

TALON TIMES

Mission: Plan, direct and control all air operations in support of amphibious forces. Provide combat-ready detachments to deployed Amphibious Ready Groups

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TACRON TWELVE
APRIL/MAY/JUNE 2012

FROM THE CAPTAIN'S DESK...

Dear Talons, families, and friends,

As the days get longer and warmer, I hope this finds everyone doing well. The squadron has stayed busy over the past three months and has done well by all measures. Operationally, we continue to excel at the tip of the spear with DET 3 providing superb support to the USS ESSEX and USS BONHOMME RICHARD Amphibious Readiness Groups and Commander, Amphibious Force 7th Fleet during the Forward Deployed Naval Forces (FDNF) Spring Patrol. This deployment included a complex large-scale amphibious exercise with our South Korean allies and a hull swap between the ESSEX and BONHOMME RICHARD. DET 4 continued the theme of excellence by performing extremely well in all their pre-deployment evaluations and is scheduled to relieve DET 3 at the end of June. I fully expect DET 4 to maintain the high standards set by DET 3 during the FDNF Fall Patrol.

Here at Homeguard, the results of the March advancement exams revealed that our Talons did very well with 18 Talon Sailors selected for promotion. This equates to a promotion rate of 23% for the command, well above the Navy average. OS1 (SW) Lemak and AC2 (AW) McIntosh distinguished themselves with their selection as Tactical Air Control Group ONE Senior and Junior Sailors of the Quarter, respectively, and on the physical fitness front, the squadron's physical fitness assessment scores improved as a whole. Highlighting the giving and caring attitudes of our Talons, the squadron easily exceeded our goals for the Combined Federal Campaign and Navy and Marine Corps Relief fund drives. A fitting cap to round out the squadron accomplishments this past quarter and a great indicator that our Talons are making the right choices and decisions, we recently surpassed 300 incident-free days both on and off duty.

The coming months will continue to be busy with the FDNF Fall Patrol and exercise ULCHI FREEDOM GUARDIAN in Korea but also with summer vacations and fun under the sun. I look forward to seeing everyone at the command's Summer Luau which I'm sure will be a great event given the hard work put forth by our luau planners and organizers. Thank you to the families and friends of our Talons for the continued support that enable our Talons to excel. Be safe and see you at the beach. TALON PRIDE.

My best to you and your families,

CDR Vince Martin

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FROM THE MASTER CHIEF'S DESK

By CMC ELLIS

Greetings, Talons and Families!

As we roll into the summer months, safety, as always, is at the forefront of most Navy wide messages and communications- and rightfully so! Most of us, at one time or another these last few weeks, have seen or heard messages and communications concerning water safety, fire safety (especially grilling!), driving safety (summer vacation!), and beyond. Make no mistake about it, this is the time of year that we all - both Sailors and family members - really need to take a little time to make sure that we are planning and preparing properly for a safe and enjoyable summer. Remember sunscreen, water, plenty of rest before and after activities, and all those other little details that are so easy to forget.

One of the most common factors in most summer safety reports is - you guessed it - alcohol! If you are of age and intend to drink while enjoying your summer, we ask you to please do so responsibly. Know your limits, have a plan before you start, and by all means do not get behind the wheel of a vehicle when impaired. All active members have been issued "511" cards for transportation if necessary, which leaves us no excuse for driving under the influence here in home port. It has been more than 300 days since our last alcohol related incident, which means that if we keep up the good work, we could surpass the one year mark prior to the end of summer!

On a lighter and happier note, congratulations are in order for the proud fathers and families of the new additions to our Talon family: AN Massari, his wife Megan and their new son, Joehl Joaquin Massari, born May 13th; EN3 Brecheen, his wife Brittanie and son Braddock Nicholas Brecheen, born May 29th; and LS1 Salamanca, wife Monnette and their newest, Allyna Grace Salamanca, born May 31st! The entire squadron wishes you all the best and a heartfelt "Welcome Aboard!" to the little ones!

