

Army cheerleader puts attitude into print

All's possible with 'wanna,' according to author Carney

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The military's staunchest local cheerleader has packaged his patriotic "Hooah" into a new book that is meant to inspire, encourage, inform and entertain readers who want to unleash their own "can do" spirit.

David Carney, a retired Alabama Army National Guard sergeant first class who is active in several military organizations in North Alabama and who has been a chief organizer of Huntsville patriotic events, has recently published his first self-help book — "The Power of Attitude: Ya Gotta Have Wanna."

"It's a collection of stories and topics I've put together over the years," he said.

"The entire book has to do with attitude because I believe attitude is everything. That's a little different from the business management school of thought that says motivation is the most

important thing. Motivation is about getting your main course at the dinner table. But I like to get dessert, too."

Carney will be available to talk about his book at a three-day book signing at the Post Exchange this Thursday and Friday 10:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. and on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

"It's kind of exciting to have this book to offer people," he said. "It will appeal to lots of different people. Recruiters will like it because they can use it to show how the military can change a person's life. It's a good book for graduates and young people because it gives them advice on how to be successful in life. The book offers plenty of insight to people who want to know how to get more out of life, who want to do more in their lives."

Carney's wide variety of experiences is the source for his book's interesting narrative. His career includes eight years of active duty and 16 years with the National Guard, civilian experience as a bank loan officer, computer programmer and publisher, and military travels to more than 30 countries, including deployments to

Hungary, Croatia and Bosnia as part of Operation Joint Guard. In the past five years he has organized many patriotic events and has spoken at more than 300 events about attitude, motivation, leadership and patriotism.

"When families have a deployed Soldier we can give them the encouragement and the attitude and the 'Hooah' to overcome their trials," Carney said. "In the three years since I retired, I've spoken to thousands of Soldiers and more than 9,000 family members about attitude. I realized the message I was giving them applies to every individual, organization and corporation that is interested in achieving goals. My messages of attitude and encouragement have a universal audience."

The introduction in the book explains "Hooah," which Carney has emblazoned on his own personalized license plate. He writes that "Hooah" is an Army word that stands for Heard, Understood and Acknowledged and that is now used by all branches of the military to express their desire to overcome obstacles to reach a goal.

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Photo by Kari Hawkins

PATRIOTIC MINDSET— Retired National Guard Sgt. 1st Class David Carney, who is now a motivational and patriotic speaker and event organizer, poses with his alter ego to promote his first book, "The Power of Attitude: Ya Gotta Have Wanna." Carney is known for dressing up like Uncle Sam for various local events, such as the Veterans Day parade and Operation Christmas Bear. Carney's belief in the power of attitude was developed during his years in the military and is something he now wants to share with the public.

Leaders discuss new joint unmanned aerial operations

Army and Air Force share wartime ideas

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WASHINGTON — Army and Air Force leaders met June 30 to discuss developing a new joint unmanned aerial system concept of operations.

“As opposed to finding independent solutions, we are trying to find joint, collaborative solutions that best support the joint war fighter in any spectrum of war,” said Air Force Gen. John D.W. Corley, head of Air Combat Command.

Corley met with Gen. William S. Wallace, commander of Army Training and Doctrine Command, and Lt. Gen. Michael Vane, director of the Army Capabilities and Integration Center. The meeting at Langley Air Force Base, Va., emphasized developing unmanned aerial system operations for the full spectrum of conflict — from centralized major combat operations to smaller-scale decentralized operations to include stability operations.

The June 30 discussion follows dialogue over the past several months in which a joint Army-Air Force team has worked to identify current and future UAS requirements. In January, the chiefs of staff for the Army and Air Force, along with other senior leaders, met to discuss



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INSPECTION— A crew chief from the 46th Expeditionary Reconnaissance Squadron completes post flight inspections of an RQ-1 Predator, Sept. 15, 2004, at Balad Air Base, Iraq. The Predator is a remotely piloted vehicle that provides real-time surveillance imagery.

issues of mutual interest regarding interoperability.

