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WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

March 8 marks the 101st Anniversary of International Women's Day. Originating in Europe, America has turned the one day of observance into an entire month celebrating the accomplishments of women. This year's DoD theme is "Womens Education – Womens Empowerment. As a Joint Reserve Base, the base undoubtedly holds scores of women from each branch of service that have made significant contributions to this great nation. Today, we recognize one very motivated Army major whose creative style of leadership and ingenuity have empowered her entire company.



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Baker Company Commander Seizes Naval Lore To Empower Her Buccaneer Soldiers

STORY BY RUSTY BAKER

Army Maj. Rachel Monnot is the first female major to hold command in the entire 11th Aviation Command. She is in charge of Baker Company, 90th Aviation Support Battalion, stationed on NAS Fort Worth JRB. The largest company authorized strength in 11th Aviation Command, Baker Co. is an Army Reserve aviation unit with over 200 in the actual company and nearly 100 additional AH-64 Apache maintenance and armament personnel assigned to B Company Detachment 1, 1204th Aviation Battalion.



Members of Baker Company render a salute during the company's change of command ceremony. Flying units surrender aircraft, such as the CH-47 Chinook and AH-64 Apache helicopters shown in the background, to the maintenance and armament personnel assigned to B Company Detachment 1, 1204th Aviation Battalion. Photo by Matt Parker

Monnot began her Army career as an enlisted Reserve intelligence analyst. After receiving a four-year ROTC scholarship in high school, she graduated from

Campbell University and was commissioned as an Aviation Branch Second Lieutenant in May or 1997. As an UH-60

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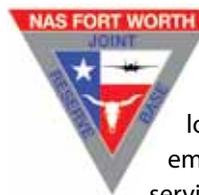
A MESSAGE FROM YOUR COMMANDING OFFICER



BENNETT

This month our topic is Total Force. Total Force is a relatively new term that has become part of our lexicon, and has different meanings for different people, depending on their perspective. Some people think of our Active and Reserve components' integration is Total Force. Others think of it as the integration of joint Services. And, many others think of Total Force as Active, Reserve and Department of Defense (DoD) civilians and contractors.

I would like to offer my perspective of the term Total Force. To me it describes all of our Warriors and the people who love, enable and support them. Roughly 2.2 million people serve in our All-Volunteer military today, and countless more enable their service and support their chosen way of life. The Total Force consists of each Service



Our Total Force is every man and woman who wear the cloth of our Nation...

challenges and sacrifices that are expected of our All-Volunteer military. The Total Force includes the employers who play

Component Warrior, their families and loved ones, their employers (for Reservists and Guardsmen), DoD civilians, supporting contractors, and the organizations who support our Warriors.

Our Total Force is every man and woman who wear the cloth of our Nation. They are the families, friends and loved ones who support our Warriors, and endure the

such a critical role in facilitating and supporting the service of over a million Reservists and Guardsmen. It consists of DoD civilian professionals and supporting contractors who provide long term, expert and continuity of programs for our Force. Finally, there are literally countless organizational entities that provide a broad range of services, products and vital support to our Warriors and their families to help alleviate some of the challenges of the military profession. We are also very blessed to live in Fort Worth, Texas; the most supportive community of our military and their families I have ever witnessed. All of these entities make up our Total Force. When able, please be sure to thank them when the opportunity arises for being integral to sustaining our Warriors and the precious freedoms they defend around the globe.

God Bless,
Skipper

Exercise To Test Security Forces

BY SKY RANGER STAFF

Exercise Solid Curtain-Citadel Shield kicks off this month on March 19 and NAS Fort Worth JRB and all Navy installations in the U.S. are key participants in this annual exercise designed to enhance the anti-terrorism tactics, training and readiness of Navy security forces to respond to threats to installations and units.

Solid Curtain-Citadel Shield runs March 19-24 and employs elevated security measures.

"This is a regularly scheduled Navy exercise and is not in response to any specific threat," said Don Ray, base public affairs

officer. "Although we can never discuss specifics of force protection, the training and experience our security forces will gain from this week-long exercise only adds to their ability to respond to possible future real-world threats."

All military personnel, civilian employees, retirees and family members should factor in additional time for getting through the NAS gates. Vehicle drivers and all passengers should carry proper identification with them at all times and will be expected to display proper identification to security personnel when entering the installation and its

facilities. At all times, patience should be employed by all.

During the exercise, most on-base customer service facilities will operate on their normal business hours with the exception of the MWR facilities. Patrons that use the MWR fitness center, Tex-Plex bowling center, ITT, auto hobby shop, outdoor recreation rental office, library, Lone Star Center, movie theater and Liberty Room will find these facilities closed all day Friday, March 23 through 2 p.m. March 24. The Child Development Center will operate on its normal hours and conduct business as usual.



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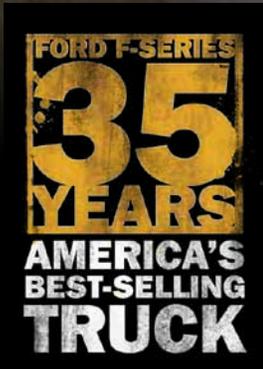
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Air Force Plan Would Remove Transport Planes from Naval Air Station Fort Worth

BY CHRIS VAUGHN

Posted in the Fort Worth Star-Telegram on Thursday, Feb. 16, 2012

The Air Force's proposed cuts in its force structure and vast realignment of aircraft include the transfer of key logistics aircraft from Fort Worth, a move that senior military leaders say would dramatically weaken the Texas National Guard's ability to respond to natural disasters.

Under the Air Force plan, part of the Pentagon's fiscal 2013 budget, all eight C-130 Hercules aircraft flown by the 136th Airlift Wing of the Texas Air National Guard would be transferred to the Air Guard in Great Falls, Mont., in two years.

The 136th Airlift Wing would then become a reconnaissance wing, receiving nine to 11 MC-12 Liberty planes, twin-engine turbo-props equipped with full-motion video and intelligence-gathering equipment.

If the C-130s are pulled out of Naval Air Station Fort Worth, then Texas -- as well as Oklahoma, Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama and Florida -- would have no similar transport aircraft to respond to hurricanes and other large disasters.

The National Guard is the only arm of the military that can respond to the wishes of governors.

"It's hard to overstate how significant this could be to Texas and to the region," said Brig. Gen. Ken Wisian, commander of the Texas Air National Guard. "These are the only Guard C-130s in the entire Gulf [of Mexico] region. It's a very important part of the state's ability to move supplies and evacuate people in a timely manner."

Gov. Rick Perry is "extremely disappointed" in the Air Force's decision, spokesman Josh Havens



U.S. Air Force Airman 1st Class Victoria Arnold, a Medical Technician from the 142 Aeromedical Squadron from the Delaware Air National Guard, checks on patients during flight aboard a C-130 from the 136th Airlift Wing, Texas Air National Guard, Fort Worth. Patients were evacuated from the Beaumont, Texas area in preparation for Hurricane Gustav, August 30, 2008. The C-130 can hold up to 72 litter patients. (National Guard photo by Master Sgt. Michael Lachman)

said, and he intends to contest it through Congress because it "puts at risk the safety and security of the entire Gulf region."

"Gov. Perry is working with the Texas adjutant general and members of our congressional delegation to make sure our response is bold and our message clear," Havens said. "As our ancestors did at Gonzales, we will fight this misguided decision the entire way to ensure that these aircraft remain in Texas."

\$50 Billion in Cuts

Next year's defense budget, forwarded to Congress by President Barack Obama and Defense Secretary Leon Panetta, stands at \$525 billion, not including costs for operations in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Over the next decade, the Defense Department needs to trim \$487 billion in spending, including \$50 billion from the active Air Force, Air Force Reserve and Air National Guard.

