Jennifer Abraham

Senior Integration Specialist
of SRNS Enterprise
System Solutions



Tremayne Washington

Construction Subcontract
Technical Representative
Group Manager



Courie Dennis

Plutonium Disposition
Operations and Programs
Business Manager



Scotty Beasley

Computer-Aided Styling/
Graphic Designer
Sign Shop Manager

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