Jill Hruby signs Annual Assessment letter

Addresses safety, security, and reliability of nation’s nuclear weapon stockpile

In late September, Sandia President and Laboratories Director Jill Hruby signed Sandia’s Annual Assessment letter. Each year, Sandia assesses the safety, reliability, and performance aspects of the nation’s nuclear weapons stockpile for which it has responsibility. Through a series of formal presentations and discussions involving all stockpile weapon systems and support organizations, the Chief Engineer for Nuclear Weapons and the Deputy Laboratories Director for National Security Programs report on the safety, reliability, and performance status of the stockpile in the absence of nuclear testing.

As required by law, the Laboratories director provides an annual summary of this assessment and related issues to the Secretary of Energy, Secretary of Defense, and the Chairman of the Nuclear Weapons Council. The directors of Los Alamos and Lawrence Livermore national laboratories and the commander of the United States Strategic Command complete similar letters based on their assessments. The secretaries, in turn, attach each assessment without change and submit a letter to the President under their signatures detailing their comments, conclusions, and other appropriate information regarding the state of the nation’s nuclear deterrent.

After signing the letter, Jill shared the following thoughts:

Since assuming my role as Sandia President and Laboratories Director in July, I have already had several opportunities to represent this remarkable institution to numerous stakeholders. Nothing, however, has brought more vividly to mind the sense of grave responsibility we all share in conducting our mission than signing my first Annual Assessment letter to the secretaries of Energy, Defense, and the chairman of the Nuclear Weapons Council. This letter, which addresses the status of the nation’s nuclear weapons stockpile, is the culmination of an ongoing year-round effort by organizations across the Laboratories. Although my signature is on the letter, I am really signing for all of us, expressing two of our key Sandia values: We serve the nation and we team to deliver with excellence.

Thank you for all you do.

— Sandia President and Laboratories Director Jill Hruby

‘Sandia is always there’

NNSA Administrator Frank Klotz says at all-hands

En. Frank Klotz, DOE’s under secretary for Nuclear Security and NNSA administrator, came to Sandia on Oct. 15 to thank Sandians for their contributions to NNSA and the nation.

Noting that it is a common practice when you encounter a veteran to say “Thank you for your service,” Klotz added, “I understand that you serve the nation, too.” He made his remarks to a live audience at the Steve Schiff Auditorium and watching via video feeds from Livermore, California, Carlsbad, New Mexico, and Washington, D.C.

In making a point about the breadth of contribution by all employees across the nuclear weapon enterprise, Klotz made a comparison to the way football is presented. Someone not familiar with the game might conclude from the way it is presented on TV, he said, that football is all about the quarterback: That’s where the focus is; that’s where the camera is pointed.

“But we know it’s not,” he said. It’s more than the quarterback, more even than the players on the field. The coaches, the trainers, and front office personnel, the fans, and the sports media — “All of that is necessary to make this thing we call ‘football,’” he said.

The same is true for NNSA. Everyone across the enterprise, regardless of their role, contributes to the NNSA mission and its success, Klotz said. “Every one of you is worthy of... (Continued on page 6)

DURING A TOUR OF THE CENTER FOR GLOBAL SECURITY AND COOPERATION (formerly the International Programs Building) NNSA Administrator Frank Klotz (second from left in front) and Sandia President and Laboratories Director Jill Hruby pause before a display that describes Sandia nonproliferation efforts. Also part of the delegation were, front left, Senior Manager Max Decker (5790), Klotz, Jill, and NNSA Sandia Field Office Deputy Field Manager Mike Duvall (left of Jill). In the background, from left, are Div. 6000 VP Jim Chavez, George Baldwin of Sandia’s Global Nuclear Security and Nonproliferation organization; Gary Laughlin, deputy director of the International, Homeland, and Nuclear Security PMU; and NNSA official Capt. Owen Travis. (Photo by Randy Montoya)
That’s that

First, kudos for our Protocol team. I don’t know if you’ve noticed, but over the past few weeks we’ve hosted a steady stream of high-profile visitors to the Labs, everyone from NNSA Administrator Frank Klotz and US Senators Udall, Heinrich, and Hikuliak (from Maryland), to DOE undersecretaries, generals, and admirals. And as I say, they’re just the high-profile visitors. Not quite as visible on the radar but perhaps equally important, we’ve also hosted several technical review boards that provide an outside perspective on our work in a variety of areas. This is nothing new. We’ve always had our share of visitors. When you’re dealing with issues as consequential as those we grapple with every day, there’s going to be a lot of interest out there.