In testimony Tuesday before the Senate Armed Services

Committee, Army Gen. Martin E. Dempsey, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, asked senators not to focus on individual decisions and instead look at the budget "holistically."

"I caution against viewing its programs in isolation, because it represents a comprehensive, carefully devised set of decisions," Dempsey said.

"It achieves balance among force structure, modernization, pay and benefits. Changes that are not informed by this context risk upending the balance and compromising the force."

The Air Force plans to retire 286 aircraft, 191 of them belonging to the Air National Guard.

The reorganization of the Air Guard will affect at least 27 states and territories, with significant changes to units in Arkansas and Texas.

In Arkansas, the Air Force wants to shut down an A-10 Thunderbolt squadron in Fort Smith.

In Texas, the service wants to retire an RC-26 reconnaissance



Sgt. Maj. Blaine H. Jackson, Marine Aircraft Group 41 sergeant major, has spent the last 28 years leading, training and mentoring Marines throughout the Corps. Since becoming a Marine in 1983, Jackson has seen a lot of changes occur in the Marine Corps, most notably the diversity within the ranks. The Plaquemine, La. native believes that the Marine Corps is becoming a picture of society, which is a great thing for the country.

MAG-41 Sgt. Maj. Reflects on Career, Path Paved Before Him

In June of 1942 the first African Americans began Marine Corps Recruit Training at Camp Montford Point in Jacksonville, N.C. The segregated training began after the signing of President Franklin D. Roosevelt's Executive Order 8802, which barred government agencies and federal contractors from refusing employment in industries engaged in defense production on the basis of race, creed, color or national origin. Until its deactivation in 1949 after the desegregation of the military, Montford Point turned more than 20,000 men into Marines. During that time becoming a Marine did not come without hardships for the African Americans that went through Montford Point. They faced racism and inequality every step of the way. Their selflessness and sacrifice has paved the way for not only future generations of African American warriors, but those of all other races as well. We recognize a Marine leader who has not only taken the path paved with blood, sweat and tears, but has also become an example and inspiration to others.

The rank on his collar was not merely given, but earned through the more than 28 years of blood, sweat and tears of a career that will live on with others long after leaving the Corps' hallowed ranks. A teacher, a leader and a maker of Marines; he has done it all. He is but one sergeant major in the United States Marine Corps, yet he has influenced the lives of many.

Sgt. Maj. Blaine H. Jackson joined the United States Marine Corps in April of 1983 because he felt he was to do something different with his life. Being from a small southern town, he wanted something more than what his current environment had to offer.

"I chose the Marine Corps because I liked the physical (aspect



and what they had to offer," said Jackson.

The Plaquemine, La. native didn't have the money to attend college and he knew that joining would be a good way as a young man to get out and do something on his own.

"I just knew that I wanted to be out on my own and I knew that the Marine Corps would help me do it," he said. "(I) didn't know that I'd still be here today, but I enjoy every minute of it."

After recruit training, the field artilleryman by trade spent the first five years of his career at Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif.

"I loved being in artillery and I still do to this day," gushed

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Aviation Electrician's Mate 1st Class (AW/SW) Nickolas Dixon helps Aviation Electronics Technician 1st Class Wesley Price with a maintenance tracker Feb. 23. Dixon was recently named the Naval Air Forces Pacific Fleet Shore Sailor of the Year. U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class (SW) Eric Deatherage

Dixon Named NAF Pacific Fleet Shore Sailor of the Year

FROM COMMANDER,
NAVAL AIR FORCES

SAN DIEGO – Aviation Electrician's Mate 1st Class (AW/SW) Nickolas M. Dixon, assigned to Fleet Readiness Center West Detachment Fort Worth, earned Commander, Naval Air Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet Shore Sailor of the Year.

CNAF announced its 2011 Sea and Shore Sailors of the Year during a ceremony Thursday, Feb. 16, at Naval Air Station North Island, Calif.

Personnel Specialist 1st Class (AW/SW) Adao Jose B. Cunha, a native of Tulare, Calif. assigned to Carrier Airborne Early Warning Squadron (VAW) 77, Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base, New Orleans, earned Sea Sailor of the Year.

Dixon, a native of League City, Texas, noted that his family and the junior personnel that work for him inspire him to perform to make a difference in their lives.

"It's a true honor to be standing here in this position and it means a lot, for a command to



come together and show recognition for hard work," said Dixon. "To be part of something much bigger than myself has always been my dream, but none of this would be possible without the support of my wife, a rock solid chain of command and great peers."

"This award is huge," said Capt. Greg Mitchell, Fleet Readiness Center West officer in charge. "The best of the best is one of our own and we congratulate AE1 Dixon on this truly monumental achievement."

Dixon said the award is a reflection of his entire work center.

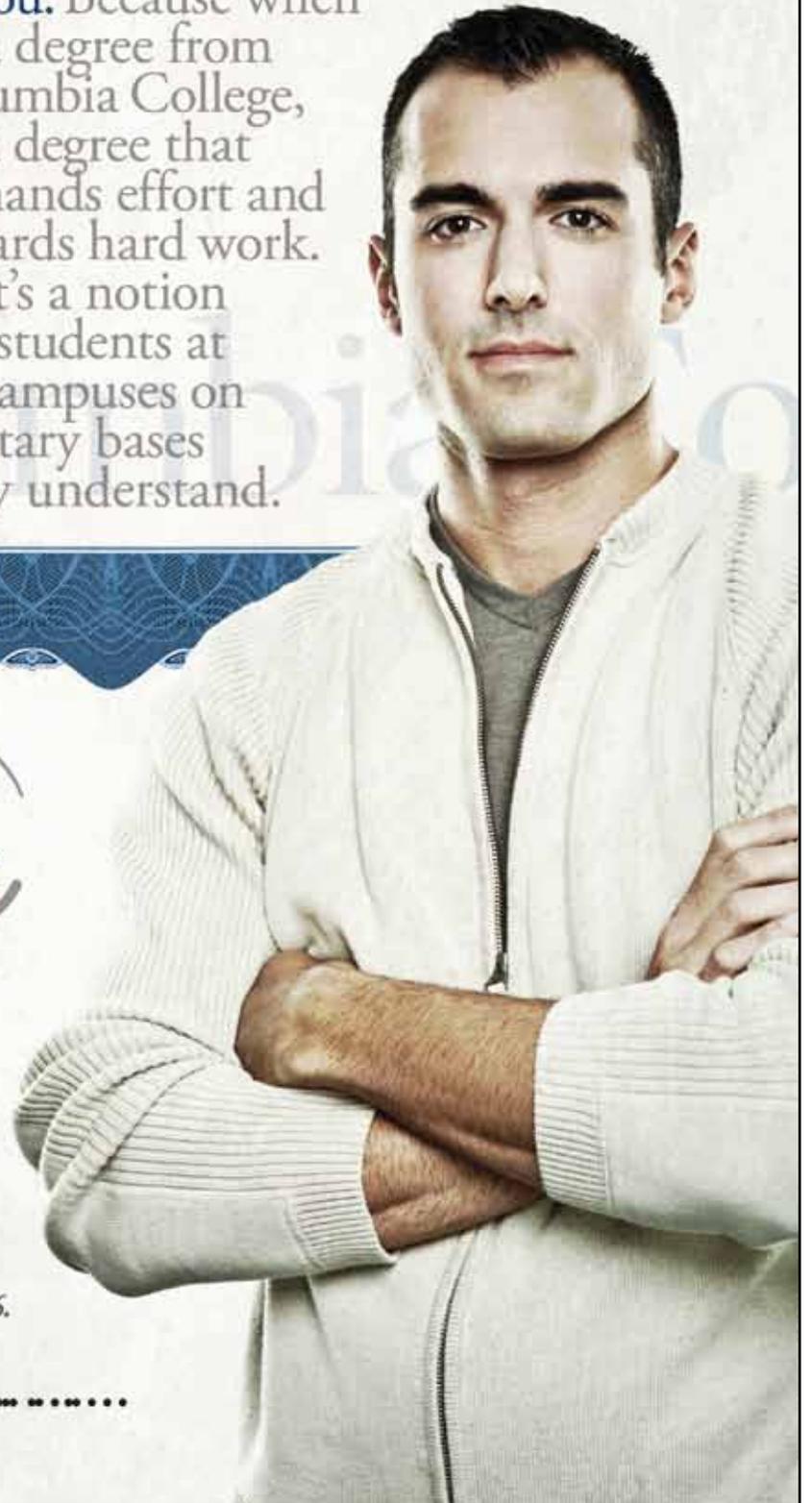
"My co-workers are the reason I do what I do on a daily basis," said Dixon. "They inspire me."

