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## Honoring Their Service: SRNS Hosts Veterans Day Reception

AIKEN, S.C. (Nov. 14, 2017) – On Nov. 11, veterans across the country were honored with parades, 21-gun salutes and other traditions to pause and acknowledge their willingness to serve. In honor of Veterans Day, Savannah River Nuclear Solutions (SRNS) paid tribute to the hundreds of veteran employees within the company during a reception at the Savannah River Site (SRS).

“I want to thank our veterans for their past service, as well as those who continue to be active in the reserves,” said Stuart MacVean, SRNS President and CEO. “I’m grateful for your time, energy and sacrifice. It can be a big strain on family life, especially when you get deployed. I also appreciate your important work at the Savannah River Site to support our missions, as we protect our nation and the rest of the world by recovering nuclear materials.”

One SRNS employee veteran Maranda Glass-Shelhorse who attended the event retired in 2016 after serving in the U.S. Air Force for 21 years. The first person in her family to join the military, Glass-Shelhorse served two tours in Iraq and lived in England for four years, where she had the opportunity to visit 25 countries.

“When you interact with people here at work, you don’t really know who is a veteran and who isn’t,” said Glass-Shelhorse. “This event has enabled me to connect with fellow veterans, talk about shared experiences and help build a network to lean on and ask questions, which can help ease the transition from military to civilian life.”

Her role as a talent management specialist at SRNS is her second job after retiring from the Air Force, and she relied on her coworkers and another veteran in her group to become acclimated to work life at SRS.

“There’s a lot of focus on mentoring in the Air Force just like we have



*Savannah River Nuclear Solutions President and CEO Stuart MacVean (far left) addresses employees during a veteran reception at the Savannah River Site in Aiken, S.C., on Nov. 9.*

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at SRNS. You find someone who has been there before you to help navigate your path, and it's equally important to mentor those coming along behind you, so they know what struggles you faced and how you overcame certain obstacles.”

Also transitioning from military to civilian life is Mark Davis, Deputy Director of National Nuclear Security Administration Operations and Programs. Davis, who served in the U.S. Navy for 36 years, began immediately working at SRNS after retiring in June 2017. “Overall, I’ve been fortunate to work with a mission and purpose during my recent transition from military to civilian life,” said Davis. “All of the attributes that are important in the Navy are equally important here. My co-workers at SRNS operate at a high level, are dedicated and focused, pay very close attention to detail, and see the value in keeping commitments and having integrity.”

SRNS employee Dave McClure, who also served in the Navy, was among the veterans who attended the reception. “I appreciate the senior staff taking the time to recognize all the veterans in our company,” said McClure, SRNS Site Infrastructure Engineering. “I really enjoy working at the Savannah River Site because I enjoy working with other folks in the field. My job involves a lot of problem solving and design work, and I like the fact that my work is always different from day to day. If there are any veterans looking for a job, this is a rewarding place to work.”

During the past year, SRNS has targeted recruiting for veterans at career fairs throughout the Central Savannah River Area. As result, 11 percent of full-service employee hires were veterans in 2017, exceeding the Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs’ goal of 6.8 percent.

Overall, 10 percent of the SRNS workforce are veterans, and the company has veterans represented in all job categories. The top three professional groups are “Operations/Technical Specialists I” with 76, “Program and Planning Services” with 33 and “Computer I” with 32 veterans. The non-exempt job with the highest number of veterans in their group is “Production Operators” with 36.

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