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Fleet-Wide Sexual Assault Awareness Stand-down Held in June



NAVAL SUPPORT ACTIVITY PANAMA CITY, FLORIDA (June 24, 2013) Lt. Bobby Kenning, Executive Officer Naval Support Activity Panama City, discusses how sexual assault affects all service members of the armed forces during a Sexual Assault Prevention and Response (SAPR) training. The commanding officer, executive officer and command master chief each led Sailors and Navy civilian personnel in a minimum of two hours of focused facilitated instruction on SAPR principles and the importance of fostering a climate of dignity and respect. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Kevin B. Gray /Released)

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WASHINGTON (NNS) -- All Navy commands conducted a sexual assault prevention and response (SAPR) stand-down between June 10 and July 1st.

Reserve component units and deployed personnel also commenced their stand-down starting June 10, but will have until July 22 to complete.

"Our end state for this stand-down will be that all of our service members and civilian personnel clearly understand SAPR principles and resources," said Vice Adm. Scott Van Buskirk, Chief of Naval Personnel. "All personnel will understand their accountability and role in reducing with a goal of eliminating sexual assault from the Navy, fostering a command climate of dignity and respect, and upholding our core values of honor, courage and commitment."

The command triad (commanding officer, executive officer, and command master chief) of each command led Sailors and Navy civilian personnel in a minimum two hours of focused facilitated instruction on SAPR principles and the importance of fostering a climate of dignity and respect in the workplace. Additionally, targeted professional ethics/standards of conduct refresher training were conducted for recruiters, sexual assault response coordinators (SARCs) and victim advocates (VAs), which emphasizes how violations impact mission readiness.

All training center and institutional instructors, as well as personnel who are the first to interact with sexual assault victims, to include health care providers, Fleet and Family Support Center counselors, chaplains, judge advocate general personnel, and NCIS investigators, received specialized refresher training, using the Navy's successful SAPR-Leadership/SAPR-Fleet training programs and other Navy SAPR resources.

As part of the stand-down, the Navy conducted an active review of credentials and qualifications of recruiters, SARCs, VAs, training center and institutional instructors, recruit training center division commanders, NCIS investigators, sexual assault nurse examiners and those qualified to conduct sexual assault forensic examinations.

Following the stand-down, a completion report will be submitted to the Secretary of Defense by July 17.

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Midway Veterans

Remembering their Service and Sacrifice

By Charles Longo, NSA PC Public Affairs Intern

Each of us has experienced an event in our lives when time seems to have stopped. Don't you agree that when you reflect back to a memorable moment, it seems to flicker like a Charlie Chaplin movie as it plays out in our mind's eye? Although the gap between each frame is subtle, the memory still plays out with slight pauses.

June 4 – 6, 2013 marked the 71st anniversary of the Battle of Midway. Sailors and civilians of NSA PC paused on June 6 for a moment to reflect upon that historic battle. During the ceremony, Mr. James Giles, a Midway survivor, courageously shared the flickering events of the time he spent in the US Navy. Although each of the events Giles shared stand alone in his memory, the most memorable appeared to be when he described the events that led up to, and those that immediately followed, the Captain's order to abandon ship during the Battle of Savo Island on August 9, 1942.

Mr. Giles said it was early morning and general quarters had been set aboard the USS Vincennes (CA-44) a New Orleans-class heavy cruiser. As he stood sky watch forward, the ship engaged in a fire fight with a Japanese task force. Enemy ordnance struck the Vincennes more than 100 times during the engagement, causing it to catch fire and eventually sink.

Giles captured the attention of the audience when he described how he and a few shipmates jumped into the black water below, to find themselves covered with fuel-oil leaking from the sinking ship. Giles went on to say that he was one of the survivors from the four men who jumped arm-in-arm so they would not be separated. His wristwatch stopped working at 2:57 a.m. which marked the exact time that he saw his ship sink.

Remembering Midway and other historic naval battles are important for us to pause and thank the brave men and women who fought for the freedom every person in America enjoys. These events also might give us the privilege to shake the hand of a survivor, look him in the eye and thank him and his shipmates for their courage.



Cdr. Anglin and Lt. Kenning talk with Mr. Giles after the conclusion of the Battle of Midway Ceremony.

"It is foolish to mourn the men who died, we should thank God that such men lived."