According to Sea Sailor of the Year Cunha, all the hard work pays off, no matter how long it takes for anyone to notice.

"I'm proud to be a Sailor," said Cunha. "I feel blessed, excited and surprised. I'm on cloud nine right now. This is really nice, to be able to get to this level to

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8th District Marines Victorious at Depot Shooting Match

BY GUNNERY SGT. K. WASHINGTON,
8TH MARINE CORPS DISTRICT

Marine recruiters from the 8th Marine Corps District won first place distinction as the best rifle shooting team during the Marine Corps Recruit Depot Competition-i.



Arms Program (DCIAP), a major shooting competition held at Edson Range, Camp Pendleton, Calif., from Jan. 30 – Feb. 10.

Staff Sgt. Richard Stuckenschneider, Staff Sgt. Oscar Martinez, Sgt. Justin Kral, Staff Sgt. Timothy Sharp, and Sgt. Joseph Orozco, recruiters from the 8th

MCD, outperformed drill instructors and recruiters from the 9th and 12th MCD to win the Captain Jim Hill Rifle Team Trophy – an award presented to the team with the highest overall score in the rifle team match competition.

The DCIAP helps to further promote the competition-in-arms program and to identify potential competitors to represent the Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego shooting team in the Western Division Matches scheduled for Feb. 27 – March 16. Of the eight awards up for

grabs at the competition, the 8th MCD team won two, including the Sergeant Gabriel Otero, Jr. Trophy that was presented to Orozco for attaining the highest individual two-day combined score for the 300-yard line rapid fire stage of the competition.

“I loved being out at Camp Pendleton (representing) 8th MCD because that’s what we do best, compete against one another,” he said. “As Marines, that’s what we are known for, our marksmanship skills and our competitiveness.”

Every year, the 8th MCD sends a team of Marines to California to compete against other units within the Western Recruiting Region for advancement to the next level at the Western Division Matches. Last year the team competed but did not place in any category, however, this year fresh faces



PHOTO COURTESY OF SGT. RAYMOND AVILA.

Staff Sgt. Timothy Sharp, staff noncommissioned officer-in-charge of Recruiting Station Northeast in San Antonio, Texas, fires his M9 pistol during the 25-yard stage of the Depot Competition-in-Arms Program shooting match held at Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif., Jan. 30 – Feb. 10, 2012. Sharp and his teammates, Marine recruiters from the 8th Marine Corps District, won the Captain Jim Hill Rifle Team award for achieving the highest overall score in the rifle team match competition.

brought the team success.

Staff Sgt. Timothy Sharp,

staff noncommissioned officer-in-charge of Recruiting Substation Northeast in San Antonio, gave the team an advantage with his past experience as a primary marksmanship instructor and combat marksmanship trainer. He was particularly thrilled to put his skills to use to defeat the other teams.

“It was an awesome opportunity to represent the 8th MCD during this competition and to beat all the drill instructors, other districts and range personnel,” he said.

Sharp added that although he and his recruiting brethren do not have the same opportunities as Marines in the operating forces to constantly train with their weapons, every Marine should always remember they are riflemen first.

“Even though we are recruiters, every Marine is a rifleman, regardless if you are on recruiting duty and I think that



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Recently at the Courthouse

The following cases were recently heard at courts-martial in Navy Region Southeast:

At a General Court-Martial convened on board NAS Jacksonville, a Petty Officer First Class (PO1) pled guilty to possessing child pornography, distributing child pornography, and attempting to download images of child pornography. The Military Judge sentenced the PO1 to 15 months confinement, reduction in rank to E-3, and a Bad Conduct Discharge.

At a General Court Martial



convened on board NAS Jacksonville, a Petty Officer Second Class (PO2) pled guilty to five specifications of unauthorized absence (UA), two specifications of missing movement, and two specifications of breaking restriction. The Military Judge sentenced the PO2 to 67 days confinement, reduction in rank to E-1, forfeiture of \$274.00 pay per month for two months, and a Bad Conduct Discharge. A pre-trial agreement limits confinement to 60 days.

At a Special Court Martial convened on board NAS Jack-

sonville, an Airman (AN) pled guilty to five specifications of violating lawful orders which included smoking Spice, possessing drug paraphernalia, possessing open packages of Spice, and possessing Spice cigarettes. The Military Judge sentenced the AN to reduction in rank to E-1, forfeiture of \$500.00 pay per month for three months, and a Bad Conduct Discharge.

At a Special Court Martial convened on board NAS Jacksonville, a Seaman (SN) pled guilty to desertion, and false official statement. The Military Judge sentenced the SN to 90 days confinement, reduction

in rank to E-1, and forfeiture of \$700.00 pay per month for three months. A pretrial agreement limits confinement to 68 days.

At a Special Court Martial convened on board NS Mayport, a Chief Petty Officer (CPO) was found guilty of stealing \$2,932.40 of military property. The Court-Martial sentenced the CPO to 90 days hard labor without confinement and a fine of \$1000.00 (and, in the event the fine is not paid, to be confined for a period of 30 days).

At a Special Court Martial convened on board NAS Jacksonville, a Petty Officer Second Class (PO2) pled guilty to three specifications of false official statement, two specifications of BAH fraud totaling \$18,553.53, and forgery. The Military Judge

sentenced the PO2 to three months confinement, reduction in rank to E-1, forfeiture of \$978.00 pay per month for three months, a fine of \$8,000.00 (additional confinement of 3 months will be served if the fine is not paid), and a Bad Conduct Discharge.

At a Special Court Martial convened on board NAS Jacksonville, a Second Class Petty Officer (PO2) pled guilty to using anabolic steroids and two specifications of assault. The Military Judge sentenced the PO2 to one year confinement, reduction in rank to E-1, and a Bad Conduct Discharge.

At a General Court Martial convened on board NAS Jacksonville, a Lieutenant (O-3) pled

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Sailors from Submarine Force Reserve Component Undersea Warfare Operations Detachment stationed on base deliver donated food items to the homes of families in need in Watauga and Haltom City.

Not Just Submarine Undersea Warfare Operations

Naval Reserve Unit Gives Back to the Fort Worth Community

BY LT. CMDR. KIMBERLY FILOS-SMITH,
PHOTOS BY CHIEF QUARTERMASTER
BRIAN SIFFORD



On a crisp January Saturday morning, 18 Sailors from Submarine Force Reserve Component Undersea Warfare Operations Detachment India caravanned to Watauga and Haltom City, Texas. Their mission was to deliver donated food items to the homes of families in need.

