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Groundbreakings set for Feb 12 and Feb. 17

A groundbreaking ceremony for the Weapons Survivability Laboratory is scheduled for Thursday, Feb. 12, 1:30 p.m., at WSL.

And, a second BRAC-related groundbreaking ceremony for the 170,000 square foot Weapons & Armament Technology Center is scheduled for Tuesday, Feb. 17, 11 a.m., corner of Knox Road and Blandly Avenue, across from Building 1 (Headquarters)

Financial fitness seminar Feb. 24

On Tuesday, Feb. 24, the Fleet and Family Support Center, 610 Blandly Street, will host a financial fitness seminar from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. to help educate military and DOD civilians on the importance of and ways to save in these tough economic times.

"I feel like I am always behind financially. As soon as I get a little ahead on my bills, something comes up that just sets me behind again."

Sound familiar? Come find out how to prevent these types of setbacks.

The seminar is in support of Military Saves Week, a week where leaders and commands are encouraged to promote the importance of building savings, not debt to their military and civilian workers. Personnel can find out more about military Saves by clicking onto <https://www.militarysaves.org/about/default.asp>.

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The shape of things to come



Artists rendering of the 170,000 square foot Weapons & Armament Technology Center is provided by the design build contractor Barnhart, Inc. and KMA Architecture & Engineering. The groundbreaking ceremony is scheduled for 11 a.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 17 at the corner of Knox Road and Blandly Avenue.

Skipper lauds reduction in mishaps

By John D. Bennett
Editor

China Lake reached another significant milestone recently with a 68 percent reduction in mishaps and mishap rates — preventable accidents — aboard station for fiscal year 2008. The baseline

for reductions was the number of mishaps reported in fiscal year 2002. "It's a meaningful accomplishment and one that we should be proud of," said NAWS Commanding Officer Capt. Gary "Norm" Peterson. "China Lakers are used to being on the forefront of technology and improving the

safety of our men and women in the field. It's only fitting that we would take that same pride in improving safety for our own personnel."

Taking a top down approach to reducing mishaps, Peterson established the Safety Pro of the Month Award. The award

recognizes superior efforts on the part of employees as they work to improve their Safety and Occupational Health efforts.

"I felt it was important to recognize those people who really take the concern for safety to heart," said Peterson.

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Bluejacket of the Year nominees



Photo by John D. Bennett

Candidates for the Indian Wells Valley Council of the Navy League Bluejacket of the Year competition pose with their sponsors Feb. 4. The Bluejacket of the Year competition honors a senior (E-6) and a junior (E-5 and below) nominee. Nominees include representatives from the Naval Air Weapons Station, Air Test and Evaluation Squadron THREE ONE, Air Test and Evaluation Squadron NINE, Branch Health Clinic, Fleet Readiness Center West Detachment China Lake and the Marine Aviation Detachment. From left, retired Navy captain and former NAWS Commanding Officer James Seaman, representing Booz Allen Hamilton; AT3 Juan Francisco Palomares, VX-9; YN2 (AW) Timothy P. Vaughn, VX-9; AC1 (AW/SW/NAC) Jesse T. Peterson, VX-31; PR1 (AW/FFJ) Justin P. O'Byen, FRC West; AC1 (AW/SW) Allen Paul Downing, NAWS; HM2 Loren I. Lumberio, Branch Health Clinic; Sgt. Amanda M. Johantgen, MAD; AD1 (AW) Lanita R. Winfrey, VX-9 and Shel Simonovich, representing the Navy League. The Bluejacket of the Year will be presented March 21. Look to future issues of *Rocketeer II* for biographies of the nominees.

Commentary

Commander, Navy Installations Command conducts change of command

WASHINGTON (NNS) — Commander, Navy Installations Command (CNIC) hosted a change of command ceremony Jan. 30 at the Washington Navy Yard.

Vice Adm. Michael C. Vitale relieved Vice Adm. Bob Conway Jr., as the officer leading the Navy's shore infrastructure.

The guest speaker for the change of command was Chief of Naval Operations Adm. Gary Roughead. Roughead spoke of what Conway and CNIC meant to the Navy.

"They were the integrator for all things related to the readiness of our fleet while the fleet is in port and our Sailors are ashore. Bob knew what to, how to do it, how to explain it, and how to get the most out of every dollar," said Roughead.

Conway credited his staff of Sailors and civilians for overcoming the many challenges by finding new solutions to increase their support to the fleet.