Once again from all of the Chiefs in the Squadron, we wish you all a safe and enjoyable summer!



The Ombudsman Corner



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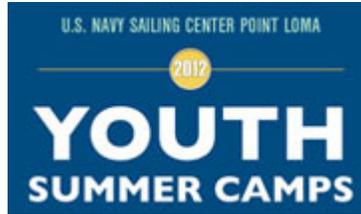
Hello Talons! In this issue of the newsletter I want to keep you informed of all of the valuable resources available to service members and their families. I have also included some fun summer events and activities offered in sunny San Diego! Have a safe and fantastic summer and as always please feel free to reach out to me with any questions or concerns you may have or resources and information you need!



Looking for adventure? We've got everything you need for your next outdoor activity! We rent everything from coolers to fishing boats and our shelves are stocked with information on all types of outdoor activities. Take a bike ride into the local mountains, climb some rocks in the Cleveland National Forest, or enjoy our beautiful coastal waters. We have all the gear you need for your outdoor adventure!

Outdoor Adventure Center
Monday-Friday: 8:30 am - 5 pm
Saturday: 9 am-2 pm

Base: Naval Base San Diego (NBSD)
Bldg. 3223
Phone: 619-556-7493



[U.S. Navy Sailing Center Point Loma](#)

Conveniently located in Point Loma at Naval Mine and Anti-Submarine Warfare Command (NMAWC), the U.S. Navy Sailing Center is one of the Navy's premier marinas. The protected waters of San Diego Bay offer the perfect location to learn to sail or to sharpen advanced sailing techniques. Sailing Classes year round in boats from 14 to 27 feet. Youth Sailing Programs over the summer, spring, and winter breaks.

Youth Summer Camps

US Navy Sailing Center Point Loma offers camps in sailing, kayaking, windsurfing and paddle boarding this summer. Enroll your child in a week of fun on the water! Open to ages 9-14 years. Call 619-524-6498 for pricing and more information.

All camps run Monday-Friday from 8:30 am-4 pm.

- **Session 1:** July 9-13
- **Session 2:** July 30-August 3
- **Session 3:** August 13-17



The 12th Annual "Big Bay Boom" Fourth of July Fireworks Show

9pm, Wednesday, July 4, 2012

Join us at San Diego Bay for the 12th Annual Big Bay Boom July 4th Fireworks Show.

Watch at five locations around North San Diego Bay & the Imperial Beach Pier

OUR EVENT MISSION:

To provide the most exciting pyrotechnical content possible to the public on the Fourth of July around the San Diego tidelands where the net proceeds of the event will go to the San Diego Armed Services YMCA whose goal is *"to enhance the lives of military personnel and their family members in spirit, mind, and body, by providing programs that strengthen families and are relevant to the unique challenges of military life."*



What is Camp Hero?

Camp Hero is a week long day camp that serves as an outlet for military youth to share their common experiences and receive academic enrichment all while making friends and having fun! The curriculum is designed to help children find practical ways to address the challenges of military life, introduce tools to help them succeed in school, and improve social and communication skills. These opportunities will take place in the classroom as well as in the community through local field trips each week to San Diego scenic parks along with one special YES! (Youth Enrichment Summer) outing.

YES! Outings take place on the Thursday of camp and will include a day trip to visit to either YMCA Camp Surf or to a second location, to be announced!

What is YES?

YES! (Youth Enrichment Summer) offers single day trips that give children ages 7 to 12 in military families the opportunity to explore a variety of Southern California attractions.

[Sign up for both YES! Youth Trips and Camp Hero with ONE application](#)

Camp Hero

August 6th - August 10th

August 13th - August 17th

August 20th - August 24th

August 27th - August 31st

YES (Youth Enrichment Summer)

Thursday, August 9th

Thursday, August 16th

Thursday, August 23rd

Thursday, August 30th

Campers will be assigned to camp weeks and YES! Trips by Armed Services YMCA staff. Requests for particular weeks cannot be accommodated. This process ensures camper slots are evenly distributed and Camp Hero is able to serve the widest variety of children possible.