As we go about our work, most of us don’t even know these visits are taking place, but they are and it seems to me, speaking from 20 years of experience and observation, that the pace is increasing. More and more stakeholders are interested in what we’re doing. That’s a good thing, but these visits don’t just happen; they require a lot of planning and coordination, a lot of work. A lot of late nights and early mornings. That’s where our Protocol folks come in. In addition to seeing to the details that make for a successful visit, our Protocol officers are often the very first people from Sandia that our guests interact with. As often as not, they’re the folks who make that all-important first impression. I’ve seen our Protocol folks in action over the years and I admit to being somewhat in awe of how good they are. We pride ourselves at Sandia of employing the best of the best. Boy, is that true of our Protocol team!

Great Scott! As I write this, it’s Back to the Future Day. Just like Doc Brown and Marty McFly, we’ve all made it to Oct. 21, 2015. It took us a bit longer to get here, but here we are. Today is the date in Back to the Future II, 30 years into the future of their 1985 universe, where Marty and Doc have a series of adventures, mishaps, and, well, you’ve probably seen the movie a time or two, so I don’t need to recap the whole thing. But I will say this much: SPOILER ALERT — Everything works out all right in the end.

I just read that the movie’s director, Robert Zemeckis, says he hates movies about the future because they offer up big, fat, juicy targets for Monday-morning quarterbacks who nitpick the details to death. Where’s my hoverboard, Mr. Zemeckis? My flying car? And hey, where are my self-tying shoes and adjustable clothes? Where’s my pizza re-hydrator. Huh?

But matters — this was just an entertainment, meant to be taken all in fun. After all — but the humorless contrarians out there ignore a lot of stuff the movie gets right. While there hasn’t been a Jaws 19 — yet — with the Hollywood tendency to reboot popular franchises, is it really that far-fetched to imagine we may someday see the future home where we could live and feel at home, but I think we’d miss the Web and our smart phones. Those technologies are conspicuously missing from the movie. The digital revolution over the past 30 years, one of the most significant technological game-changers in human history, barely registers in the Back to the Future movies.

Hard to blame Zemeckis for missing it, though. Outside a few visionaries (who were probably dismissed as cranks and/or science fiction writers), who did anticipate this global paradigm shift? At the very least, who anticipated the digital revolution would somehow so many things so fast (again, save for a few prescient sci-fi writers)?

If Zemeckis were to reboot Back to the Future today, what would his imagined world of 2045 look like? If I were writing the screenplay, I wouldn’t even know where to begin. I might be lost about where this digital revolution is taking us, but one thing is for sure: I would never postulate, as Zemeckis did in his original movie, that the Cubs would win a World Series. I know it’s just fiction, but even the most far-fetched story has to be grounded in some sort of plausible reality, right?

See you next time.

— Bill Murphy (MS 1468, 505-845-0845, wtmurph@sandia.gov)
California site launches SHARE with flair

By Patti Koning • Photos by Dino Vournas

The California site wraps up its employee contribution program, Sandia Helps and Reaches Everyone (SHARE), at the end of this month. More than 350 people turned out for the Star Wars-themed kickoff, which raised nearly $4,000 for the Make-A-Wish Foundation through a silent auction. The “force” of giving has been strong all month at the site, with weekly SHARE Thursdays featuring nonprofits supported by SHARE and canned food and coat collections. The 2015 SHARE campaign is co-chaired by Madeline Burchard (8521) and Patrice Sanchez (8523).