"I do consider myself blessed, to be afforded both the opportunity and the challenge to once again command; the opportunity to work alongside many talented professionals both military and civilian throughout the world; the challenge to change the shore establishment into an adaptive enterprise supporting the maritime strategy, the fleet, our Sailors, and their families; and I enjoyed every minute of it."

Conway was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal during the ceremony.

Vitale said he looked forward to

the challenges of taking over CNIC.

"Today as I proudly take the helm of CNIC, I can tell you several things about the way we will do business. We will always do our best and we will do it with class and style. We will always do the right thing no matter how hard it is, no matter how long it takes or no matter how much it costs. We will treat everyone with dignity and respect. We will always look for a better way, always trying to improve. Lastly we will remember to enjoy ourselves while we are meeting those challenges because we belong to the world's greatest Navy."

CNIC is an Echelon II command responsible for providing base and operating services to the Navy's 13 regions and 73 installations. CNIC oversees a \$9-billion budget, more



Vice Adm. Michael C. Vitale

than 52,000 facilities and more than 53,000 personnel, managed from a single enterprise.

Conway will retire after more than 35 years of distinguished service.

Communication Resources

Naval Air Weapons Station:
<https://www.cnic.navy.mil/chinalake>

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<http://www.navair.navy.mil/nawcwg>

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https://home.navair.navy.mil/itim/Vector_dec2008.pdf

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 What's Happening is a bi-weekly electronic newsletter designed to pass on information to the China Lake work force.

It comes out on flex Thursdays, the opposite week the base newspaper comes out.

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Chaplain's Corner

In 1984, a lady by the name of Anna Mae Bullock had a hit song that reached number one on the Billboard Hot 100. Sales of her song have since topped more than 11 million copies. You might be more familiar with Anna Mae's stage name: Tina Turner. With Valentine's Day fast approaching, this great recording artist asks a very pertinent question in her hit solo: "What's Love Got to Do with It?"

"You must understand, though the touch of your hand, makes my pulse react That it's only the thrill, of boy meeting girl, opposites attract It's physical, only logical, you must try to ignore that it means more than that."

What's love got to do, got to do with it? What's love but a second hand emotion? What's love got to do, got to do with it? Who needs a heart when a heart can be broken?"

Tina was able to sing this song with great passion because she had suffered through a very abusive marriage. The love that she had experienced — the love that she sings about in her hit song — was merely physical. The ancient Greeks referred to this as eros. (Our word "erotic" has its roots in eros). This kind of love is very fleeting. If a relationship is based only on the physical, it will not endure; problems will arise that will soon destroy it. For a marriage to be successful, eros must be present, but stronger bonds are needed to ensure survival.

The Greeks had another word for a more powerful love. Phileia is a

friendship love (our "Philadelphia" — the city of brotherly love — comes from this ancient word). Friends share from the heart; they communicate; they do not keep secrets from each other; they are able to talk about the good things and the bad. For a marriage to work, the phileia must be strong.

Finally, the greatest love of all is what the New Testament refers to as "agape" (pronounced like "Agave" — the cactus). This kind of love is unconditional; no matter what the other person does to you, you will treat him/her with dignity and respect. At weddings, the bride and groom often quote that the Apostle Paul's words to the Corinthian church be read as a source of inspiration:

Love (agape) is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not

easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails (1 Co. 13:4-8a).

So flowers, candies, and cards can make for nice Valentine gifts, but they do not provide the strength to hold together a relationship. Love is needed, but one that is far stronger than the type about which Tina Turner sings. Eros is an important element in marriage, but phileia, and agape are far more important if your union is to survive. Eros outside the bonds of marriage is destructive. Guys need to reign in on that winged spirit until that special lady says "I do." And ladies need to make sure that phileia and agape are present before you say those magic words.

Happy Valentine's Day to all!
Chaplain Roger VanDerWerken

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Military

Reenlistment



Photo by Kathi Spearow

NAWS Commanding Officer Capt. Gary "Norm" Peterson administers the oath of office for three reenlistees on Jan. 30 in the NAWS conference room. CCC/ESOGMCS Zachary Eubank, ETC Phillip Perks and MAC Dennis Nelson have pledged to continue serving their country.

Navy retirement



Photo by Kathi Spearow

Cmdr. William Blanchard retires from 27 years of Naval Service on Jan. 30 at the Paradise Community Center. Above, NAWS Commanding Officer Capt. Gary Peterson looks on as Naval Weapons Station Seal Beach Commanding Officer Capt. Jonathan D. Kurtz presents Blanchard with the Meritorious Service Medal.