General George S. Patton



ABOVE: James Giles recounts his experiences while serving on the USS Vincennes as it was sunk in action during the Battle of Midway.
RIGHT CENTER: CS2 Christopher Rhoads and CS2 Joe Monico carry a wreath to the stage in honor of the Battle of Midway.
BOTTOM RIGHT: Mr. Giles and Cdr. Anglin frock Aisha Ross to Logistics Specialist 1st Class.
(U.S. Navy photos by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Kevin B. Gray and Culinary Specialist 2nd Class Christopher Rhoads/Released)



Mentors, Volunteers, and Educators Honored

By Lynda Brown Kent, School Liaison Officer, NSA PC

The third annual Education Partnership Awards Ceremony was held on June 7 at Naval Support Activity Panama City. Military members and civilian employees from NSA PC who serve as volunteers and mentors in the local schools as well as educators who go above and beyond for military-dependent students were honored.

“A great partnership has been developed between NSA PC and Bay District Schools that focuses on identifying and addressing the unique educational needs of our military-dependent students and the student body as a whole as well as those who serve them,” said Lynda Kent, the School Liaison Officer at NSA PC.

“Part of this partnership involves our military members and civilian employees going into the schools and serving as volunteers and mentors in many different capacities,” Kent explained. Mentors accompany classrooms on field trips, help at track meets, mentor students who need the support of someone who will encourage and believe in them, and create an interest in science and math classes by wowing students with the amazing experiments. They serve in a variety of capacities, helping students with class assignments, coaching science and sports teams and presenting awards to special needs students.

“They have offered a listening ear to students who may have no one else to listen, and have sought to motivate and encourage students toward the love of learning,” Kent said.

Another vital part of the partnership are those who serve military families in the local schools. Each year, military families and school administrators are invited to nominate that ‘special someone’ who has shown extraordinary concern and dedication on behalf of the military-dependent students in their care. Among those nominated for an award this year were teachers, guidance counselors, and a bus driver. Their accomplishments include identifying special needs of students, following through with arranging the appropriate help, and creating dynamic Junior Student-to-Student programs to assist transitioning students in adjusting to their new school environment. One award nominee planned a ‘Heroes Day’ assembly in which the father of two of the students, a Sailor returning home from deployment, surprised his daughters by being the guest speaker for the event.



Military, Civilian, and Educators pose of group photo after being honored for their roles in the Education Partnership Program. (U.S. Navy photos by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Kevin B. Gray/Released)

NSA PC holds Summer Safety and Health Fair

NSA PC Public Affairs

Naval Support Activity Panama City (NSA PC) hosted a Summer Safety and Health Fair at the Long Glass Conference Center on base June 12. The event was open to all base personnel their families and others with access privileges.

“It’s our goal to introduce and educate installation personnel on safety and health topics to foster safety and health awareness,” said Todd Landon, NSA PC Safety Program Manager. The fair focused on safety in the workplace, home, and during recreational activities by providing training materials, educational displays, on-site simulations, and other training materials and exhibits.

Building on the success of last year’s event, Landon said vendors from various safety companies were on site to display new types of safety equipment. The Bay County Sherriff’s Department was on site to hand out free gun locks to adults. The Florida Highway Patrol brought in a roll-over simulator which, with the help of a stuffed dummy, demonstrated how easily an unbuckled passenger would be thrown from a vehicle.

Local businesses and organizations aboard for the event included Home Depot, Waterside Chiropractic, Bay Medical-Sacred Heart Hospital, Bootworks USA Shoe Mobile, The Red Cross, Gulf Power, Gulf Coast Dermatology, Cox Pools, Grainger and local base departments.

The NSAPC Safety Department took this opportunity to promote awareness in the Voluntary Protection Program. “The goal is to reduce injuries, accidents and associated costs by making everyone aware of the importance of a safe workplace,” said Landon. VPP involves everyone in the command being aware of VPP principles and actively involved in preventing accidents and eliminating workplace hazards.



Display presented by the Bootworks USA Shoe Mobile at the NSC PC Safety Fair. (U.S. Navy Photo by Steve Applegate/Released)



Beach Mosquito Control District demonstrated proven methods to control mosquito breeding at the NSA PC Safety Fair. (U.S. Navy Photo by Steve Applegate/Released)



Florida Highway Patrol provided their Rollover Demonstration at the NSA PC Safety Fair. (U.S. Navy Photo by Steve Applegate/Released)



Home Depot provided hurricane preparedness literature and sample supplies at the NSA PC Safety Fair. (U.S. Navy Photo by Steve Applegate/Released)



Waterside Chiropractic also provided a demonstration at the NSA PC Safety Fair. (U.S. Navy Photo by Steve Applegate/Released)

NSWC PCD Engineer Earns 2013 NAVSEA Excellence Award

By Dan, Broadstreet, NSWC PCD Public Affairs

PANAMA CITY, Fla. — Naval Surface Warfare Center Panama City Division (NSWC PCD) Systems Engineer Thinh Tran received the First and Second Quarter Fiscal Year 2013 Naval Sea Systems Command (NAVSEA) Excellence Award in a ceremony held at the Washington Navy Yard May 22, 2013.