By Patti Koning • Photos by Dino Vournas

California retirees do lunch

By Patti Koning • Photos by Dino Vournas

Some 225 retirees and their guests gathered to reminisce and reconnect at the 2015 Retiree Brunch at the Livermore Community Center in mid-October. Div. 8000 VP Marianne Walck updated the audience on the California site’s accomplishments and future plans, as well as the current state of Sandia as a whole. The retirees also learned about community service opportunities from Community Relations officer Madeline Burchard (8521). Among the attendees were Rick Stulen, who served as Div. 8000 VP from 2009 until he retired in 2013, and Bob Carling, director of Center 8300 and the Combustion Research Facility from 2008 to 2013. Collectively, Rick and Bob worked at Sandia for more than 70 years.
Reconnecting at home

Photos by Randy Montoya
Story by Rebecca Brock

Cabezon Wounded Warrior Haven

A VISION, A DREAM, A PROMISE KEPT — Sandia retiree Mike Tachias, who also recently retired from the Army as a lieutenant colonel, and his wife Rowena, look over plans for the Cabezon Wounded Warrior Haven, which they have established at their 65-acre ranch at Cabezon, New Mexico. Rowena first thought of the idea of the Haven because, as she puts it, “We wanted to make it into a place where veterans and their families can go, because that is where we go.” The Haven’s slogan is, “Once a warrior, always a hero.”

Mike and his family spent years apart during his Army career where he served with Civil Military Affairs, Security and Intelligence Command, Special Operations, and US Central Command. His tours included Afghanistan, Iraq, Bosnia, and Kosovo. Following his compelled medical retirement, the transition from combat to civilian life was hard.

Mike’s wife, Rowena, says, “It was actually easier when Mike was deployed, to deal. Because when he was home, I fought for his attention to be here. He wanted to be there. He had to live with the guilt of leaving his young soldiers behind.”

A highly decorated American hero and veteran of the post-9/11 wars, Mike suffered from combat injuries including traumatic brain injuries and concussions from his encounters with improvised explosive devices in Iraq and Afghanistan.

“When you come back from war, you’re different and your family is different. Mike had seen things as a soldier that we could not comprehend, and meanwhile the kids and I had to do different things at home without him here,” Rowena says.

Reconnecting at home

Mike says that fortunately, he and his family were able to spend quality time together on their 65-acre ranch in Cabezon, New Mexico. The serene landscape has been in Mike’s family since the 1870s. The land includes the Rio Puerco River running through it, a historic ghost town, and the iconic Cabezon Peak.

“With the slogan, “Once a warrior, always a hero,” the Cabezon Wounded Warrior Haven is open to veterans and their families who qualify through a screening with the local Army Wounded Warrior Program (AW2), the official US Army program that assists wounded, ill, and injured veterans and their families. The retreat can accommodate a variety of small and large groups, from families looking for bonding activities such as hiking, ATV trail riding, and campfire gatherings, to soldiers looking for a weekend with the guys to go camping and rappelling off Cabezon Peak. Mike describes Cabezon Wounded Warrior Haven as a healing place in a majestic setting. He says, “You’re in God’s country up there, and looking down from Cabezon Peak, it is breathtaking. Once you come to Cabezon, it separates you and you kind of lose contact with the world you just left. It puts you in a whole different environment.”

Depending on the veterans they are hosting, Mike and Rowena invite community professionals such as therapists, doctors, and pastors to join them at the ranch to help enhance life skills and family bonding. Mike says that one of the misconceptions is that, “It’s not just the soldiers who need healing. It’s important that the families come together. The spouse and the kids need to be included so that they understand where the veterans are coming from.”

Sandia SWAT

During his time at Sandia, Mike was part of the former Sandia Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) team and was trained in counterterrorism. “Everything that I learned in my SWAT training here at Sandia, I applied overseas in my job in the Army Special Forces,” he says.

When Mike was deployed following the 9/11 attacks, his col-
leagues at Sandia were here to back him up. “All of us were close and we always pulled together,” he says.

Rowena recalls, “When Mike was sent overseas, his Sandia colleagues would call me and ask if I needed any help. For example, I had 10 or 12 guys come over and do a spring cleanup to help me put things on our farm away for the winter. They did it several times.”

Mike says, “Sandia has always been a special place and it has always been pro-military. They made it clear to me that my job would still be here when I came back.”