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Military

Auxiliary Security Force honored



Photo by John D. Bennett

NAWS Executive Officer Cmdr. Lee "Navin" Johnson presents letters of appreciation to members of the Auxilliary Security Force on behalf of Air Test and Evaluation Squadron THREE ONE. ASF members were called to assist when a VX-31 helicopter was forced to land in Trona rather than returning to base. Security personnel secured the area until repairs could be made and the aircraft could be brought back aboard China Lake.

Reminder:

Please stop during morning and evening colors and turn to the flag. If in a vehicle approaching the area as colors are begun, please bring the vehicle to a full stop until colors have ended.



Seabee Ball set for March 14

On behalf of Naval Construction Forces defending freedom around the globe, Public Works Department personnel at NAWSCL wish to extend an invitation to all service members (active-duty, reserve and retired) and China Lakers (current and retired) to commemorate the 67th Anniversary of the Seabees, the 142nd Anniversary of the Civil Engineer Corps and the 167th Anniversary of Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Saturday, March 14, at 6 p.m., at the Paradise Community Center.

Social hour starts at 6 p.m., with dinner at 7 p.m., followed by traditional ceremonies and dancing to round out the evening. Come celebrate maritime traditions and share the heritage of naval services, especially the remarkable story of the Seabees and engineers who continue to forge their history today.

Dress is semi-formal. Military uniform required for all service members during formal ceremony, with appropriate civilian attire following services. Tickets must be reserved by Feb. 25 and may be purchased by calling Ensign Steve Bischak, (760) 939-7198.

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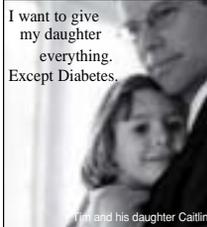


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AC3 Branden Engleking
Bluejacket of the Quarter



AC1 Leslie Robinson
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AC1 (AW/SW) Allen Downing
Sailor of the Year



AC2 Rena Cheresposy
Sailor of the Quarter

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Any eligible full-time student that has a B-grade point average equivalent or better, as determined by their school system, may enter the drawing. Eligible students include dependent children of active duty military members, reservists and military retirees enrolled in first through 12th grade. Dependent children without an individual Dependent Identification Card must be accompanied by their

sponsor to submit their entry. Each student may enter only once each grading period and must re-enter with each qualifying report card.

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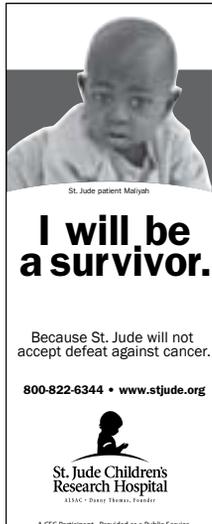
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China Lake Command Safety Message

Do you know your safety responsibilities?

According to the OPNAVINST 5100.23G, the Navy Safety and Occupational Health (SOH) Program Manual, "the maintenance of a safe and healthful workplace is a responsibility of all Commands throughout the Navy." A successful program that truly reduces work-related risks and mishaps depends on the commitment of everyone in the organization. Most personnel understand that safety is the responsibility of everyone aboard this Station and that safety must be integrated seamlessly in all that we do in order for us to do our jobs productively; but some may not be aware of their specific responsibilities as outlined by OPNAVINST 5100.23G.

All individual and military personnel shall:

- a. Comply with standards and all applicable rules, regulations, and orders issued under the OPNAVINST 5100.23G. Violators of safety regulations or instructions are subject to disciplinary action as per the Civilian Human Resources Manual Subchapter 752 for Civilians, or as outlined in the Uniform Code of Military Justice for Military members. The Command shall also consider such actions in personnel performance evaluations.
- b. Report observed workplace hazards following procedures outlined in chapter 10 of the OPNAVINST 5100.23G.
- c. Immediately report to

2009 Status on mishaps experienced

N21N: Lacerated thumb while attempting to cut padlock off of locker.

525110D: Injured shoulder lifting and moving large objects during tear out of major I & M project.

N93N: Back pain after bending to put clipboard on desktop and then lifting a child at the Child Development Center.

N93N: Slipped in "Instant Snow" product that had spilled on the floor by children at play at Child Development Center.

466000D: Bodily reaction to contact with poison oak at the scene of a mishap investigation while on travel.

N93N: Lower back strain lifting boxes of frozen vegetables to load them into an upright freezer.

FY02 Mishap Rate Baseline: 6.25 mishaps per 100 employees

Current Mishap Rate: 1.98 — Percent reduction: 68 percent

2009 OSHA Recordable Mishap Cases: **6**

his/her supervisor injuries or occupational illnesses or property damage resulting from mishaps or any near-mishaps.