Camp Hero Eligibility

Camp Hero is open to children of military service members from all service branches. The military service member must be rank E6 or below and assigned to a San Diego military installation or San Diego based ship. Children must be between seven and twelve years old by August 1st to be eligible. There will be no age exceptions. Priority will be given to children who have not participated in the after school Operation Hero program or 2011 Camp Hero.



Ticket distribution

USO San Diego offers a variety of tickets to local sporting, theatre, and concert events within San Diego. Patrons can sign up through our website to receive e-news announcements to their home or work email address. When we receive 100 or more tickets, an e-news blast update is sent to our patrons. Tickets are distributed through our Downtown Center and are offered on a first-come, first-served basis. Tickets that come in smaller quantities can be received by calling our center or stopping by to see what we have available on any given day. If patrons have a specific game or show they are hoping to attend, they can call the center to be put on our special events waiting list for a ticket preference. This does not guarantee a ticket request, but does give preference for last minute tickets that come through the door with little notice.



The mission of the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society is to provide, in partnership with the Navy and Marine Corps, financial, educational, and other assistance to members of the Naval Services of the United States, eligible family members, and survivors when in need; and to receive and manage funds to administer these programs.

Our Vision: We are a private, non-profit, volunteer, service organization. As a Center of Excellence, we are committed to ensure that all available resources are used to assist personnel of the Naval Services - active, retired, and their eligible family members to achieve financial self-sufficiency and find solutions to emergency needs.

NMCRS San Diego, FSO

Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society
Bldg. 270, 3115 Dolphin Alley
PO Box 131470
Naval Base San Diego
San Diego, CA 92170
e-mail to: Barry
White, barry.white@nmcrs.org

Hours: Mon-Fri 0800-1600

Phone: (619) 238-1587/1589

DSN: 526-8283

Fax: (619) 531-0083

Additional Services: [Thrift Shop](#)
[Information, Visiting Nurse](#)

San Diego Military Outreach Ministries

San Diego Military Outreach Ministries is a community supported charity that reaches out to young enlisted military families in San Diego with a broad range of helping services. For more details, visit their web site www.sandiegomom.org or call 619-461-4164.

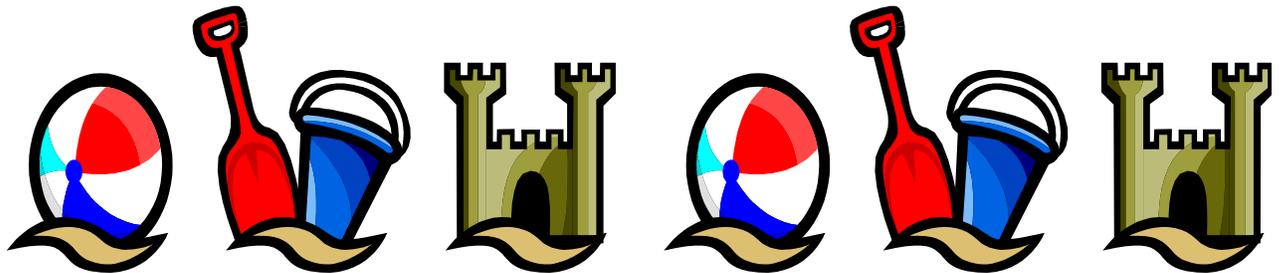


What is 2-1-1 San Diego?

2-1-1 San Diego is a resource and information hub that connects people with community, health and disaster services through a free, 24/7 stigma-free confidential phone service and searchable online database. 2-1-1 serves the entire population of the County.

Every hour of every day, someone in San Diego County searches for services, from substance abuse treatment to care for a child or aging parent, food, housing or financial assistance. With more than 5,000 health and human service programs, finding help can seem insurmountable. 2-1-1 can help.