Mike retired from Sandia with 25 years of service.

The building blocks

“Building the Haven has been a real community ground-up effort,” Mike says. Currently the Haven is in a construction phase, thanks to help from volunteer veterans, friends, and fellow Sandians. Sandia manager Eugene McPeek (4236) has spent time at Mike’s ranch as a volunteer, and is working to raise funds to help get the infrastructure built and sustainable.

“Mike and his lovely wife Rowena have a vision for our wounded warriors where veterans can be with other families who have shared the same type of experiences. All service men and women are a family, and Cabezon is a beautiful and peaceful place for families to enjoy nature and camaraderie,” Eugene says.

Since transforming the Haven into a retreat, Mike and Rowena have welcomed more than 100 people. On site they are constructing fences, a gazebo, ponds, and gardens, and renovating old buildings into cabins for families who do not have RVs. Looking ahead, Rowena says, “Our goal is, I don’t want any military families to say, ‘We’d love to come to Cabezon Wounded Warrior Haven, but we can’t afford it.’ So we need donations.”

To find out more about how to support Cabezon Wounded Warrior Haven, visit the website at cabezonhaven.org.
Gen. Klotz all-hands (Continued from page 1)
hearing the words, “Thank you for your service.”
Klotz thanked the audience that one of NNSA's mot-
toies is “Mission First, People Always.”
“We can't accomplish our mission without dedicated, tal-
ted, and enthusiastic people,” he said.
Proving the skeptics wrong
Klotz noted that on Oct. 22 in Washington, there was to be
an observance of the 20th anniversary of the formal
beginning of the Science-Based Stockpile Stewardship (SBSS)
program. That is the program under which NNSA and its lab-
oratories apply science and engineering approaches to
ensure the safety, reliability, and performance aspects of the
country's nuclear weapon stockpile without recourse to all-
up underground nuclear testing, which was suspended in
1992. In the 20 years since, there have been a lot of
rumors kind of SBSS. “We proved the skeptics wrong. I saw elements of it
today” referring to briefings he had received earlier in his
visit that addressed various aspects of Sandia's surveillance
program.
‘Always there’
Klotz said NNSA and the nuclear weapon enterprise are
now in one of the busiest periods in many years, noting that
work is advancing on key weapons programs including the
B61-12 and the W88-Alt3.7.
He noted that Los Alamos National Laboratory is closely
involved with the B61 work and Lawrence Livermore
National Laboratory is involved with the W88 work, in each
case a commitment that Sandia — and there is always part of the
process.” That is because Sandia works with both of the other
laboratories on the non-nuclear aspects of their designs.
Sandia’s performance in executing the weapon mod-
ernization programs “resonates in Washington,” Klotz said.
He added that while NNSA and the laboratories have “always
done many things extraordinarily well,” there have been
occasions in recent years that have made some ques-
tion whether NNSA could deliver on ambitious life exten-
sion programs in the timeframes and within the budgets
available.
Noting the old journalism adage that “Good news does not
make news,” Klotz said that “When we do have a prob-
to the public, it tends to be news items larger
than they should. We have worked very, very hard — you
have worked very, very hard” — to address concerns, over-
come challenges and put all of the life extension programs
on schedule and on budget.
“All of this has started to change the narrative [about
NNSA and the laboratories] in Washington,” he said.
Items in his in-basket
Klotz discussed several items that he said are at the top of
his in-basket.
First, in discussing the agreement between the US and
Iran (and other interested partners), he said, “What is not
clearly evident to everyone is the role our laboratories
played in that negotiation” bringing hard science and engi-
neering approaches to the analysis of technical details of the
agreement. The labs’ contributions, he said, provided a solid
underpinning to the final terms of the agreement.
With the agreement in hand, the NNSA labs — including
Sandia — will work closely with the International Atomic
Energy Agency on the implementation, using technical solu-
tions and expertise to monitor compliance with treaty terms.
“Much of that [monitoring] technology is developed right
here,” he said.
Another in-basket concern is the perennial one of the
NNSA budget, which could get caught up in the dynamics of
budget negotiations in Washington. “The best thing for us is in
a budget deal that gives us an appropriation; that’s what
we’re working for,” he said.
Klotz also said he and his team spend a lot of time
focused on the “what-if” scenarios related to terrorist orga-
nizations and nuclear weapons and materials. Their think-
focuses on three related NNSA missions: To prevent,
counter, and respond to the threats of nuclear proliferation
and terrorism.
In response to a question from the audience following his
prepared remarks, Klotz said he expects that there will be a
formal RFP — for request for proposal — for the manage-
ment and operations contract of Sandia National Laborato-
ries “within the next few weeks or months.” He said the RFP
is consistent with a determination at DOE and NNSA to rebid
all M&O contracts as they near the end of their contract
terms. Lockheed Martin’s contract expires in April 2017; the
company has expressed in the past an interest in pursuing a
new contract via the RFP.
In the Q&A session, Klotz also addressed the issue of
NNSA oversight. While noting that there are some aspects of
the NNSA mission that demand rigorous oversight, there are
areas across the enterprise where burdensome, too-prescrip-
tive oversight can be reduced or eliminated.
Out the door: DOE aims to expand lab ties to private sector to boost economy