There are a myriad of safety rules, regulations and orders we must adhere to. While the understanding of these can be overwhelming, safety is not. Regardless of whether or not you are familiar with published safety regulations by verse, following basic risk management principles and using tools such as Operational Risk Management (ORM), are the most effective mishap prevention and loss control measures we can apply. Follow the steps of ORM to reduce risk: 1) Identify hazards; 2) Assess hazards; 3) Make risk

decisions; 4) Implement controls; 5) Supervise. By following the ORM steps for each operation, the safety regulations that apply will become evident without being overwhelming.

If you observe an unsafe or unhealthful working condition, take necessary action to correct it. If you cannot correct it yourself, report it to your supervisor. If for some reason, you cannot report it to your supervisor, or you feel the controls put in place by your supervisor are not adequate, you can report the issue directly to the safety office through a phone call, visit, or online through ESAMS (Enterprise Safety Application Management System). Of course,

all personnel do have a right, in fact an obligation, to exercise a "no vote" without fear of reprisal, to stop work if you feel that an act or condition is immediately dangerous to life and health, until a thorough safety evaluation can be accomplished.

Finally, report all mishaps to your supervisor. This is not to place blame, but to ensure that proper medical treatment is started and to initiate a mishap investigation to determine root causes of the event before memories of the event fade. Through mishap investigation, we can learn a great deal about the cause of a mishap or near-mishap, and put in place corrective actions to prevent recurrence.

Training Classes

CMMI V1.2
Feb. 24-26, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Point Mugu Training Center
Target audience: NAWCWD employees

This three-day course introduces systems and software engineering managers and practitioners, appraisal team members, and engineering process group (e.g. SEPG, EPG) members to CMMI (Capability Maturity Model@ Integration) fundamental concepts. CMMI models are tools that help organizations improve their ability to develop and maintain quality products and services. CMMI models are an integration of best practices from proven discipline-specific process improvement models, including the CMM (Capability Maturity Model@) for Software,

EIA 731, and the integrated Product Development CMM. This course has been updated to be part of Version 1.2 of the CMMI Product Suite. The course was also improved to respond to change requests submitted by students, instructors, and others. It is composed of lectures and class exercises with ample opportunity for participant questions and discussions. After attending the course, participants will be able to describe the components of CMMI models and their relationships, discuss the process areas in CMMI models, and locate relevant information in the model.

This course fulfills a prerequisite requirement for courses requiring an official SEI (Software Engineering Institute) Introductory CMMI

course. Please contact Tammy Berry at tammy.berry@navy.mil to enroll.

Systems Thinking
March 10-11, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
China Lake Training Center, Room 107

Systems Thinking is a set of tools and methods that considers the interrelatedness of the many forces at play in a System, including the very ways we think. During this two-day workshop, we will introduce the basic concepts of Systems Thinking, focusing on the area of "Systems Dynamics," which allows us to pictorially show the relationships between the many influences within a System. Topics to be presented: What is Systems Thinking, Laws of Systems Thinking, Traditional

Thinking versus Systems Thinking, Communication Continuum and Challenging our Thinking, and Exploring Systems – Uncovering Systemic Structure: Elements of the Problem.

Register by contacting Steve Goad at 939-9704 or e-mail steve.goad@navy.mil before March 5. There is no cost to attend this class.

DAWIA certification requirements – test and evaluation career field
TST 203 – Intermediate Test and Evaluation
April 20-24, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
The Carriage Inn, Ridgecrest
Target audience: Acquisition Workforce Members

This is a mandatory course for DAWIA Level II

certification in the Test and Evaluation (T&E) career field. It builds upon professionals' knowledge, skills, and on-the-job experience relating to DoD test and evaluation policies, processes, and practices. A number of problem-solving situations engage participants in the application of T&E concepts and principles. Course topics include the role of T&E in systems acquisition; T&E planning and the test and evaluation strategy; test and evaluation master plan development; managing a T&E program; and planning, conducting, and processing the results of T&E events.

Prerequisites: ACQ 201B, Intermediate Systems Acquisition, Part B; TST 102, Fundamentals of Test & Evaluation

News

AirSpeed Kaizen completed for NMCI process



On Dec.15 and 16, a team led by Black Belt Debby Clark, conducted a two-day kaizen to document and improve the process to assign a Service Move Coordinator. This process is a subset of the NMCI "Move MAC" process, and defines the qualifications and process for competency managers to assign an SMC to perform NMCI moves. The kaizen team consisted of members from across the competencies. Team members (not in order) are: Richard Bagge (7.2), Richard Bruce (4.1), Delores Byrne (5.2), Karina Daugherty (7.2), Kathleen Hartzell (ACTR 7.2), Darrell Hovde (5.3), Gary Mussell (7.2 CTR), Scott Quackenbush (4.5), and Judy Talbot (4.7). The team defined the current process, brainstormed solutions and the root cause of the process problem, and thereafter defined the 'to be' or improved process. The process will be applied across Weapons Division immediately.