By dialing 2-1-1, clients are linked to a live highly-trained Client Service Representatives (CSR) who will navigate them through their situations by assessing their needs and then matching them to the best and closest resource in their community. Assistance is confidential and offered in more than 150 languages. 2-1-1's highly trained CSRs, the majority of whom are Alliance of Information and Referral Systems(AIRS)-certified, provide a wide range of immediate resources to local individuals and families.



***Have a safe and happy
summer TALONS!***



COACHELLA/ STAGECOACH

By AC2 Ybarra

The music festivals Coachella & Stagecoach began as a great opportunity for Talons to volunteer for the command and help raise funds for our MWR. It ended up being just that and much more. The festivals ran for three consecutive weekends in April

allowing us to volunteer from Friday to Sunday each weekend. All volunteers drove 2 hours to Indio, CA on each Thursday to set up our campsite, pick up our security badges, and to better prepare ourselves for the events to come.

Volunteers were assigned with jobs ranging from crowd control, gate watching, backstage security, and runner patrol. Some volunteers were more fortunate than others and were tasked with positions that allowed them great views of the concerts. Most work days lasted about eight hours with the exception of a few 14 hour shifts in between.

Once our shifts were over it was time for freedom! After the work day ended, we were given the opportunity to take much needed downtime. During this downtime, we ate, showered, and participated in the activities that Coachella and Stagecoach offered. Some people went to the festival to enjoy the festivities which were deemed by us as "epic". others just hung around the camp site in order to relax and swap sea stories.



COACHELLA CONTINUED.....

Each weekend varied with the different groups of volunteers and different assignments. Therefore, there was always something different to look forward to and various personalities to mesh with.

In summary, we went out to perform a job and represent our command honorably, and we did it very well. In the process, we made new friends and bonded as a command. While raising money, we became stronger as a unit. It was a great time; I'm looking forward to doing it all over again next year.



Talon Luau

By P.O's Alcantar & Tietje

The fourth annual command luau was a great opportunity for all Talons and their families to get together and enjoy the beginning of summer, and decompress from the strenuous training and deployment schedule. It also provided an opportunity for Talon personnel to get to know one another outside of a working environment. Everyone showed up in their civilian attire, stomachs empty and ready to be filled with Hawaiian cuisine. Shoes were kicked off, toes were in the sand, and thoughts and worries were cast aside as the air was filled with island sounds of traditional Polynesian music.

Location, location, location; the command luau took place at Breaker's Beach. Except for a slight gust of wind, the weather could not have been better. The sun was shining bright, the waves from the Pacific Ocean were in full effect, and command morale was high. We kicked off the function with a little game of Frisbee, followed by volleyball, sumo wrestling, and horseshoes. The games were a nice addition to the atmosphere. Children were able to play in the sand and build sand castles as well as make sand angels. A few people swam in the ocean while some merely stuck their feet in the water.

What's a command function without food? This Luau menu ranged from barbecue chicken to fried rice, a very nicely cut 'Porky the Pig', macaroni and cheese, macaroni salad, sweet delicious fruit, a few desserts, as well as delectable snacks. The main dishes were provided by L&L Barbecue, while the "pig," which was the center of attraction, came to us from Tita's Kitchen. Guests also brought food. Despite the large quantity, Talon appetites handily finished off all the goodies, which is a sure sign the day was a great success!

The luau started at 11am and ended a little after 2pm. In addition to setting up the venue in time for all of the guests to arrive, the working party cleaned up very nicely as everyone started to depart. It was a lot of work putting the luau together with myself, AC2 Tietje, and AC2 Ybarra running around like chickens with our heads cut off. It was all worthwhile in the end though, to see the smiles on everyone's face, to know that their stomachs were full, and to hear the laughter all around. I can definitely say, and I hope I'm speaking for everyone in attendance; the 2012 Command Luau was an EPIC success!



