



ACC Automotive students listen to an explanation of the features of a U.S Army transport vehicle.

## “And the Army goes Rolling Along”

So goes the popular refrain of the official song of the U.S Army. However, what does it take to keep the Army moving, and how does one become involved with this prestigious organization? Those were the questions (and more) that were answered for the LP ACC Automotive’s class.

On December 8<sup>th</sup>, Staff Sergeant James A. Chick brought a crew from the Motor/Transportation pool with him to visit Mr. Doug Narczewski’s Automotive class. Students in the class were able to engage the crews in questions regarding the operating specifications, maintenance procedures, and career opportunities that are associated with the vehicles that are employed by the U.S Army.



In addition to question and answer sessions the students were allowed to explore the vehicles and take a first-hand look at what amenities the vehicles were equipped with. The U.S Army crew spent the full day with all three Automotive’s classes and many eyes were opened to a career path that is sometimes overlooked. We are very thankful to Sergeant Chick and the U.S Army for providing this experience.

## STEPHANIE MICKLEY—CNA INSTRUCTOR



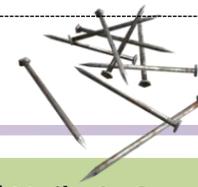
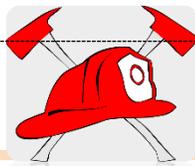
Bringing 18 years of experience as an RN, Mrs. Stephanie Mickley is currently in her fourth year as the lead instructor for the Career Center’s CNA program. Prior to coming to the Career Center Mrs. Mickley worked as an ICU nurse in Davenport Iowa. Her transition to the

Classroom has brought with it a number of stark differences, but has allowed her love for the Healthcare Profession to grow. This has occurred as she has witnessed her students make that life choice of a career in the Health Care Industry.

In the course of her years as an instructor, she has witnessed her students pursue nursing occupations in the Armed Forces and continue on to higher education in pursuit of a degree. Mrs. Mickley is excited to see a number of her former students (from her first class) who are finishing up their BSN this year. It is in seeing how her instruction has influenced her students that Mrs. Mickley takes the greatest pride.

Mrs. Mickley states that *“this is a great class to test the waters in a healthcare setting”*. As her students start their clinical rotations they form many relationships with each other, and the patients they care for. It is here that the students either ignite the fire that pushes them into a healthcare career, or find out that the profession is not really made for them. This decision making experience is a key factor of Mrs. Mickley’s approach in the classroom. As Stephanie emphasizes to her students *“we all make mistakes. If we learn from them, it is not a mistake, it is a life lesson”*.

Mrs. Mickley would like to emphasize that the class is not just for those who want to go into nursing, but for anyone who thinks Healthcare might be a profession for them.



## Types of Nails & Common Uses

In the building trades, a nail is probably the most commonly used device for joining two pieces of a structure together. However, there are many types and sizes of nails, and they are used for many different applications. Below is a basic guide to picking the correct nail for the type of job you are performing.

**Sizes:** In the U.S, nail sizes are measured in pennies (will be denoted by a **d** on the box. E.g **12d**). The origin of the penny designation has its roots in old England where a penny was the cost for 100 nails from a blacksmith.

You can begin with an understanding that a 2d nail will be 1 inch long. Every other d after that will increase the length by .25 inches. So, a 6d nail will be 2 inches long (1 inch for the first 2d, then then ¼ inch for each of the next four d's). As a rule of thumb, a nail should be three times the thickness of the board it is being driven through. This will insure proper depth for a strong joint.

### **Types:**

**Aluminum:** Used for joining aluminum pieces (e.g: siding). They will not rust, but do not have strength for building items that need support.

**Galvanized:** Steel nails that are resistant to rust (hot dipped in zinc are more resistant). Can be used for outside and indoor applications.

**Steel:** Shiny steel nails are primarily used indoors and in dry settings, as they are less resistant to rust.



### **Fire Science Meets “The Chiefs”**

On December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016 the ACC Fire Science classes were treated to a structured visit from 16 area Departmental Fire Chief’s. Class instructor Mr. Rick Turri set the meeting up to accomplish two major goals.

First amongst these goals was to have his Fire Science students have the unique experience of showing off their skills and to ask questions of the top professionals in their field from the Illinois Valley Area. This experience provides his students with the all-important career experience of developing professional relationships. In all ACC classes the idea of career pursuit is taught from both the aspect of soft skills, and hard skills. This experience allowed the students to work on both sides of that coin.

Mr. Turri’s second goal was to get the word out that the LPACC Fire Science program is vital and beneficial to the Illinois Valley community.

Mission Accomplished.

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### **ACC Enrollment**

**Begins 1/1/2017**

Enrollment at the ACC will officially begin on January 1<sup>st</sup>, of 2017. While students officially enroll with their school counselor, they will also be asked to fill out an online registration form. This form can be found at:

<http://www.lpacc.org/registration.html>

Once a form is filled out and submitted, a response PDF will be sent to the student, their counselor and the ACC. The signed PDF will be returned to the student’s counselor, and enrollment will become official.



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