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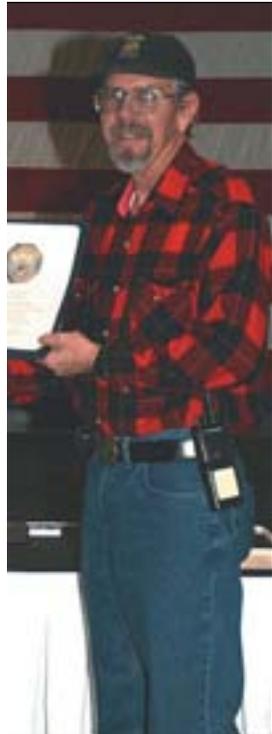
China Lakers receive honors



NAWS Commanding Officer Capt. Gary "Norm" Peterson honors China Lake team members for their contributions to the mission. Top row from left: Vilma Garrett, of Force Protection, receives a certificate and pin for 25 years of service; Scott Haygood, of Force Protection, receives the certificate and pin for 25 years of service and Carl Whiteley, of Force Protection, receives the Safety Pro Award for December; Jim Cook, of Weapons; Jason Kincaid of the Fire Department and Terry Byerly of NAWCWD receive Unsung Hero Award letters and NAWCWD pins.



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Photos by John D. Bennett

receives a certificate and pin for 20 years of service; Brian Cornett, of Force Protection, receives a certificate and pin along with a NAWS Coin. Bottom row left to right: Joan Telles, of Fleet and Family Service Center, receives S coins in recognition of their contributions.



Black History through the years

March 5, 1770:

Crispus Attucks is shot and killed while confronting British troops during the Boston Massacre.

June 17, 1775:

It is estimated that more than 5,000 African Americans fought against the British during the American Revolutionary War, fought from 1775-1783.

1861 to 1865:

About 180,000 African Americans wore Union blue and earned praise for their military skill during the American Civil War, fought 1861-1865. Twenty-five African Americans received the Medal of Honor for bravery during that war.

Sept. 29, 1864:

African American troops fighting for the Union Chaffin's Farm, Va. Fourteen African Americans received the Medal of Honor for their heroism at that engagement.

Aug. 1, 1941:

Benjamin O. Davis Sr. is promoted to brigadier general, becoming the first African American general officer in the regular Army and the U.S. armed forces.

Dec. 7, 1941:

Navy Ship's Cook 3rd Class Dorie Miller shoots down four Japanese planes during the attack on Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, and earns the Navy Cross.

March 7, 1942:

The first group of African

Americans to graduate from military flight school at the Tuskegee Institute, Tuskegee, Ala., was inducted into the Army Air Corps.

Aug. to Nov. 1944:

Thousands of African American truck drivers in the "Red Ball Express" risked life and limb to deliver desperately needed fuel, food and ammunition to Gen. George S. Patton's 3rd Army as it pushed German forces eastward out of France during World War II.

More than 1 million African Americans served in the U.S. armed forces during America's participation in World War II from 1941 to 1945.

Oct. 29, 1947:

President Harry S. Truman's Committee on Civil

Rights' landmark report, titled, "To Secure These Rights," was issued. It condemned racial segregation wherever it existed and specifically criticized the practice of segregation in the U.S. armed forces.

The report recommended legislation and administrative action "to end immediately all discrimination and segregation based on race, color, creed or national origin" in all branches of the U.S. military.

July 26, 1948:

President Harry S. Truman signs Executive Order 9981.

It states: "It is hereby declared

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Mishaps, from Page 1

The China Lake Safety Office, headed by Bill Deem, took the lead in developing other strategies to achieve mishap reduction goals. The Safety Office provides direct safety support for more than 3,300 civilian and approximately 200 military personnel at China Lake, spread out over an area of 1,723 square miles.

Compounding the challenges is the diverse nature of operations at China Lake, which include weapons testing and evaluation on air and ground ranges, research and development and work in highly sophisticated laboratories which serve virtually every scientific discipline.

In addition, NAWS China Lake houses a full service Public Works Department and a Base Operating Services function of more than 400 personnel in police, fire and community support which includes Morale, Welfare and Recreation, and others to support the personnel and facilities.