“Tran was recognized for his significant contributions to the Program Executive Office for the Littoral Combat Ship (PEO LCS) and the Remote Minehunting System (RMS) Program Office as the RMS and AN/AQS-20A Towed Body Sonar Chief Engineer,” said NSWC PCD Technical Director Ed Stewart (SES).

Recognized by NAVSEA leadership for his significant contributions to the PEO LCS and the RMS Program Offices, Tran also led the Technical Advisory Report team for evaluation of the AN/AQS-20A Basic Ordering Agreement Delivery Order proposals, which led to a program savings of over \$11 million dollars.

“Tran was responsible for leading critical technical investigations that resulted in significant schedule and cost savings for the RMS Remote Multi-Mission Vehicle (RMMV) version 4.2, Reliability Growth Program (RGP),” said Stewart.

Tran also spearheaded the AN/AQS-20A RGP to improve sensor reliability. Stewart said Tran’s achievements and contributions were key to ensuring the Navy’s investments to both program offices were judiciously executed.

By implementing robust systems engineering processes and tools NSWC PCD was able to rapidly respond to technical issues during integration of a new AN/AQS-20A sonar baseline with the RMMV during at-sea validation tests. Stewart said Tran also provided critical support to the AN/AQS-20A Pre-Planned Product Improvement (P3I) phase, and, he led the revision of the AN/AQS-20A Operational Requirements Document that resulted in a successful Resources and Requirements Review Board decision supporting the AN/AQS-20A and LCS Mine Countermeasures Mission Package Initial Operational Test and Evaluation schedules.

“Tran’s efforts are a fine example of the qualities and characteristics represented in NSWC PCD’s core values. His superb attention to detail, thorough technical and programmatic knowledge, and steadfast dedication have been critical to the accomplishments achieved within the RMS program.” said Stewart.



Vice Admiral Kevin M. McCoy, Commander, Naval Sea Systems Command (NAVSEA), presents Thinh Tran, systems engineer, Naval Surface Warfare Center Panama City Division, a First and Second Quarter Fiscal Year 2013 NAVSEA Excellence Award held at the Washington Navy Yard May 22, 2013. (U.S. Navy Photo/RELEASED)



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Four NSWC PCD Civilians Presented Global War on Terrorism Medal

By Jacqui Barker, NSWC PCD Public Affairs

Four Naval Surface Warfare Center Panama City Division (NSWC PCD) civilian employees were recently named as Secretary of Defense Global War on Terrorism (GWOT) medal recipients.

The recipients are Richard A. Brown, Dr. Thomas P. English and Theodore C. Cox from the Expeditionary and Maritime Systems Department and Bradley E. Collie from the Littoral and Mine Warfare Systems Department. The awards were authorized by Commander, Naval Sea Systems Command April 23, 2013. The civilians received their awards in a local ceremony June 10, 2013.

The four NSWC PCD award recipients earned their awards for providing direct technical support to U.S. Navy, U.S. Marine Corps and U.S. Army mine warfare, and expeditionary and amphibious warfare support between 2010 and 2012 to both operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom. The Secretary of Defense's GWOT medal was presented to recognize civilian contributions and accomplishments that are in direct support of members of the armed forces engaged in operations to combat terrorism. This medal is the civilian equivalent of the GWOT expeditionary Medal awarded to military personnel.

"It is my distinct honor and privilege to award the Secretary of Defense's Global War on Terrorism medal to these remarkable civilian employees who embody the Navy's Total Force Policy," said NSWC PCD Commanding Officer Capt. Scott Pratt, USN. "These men worked side by side with our nation's fighting forces in theater to trouble shoot technical problems, deliver real-time solutions and determine future technical requirements for those on the front lines. This medal represents our nation's deep gratitude for their selfless dedication and further demonstrates the intellectual capital and technical rigor that resides here at NSWC PCD."

