



## NDU Team Achieves High Marks in ARL SAV Audit



Congratulations to the National Defense University Team for passing the ARL (Army Research Lab) SAV Audit with flying colors!

We are grateful to our NDU CIO, Admiral Diane Webber, and her deputy CIO, Lt Col Wisneski, for Option Year 4! We share their vision and always strive to deliver efficient and outstanding IT services in order to enable the education and development of national security leaders.

Essential to any description of "outstanding" is our ability to provide confidentiality, integrity, and availability (the CIA triad) of our systems and services.

Inspections or "site assistance visits" are great opportunities to show that we are delivering reliable, Cyber Security compliant systems and services. The more recent SAV was performed by Army Research Lab in September.

During the outbrief, the ARL POC indicated that our results were much better than previous SAVs they performed at NDU, and better than the majority of the sites they have inspected.

A few of our Synapttek star performers we're recognized

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### PayCom Tasks



#### Complete all notifications

Be sure to view your PayCom Employee Self Service portal often for notifications. It's important to complete all notifications, including Onboarding paperwork and Benefit Enrollment as soon as possible. Any questions please contact Sai Pothuri or Tina Wan.

**We're growing! Help us find great talent and get rewarded.**

#### DOI New Orleans

Java Engineer  
Software Engineer  
Oracle Database Administrator  
JAVA/Geospatial Engineer

**Navy Driftwood, Mississippi**  
RedHat Admin (Stennis)  
Application Systems Programmer - Senior, Intermediate  
Software Systems Engineer

at a joint Award Ceremony, with our prime. GDIT, for their contributions to this successful audit.

- **Darrin Snyder** was 1 of the 4 designated Wingmen for the ARL visit. His job was to shadow and assist the inspection of the Transport and Apps Support. Darrin ensured that all questions were answered as complete as possible. He pointed out instances where work was already in the plan of actions and milestones and he tracked down documentation for the inspector.
- **Brandon Lingerfelt** was the second of the 4 designated Wingmen. His job was to shadow and assist during the inspection of the Cyber Team. He ensured that the Cyber Team's artifacts, processes and results were clear to the inspector. He also did a great job preparing for the inspection by assisting in the drafting of two Acceptances of Risk and a policy. One of the ARL auditors described HBSS as "All modules are deployed, up-to-date, and managed effectively." Brandon's work over the last few months has made our vulnerability management capabilities "phenomenal".
- **Roderic Webb** stepped up to ensure our ACAS scans were comprehensive and up-to-date. His tireless efforts were highlighted at the ARL hotwash when the ARL POC stated, "these ACAS results are "probably one of the best we've ever seen" and "better than the US Army's". It was also noted that Rod's ACAS scanning was being conducted effectively and efficiently".
- **Tom Wulff** was rock solid during the inspection of the SAN Manual Review and DMZ. He quickly pointed out to the inspector that all problem areas are known and that plans are already in place to address a few of the non-compliance areas. Tom's observations are reflected in several ARL reviewers' comments that "a plan is in place to implement a solution".
- **Anita Isaac** demonstrated her very sound management practices during the network infrastructure inspection. Through her knowledge, expertise and leadership she ensured all network infrastructure questions were answered completely and correctly. She demonstrated her knowledge of the network and processes in an exemplary manner with fabulous results as reported during the hotwash.

(Photographed left to right: Kamran Jinnah, Brandon Lingerfeldt, Darrin Snyder, Anita Isaac, Roderic Webb, Tom Wulff, Sheila Andahazy, David Gauldfeldt)

#### ETM

Enterprise Management System  
Senior Engineer

#### NDU

HelpDesk Analyst  
System Administrator/Active  
Directory/VMware  
Network Administrator  
Sr. Network Engineer  
Information Assurance Analyst

#### PFPA

Windows Systems Admin  
VMWare Engineer/Admin  
HelpDesk Analyst  
Asset/Configuration Manager  
Program Analyst  
Principal Systems Engineer

#### FTC

Network Engineer- SolarWinds  
Senior Network Engineer

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or visit [Synaptেক Careers](#).

#### Kudos Corner

NDU employees Tom Wulff, Darrin Snyder, Anita Isaac Roderic Webb and Burt Soltero for their hard work during the ARL visit.



Brandon Groenert, Antwan Glover and Omroy Spencer's hard work this past month, including migrating to a new system at AER.

Darian Jinnah and team celebrating after the completion of the TSA Orals.



## Employee/Customer Feedback

Synaptex prides itself as being a great place to work, for our employees and our customers. We rely on your feedback to let us know how we are performing as a company. Have a great coworker who you'd like to recognize? A company procedure you'd like re-evaluated? Submit any feedback to our [ISO inbox](#).