"Successfully meeting these challenges is a result of innovation, dedication, strong and consistent management support and leadership," said Deem. "The impressive mishap reduction trend at China Lake is the cornerstone of our program's success. The mishap reduction results are evidence that

safety is incorporated into all that we do at China Lake."

Publicity is a big part of the reduction in mishaps, according to Deem and Peterson. An entire page of *Rocketeer II* is dedicated to safety. The page features safety articles, Command safety messages, current mishap information, publicity on upcoming safety training and puzzles to reinforce the safety message.

Two other highly visible enhancements to the safety program are the use of portable electronic message signs. Positioned at various places throughout the base, the signs display safety messages and information as well as the current number of recordable mishaps.

"Whether it is through innovative publicity efforts, devoted command attention to the review of every recordable mishap, teamwork between the local Safety Office and other key personnel or the fact that we have made the connection, personnel now truly understand that safety is essential to the accomplishment of our mission," said Deem. "We have been very successful at our ultimate goal, the prevention of mishaps. Now we can achieve our highest level of readiness, quality, efficiency and production and we can go home safe and sound to our families at the end of the day."

Human Resources/News

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to be the policy of the president that there shall be equality of treatment and opportunity for all persons in the armed services without regard to race, color, religion, or national origin." The order also established a presidential committee on equality of treatment and opportunity in the armed services.

More than 600,000 African Americans served in the armed forces during the Korean War [1950 to 1953].

Two African American Army sergeants, Cornelius H. Charlton and William Thompson, earned the Medal of Honor during the conflict. By the end of 1954, the last all-African American U.S. military unit had been disbanded, while African American enlistment in the U.S. military grew.

1954:
Brig. Gen. Benjamin O. Davis Jr. became the first African American general in the U.S. Air Force.

1962 to 1975:
During the Vietnam War African Americans continued to join the armed forces in large numbers. Many volunteered to join the prestigious and high-risk airborne and air mobile helicopter combat units. There were 20

African American Medal of Honor recipients during the Vietnam War.

July 1, 1973:
The United States ends military conscription and adopts an all-volunteer military. African Americans made up made up about 17 percent of the military's enlisted force in 1973.

By the early 1980s, African Americans made up nearly 24 percent of the enlisted force.

Sept. 1, 1975:
Air Force Gen. Daniel "Chappie" James becomes the first four-star African American general in the U.S. armed forces.

Oct. 1, 1989:
Army Gen. Colin L. Powell becomes chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and the most-senior African American military officer in U.S. history. During his tenure as chairman Powell managed military participation in the Gulf War [1990 to 1991]. He served as JCS chairman until Sept. 30, 1993.

Powell later served as Secretary of State in President George W. Bush's administration.

Jan. 20, 2009:
Barack Obama takes the oath of office to become the 44th president of the United States and the first African American to do so.

Leave Transfer Program

Leave Transfer Program - The employees listed have been approved as leave recipients under the Leave Transfer Program. These employees have exhausted annual and sick leave because of medical emergencies and anticipate being in a leave-without-pay status for at least 24 hours. Employees who wish to help a leave recipient may donate annual leave to the employee by submitting a completed OPM 630-A Request to Donate Annual Leave (Within Agency) form. Send your completed form to Code 731000D Stop 1316, Attn: Susan Haynes, or you can fax to 939-1173. For more information regarding the Leave Transfer Program, please call Susan Haynes at 939-3892 or DSN 437-3892. The 2009 leave year ends on Jan. 2, 2010.

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Breitengross, Rick A.	PWC OPDK	Rodriguez, Patricia	658300E
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Guggenbuehl, Paul R.	512000D	Wyatt, Amy K.	46L200D
McMillan, Marion Kay	71320AD		

Retirements

Ron Merritt is getting ready to retire after 38 years of federal service. Please join him celebrate at Casey's BBQ in Ridgecrest (order off the menu), Feb. 13, at

11:30 a.m. Merritt is coming back as a rehired annuitant, not leaving completely.

Judy Talbot is retiring after 22 years of federal service. Please join her at the Grape Leaf in Ridgecrest

on Friday, Feb. 27, 11:30 a.m., and order from the menu.

To RSVP or to make a presentation, please call Mia Carreno at 939-5870 or Cathy Smith at 939-3981. Please RSVP by Wednesday, Feb. 25.