IA IN AFGHANISTAN

By AC3 Spicer

On my IA, I've experienced a lot! Working beside the Army and Afghanistan National Army has been very rewarding. I work inside the Detention Facility (DFIP) in Parwan. It's pretty interesting! I'm not sure what I can go into detail about, so I'll keep it general. When I arrived here in Afghanistan, it was a culture shock to say the least! The weather is brutal! Below zero in the winter with a foot of snow on the ground, and over 100 degrees in the summer with dust storms all the time! I started out as Guard Force, which is basically a cell guard for all the detainees. A few months later, I was moved to Counter Insurgency (COIN). The working schedule is brutal as well. 12 to 14 hour work days are the norm. Some weeks you'll get a day off, some you don't.

Overall, participating in an IA has been a great experience. I've learned a lot, and it has been very rewarding. Right now, I'm working on getting the EIDWS pin. It's not over yet though. I still have a few more months to go. I am taking advantage of the opportunities that I'm afforded here and making the best out of everything. Attached are a few pictures of my IA experience. Hope you enjoy them.



DETACHMENT THREE

By ACC (AW/SW) Guivara

Detachment THREE Shipboard is the recently coined term that describes TACRON Sailors that deploy directly to the ship to commence their journey towards earning the Enlisted Aviation Warfare Specialist (EAWS) and/or Enlisted Surface Warfare Specialist (ESWS) designations. Earning this prestigious qualification signifies that the Sailor has attained and demonstrated significant professional knowledge of the mission, capabilities, and heritage of the specific platform from which they operate and maintain. It is therefore a privilege to announce that eight members of Detachment THREE are now proudly wearing new pins on their chest: IT1 (AW) Fecteau, AC2(AW) Gibbs, AC2(AW) Szczepanski, OS2(SW/AW) Daniels, OS2(SW) Dyer, IS3(SW) Parsons, EN3(AW/SW) Brecheen, and ACAN(AW) Suarezcampos.

From my position in the chain of command, I was able to assist and mentor the Sailors through the qualification process. Throughout our time here, I was impressed by the relentless drive, countless hours of studying, and tremendous effort our sailors put forth to obtain their warfare pins. You might be thinking to yourself, "this is all part of a Sailor's life during deployment", however, this deployment proved to be non-standard.

First, the ship schedule changed drastically and repeatedly which created holes in our training plan, but also presented new opportunities. Also, we had to hurdle the "hull-swap" between the USS ESSEX (LHD 2) and the USS BONHOMME RICHARD (LHD 6) all while participating in Exercise FLEET SYNTHETIC TRAINING- JAPAN (FST-J). A "hull-swap" is when two crews exchange vessels and the ship's exchange homeports. It's similar to you and your neighbor exchanging houses, permanently. So just imagine all the spaces that needed a deep cleaning and the equipment that needed to be packed up and moved from one ship to the other. Needless to say, it slowed our training progress, but after the crews settled into their new environment, we were able to proceed "ops-normal".

This deployment brought multiple changes in our schedule, and thereby our mission. Executing the task at hand professionally and proficiently was what we strived for and is what we delivered. The Sailors' performance as a group set the standard for others to follow and their determination to accomplish their job and realize their goals was a joy to watch. The Sailors' superb efforts and willingness to take care of each other led to our ultimate goal of returning home to you...our family and friends. Detachment THREE should be proud of what they accomplished and of how they grew personally and professionally.



DETACHMENT FOUR

By LCDR Taylor

For roughly the past four months, TACRON TWELVE's DET FOUR has been working tirelessly to prepare for their upcoming deployment. Whether it has been hitting the books to study, or riffling through numerous training jackets to ensure that each Sailor is "deployment ready", every member of the DET has done their part to ensure that this deployment will go down as one of the best the TACRON community has ever seen. As the DET LCPO, ACC (AW) Daniel Holloway, recently stated, "After seeing these Sailors perform over the last several months, I have no doubt in my mind that they will make TACRON TWELVE proud when they go to sea."