**By Nancy Salem**

DOE is intensifying efforts to move technology developed at the national laboratories into the private sector to boost the economy and create jobs, says the head of the department's new Office of Technology Transitions.

"Tech transfer is a mission of the DOE and all our national labs," said Jeffry Wong, acting director of the office. "It is a commercialization mission that enhances what we do to meet our security, energy, and environment missions."

Wong spoke Oct. 14 at a technology transfer roundtable organized by US Sen. Tom Udall, D-N.M., and Barbara Mikulski, D-Md., joined Sandia President and Laboratories Director Jill Hruby, Div. 1000 VP for science, technology, and engineering at Los Alamos National Laboratory.

The roundtable discussion included the heads of six companies — HT Microanalytical Inc., mPower Technology, Aquila, and Abbott Medical Optics, all of Albuquerque; Flow Science Inc. of Santa Fe; and UbiQD and PowerTechnology, Aquila, and Abbott Medical Optics, all of Albuquerque.

The office also will oversee the Energy Technology Commercialization Fund established in the Energy Policy Act of 2005. The nearly $20 million fund uses 0.9 percent of the funding for DOE's applied energy research, development, demonstration, and commercial application budget for each fiscal year. It provides matching investments with private partners to promote promising energy technologies for commercial purposes.

"There are lots of opportunities now to talk about how to shape the fund to be most valuable to communities and the laboratories," she said.

The new office also will be responsible for delivering a Technology Transfer Execution Plan to Congress and reporting annually on DOE's technology transfer and partnership activities.

Over the past 70 years, the DOE national labs system has been an integral part of the science and technology backbone of the country," Wong said. "DOE's scientists and techni-
cians not only focus on our missions, they play a huge role in the development of products that create economic growth. Look at solid-state lighting, vehicle battery technology, solar energy. They came from foundational science from the national laboratories. If you seed early stage science you can do all these things that transition to the marketplace. There's a direct connection to our local communities."
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**Open Enrollment Dates:**
- **Active Employees:** Monday, Nov. 2 – Thursday, Nov. 19
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**Changes for Employees**

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- **Medicare Benefits Choices and Open Enrollment Guides,** which are posted online at [sandia.gov](http://sandia.gov). Details about retiree plans and OneExchange can be found in the 2016 PreMedicare and Medicare Benefits Choices.
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- **THANKSGIVING WEEKEND in San Diego,** $850, Dec. 18-25, Atlanta City, $465, 2 beds 1 block to beach. Wolfango, 41-6-1483.
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- **BROUGHTON SPORTS CARS,** Brougham coupe, 35K miles, $10,000. Anez, 877-2778.
- **LIVE BOXING, 90+lb, 6’2”, 265 lbs,** $150, you haul. Dwyer, 271-1328.
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- **LINCOLN LUGGAGE, tan, leather, $60,** retail $60, asking $25. 2 left, good condition, by home. Flanigan, 505-323-1541.
- **LAKE HOUSE ON RIVER, 238’ wide, 3 shelves,** good condition, $85. Thomas, 505-366-7147.
- **BROUGHTON SPORTS CARS,** Brougham coupe, 35K miles, $10,000. Anez, 877-2778.
SERVANT LEADER — Todd Dunivan has been named a 2015 recipient of a New Mexico Distinguished Public Service Award. Todd, who is of Lakota American Indian heritage, was recognized for his contributions in the workplace and in the community, especially for his efforts in education outreach to American Indian and Native Alaskan youth. Todd stands here in front of the iconic bronze sculpture in downtown Albuquerque called The Future, created by renowned sculptor Allan Houser.