Dates in American Naval History:

February 12
1945 - *USS Batfish* (SS-310) sinks second Japanese submarine within three days
1947 - First launching of guided missile (Loon) from a submarine,

USS Cusk

February 13
1854 - Admiral Perry anchors off Yokosuka, Japan to receive Emperor's reply to treaty proposal
1913 - Naval Radio Station, Arlington, Va. begins operations
1945 - First naval units enter

Manila Bay since 1942
1968 - Operation Coronado XI begins in Mekong Delta
February 14
1778 - John Paul Jones in *Ranger* receives first official salute to U.S. Stars and Stripes flag by European country, at Quiberon, France.

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Have you seen this man?



Originally from the east coast, he and all four of his siblings attended Penn State University. He's been married to his high school sweetheart for 25 years and is a father of three. When he manages to find some free time, he enjoys running and riding road bikes. He started working at China Lake in 1984 as a Junior Professional, and has been known to do a pretty good impersonation of a former NAWCWD executive director.

Guesses for this week's photo, and photos for future issues may be sent to Renee Hatcher via e-mail at lynn.hatcher@navy.mil. Prior to publication, the person in the photo must give permission.

Congratulations

Susan Read, Rena Jacobson, Rick Breitengross and Steven Hall correctly identified Deb Smith in the Jan. 29 issue.

Jacobs Technology Naval Systems Group announces the 2009 Jack Hledik Scholarship

The Jacobs Technology Naval Systems Group Jack Hledik Memorial Scholarships have been established to recognize and reward students in the top tier of their class. They are students who embody Naval Systems Group's commitment to education. A \$1,000 scholarship will be awarded in the Ridgecrest area and a \$1,000.00 scholarship will be awarded in the Ventura County area.

The scholarship was named after Jack Hledik to honor the work he did for the Navy and Naval Systems Group. Hledik was the lead systems engineer for the Sparrow and Sea Sparrow weapons systems during their development at China Lake. He was also a valuable team member for the early development of the Evolved Sea Sparrow Missile (ESSM). After retiring from Navy civil service, Hledik joined Jacobs Technology Naval Systems

Group to continue his systems engineering support of the ESSM system.

Students applying for the scholarships must meet the following qualifications stated below. All information will be kept in strict confidence.

Students should:

Be pursuing a degree in a field of engineering, mathematics, physics or a science field that is related to an engineering discipline.

Have been accepted or enrolled as a full-time student at an accredited college or university for the school year following the application deadline.

Have achieved one or more of the following academic standards: a minimum academic weighted 3.25 GPA, or composite score of 25 (of 36) on the ACT, or a score of 1150 (of 1600) on the SAT.

Be a citizen of the United States of America,

Have submitted an application; an essay paper answering a chosen question from a pool of four; an activities resume that defines school and community activities, achievements, and leadership skills; a letter of reference; a college transcript, and the student's SAT/ACT scores.

These items should be submitted to the Jacobs Technology Naval Systems Group Community Relations Director and be postmarked no later than March 31. The application can be found on www.svtmsg.com at the "Jack Hledik Scholarship" link.

Students found to be qualified will be invited to interview with a committee of Jacobs Technology Naval Systems Group employees, and area school counselor and faculty representatives. Awardees will be notified of the scholarship award. The scholarship will be presented and paid to the student.

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MWR TRIPS

Las Vegas Weekend
Departing at 8:30 a.m., on Friday, March 6 and returning on Sunday, March 8. Please register by Feb. 18 at the IIT office.

Mammoth Day of Ski & Snowboarding
Departing at 7:30 a.m. and returning by 8:30 p.m., on Saturday, Feb. 28. Please register by Feb. 25 at the Outdoor Recreation/IIT office.

LAKE LIBERTY (NEW TEMPORARY LOCATION AT PARADISE COMMUNITY CENTER)

Movie Monday
All Day, on Mondays

Tasty Tuesdays
All Day, on Tuesdays

25 cent Wing Night
11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 5 to 7 p.m. on Wednesdays

Milk & Cookies
All Day, on Fridays

Pizza & Preparation:
Interview Tips Seminar
11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 12. Please register by Feb. 9 at Lake Liberty.

Happy, Happy Birthday!
All Day, Sunday, Feb. 15

Presidents' Day All American Favorites BBQ
12:30 to 4 p.m., Monday, Feb. 16

Extreme Bowling: Mardi Gras Celebration
6 to 11 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 19

Get Out & Play Day: Pool & Football Tournaments
1 to 5 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 21

Cooking with Liberty: Fajita Fiesta
5 to 8 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 26

Habitat for Humanity
6:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 28. Please register by Feb. 18 at Lake Liberty.

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Feb. 18 at the IIT office.
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OUTDOOR RECREATION

B-Mountain Hikes
11 a.m. on Wednesdays and Fridays, meet at the Outdoor Recreation office at 10:45 a.m., transportation is provided.