It all really started back in January, when the DET Air Traffic Controller's (AC) traveled to Pensacola, FL, to complete the Amphibious Air Traffic Controller Team Trainer Course (AATTC). The AATTC is a tough, graded evolution that the AC's must pass in order for them to be considered deployable. To prepare for the course, ACC Holloway and his LPO's had all the AC's studying NATOPS daily and taking pre-exams. All of their hard work paid off, as the DET scored the highest average grade ever on the NATOPS exam at the Course. Additionally, their performance throughout the rest of the evolution was nearly flawless. The DET received high praise from evaluators from both AATCC instructors and CTG-1 evaluators.

Upon arriving back home, the DET's work was still not done as Sailors began preparing for the Joint Expeditionary Warfare Lab (JEWL), which is a graded evaluation that involves all DET personnel. Once again, the DET's LPOs ensured that each member studied hard and practiced on simulators to prepare for the evolution. And, once again, the DET's performance was exceptional. Additionally, the supervisors at each Tactical Air Control Center (TACC) position did a fantastic job ensuring that newer personnel received instruction and guidance at the positions. One of the primary TACC Watch Officer's, LCDR Doug Lito, commented, "I was really impressed with the TACC Supervisors and how they communicated with each of the TACC watch stations. It really was a team effort, and everyone did his or her best to contribute to the success of the team."

The last big obstacle before deployment was the CTG-1 Administrative Quality Assurance Inspection, which primarily involved an inspection of the DET's training jackets and publications to ensure that each member was trained, qualified, and medically ready to deploy. The DET's training department representatives worked tirelessly for weeks, and even put in extra hours on the weekend to ensure that each jacket was thoroughly scrubbed for errors or any missing paperwork. The result as another rousing success for the DET as CTG-1 evaluators commented how the DET's paperwork was impeccable and that every follow-on DET should follow the same steps and processes as DET FOUR.

DET FOUR Sailors are now enjoying some much needed and well-earned leave before they depart for deployment at the end of June. As nearly all of the

pre-deployment work has been completed, I and the rest of the DET leadership would like to thank all those who helped ensure that DET FOUR passed all evaluations and inspections with high marks. DET FOUR truly did set the bar high regarding pre-deployment performance, and there is no reason to doubt that their professionalism and dedication will match what they have shown thus far. Congratulations DET FOUR, and let's keep this ball rolling!



A WORD ON DEPLOYMENTS FROM THE MASTER CHIEF'S DESK

By CMC ELLIS

Greetings!

To those of you whose spouse, loved one or family member deployed today, thank you for your support as the detachment heads out on mission. Your support is one of the keys to a successful deployment and return, and every member of the detachment is equally important.

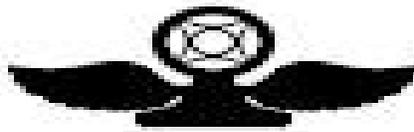
Having been through numerous deployments with school-aged children, I'm quite familiar with the rigors, frustrations and adjustments that go along with extended separations and would like to take advantage of this opportunity to offer my assistance, if needed. There are a lot of resources out there to help you through these times, and more often than not I can help point you in the right direction to ensure your needs are met. Whether it has to do with car repairs, home maintenance issues, family support groups and activities, or even counseling services, there are resources out there. Please don't hesitate to call or e-mail me if you need to.

Another person who can offer assistance is the Command Ombudsman, Mrs. Cortney Currier-Holloway. She is very knowledgeable about the resources available out there and is always eager to help. She is also keenly aware of your situation, as her husband deployed today, too.

My contact information is listed below. Please post it or keep it somewhere handy and don't hesitate to use it. Again, thank you for your tremendous sacrifice and support.

Sincerely,

ACCM(AW/SW) Bill Ellis



Air Traffic Control Symposium

By ACC(AW/FMF/SW) Saalfrank

After a year sabbatical for the annual Air Traffic Control Symposium, which is sponsored by the Air Traffic Control Association (ATCA), the symposium made a comeback here in San Diego the week of 4-8 Jun 2012. The theme of this year's symposium was "Inspired by the past...focused on the future." The purpose of the symposium is to bring many facets of the air traffic control community to the E-1 through E-6 Air Traffic Controllers. Some of the topics discussed included the future changes to the National Air Space, Unmanned Aerial Vehicles aboard Carriers, Limited Duty Officer boards, advancement opportunities, and changes in the CSMID detailing system.