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All in: Total commitment to nation, community

Todd Dunivan selected to receive 2015 New Mexico Distinguished Public Service Award

Ted Dunivan, manager of Div. 3000 Business Operations Dept. 10593, is one of 11 individuals from around the state selected to receive a 2015 New Mexico Distinguished Public Service Award.

The award, established in 1969, honors career civil servants for significant contributions to public agencies and to the state and community in which they live. Employees of New Mexico’s national laboratories are specifically among those eligible for the award.

Todd was recognized for notable and innovative accomplishments in a variety of business operations at Sandia and for his involvement in a wide range of community activities, especially those related to Native American outreach and education initiatives. He credits the environment and culture at Sandia as contributing to his success.

“Sandia is an incredible place to work and I have been honored to be a part of what we do,” Todd says. “Sandia is all about service to the nation; service to the community is simply an extension of that.”

Todd and the other recipients will be honored at a banquet on Nov. 11 hosted by Gov. Susana Martinez, co-chair of the New Mexico Distinguished Public Service Awards.

“Every year, we’re proud to honor New Mexicans who raise the bar for excellence in public service. Through their leadership, service, and accomplishments, this year’s recipients serve as proud examples of what you can accomplish when you devote yourself to making New Mexico a better place to live, work, and raise a family.”

— New Mexico Gov. Susana Martinez

Co-chair, New Mexico Distinguished Public Service Awards

International engagement

It was that interest in international relations that originally brought Todd to Sandia. “Like many Sandians,” he says, “the decision to come here was all about the mission. I initially came because of a job opening allowing me to negotiate US national security contracts in Russia. That work was an outstanding opportunity and I have found a number of additional opportunities at Sandia since then that also have allowed me to contribute to the nation.”

In his nearly 16 years at the Labs, Todd has had an impact in several areas. He led the successful transition of Sandia’s multi-billion dollar banking relationship, a move, he says “that has resulted in significant cost savings to the American taxpayer while maintaining or increasing our service level.” He also introduced an innovative model for American Indian/Alaska Native recruiting during his tenure as chair of Sandia’s American Indian Outreach Committee.

Todd’s contributions to mission success at Sandia have not gone unnoticed. Among his many work-related honors, he is a recipient of Lockheed Martin’s “Straight to the Top” award and its “Global Supply Chain Leadership” award. A graduate of the prestigious Leadership Albuquerque class, Todd also led the successful ISO 9008 certification effort for Sandia’s procurement organizations.

Todd throughout his career has been deeply involved in the community. Many of his activities have focused on the needs of American Indians and Alaska Natives both at Sandia and in the larger community, with a special emphasis on educational outreach, encouraging native youth to pursue opportunities in science and engineering. A regular participant in Sandia’s Make a Difference Day activities, Todd has also been involved in volunteering at the Ronald McDonald House, the Roadrunner Food Bank, UNICEF, AYSO, the Boy Scouts of America, and other organizations. He is active in his church as well.

Todd says that as a Roman Catholic, “Jesus Christ is my ultimate inspiration for public service and community service.” He says he hopes that through his community activities he can inspire self-confidence and aspiration among young people and inspire hope in the lives of those down on their luck.

“Receiving the New Mexico Public Service Award is a tremendous honor,” Todd says, “an affirmation of what I have always striven for: to make a positive difference both at work and in the community. I am deeply moved to be a recipient of this award.”

— Bill Murphy