Landsailing
4 p.m., on Tuesdays and Thursdays, meet and fees at the Outdoor Recreation office by 4 p.m. After 4 p.m. meet and fees at the dry lake bed.

Rock Wall
Open at the Main Gym, 5 to 8 p.m., on Tuesdays, and 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 5 to 8 p.m., on Wednesdays. Free with Gym membership and all gear is supplied at the Rock Wall. Check with us about your next rock wall party.

Intermediate Rock Climbing Clinic
Meet at the Outdoor Recreation/IIT office at 5:30 p.m., on Monday, Feb. 23. Please register by Feb. 17 at the Outdoor Recreation/IIT office.

Outdoor Recreation has camping equipment, trailers, mountain bikes, land sailers, paintball equipment, backpacking, canoes, kayaks, boats and inflatables for your rental enjoyment.

HALL MEMORIAL LANES

Free Bowling (up to three games) for Active Duty Military
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Bowling Center Snack Bar
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SPORTS AND FITNESS

Valentine's Day Run
8 a.m., Saturday, Feb. 14. Please register by Feb. 13 at the Main Gym.

Intramural Basketball
Season begins Wednesday, March 4. Captain's Cup points are awarded! Sign up by Feb. 25 at the Main Gym.

Roller Hockey or Arena Soccer
6 to 9:30 p.m., on Wednesdays and Fridays, at the outdoor hockey rink

Lunch Time Basketball
11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Monday through Friday

GOLF COURSE

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11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Every Thursday
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PARADISE COMMUNITY CENTER

Family Dinner Night
5 to 7 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 19 – Italian Night! – Reservations recommended!
For more information on activities and events at the Paradise Community Center call 939-8660 or 939-8662.

CHILD AND YOUTH PROGRAMS AT CASTLE X

Triple Play Activity
3 p.m., on Monday through Fridays

FLEET AND FAMILY CENTER

Art & Music Play Group
10 to 11:30 a.m., Wednesdays

Brown Bag Workshops
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Resume Writing
1 to 3 p.m., Wednesdays

IA Support Group
2:30 to 4 p.m., Wednesdays

IA Spouse Support Group
9:30 to 11:30 a.m., every fourth Thursday of the month

Developing Your Spending Plan
10 to 11:30 a.m., Thursday, Feb. 19

March Golf Course Specials

Walkers Special – Pay regular rates for 8 rounds of golf and receive a walking round for FREE! Free round valid any day of the week!

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Active Duty Clinic – FREE golf clinic every Thursday from 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

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939-8336	939-2990	939-3006
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The **ONLY** Classified ads that are available as free ads to above listed personnel are:

- Pets - Free To Good Home
- Roommate Wanted
- Lost & Found
- Cars & Trucks (Except RV's)
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- Misc. For Sale
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The following ads are also considered paid ads if you do not qualify under FREE ADS Guidelines.

- Pets - Free To Good Home
- Lost & Found
- Cars & Trucks (Except RV's)
- Furniture & Appliances
- Misc. For Sale
- Garage & Yard Sales
- Motorcycles
- Misc. Wanted
- Roommate Wanted
- Rooms For Rent

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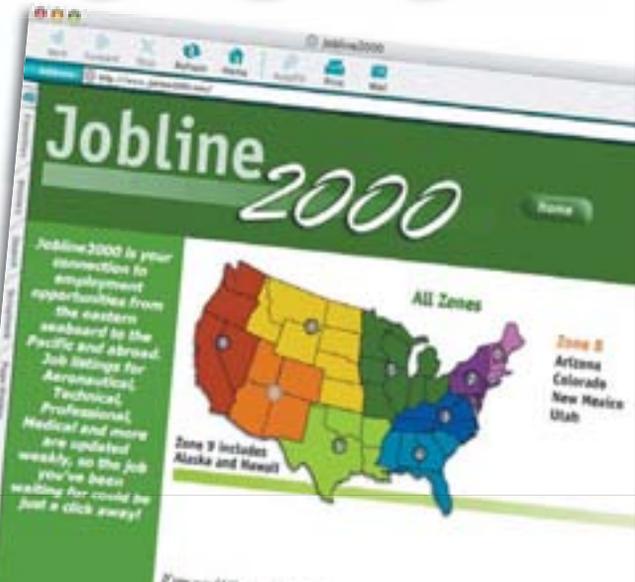
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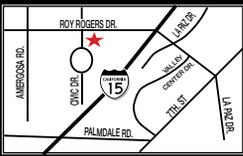
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