From that January meeting, a memorandum was signed to formalize existing arrangements between the Army and Air Force which have been developed over the course of the war on terrorism. The two services also agreed to develop a process to identify and address equipment interoperability issues, including the development of a UAS concept of operations that would lay the foundation for acquisition, airspace, air defense, force structure and organizational strategies.

“The environment we are operating in today, and what we expect to see tomorrow, has changed dramatically over the past few years,” Wallace said. “Taking a joint approach on UAS issues will allow us to rapidly develop force capabilities from concept and capability development through employment by identifying, linking and synchronizing all of our activities, so we can give the best capability to joint war fighters who are fighting a very elusive, thinking and adaptive adversary.”

The approach will include doctrine, organizations, training, leader development, materiel, personnel and facilities, officials said.

“We need to have the ability to support full levels of joint operations from air-only major campaigns all the way down to counter-insurgency operations,” said Air Force Maj. Matt Martin, ACC A3YU Predator and Reaper Operations Branch chief.

One focus of the CONOPS will be methods to best share information and command and control.

“If we can’t share data, then we can’t share information,” Corley said. “If we can’t share information, we can’t command and control.”

Finding joint solutions begins with new CONOPS that look at every piece of the UAS spectrum, rather than individual pieces of the puzzle, the ACC commander said.

“We have to treat this as a system,” he said. “You have to think about all the pieces.”

The general said such interoperability will increase effectiveness from a combat standpoint.

“You have to think about all the pieces from training to platform to processing, exploitation and dissemination,” Corley said. “That includes how the info is shared and how it fits in the bigger puzzle. You want to know, not just what is in the lower left hand of the canvas, but what the entire painting looks like.”

Wallace agreed that efforts should be made to raise CONOPS up a level by focusing on capabilities rather than focusing on service-centric solutions.

“We want to identify areas or opportunities for increasing interoperability in order to optimize support to the joint war fighter,” Wallace said. “It’s all about working together to get a capability to our troops quickly and effectively.”

Martin said the new CONOPS will have far-reaching implications for UAS operations. The goal, he said, is to ensure that a joint forces commander can expect the same level of support from an Air Force UAS unit supporting an Army movement as they would receive from an Army unit and vice-versa.

“The CONOPS will influence how the services organize, train and equip their forces,” he said. “The joint forces commander needs to expect the same level of effectiveness from each branch no matter what the mission.”

■ Author describes power of wanting to do more

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“The whole idea behind attitude can be found in the transformation from the draft to the all-volunteer Army,” Carney said.

“When the Army had the draft, everyone had to be motivated and encouraged. They didn’t always have the right attitude

to serve. But, when we went to an all-volunteer Army, service-members came in with encouragement and the right attitude. They had ‘wanna’ and they expressed that with ‘Hooah.’ You have to have ‘Hooah’ to get dessert on the table. You’ve got to have that inner spirit that makes you want to do more.”

Carney’s book contains advice and inspiration that will help

readers achieve their goals. He intersperses his lessons on attitude, goal planning and success with stories of local heroes who have exhibited the right attitude, including military wife Shannon Hainline, who nursed her husband back to life after a sniper attack in Iraq caused a serious brain injury; and Tom Dunn, a Marine Vietnam veteran whose work in military intelligence against the Viet Cong and the North Vietnamese Army led to

his induction in the Madison County Hall of Heroes.

Carney also uses international symbols of success, such as Kentucky Fried Chicken founder Col. Sanders, baseball great Hank Aaron and award winning filmmaker Steven Spielberg to show how attitude can make dreams come true. The book also contains plenty of Army success stories as well as information on successful community/military programs such as the Blue Star Service

Banner, Welcome Homes and Operation Christmas Bear.

“What we in the military have learned and what we’ve done applies to everybody,” he said. “There are many little sayings in this book that are very true. We all grow and mature in different ways. This book is based on a lot of my experiences over the years that people can really relate to.”

For more information on Carney and his book, check out his web site at www.davidcarney.com.