Additionally, nine out of the 20 AC Master Chiefs, which included our very own ACCM Ellis, held an open forum to discuss any topic and answer any question the Marines and Sailors asked. Many questions centered around air traffic control simulators at both shore and sea commands as well as an array of other questions.

During comfort breaks Sailors and Marines could visit with many of the companies that developed the equipment used throughout the Navy and Marine Corp. A ballroom was set up with displays and representatives to discuss upcoming changes to their systems and to receive feedback from the users on areas to be improved. Many of the changes that have been incorporated through the years have been brought to the attention of the service representatives during symposiums past.

The Air Traffic Controller and the Air Traffic Control Technician of the Year for 2011 were officially announced during the first day, along with the recognition of past Command Controller and Technicians of the Year-to include our Controller of the Year AC2 Whitt.

During the evenings events were provided to provide another avenue for the Sailors and Marines to talk with each other, and to talk to the representatives in a less formal atmosphere, such as a meet and greet at the Hotel, Dick's Last Resort, Padres Game, Golf tournament and picnic at Admiral Baker and a Casio night. Overall, the symposium turned out to be a very informative and fun event that all Air Traffic Controllers should try to attend at least once in their career.

WELCOME ABOARD!

LCDR MURRAY

LCDR FELLOWS

AC2 ANDERSON

AC2 JIMENEZ

AC2 STEWART

A3 BOLOSAN

AC3 MALLETT

AN BURGESS

AN CHARGO

AN FRIGO

ACAR DELLORSO

Fair Winds and Following Seas...

AC1 PORTER

OS2 GONZALEZ

IS3 WILLIAMS

AN TALARICO

And a special fair winds and following seas to IT1 Ogburn who retires from his naval career in June.

A W A R D S

Navy Commendation Medal

AC1 PORTER

Navy Achievement Medal

LT DOLAN

ACCS DRISKELL

IT1 OGBURN

OS1 BROUGH

AC2 WHITT-NA (1ST/2ND)

AC2 ANDREWS

Good Conduct Medal

AC2 COOPER (4TH)

OS2 DAIGLE (2ND)

AC2 GONZALEZ (2ND)

AC2 TIETJE

Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal

OS1 LEMAK

AC2 KLINE

Enlisted Aviation Warfare Specialist

IT1 FECTEAU

AC2 GIBBS

AC2 SCZEPANSKI

OS2 DANTELS

ACAN SUAREZCAMPOS

Enlisted Surface Warfare Specialist

OS2 DYER

IS3 PARSONS

EN3 BRECHTEN

ADVANCEMENTS

AC₁ VIEW

AC₂ BERTELS

AC₂ HARKINS

AC₂ KRAMARCHUK

AC₂ STEWART

AC₂ SCZEPANSKI

AC₂ TIETJE

IT₂ RICHARDS

OS₂ CRUMP

OS₃ MORPHIS

EN₃ BRECHTEN

AC₃ WARD

AC₃ HALL

AC₃ NGUYEN

YN₃ ALCANTAR

YN₃ STEINKE

GALLERY

IS3 Parson receiving the Enlisted Surface Warfare Specialist Qualification



AC3 Hardgrave assuming the duties and responsibilities of Petty Officer Third Class



Newly Promoted Petty Officers!



LS1 Salamanca Re-enlistment!



AC1 View Promotion!



IT2 Richards Promotion!



AC2 Whitt End of Tour Award!



IT1 Ogburn Retires After 20 Faithful Years of Service!



PO Alcantar in Fine Sumo Wrestler Form at the Command Luau!



ACAR Waller Body Slams His Opponent at the Command Luau!