Brown, from Panama City Beach, Fla., supported the Mobile Technology Repair Complex project in Afghanistan and provided on-site engineering support to deployed troops at Forward Operating Bases throughout 2012.

Collie, from Fresno, Calif., led the in-theater CCEIA metal detector training program, training over 400 U.S. Army Infantry, Combat Engineer, and Explosive Ordnance Disposal Personnel from Aug. 9, 2012 to Nov. 8, 2012 for the Joint Improvised Explosive Device Defeat Organization and the United States Army Research Laboratory's Sensors and Electronics Integration Technology Office in Kandahar, Afghanistan.

Cox, from Santa Rosa Beach, Fla., was assigned to the Joint Logistics Operations Center where he served as the Director of Public Works at Contingency Operating Base Delta in Al Kut, Iraq from November 2010 to October 2011.

English from Fairview Park, Ohio, was assigned to Headquarters, United States Forces Afghanistan and served as the Theater Systems Safety Manager from August 2010 to September 2011.



Naval Surface Warfare Center Panama City Division (NSWC PCD) employees pose for group photo after being presented their Secretary of Defense Global War On Terrorism medals June 10, 2013. NSWC PCD Executive Officer Cmdr. Greg Brotherton and NSWC PCD Technical Director Ed Stewart presented the medals to recipients on behalf of Office of the Secretary of Defense in a special ceremony held in Building 110, Room 3B15. Pictured from left to right are: Executive Officer Cmdr. Greg Brotherton, Richard Brown, Bradley Collie, Theodore Cox, and NSWC PCD Technical Director Ed Stewart. Not pictured is Dr. Thomas P. English. (Photo by Ron Newsome/RELEASED)

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NSA PC Sailor Receives President's Volunteer Service Award

By Charles Longo, NSA PC Public Affairs Intern

America has a long and proud tradition of volunteer service. Now, more than ever, volunteers are renewing their commitment to help others and making new connections that bring us closer together as families, neighbors, communities and as a nation.

Master-at-Arms 1st Class Brian Holley became the most recent recipient to stand among those recognized at NSA PC for the time contributed to volunteer service. Holley received a Bronze level award for completing 249 hours of volunteer service.

The President's Volunteer Service Award (PVSA) program encourages United States citizens or lawfully admitted permanent residents of the United States through presidential recognition to those dedicated to a life of service.



MA1 Brian Holley

Any individual, family or group can receive presidential recognition for their annual commitment to volunteer service as long as they meet the time requirements. In addition, individuals completing 4,000 or more hours of volunteer service over the course of their lifetime will be recognized with the President's Call to Service Award.

Interested and eligible volunteers are encouraged to make contact with a Certifying Organization in their local community for guidance and to answer any questions. Individuals must submit their records to a "certifying organization" that will review, verify records, and then order and distribute the award.

"I've been involved with volunteer projects for a number of years, but I did not start tracking my volunteer hours until 2009," said Holley. "I have done volunteer projects in the United States and other countries as well."

Vehicle Decals No Longer Issued at Navy Installations

From Naval Support Activity Panama City Public Affairs

Panama City Beach, Fla...Commander Navy Region Southeast (CNIC) recently announced discontinuing the use of windshield vehicle decals at bases across the US. Effective July 1, Naval Support Activity Panama City (NSA PC) has transitioned to a "stickerless" access system.

The elimination of the use of Navy vehicle decals to access Navy installations was directed by the Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Energy, Installations & Environment) memorandum dated March 18, 2011. Vehicle decal elimination at Navy installations aligns base access policies with other military services.

Elimination of the vehicle decal requirement does not eliminate the requirement for an individual to properly register and insure their vehicle. Authorization to access any DoD installation is still based on verification of a valid credential or I.D. card, such as a Department of Defense-issued identification card.

The vehicle decal registration process had provided a method for base security to verify the vehicle had been properly registered with the state, confirm the driver had adequate liability insurance, and confirm the driver was authorized to operate the vehicle. State programs have become more uniform and efficient, eliminating one of the main reasons for vehicle decals.

Decals that might be moved from vehicle to vehicle or easily counterfeited, as well as cars sold to non-DON personnel with current decal still attached, posed additional security risks to Navy personnel and installations.

Another issue prompting the change in policy was the expense of administering the program. The new policy will result in cost savings and a reduction in administrative tasks. Savings realized with the new policy will be diverted to critical anti-terrorism and force protection programs.