Spear-headed by the unit's senior-enlisted leader, Chief Quartermaster Brian Sifford, the unit joined First United Methodist Church of Watauga church member Ron McLeroy to separate, bag up, and load all the donated food items from the church community and a local grocery store. The energetic Sailors ranging from petty officers, to chiefs, lieutenant com-

manders and a captain, found they had a significant task ahead of them.

Every week on Saturday morning, a rotating list of families is delivered groceries. The list contains approximately 80 families. The families do not need to be members of the church.

"They just need to be hungry" said McLeroy. "Families in need have been added to the list over the past eight years. They may not get an entire weeks supply of food, but at least it's something to help them out."

The delivering which normally takes McLeroy two to three hours to accomplish, was completed in half the time due to the efforts of the Sailors. At each designated home's doorstep, several members would drop off a couple of bags of baked breads, pastries, rice, bagels, cakes, rolls and crackers.. At a few stops, the families would energetically come out and say thanks.

Approximately 12 families in four different neighborhoods received deliveries that morning.

The reserve unit's commanding officer, Capt. Lee McClish, wanted the unit to perform something worthwhile as a unit to improve unit cohesiveness.

"The Submarine Reserve Force has a goal of communicating to communities the mission of the Navy's Submarine Force," said McClish. "This event seemed like a good venue to accomplish both." According to Sifford, the acts of kindness and giving back to the community performed by the Sailors seemed to have come from the heart.

"The unit was not looking for recognition from these families," said Sifford. "These families will just find a nice surprise when they walk out their front doors. It was an honor and a privilege just to be able to help."

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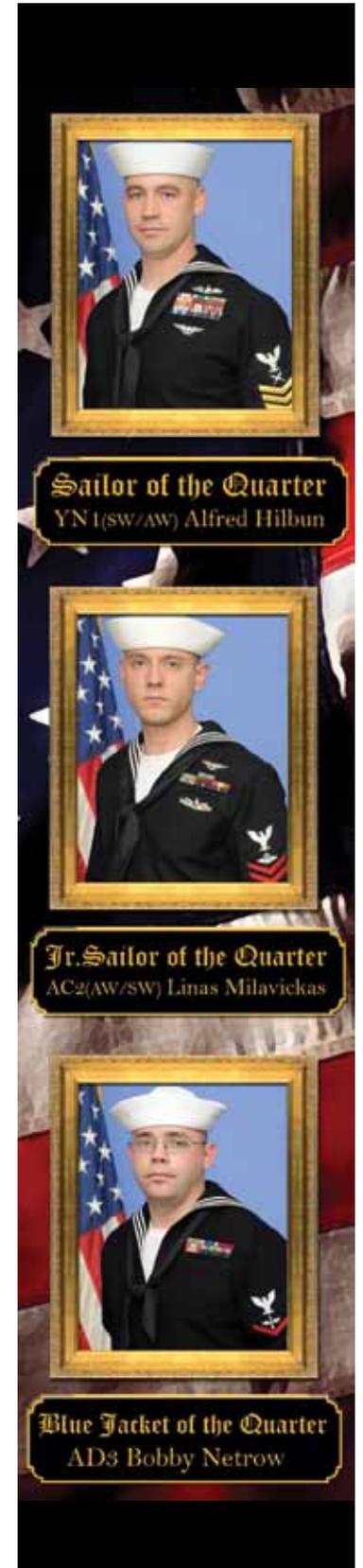
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Warrior Wife via Skype

STORY BY SENIOR MASTER SGT. ELIZABETH GILBERT, 136TH AIRLIFT WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Women in the Air National Guard today comprise 18.5 percent of the more than 105,000 Air Guardsmen according to the statistics on women in the military. Here in the 136th Airlift Wing, approximately 20 percent of the Wing's members are women.

In the office of the Staff Judge Advocate (JAG) the ratio is 50 percent. There are two attorneys, and two paralegals who advice and counsel the Wing members on legal matters. The job opportunities and

promotion for women in the wing is abundant.

U.S. Air Force Major Yvette Yarbrough, deputy JAG, 136 AW was recently promoted to major in front of U.S. Army 1st Lt. Chase Yarbrough, 1-108th Attack Helicopter Battalion, Texas National Guard, her husband who is deployed at an undisclosed location in Southwest Asia via Skype.

"My husband sat in front of his computer waiting for hours at his location. He was more excited than I was," said Yarbrough. "It meant a lot to me that he was so excited to be present during my promotion."

It was 1730, Southwest Asia time when the call was made to connect the video chat with her husband. Yarbrough was beaming from ear to ear as Col. David McMinn, commander, 136 AW, along with Lt. Col. Eric Pahl, JAG pinned her rank on her shoulder.

According to Yarbrough this is the first time her husband Chase was not physically present during her promotion.

"He pinned on all my previous promotions. So watching this really meant a lot to him," said Yarbrough.

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PHOTO ILLUSTRATION BY SENIOR MASTER SGT. ELIZABETH GILBERT AND TECH. SGT. CHARLES HATTON

Photo illustration of U.S. Air Force Major Yvette Yarbrough/Executive Director Yvette Yarbrough, J.D. video chats (Skype) with her husband, U.S. Army 1st Lt. Chase Yarbrough, who is currently deployed to Southwest Asia, during her promotion Jan. 9, 2012. Major Yarbrough is a part-time JAG for the 136th Airlift Wing, Texas Air National Guard and a full-time executive director for the Board of Chiropractic Agency in Austin, Texas.



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Update to Base Veterinary Services

BY CAPT. JESSICA DOE,
ARMY VETERINARIAN

The NAS Fort Worth JRB Veterinary Clinic is here to support the four-legged family members of our service men and women. Our clinic is staffed on Thursdays from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. Each week a veterinarian and a veterinary technician travel from either Fort Hood or Dyess Air Force Base to run our clinic. Our services include vaccination appointments, minor sick-call appointments, health screenings and sales

of heartworm and flea/tick prevention. Unfortunately, our services are only available to active duty, retired service members and their dependents. We can provide services to members of reserve units while they are on active-duty orders.

Since our clinic is only staffed one day a week, we wanted to make scheduling an appointment more convenient by having all appointments set up through the staff at the Fort Hood Veteri-

nary Treatment Facility. This way someone is available to take your call Monday through Friday. To schedule an appointment please call the Fort Hood VTF at (254) 287-6719 or 2823. Appointments are still available for the Thursdays in March. We can accept Visa, MasterCard, checks or cash as methods of payment.

If you have any questions feel free to call the NAS Fort Worth JRB Vet Clinic at (817)782-5608.



COMMUNITY RESOURCES and ATTRACTIONS

All information is intended for military, DoD, Bureau of Prisons ID-card holders and families. Events and facilities are not open to the general public.

LIBRARY

1802 Doolittle Ave.
817-782-7735

Hours: Monday through Thursday 9:30 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Friday and Saturday 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; Closed Sundays and holidays.

Do You Feegal? Free music downloads. Call library.

March is National Women's Month The library staff will feature a different woman each week and display their contributions to society. Come by the library to view all the materials featuring women this month and the special women of the week.

Library Gazebo. Watch for details for a contest to name the new gazebo.

Ongoing: Preschool Story Time – Wednesdays from 10:30-11:00 a.m. Recommended ages 3-5; the programs will include stories and activities.

TEXPLEX CENTER

1815 Military Pkwy.
817-782-6122/5505

Information, Ticket and Tours (ITT)

Spring Break: ITT will be open March 12 – 17 for patrons to purchase tickets.