## Synaptex is a Microsoft Cloud Solutions Provider

This month Synaptex shut down our Sharepoint and SQL instances and are now taking advantage of increased high availability, security, systems integration and enhanced features to name a few. This reduced our overall Total Cost of Ownership (TCO) by moving to the cloud which is one more step towards moving our data center to Microsoft Azure Cloud.

**David Gauldfeldt**



### LiveHealth Online

Employees enrolled in the Anthem Blue Shield/Blue Cross Medical Plan and their families can access a state-licensed/board-certified doctor via live chat on a smart-phone, tablet or laptop. Doctors can answer questions, make a diagnosis and write scripts for basic prescriptions. Employees can also use this benefit while traveling. To use this free benefit please create an account at [LiveHealth Online](#).

### Benefits Review

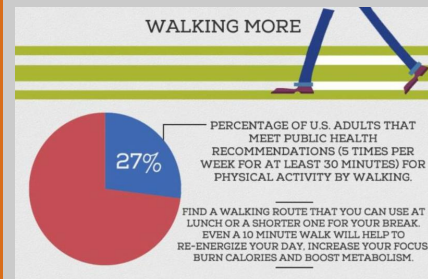
Synaptex's new benefits are now in effect. If you'd like an overview of the benefit plan for the 2016-2017 year, please view the [slides](#) on the Employee Portal.

### Wellness Benefits

Check out the new Health and Wellness area on our [Employee Portal](#). There are many new offers available! There are still 3 months to get physically and emotionally fit before 2017 - now is the time!



Sitting at a desk for 8 hours a day is not healthy, or fun! There are simple ways to keep active, even while at work.



- Go on a 10-minute lunch break walk around the building.
- Use a fitness tracker that buzzes to remind you to stay active.
- Partner with a coworker and keep each other accountable.

Full article [here](#).



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## Join the Synaptex Cloud Initiative Team



We are growing! Are you interested in learning about the latest technologies and trends in Cloud solutions? We will work closely with Executive Management in



## TIMECARD CONTEST

October's challenge took place September 15 through October 7.

The winner of the \$100 Amazon gift card is Martin Ensinger,

**NDU! Congratulations!**

The employees that completed their timesheet all 17 days were:

Adam Cruca  
Antwan Glover  
Burt Soltero  
Brandon Groenert  
Carolyn O'Connor  
Christopher Johnson  
Dan Ballard  
David Carter  
Dicken Tsoi  
Don James  
Doug Thornton  
Eddie Willson  
Fred Taylor  
Heng Liao  
Jeffrey Mayhall  
Jerrick Preuss  
Jonathan Le  
Joseph Ballam  
Joseph Li  
Kenneth LeDou  
Kent Barth  
Kristine Hawley  
Kyle Montague  
Lonny LeGrand  
Martin Ensinger  
Matthew Dzoba  
Omroy Spencer  
Osmond Jones  
Pearl Prince  
Philip Pappas  
Reed Lambertson  
Richard Shumway  
Sai Pothuri  
Sheila Andahazy  
William Hatfield

shaping the technology direction for our company's future.

This team will develop and support the latest computing trends with technologies such as Red Hat, Oracle, VMWare and Microsoft.

Please contact Darian Jinnah or Michael Haskett to learn more about this exciting opportunity.

## SYNAPTEK HOLIDAY PARTY

**National Portrait Gallery  
Washington DC  
Saturday, December 17  
7:00pm - 11:00pm**



This event is for employees plus a spouse or guest and immediate family members ages 13 and older. Childcare will be available for children 12 and under and will include dinner and activities.

A block of hotel rooms has been reserved at the Hotel Monaco located across the street at a discounted rate of \$129. King / \$169. Double

[Click here to reserve a room](#)

## *We want to hear from you!*



Send us your news -- babies, weddings, trips and vacations, graduations, kudos to coworkers! Send all submissions to [news@synaptেকcorp.com](mailto:news@synaptেকcorp.com)

**It's Never Too Late To Get Fit!**

## Employee Anniversaries

Antwan Glover, 4 years  
Kellie Dorgan, 4 years

Lonny LeGrand, 2 years



## Employee Fun!

Reed Lamberston, JAVA Engineer with DOI in New Orleans,  
and his wife Christi enjoyed the Saints football game against the  
Falcons on Sept. 26.



Check out Synapttek's Fitness Benefit  
[Click here for details.](#)



## Rental Car Discounts

The discount number below can be used for both  
business and leisure rentals by any employee.



### Synapttek Discount Number (CDP): 1987549

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- Enter CDP Number: 1987549
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- Click "Join Now for Free"

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