Navy Regions and installations have been provided guidance to develop base-specific aspects of the new policy and policies for vehicle base access, parking, etc.

Local DoD personnel or retirees with questions about the new process can contact the NSA PC Visitor Reception Center at 850-235-5317.

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NSA PC Receives First Place Gulf Guardian Award in the Partnership Category

From the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Stennis Space Center, MS—The Gulf of Mexico Program recently announced Naval Support Activity Panama City will receive a First Place 2013 Gulf Guardian Award in the Partnership Category for the Panama City Living Shoreline Restoration Project. The awards ceremony was held on June 26, 2013, at the Tampa Bay Grand Hyatt.

Naval Support Activity Panama City (NSA PC) discovered an innovative remedy to address years of erosion from natural and man-made causes along the NSA PC St. Andrew Bay shoreline. Utilizing a living shoreline versus armored coastline of rip-rap or concrete sea walls, the NSA PC Environmental Office (EO) took the initiative to help protect one of the few remaining pristine bays with significant sea grass beds remaining in NW Florida. In doing so, juvenile habitats and foraging grounds for local fish and other estuarine species of St. Andrew Bay and the Gulf of Mexico are enhanced and protected from contaminants.

NSA PC partnered with the local community hosting 28 events from October 2010 to July 2011 that involved two Earth Day shoreline cleanup events, oyster reef installation and grass plantings. Volunteers ranged from high school students in advanced science classes, volunteers from local environmental organization, Navy and Air Force military and civilian personnel, plus 100 students from eight universities that volunteered as an alternative Spring Break. Over 600 volunteers donated an astounding total of 2840 hours in support of the project. The project installed a living shoreline along 2,800 feet of NSA PC's shoreline.

The Gulf of Mexico Program initiated the Gulf Guardian awards in 2000 as a way to recognize and honor the businesses, community groups, individuals, and agencies that are taking positive steps to keep the Gulf healthy, beautiful and productive. First, second and third awards are given in seven categories: individual, business/industry, youth environmental education, civic/nonprofit organizations, cultural diversity/environmental justice, partnership and bi-national efforts.

In addition to the Gulf Guardian Award, the restoration project resulted in the NSA PC Environmental Office receiving the 2012 Secretary of Navy award for Natural Resource Conservation for Small Installations. "For a five-member environmental staff to maintain daily compliance and still facilitate such a large collaborative effort to restore more than twenty percent of its shoreline sets a good example to larger military installations," said Mike Clayton, Installation Environmental Program Manager. "This self-sustaining project was not compliance-driven, but driven by the imagination and support of its numerous ambitious partners."

The Gulf of Mexico Program began in 1988 to protect, restore, and maintain the health and productivity of the Gulf of Mexico ecosystem in economically sustainable ways. The Gulf of Mexico Program is underwritten by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and is a non-regulatory, inclusive consortium of state and federal government agencies and representatives of the business and agricultural community, fishing industry, scientists, environmentalists, and community leaders from all five Gulf States. The Gulf Program seeks to improve the environmental health of the Gulf in concert with economic development.

Ben Scaggs, Director of the Gulf of Mexico Program said, "Given all the incredible challenges that the Gulf has faced over the last several years and the work that has continued with strength and vigor despite what sometime seem like overwhelming obstacles, it is difficult to adequately and succinctly express the community value of the awards and the role they play in reminding us of what yet needs to be done while giving us all the energy and optimism to stay the course."



Completed in July 2011, the living shoreline follows 2,800 feet of NSA PC's shoreline. One hundred seventy-five oyster reefs were constructed with recycled oyster shells to dissipate incoming wave energy from the bay, helping to protect the 22,000 salt marsh grasses that were then planted along the shoreline. (contributed photo)



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Auxiliary Security Force Integral to Security

Story and Photos by Charles Longo Public Affairs Intern

Auxiliary Security Force (ASF) personnel are active duty service members that augment base police during contingencies, terrorist attacks, natural disasters, civil disturbances, exercises and special events. The service members who comprise Naval Support Activity Panama City (NSA PC) ASF are from NSA PC, Naval Surface Warfare Center Panama City Division, Naval Experimental Diving Unit and Naval Diving and Salvage Training Center.

June 7, 2013 five more members were added to the NSA PC Security Department ASF as Petty Officers ND1 Bobbie DeLoach, HM2 Joshua Watkins, ND3 Seth Hansen, CS2 Jefferson Rosette and AZ2 David Leasure joined the ranks after three weeks of training.