2012 Season Passes for Six Flags are available. Call and ask about Combo Passes,

Easter Egg Hunt & Lunch

Saturday, April 7, from 10:45 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Toddlers to 11-years of age. Make sure to bring a basket for the hunt. Starts at 11:00 sharp, so be early. Cost per child \$3, DoD/BoP/Guests \$5. Parents are invited to enjoy buffet-style lunch with drink and dessert for \$4 per person. Purchase tickets at ITT (Building 1815).

Play Passes and soon-to-arrive Hurricane Harbor tickets.

Attractions: Dinosaur World (Glen Rose), Fort Worth Zoo, SeaWorld, Disney World, Medieval Times Dinner & Tournament (new show for 2012), Rave Movie Theater, Fort Worth Museum of Science & History **OMNI Theater** and more.

TORNADO LANES

1815 Military Pkwy.
817-782-6122/5505
Replacement of the bowling lanes to begin in the middle of March.

CHUCKWAGON GRILL

1815 Military Pkwy.
817-782-6122/5505

Hours: Monday through Thursday 6:30 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Friday, 6:30 a.m. to 10:30 p.m.; Saturday 7 a.m. to 10:30 p.m.; and Sunday 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Open daily for breakfast, lunch and dinner. Pizza is available for delivery. 817-782-5505.

SPORTS BAR

1815 Military Pkwy.
817-782-6122/5505

Hours: Tuesday through Thursday, 4 to 9 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 4 to 11 p.m.

St. Patrick's Day Celebration – Specials at the Snack Bar.

UFC Fights: Watch for dates of UFC events.

Ongoing: Free Munchies on Fridays, 4:30 to 6 p.m.
Closed on March 23 and 31.

Thursdays: Karaoke featuring DJ Glenn begins at 5 p.m. with music for everyone.

MOVIE REEL THEATER

1845 Military Parkway
817-782-6037

Going Digital: Temporarily closed while waiting for digital equipment to be installed. We are working on interim measures to be open for viewing of free movies.

LONE STAR CENTER (formally DESERT STORM CONFERENCE CENTER)

2570 Desert Storm Road
817-782-5293/7237

Hours: Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Office is closed on weekends, but building is open most weekends for scheduled events, conferences or meetings.

Ongoing: Call for information concerning your next conference, meeting or event.

VET CLINIC

1739 Eisenhower Ave.

Of note: The clinic is now being operated by the Army.

817-782-5608

Call ahead to set up appointments.

FITNESS CENTER

1810 Tuskegee Airmen Drive
817-782-7770

Hours: Monday-Thursday, 5 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 5 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Sunday, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Power Lifting Contest on March 30 at noon. Weigh ins at 11:00 a.m.

PRT: remember that April is PRT month. Get ready.

Spin classes-Tuesday and Thursday from 6:30 – 7:30 a.m.

Yoga classes Saturdays from 10:45 – 11:30 a.m.

Other classes available are step aerobics, pilates, yoga, spin, zumba, pump-it-up, adult/children karate and personal training.

Family-Friendly Fitness on Fridays at 2 p.m. Parents must participate in workout program with their children ages 6 to 18 years.

AQUATICS CENTER

3319 Hensley Ave., 817-782-1220

Hours: Monday-Saturday, 6 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Sunday, 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. and holidays 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Active Duty and Reserves only: Monday-Saturday from 6 to 8 a.m. Water Aerobics from 8 – 9 a.m., \$1 per person. Details available at the aquatics center for swimming lessons.

Full schedule of classes posted at center. Rent the Aquatics Center for a private party at 817-782-6122.

LIBERTY

1815 Military Parkway (located in TexPlex), 817-782-3175

Single Service Member Program (17-25 years of age, restrictions apply), call for additional information and schedule of upcoming activities.

OUTDOOR REC & BOAT RENTALS

Bldg. 3326 (by the ball fields) 817-822-8952
Ski and pontoon boat rental, RV storage and wet/dry boat storage will be at the Auto Hobby Shop Outdoor Recreation.

CHILD YOUTH PROGRAM (CDC)

3320 Sesame St. Drive, 817-782-7520

ACTION ZONE SUMMER CAMP

1145 Hercules Dr, 817-782-7566/7520

NOW HEAR THIS: Base Announcements

2012 Naval Air Station Fort Worth Joint Reserve Base Open House

NAS Fort Worth JRB is planning an Open House, with static displays, vendors and education/physical activity events/booths and a concert by Red Jumpsuit Apparatus May 12. The gates will open to the public at 6 p.m. with the concert scheduled to begin around 7 p.m.

Fleet and Family Support Center Activities:

Did you know that your credit worthiness is one of the key factors that determines the rate of interest that you will pay for a home loan—and determines whether or not you qualify to receive a loan?

A good credit score facilitates your ability to receive preferred financing for buying a car, home, and other things at favorable interest rates. A favorable score can also help you get a job and receive or keep your Security Clearance.

The FFSC's Personal Financial Management Staff/Educators can provide you with your Credit Report along with your Credit Score. You can readily receive assistance and improve your understanding of your Score. Knowing how the Score

impacts you and what you can do to correct errors on your report will serve you well throughout your entire career. Your proactive efforts will at the very least serve to improve and enhance your overall Credit Rating.

Contact the FFSC at (817) 782-5287 to make an appointment or Sign-up for a Personal Financial Management Class.

Work in Texas: Texas Workforce representatives will be at Fleet and Family Support Center from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on the following Tuesdays in March 6, 13, 20 and 27.

Texas VA representative will be at FFSC from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on the following Thursdays: March 8, 15, 22 and 29.

Transition Assistance Program, or TAP, is available at the Navy Operational Support Center from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. from March 27 - 30 (four-day course).

The Following Life Skills Classes are presented by and available through the Fleet and Family Support Center. Call 817-782-5287 for details.

- **Million Dollar Sailor Program** on March 6 – 8 (three-day course) from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

- **Anger Management** class on March 14 from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m.

- **Ten Steps to Federal Employment** on March 5 from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m.

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aircraft based at Ellington Field in Houston.

The plan would also move most, if not all, of the MC-12 aircraft from active duty into the Air Guard. That would mean huge changes in the 136th Airlift Wing that could have ripple effects in Corpus Christi, Houston, Beaumont and New Orleans.

Disaster Concerns

The 136th Airlift Wing moved from Naval Air Station Dallas to Naval Air Station Fort Worth in the mid-1990s.

The group flies and supports the C-130 Hercules, a four-engine tactical transport plane that has been around since the 1950s.

In recent years, the wing has deployed eight times to Iraq and

Afghanistan, returning from four months in Afghanistan last summer, and has flown 10,000 hours in combat.

It has flown medical evacuations, moved troops, and dropped supplies to remote Army and Marine outposts out of the reach of ground convoys, said Col. John Conoley, the vice wing commander and a C-130 navigator.

But unlike most active and reserve Air Force units, the 136th has also responded to numerous humanitarian disasters over the last decade, including Hurricanes Katrina and Rita in 2005 and Gustav and Ike in 2008, as well as tropical storms.

Texas and neighboring states have mutual agreements to help one another during emergencies.

"We have evacuated over 800 special-needs patients," Conoley said. "We're proud of what we

have done."

Wisian said the National Guard's "much flatter chain of command" makes a huge difference in the days before a disaster hits, a time that he says is at least as important as being there afterward.

"We can be on alert and be ready to go in a matter of hours," he said.

"It would take days and a major deployment order for federal or out-of-state assets to get here. That's a significant concern."

If the C-130s are sent out of Texas, the closest Air National Guard unit would be in Arkansas.

There are also C-130 units in Nashville and in Savannah, Ga.

Apart from the proposed transfer of aircraft and a transition to a new airframe, top officials with the Guard in Texas know little about the changes.