★HAPPY★ BIRTHDAY!

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

<i>LCDR MURRAY</i>	<i>LT CASON</i>
<i>LT WILLCOX</i>	<i>AC3 MALLETY</i>
<i>AC3 NGUYEN</i>	<i>ACAN BROWN</i>
<i>AN MARROQUIN</i>	<i>AN CHARGO</i>

MAY BIRTHDAYS

<i>LT COOK</i>	<i>AC2 STEWART</i>
<i>AC2 WHITT</i>	<i>AC2 PULA</i>
<i>AC2 HARKINS</i>	<i>OS3 CROWE</i>
<i>AC2 DAIGLE</i>	<i>AC2 BERTELS</i>

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

<i>MAJ HILL</i>	<i>LCDR BOGIE</i>
<i>LTJG SPALDING</i>	<i>OS1 LEMAK</i>
<i>AC2 COOPER</i>	<i>IT3 PLAYER</i>





ADVANCED DEGREES

By AC3 Jackson

One of the many perks of being at TACRON is the opportunity to attend school in your free time. Many of the TACRON Sailors are taking advantage of the

Tuition Assistance Program, and are earning advanced degrees in addition to their primary qualifications that must be fulfilled. There is no excuse why one couldn't be able to participate in off duty education during their tour at TACRON. With that being said, a congratulation is in order for those who have completed and received advanced degrees recently. Congrats to ACC Holloway, LS1 Salamanca, OS1 Lemak, and AC2 Whitt.



Pictured at the top from right to left: CDR Martin, LS1 Salamanca, ACC Holloway, and AC2 Whitt

Pictured at the bottom: A group photo of all the graduates that afternoon.

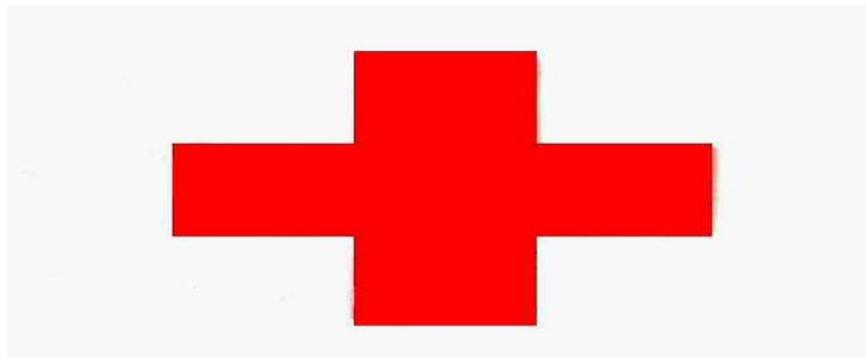


NAVY COLLEGE OPPORTUNITIES

Visit your local Navy College office! Navy College professionals provide educational services world-wide, anytime, anyplace to Sailors and their families, supporting their life-long learning goals and the Navy's mission. The following link provides information regarding the SOCNAV program and other benefits available to military families. Take full advantage of all of the awesome resources Navy College has to offer and go back to school!

Website: http://www.soc.aascu.org/socnav/Spouses_AidResources





The American Red Cross - Keeping Pace with the Changing Military

As part of an ongoing effort to better serve the military community, the American Red Cross announced that it will move to a single telephone number for its emergency communication services.

Beginning 13 June 2011, at 8:00 a.m. EDT, all military members and their families can use one number- **877-272-7337 (U.S. Toll Free)** to send an urgent message to a service member. The change means that all military members and their families can use this single number to initiate an emergency communication, regardless of where they live.

A call to **877-272-7337** allows Red Cross emergency communications services to put military personnel in touch with their families following the death or serious illness of an immediate family member, the birth of a service member's child or grandchild or when a family faces other emergencies.

Additional Red Cross services such as case management and emergency financial assistance also are available. For those stationed overseas, the three options for calling will remain the same: calling **877-272-7337** direct, accessing the number through a military operator, or calling the local Red Cross station.