For Leasure, the accomplishment represented a dream come true. "I have wanted to be a part of law enforcement for a long time," he remarked.

The training was centered on both classroom and physical instruction that was arduous at times.

"We studied military laws and what they might face as armed security in the first week of training," said Master at Arms Petty Officer 1st class Christopher Halusan, lead ASF instructor. "The second week we covered non-lethal weapons, emergency vehicle operations, weapons training and qualifications. The third week we covered building entries and moving through them as a team. Their final team evaluation was comprised of several scenarios where they responded to incidents such as response to an alarmed space, bomb threat and active shooter."

"I enjoy every ASF academy I instruct. The personal satisfaction I get when service members from different commands, with different backgrounds and experience levels join together and work as a team is indescribable," Halusan said.



Non-lethal weapons O/C Spray Training



Inspection team checks vehicle for contraband.



Vehicle inspection team apprehending a potentially threatening suspect.



Entry checking their equipment before entering a building.



Entry team responding to a scenario in a building.

Five NSA PC 1st Class Master-at-Arms (MA) to go before the FY 14 Chief Petty Officer Selection Board

Photos and Story by Charles Longo, NSA PC Public Affairs Intern

The Navy-wide advancement exam is common to every Sailor. During each exam cycle, eligible Sailors ranked E-3 through E-6 take an exam for their specific rating, in hope of being advanced to the next higher pay grade.

In March of 2013, all five of the 1st class MA's assigned to the NSAPC Security Department took the Chief Petty Officer (CPO) exam. Along with family members and shipmates, Sailors waited in anticipation for the results. When the exam scores were posted, all five of our MA1's could proudly declare, "I made board," meaning they are now eligible for the second stage in the selection process to becoming a CPO, by means of the CPO Selection Board.

"Being advanced to Chief Petty Officer is very competitive," said Master-at-Arms 1st Class Brian Holley. "The next step each of us is doing is verifying that every professional and personal achievement we have accomplished is recorded in our Online Military Personnel File for the CPO board to see when it convenes in August 2013.

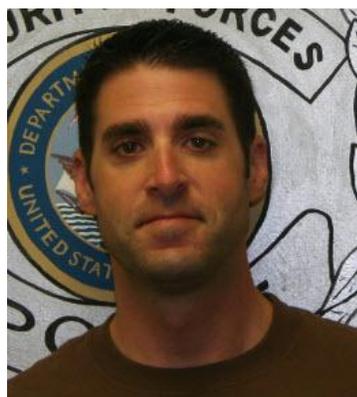
MA1 Alexis Repollet, MA1 Troy Davis, MA1 (SW) Richard Garner, MA1 (AW) Christopher Halusan and MA1 Brian Holley scored higher than the top 60% of all the MA1's who took the E-7 exam.



MA1 (AW) Richard Garner



MA1 Troy Davis



MA1 (AW) Christopher Halusan



MA1 Brian Holley



MA1 Alexis Repollet

NSA PC Conducts 2013 Annual International Ride To Work Day

NSA PC Public Affairs

Naval Support Activity Panama City (NSA PC) participated in the 22nd Annual International Ride To Work Day at the NSA PC Marina pavilion on June 17. The event was open to all base motorcycle and scooter riders, including those interested in purchasing a two-wheeled vehicle.

“Our intent for the annual event is to promote safe riding skills, educate personnel on the latest regulations and laws, and inform attendees on the various training opportunities available for free on the base,” said Todd Landon, NSA PC Safety Program Manager. The International Ride To Work Day is founded by Ridetowork.org, a non-profit organization that advocates and supports the use of motorcycles and scooters and provides information to the public about everyday utility riding.



Instructors from Cape Fox Professional Services, who provide the on-base motorcycle/scooter training for base personnel, answered questions from attendees and shared the types of training available to active duty military, retirees, dependents and Department of Defense civilians. They also spoke about the Navy regulations governing motorcycles and scooters aboard military installations.

Deputies from the Bay County Sheriff's Office motorcycle enforcement division informed participants regarding Florida laws, vehicle registration and ownership requirements. They also distributed educational literature, peg pucks, and warning decals.

This is the 5th annual Ride To Work Day hosted by Safety Offices from NSA PC and Naval Surface Warfare Center Panama City Division Safety who also provided a free lunch to everyone present.



A Representative from Cape Fox Professional Services answered questions regarding training available for motorcycle/scooter riders. (Photo provided by NSA PC Safety/Released)