For instance, they do not



A lone C-130 Hercules logistics aircraft, from the 136th Airlift Wing, banks over the City of Fort Worth prior to making its final approach to NAS Fort Worth JRB. Photo courtesy of 136th Airlift Wing Public Affairs Office.

know whether the wing will grow, shrink or stay the same. The unit now has 270 full-time personnel and 730 part-time guardsmen.

"It could be up to a loss of a few hundred jobs, or it could be a wash," Wisian said. "The Air Force is not releasing any information related to the manning impacts until next month. We're in the dark."

It takes about two years for the personnel in a unit to transi-

tion to another aircraft, whether they are flying or maintaining it, Wisian said.

"When you change a unit's mission, you lose an immense amount of knowledge," he said. "This unit has the best safety record I know of: 176,000 flying hours and counting without a major accident. That's a culture that leads to that. We should want to preserve that culture and experience."

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Blackhawk helicopter pilot with ratings in the A/L/M and EH-60 variants, as well as the OH-58 Kiowa observation helicopter, Monnot joins Baker Co. as highly qualified as an experienced aviator. As a Tae Kwon Do third-degree black belt, once rated as number one in the nation for sparring, she brings a competitive nature that is infectious to those around her.

"I don't think the Soldiers knew what to expect from a female commander," said Monnot.

During the unit's battle assemblies, Maj. Monnot will not be found in her office. She maintains a constant engagement of active leadership with the Soldiers. She can be found walking through work spaces and talking with her Reserve Soldiers as they work and train in the hangar bay and maintenance facilities.

"Commanders always want to be with their Soldiers," said Monnot with a smile. "This is the command to be with Soldiers. I'm surrounded

by my Soldiers."

Monnot admits that from an aviation stand point, Baker Company isn't considered by most Army aviators as the most prestigious unit to be posted. Without other flying units transporting their aircraft to Baker Co. for phases and maintenance, the unit does not have a single aircraft asset to call its own.

"Seeing the traditions of the Navy and incorporating it in our company has been a focus of mine here," said Monnot.

To inspire camaraderie and build unit cohesion, Monnot seized some naval traditions from her unit's Navy host on board the installation and created new traditions that have become a highlight for many during battle assemblies. Borrowing from the company's nickname of the Buccaneers, chosen during the company's first activation to support humanitarian assistance after massive earthquakes devastated Haiti in 2010, she expanded the seagoing theme to empower her Soldiers in their workspaces.



PHOTO BY MATT PARKER

90th Aviation Support Battalion, Baker Company Commander, Maj. Rachel Monnot, addresses her Soldiers during the company's change of command ceremony. She is the first female major to hold command in the Army Reserve's 11th Aviation Command.

As flying units come in need of required maintenance, they must 'surrender the booty,' or give up their greatest treasures in order for her Buccaneers to render all necessary repairs and keep them flying. However the expression strikes you, it's a motivational tool for her Buccaneers, and can be heard for quite some distance as her Soldiers sound off during battle assemblies.

Maj. Monnot believes the theme has manifested a sense of pride in the company as well. Soldiers seem to look forward to coming to work. A going trend of unsatisfactory participation has been curbed to a few isolated cases. Soldiers have presented 'surrender the booty' t-shirts and hats to their commander as tokens of respect. Each being signed by members of her crew, now proudly hang in her office.

"[Baker Company has] a collective feeling of 'I'm wanted,' and 'I'm needed,' that never existed here before," said Monnot.

Maj. Monnot has again seized the opportunity of being on a Navy base to continue to cultivate the newfound lore of the Buccaneers with what is known as their walk-the-plank ceremony.

"It's a theoretical baptism," said Monnot. "Each walks between the formations, and once they get to the rear, they are doused with water."

The water is reserved for newly promoted noncommissioned officers and appointed officers. A

similar ceremony is held for farewells, albeit without water. Those leaving the command are asked to say their goodbyes, then leave the ceremony through the hangar's doors as if to signify coming to dock and heading for the dry land traditions of the Army.

Monnot further explains the symbolism, "We've come to the dock. We say farewell. Then they walk the plank to go back to land and we sail off again. Always with the knowledge we could see you again and that you are welcomed back with open arms."

According to Monnot, of the handful of Soldiers that have recently parted ways the company, the majority have made the decision based on family needs. She commends each and supports them for having to make such a difficult choice. As a result of the overall morale in the unit, many have found it just as difficult to walk out the door.

"Sometimes I have to tell them to get going," said Monnot, "we Buccaneers have jobs to do and treasures to seize."

BASE HAPPENINGS



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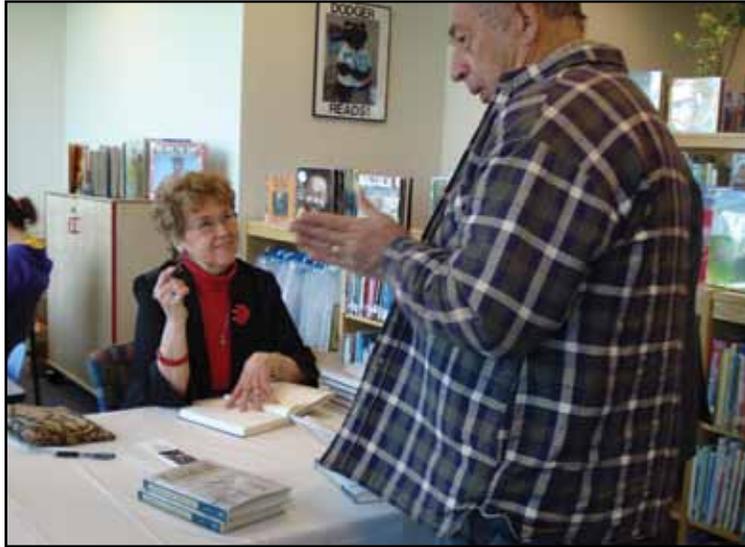


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Author and historian, Dr. J'Neil Pate, autographs a copy of her book, *Arsenal of Defense: Fort Worth's Military Legacy*, during her appearance at the base library on Feb. 9. Pate spoke of her research and interest in Fort Worth's history - from a fort to an air power.

Fair Treatment For All



PHOTO BY MC1(SW) ERIC DEATHERAGE

Cpl. Joe Applewhite of the Texas Department of Public Safety talks about the benefits of working with DPS during the Employer Support of Guard and Reserve Job Fair held on NAS Fort Worth JRB Feb. 29.

Just a Little Off the Top

Construction crews scrape old asphalt away from the Installation Headquarters Office parking lot during the building's renovation.



PHOTO BY RUSTY BAKER



Is It Chili In Here?

PHOTO BY MC1(SW) ERIC DEATHERAGE
Installation Commander Capt. Robert Bennett and Executive Officer Cmdr. Richard Augenstein taste chili as judges for the NAS Fort Worth JRB Chili Cook-Off Feb. 15. The winning entry was submitted by Personnel Serviceman Chief (AW/SW) Maribel Rincon.

Blazing Accuracy

PHOTO BY RUSTY BAKER
Navy Gateway Inns and Suites Housekeeper Catherine Millard effectively sweeps the nozzle of an electronically controlled fire extinguisher to put out a simulated fire in the base's required annual fire extinguisher training class taught by Fire Inspector Brent Carrizales at the NAS Fort Worth JRB Fire Station on Feb. 24



Honoring African American Heritage

PHOTO BY MC1(SW) ERIC DEATHERAGE
CS2(SW) Cleveland Aaron (right) and CS3 Terrance Bolton serve lunch at Moreland Hall Dining Facility during a special luncheon for African American Heritage Month Feb. 16.

