

Coastlines

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One of Ken's duties while serving in the Navy piloting an E-6B Mercury was receiving fuel while flying to remain airborne longer in support of the US Strategic Command Looking Glass Mission.

We Salute You, Veterans!

A popular online employment site says hiring veterans is an excellent strategy, since veterans 'are trained to be leaders from the day they enter service, they have a strong work ethic, and tend to be highly trained.' We've found this to be so. Meet some of our employees who have served:

Navy Electronics Technician First Class Ron uses skills he learned in the service as Central Lincoln's Network Engineer.



(Ron is on right) "I was recognized for work done to support Search and Rescue (SAR) helicopters (in the background) during an extended search for a missing F/A-18 Hornet in the John Muir Wilderness, south of Yosemite National Park."

With knowledge gained in the Air Force, Staff Sgt. Joe worked in Central Lincoln's technical communications division for 12 years. Looking for a new challenge, he recently applied for and was accepted as Central Lincoln's newest apprentice, learning to work on substations. "One of the things I learned that I use today is initiative. I was told at one point in my young career, "if you're [doing nothing], you're not going to get much done!"



Joe: "My older brother Shane (on left—a Staff Sgt. at the time) came down for my Air Force graduation. We are standing in front of a display F-15 at Lackland AFB in San Antonio, Texas."

Journeyman Lineman Isaac was recently promoted to Operations Supervisor II at Central Lincoln: "I left the Navy as an Electronics Technician 3rd Class Petty Officer, in the Persian Gulf. Things I learned that have helped in my career include dealing with different personalities, and seeing the value in everyone on my team."

Central Lincoln Accounting Specialist and Air Force Airman Brian served in Saudi Arabia. He values "the wide variety of life and world experiences" he gained while serving. Our Energy Services Manager Wade, an Army Legal Specialist, appreciates the typing and computer experience he uses every day.

We think of Don, who designs substations for us, but who has been deployed abroad with the National Guard for a year, and we hope for his safe return.

And to all veterans: thank you for your service!



Ken was a Pilot and Lieutenant in the Navy, shown here at Vance Air Force Base shortly after receiving his "Wings of Gold" after completing joint flight training with the US Air Force. Ken is now Central Lincoln's Information Technology Manager: "One thing I learned from my time in the Military is that people are our most important asset and despite diversity in race, sex, religion, education level, or personality, we can all accomplish great things together if we all aspire to the same higher purpose."



Rose Davies pins Navy Lieutenant (jg) bars on her husband Paul, later named a Lieutenant. Paul says, "Working with a variety of people from different walks of life, different countries, and diverse perspectives" was excellent preparation for working at, and now helping to guide Central Lincoln as a Board Member.

How to Prepare For a POWER OUTAGE



Lights flickered; came on. Flickered again, and then power went out. It was a typical fall Sunday morning: not too cold, plenty of light. Area churches broke out candles and continued with their services. But some of the 6,000 customers affected let the two-hour outage sidetrack their day.

We'd love to have no outages – we hate it when our customers are inconvenienced. Over the years, we've added system capabilities to quickly re-route power in the event of an issue whenever possible. But serving an area nestled in a national forest (trees are a major source of outages), with frequently corrosive salt air, we will always have the potential for outages.

As we enter into the storm season, this is a great time to evaluate how to deal with outages.



Is there something you must have running when power is out?

If the answer is yes, think of visiting family or friends who still

have power flowing during an outage. Or consider getting a generator. And if you have it hard-wired into your home or business' electrical system, please let us know so we can be aware – if a generator is running when power is restored, the grid could “backfeed” and a line worker working on the system could be injured.



Call us to let us know your power is out: 877-265-3211. This helps us map outages.



Keep mobile phones plugged in when at home, especially if you do not have a landline. Outages can come at any time, and if your phone's power is low, you may not have it working when you need it.



Check outage info from Central Lincoln:

On our website at clpud.org, on Facebook at Central Lincoln PUD, and on Twitter @clpud.



What if you don't have a smart phone or internet access, only a land line phone?

Make certain you have at least one phone without batteries that doesn't need electricity to work. We also recommend

you decide on and talk to an “**Outage Buddy**” before an outage happens – a friend or family member who doesn't live on the Coast, but perhaps in the Willamette Valley, or out of state. Ask your Outage Buddy if they're willing to help you during an outage by checking our website, Facebook page, or Twitter feed for outage information and calling to update you.



Consider things to do during an outage:

Keep a flashlight and fresh batteries in a place you can easily find in the dark. Get an outage-activated

nightlight or flashlight. Have a good book handy to read by flashlight, or bundle up and go for a walk. If the outage is during the day, perhaps do errands. Think of and stock foods that don't require electricity to be prepared. If you have children at home, consider card or board games or other toys that don't require electricity.



What about food storage?

The US Department of Agriculture says: “Keep refrigerator and freezer doors closed as much as possible to maintain

the cold temperature. The refrigerator will keep food safely cold for about 4 hours if it is unopened. A full freezer will hold the temperature for approximately 48 hours (24 hours if it is half full) if the door remains closed.

More tips?

Check our “Storm and Disaster Preparedness” site at clpud.org

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