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Jackson. "I've had the opportunity to work in a variety of jobs in the Marine Corps, but I always come back to what artillery brings to the table when it comes down to combat."

The opportunity to work in those other jobs first meant making the choice to stay in Marine Corps.

When it gets close to the end of an enlistment, especially the first one, most Marines take time to consider their personal pros and cons to either reenlist or get out of the Marine Corps and enter the civilian workforce. Sgt. Maj. Jackson's decision to stay in took much less effort.

"I literally was about 30 days out from my end of active service date when my battery gunnery sergeant looked at me and said 'Jackson, what are you going to do? You staying in the Marine Corps or getting out? Make a decision,'" he recalled. "I really hadn't thought about it even being that close to my EAS and thought 'I still enjoy it and my unit is about to go on a deployment and I am definitely interested in going,' so I reenlisted within a couple of weeks."

After reenlisting, Jackson served in security forces before returning to artillery as a section chief and then at the schoolhouse as an artillery instructor. He then received orders to Drill Instructor School at Marine Corps Recruit Depot Parris Island, S.C., where he experienced one of his favorite billets in the Marine Corps.

"I went there as a sergeant and I left as a gunny," Jackson said. "I got to fill a variety of billets as a drill instructor, senior drill instructor, series gunnery sergeant and company first sergeant. (Being a drill instructor) was my favorite because getting (to see the change in) that recruit on training day one ... and then when dismissing them on graduation day as Ma-

rines. You know that somewhere along the way they're going to look back and remember your name. Throughout my career, I've had Marines come up to me and say that I was their drill instructor or one of those other billets and they say thank you."

Jackson left the drill field and returned to artillery, where he became a battery gunnery sergeant. Soon after, he became an instructor/advisor for the Staff Noncommissioned Officer Academy in Okinawa, Japan.

"Being an instructor advisor at staff academy was very rewarding," he said. "There's nothing more rewarding than teaching and interacting with sergeants, staff sergeants and gunnery sergeants from all the different military occupational specialties and really making them understand how they all need each other to win the war. You'll get the grunt who has never worked with an administrator or air winger and then they begin to realize the importance of all the MOSs and see what they bring to the table."

The desire to do a variety of things while in the Corps was something that was embedded in Jackson early on in his relationship with his mentor, Master Gunnery Sgt. Sam Young.

"Master Gunnery Sgt. Young was a legend in the artillery community and he has been and will always be my greatest mentor," said Jackson. "He took me under his wing very early on in my career and he told me what it would take to be successful. One of the biggest things he said to me was continue to do different things in the Marine Corps as often as I can and to make myself as diverse and experienced as I can. I've been able to be an instructor at my MOS school and staff academy. I've had the privilege to be in security forces and I've been a drill instructor. I've done multiple things in my MOS and outside of it as well.

Jackson has also served in an

assault amphibian battalion and in the air wing. He said the variety has helped to keep him driven and appreciative of the good deal he's been given throughout his career in the Marine Corps.

Though the changes that have occurred during the last 28 years may not seem to be as mon-



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umental at the ones that occurred in the 40 years before he joined, Jackson feels that a lot has happened in those years, and definitely for the better.

When he came into the Corps there had not been even one African American Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps; within the past 10 years, there have been three.

He said that he has watched the Marine Corps and all services become more accepting of everyone for who they are. He believes that the younger generation has helped immensely with the progression.

"You're starting to see a lot of diversity now everywhere throughout the ranks of the Marine Corps and it's not just for African Americans; it's for people as a whole," he said.

"You're now seeing people of all walks of life in key billets and senior leadership positions and I just think that's awesome because I truly believe that the Marine Corps needs to be a picture of society."

Jackson has also had the opportunity to be a positive role model for young African Americans to emulate, and his wife, Lisa Jackson, believes it has a lot to do with the way he was raised while they were growing up in the small town of Plaquemine.

"In the town we were raised in and during the time we were raised, the black male role models alongside male family members were the pastors, the barbers, and the mechanics," she explained. "The best examples came from the pulpit, the barber shop philosophers, and from the mechanic held captive by conversations since he was always under a car. Those were the influencers of our time. No one was rich, but there was so much happiness. The way we were raised was that everyone put their all into everyone else. (Sgt. Maj. Jackson) quickly dismisses selfishness in his Marines and upholds the contributions of each team member to get a job done. He builds fantastic teams."

Life isn't all work and no play for Jackson. He's a self-described low-key guy with a love of sports, especially football. As a native of Louisiana, he is an avid New Orleans Saints and Louisiana State University fan. He enjoys relaxing with his wife, daughter and son.

"I try to spend as much time with them as I can because throughout my career I've missed a lot of time with them," he said.

With the end of his storied career getting closer and closer, the sergeant major says that he is looking forward to retirement, but is not looking forward to leaving the Marine Corps. He is, however, very confident in the abilities of junior Marines and in the Corps going forward.

"I'm very comfortable with the

future of the Marine Corps," he admitted. "I would honestly say that overall, the intelligence of the individual Marine is much higher than it was back in the 1980s. They also have the ability to use technology, which has proven now to be a big part of war fighting."

Jackson is so confident about the future of the Corps because of the many Marines he has lead and mentored over the years. His leadership style and philosophies have shaped the lives of many Marines serving today.

"I'm big on the education of past experiences," he explained. "I think we can learn a lot from situations that have transpired in our past. I like to use things that have happened in my career or others that I've served with to try to prevent those things from happening to someone else. If a Marine makes a mistake, it is just that to me." Jackson said. "One of the biggest things I tell them when it's all said and done is 'when you leave this office, I am forgetting about this. You'll have a clean start. You may think about this more than I will and that's fine, but don't let it hold you back. Go prove that it was a mistake and that it was not in your character and go do great things. If you do that, this incident will become old news.' You learn it's easier to do what's right every time, then to try to take a shortcut and do something you shouldn't be doing."

Above all, Jackson wants his Marines, past and present, to know that he cares about them. Whether it's correcting them or rewarding them, he's there to serve them. His 'lead by example' style of leadership validates a career of great success.

Jackson has walked in the footsteps of the Montford Point Marines before him and even created some of his own along the way. His positive leadership example throughout his career will prove to be the path future generations of Marines will strive to emulate.

North Texas Soldiers Train Malian Military Medics to Save Lives

BY SGT. MARK A. HENDERSON, 128TH MPAD, UTAH ARMY NATIONAL GUARD

Soldiers of the 807th Medical Deployment Support Command, Fort Douglas, Utah, are sharing their expertise with their Malian medical defense forces counterparts during Atlas Accord 12 in Mopti, Mali, Feb. 7-15.

This annual-joint-aerial-delivery exercise, hosted by U.S. Army Africa, brings together U.S. Army personnel with militaries in Africa to enhance air drop capabilities and ensure effective delivery of military resupply materials and humanitarian aid.

Doctors and medics from both militaries are seizing this unique opportunity to expand on training.

While here in Mali 807th medics were asked by Malian Army Col. Youssouf Treore, commander of the medical detach-



U. S. ARMY PHOTO BY SPC. KIMBERLY TRUMBULL

Malian medical defense forces Col. Youssouf Traore, practices the use of a ring cutter on U.S. Army Sgt. La Tonia R. Luna, 807th Medical Detachment Support Command, and Fort Worth, Texas native, during a medical equipment demonstration in Mopti, Mali, Feb. 7. The 807th MDSC were in Mali as medical support for the Atlas Accord 12 exercise.

ment in Mopti to aid Malian medical personnel in the use of supplies they received from U.S. forces several years ago.

Treore said the supplies are very practical, easy to use, and helpful to the Malian Medical

Defense Forces.

We are training with the Malian medical personnel on different types of equipment that include cervical braces, finger splints, ring cutters, pressure bandages, back boards

and more, said Maj. Dean A. Nelson, a family physician and Wendell, Idaho native, assigned to the 328th CSH, 807th MDSC. These Malian soldiers and medical personnel have on-the-job training, so it is very rewarding to show them and see their excitement when we demonstrate the proper use of the equipment, said Sgt. La Tonia R. Luna, an 807th MDSC Army healthcare specialist and Fort Worth, Texas native.

American medical personnel gained experience from working with the Malians.

"I learned they do a lot with a little," Baca said. "I don't know how they handle trauma situations but, it's impressive how they do it," said Staff Sgt. Anthony P. Baca, an 807th MDSC Army healthcare specialist and McKinney, Texas native.

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represent my squadron, my family and now the aviation community."

While announcing this year's winners, Vice Adm. Allen G. Myers, Commander, Naval Air Forces, said that these Sailors represent not just how good the Navy is today, but what the Navy is going to look like in the future.

"Each of these Sailors has a unique story," said Myers. "Each has faced challenges, and they've transferred obstacles into opportunities. They set goals for themselves and relentlessly pursued them no matter how hard or long it took. All of them have demonstrated the determination it takes to be the best."

To Force Master Chief Jim DeLozier, all of the finalists are winners, saying that he would be honored to serve with them any day.

"We had eight diverse aviators compete this year, from all different communities across naval aviation," said DeLozier. "As I move on in my career it's invigorating to be around such quality Sailors. I know our Navy is in great hands in the future."

After arriving in San Diego Feb. 12, participants completed their last physical requirements and took part in an extensive interview process. The finalists and their spouses joined their counterparts from Commander, Naval Surface Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet and Commander, Naval Submarine Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet at various social events, including luncheons, a visit with the area Pearl Harbor Survivors Association and the USS Midway Museum.

Dixon and Cunha will continue their journey to Hawaii, where they will compete for the Commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet's Sailors of the Year title.

Vigilant Observers Wanted

We can never let our guard down when it comes to Force Protection! The key in this never-ending awareness campaign is knowing what to look for. The following are giveaways that our adversaries are up to something. Anyone who witnesses or is aware of these activities must report what they know to the proper authorities in order to protect lives, property and vital military assets.

Keep an Eagle Eye out for these suspicious behaviors:

Surveillance activity - Someone recording or monitoring

base activities. This may include the use of cameras, either still or video, note taking, drawing diagrams, annotating on maps, or using binoculars or other vision-enhancing devices.

Elicitation - People or organizations attempting to gain information about military operations, capabilities or people. Elicitation attempts may be made by mail, fax, telephone or in person.

Tests of security - Any attempts to measure reaction times to security breaches or to penetrate physical security

barriers or procedures in order to assess strengths and weaknesses.

Suspicious persons - Persons who appear out of place; people who don't seem to belong in the workplace, neighborhood or business establishments. This includes suspicious behavior around the base perimeter, fence lines, overpasses or entry control points.

Deploying personnel and assets - People and supplies moving into position to commit the act. This is a person's last chance to alert authorities be-



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this is what separates us from all the other branches.”

Staff Sgt. Richard Stuckenschneider, staff noncommissioned officer-in-charge of RSS Grand Junction, RS Denver, was a member of the 8th MCD shooting team in 2011 and said he has learned more from participating in the competitions than at any other time in his Marine Corps career.

“Participating in shooting competitions like this one helps you become a better marksman through competition. It has taught me more about marksmanship in two weeks than I ever learned going through boot camp or annual rifle qualification,” he explained. “Two weeks, no interruptions, no outside distractions, just shooting

with other Marines, has made me a more proficient marksman, and can do so for every Marine.”

Stuckenschneider also appreciated the opportunity to get reacquainted with a rifle and pistol after being on recruiting duty for nearly four years where he rarely had a chance to get ‘down and dirty’ and fire a weapon.

“It’s always great to get back out on the range and ‘re-green’ yourself. Being on recruiting duty takes you out of the Corps and this is a great chance to wear your (cammies) and represent the district,” he said.

Winning the competition, as Stuckenschneider and his fellow teammates realized, shows that they are Marines on recruiting duty, not recruiters on Marine duty.



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From left to right, Staff Sgt. Richard Stuckenschneider, Staff Sgt. Oscar Martinez, Sgt. Justin Kral, Staff Sgt. Timothy Sharp, and Sgt. Joseph Orozco, Marines recruiters from the 8th Marine Corps District, proudly stand with the winning trophies they earned during the Depot Competition-in-Arms Program held aboard Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif., Jan. 30 – Feb. 10. The competition served as a medium to promote the Marine Corps competition-in-arms program and to identify potential competitors who will comprise the Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego Shooting Team during the Western Division Matches scheduled for Feb. 27 – March 16.

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ics become better since they are teaching the Malians through interpreters and have to move slowly and ensure they are understood; it gives them a better understanding of the training they are providing, said Lt. Col. David H. Moikeha, an emergency physician, and Coppell, Texas native, assigned to the 94th Combat Support Hospital,

807th MDSC.

Baca said he is impressed with the willingness to learn of both militaries.

Luna agreed.

The Malians asked very good questions and were curious about the use of the equipment and now they know how to use it to help their patients, Luna said.

Helping patients recover is important to the people, Treore said.

“We receive so much trauma from highway accidents, military and civilian,” he said. “The equipment we have will help us care for the trauma patients we receive at our level.”

Treore added he was grateful for the experience. “I appreciate the cooperation with the U.S. Army,” he said. It [the training] is very practical and it will help us face all of our needs.”

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guilty to possessing a controlled substance with intent to distribute and growing marijuana plants with intent to distribute. The Military Judge sentenced the lieutenant to 33 months confinement, forfeiture of all pay and allowances, a fine of \$10,000 (and an additional 2 months of confinement if the fine is not paid), and dismissal from the Naval service. A pretrial

agreement limits confinement to 18 months.

At a Special Court Martial convened on board NAS Jacksonville, an Airman Recruit (AR) pled guilty to two specifications of unauthorized absence (UA) and wrongful use of a controlled substance. The Military Judge sentenced the AR to six months confinement, forfeiture of \$978.00 pay per month for six months, and a Bad Conduct Discharge. A pretrial agreement limits confinement to 57 days.

At a Special Court Martial convened on board NAS Jacksonville, an Airman (AN) pled guilty to selling military property and two specifications of stealing U.S. Government property in the amount of \$5,799.06 and currency in the amount of \$1,047.75. The Military Judge sentenced the AN to three months confinement, reduction in rank to E-1, and forfeiture of \$978.00 pay per month for three months.

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Though only a part-time JAG for the military, she works as the executive director for the Board of Chiropractic Agency in Austin, Texas, as her full-time career. She manages the office with a handful of lawyers and assistants.

She is an executive director, a warrior, a wife and a mother of two children who juggles her schedule to meet her children’s needs.

Yarbrough joined the 136 AW in 2011. In less than a year she has been tasked to participate in the Wing’s opera-

tional readiness inspection this March. She brings a vigor and enthusiasm that motivates those around her.

Prior to coming to the 136 AW, Yarbrough was on active duty Air Force for more than four years. She was stationed at Dyess AFB, Texas and was commissioned in 2005.

“I joined the military because I was interested in the JAG corp and my grandfather was also in the Army. I wanted to work more than just for money. I wanted to serve our nation and give back what it has afforded me—our freedom,” said Yarbrough. “I love the Air Force!”

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