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Pinel and Braun named Bluejackets of the Year

By Jessica Armstrong
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Photo by Jessica Armstrong

Nominees pose with the ceremonial cake during Bluejacket of the Year ceremonies held March 26 aboard China Lake. Nominees included HM1 Ronald Braun and Sgt. Jose Pinel who both became recipients, as well as AWS1 Anthony Michalski, AC2 Branden Engleking, AZ2 Margaret Holcomb, YN2 Sandra Olmos, AT1 Jeremiah Seely and AO1 Nicholas Elliott.

Marine Sgt. Jose Pinel and Hospital Corpsman First Class Ronald Braun were selected the IWV Council of the Navy Leagues' 2010 Junior and Senior Bluejackets of the Year, respectively, at a dinner held March 26 at the Paradise Community Center at China Lake.

Pinel, of the Marine Aviation Detachment, and Braun, of the Branch Health Clinic, were selected from a group of distinguished candidates dubbed the "best of the best" by Rear Adm. Mat Winter, Naval Air Warfare Center Weapons Division commander and guest speaker at the event. "With their selection," Winter added, "they take on the responsibility to represent all of our Sailors and Marines with

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DOD to remove SSN info from ID cards

In an effort to protect privacy and personal identity information Social Security numbers (SSN's) will no longer be printed on Department of Defense (DOD) ID cards beginning in June of this year.

The removal of SSN's is being done in three phases and began in Dec 2008 when dependent's (sponsors) numbers stopped being printed. Phase two will commence in n June of this year when all printed SSN's are to be removed. The final phase is to begin at the end of 2012 when SSN's embedded in the barcodes of ID cards will be eliminated as well.

Eventually all DOD ID cardholders will receive new ID cards with a DOD number in place of their SSN. However it is not necessary for cardholders to replace their ID's until they are within 30 days for its expiration.

Col. Mark Johnson assumes command of MAD

Col. Nicholas J. Hall, U.S. Marine Corps, Commanding Officer, Marine Air Detachment, China Lake retired on March 31. Before taking over command at MAD, Col. Hall served in a myriad of locations including MCAS Camp Pendleton, the Western Pacific, MCAS New River, N.C., NAS Atlanta, Ga., Patuxent River, Md., and finally MAD, China Lake.

Over his distinguished career, Col. Hall accumulated over 6,400 mishap-free flight hours in over 40 aircraft. He and his wife, Cathy, will be relocating to Texas following his retirement.

Summing up his career, Hall stated, "I enjoyed flying and being around the Marines." To his fellow Marines he advised, "Enjoy it while you can. It's a sad day when you have to say goodbye." Hall said goodbye to his former command with these parting words, "Often tested; Always faithful; Brothers, forever. Semper Fi, United States Marines!"

Col. Mark T. Johnson relieved Col. Nicholas J. Hall as Commanding Officer. Johnson was previously assigned to Air Test and Evaluation Squadron THREE ONE (VX-31)



Photo by Chief Warrant Officer Three Michael Osilla

Col. Nicholas J. Hall hands the unit colors to Col. Mark T. Johnson during change of command ceremony Thursday, March 31, as First Sgt. Dwight D. McDuffie looks on.

as the Military Deputy for Test and Evaluation at the F/A-18 Advanced Weapons Laboratory before

serving as the Chief Test Pilot and Commanding Officer of VX-31. He transferred from the Program

Executive Office for the Joint Strike Fighter to accept the position as MAD Commanding Officer.

Commentary

MCPON Testifies before Congress on military Quality of Life

WASHINGTON (NNS) — Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy (MCPON)(SS/SW) Rick D. West and other senior enlisted leaders testified before the House Appropriations Committee Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs and Related Agencies March 30.

MCPON Rick D. West, along with the other top enlisted leaders from the Marines, Army and Air Force, discussed quality of life, family readiness, recruiting and retention, reserve force, and veteran affairs issues.

“In my travels this past year I have enjoyed the visits I’ve had with Sailors who defend America every day. In these visits I have taken special note of the quality of life in which they live and serve,” said West. “As you know, quality of work and quality of life programs for our Sailors, their families and our Navy civilians is directly tied to military readiness.”

Navy’s Homeport Ashore program, bachelor and Navy family housing, and Continuum of Care were other important issues that were brought up to the congressional subcommittee.

West said that as the environment in which Sailors and their families’

lives change, along with global requirements and world events, new and better ways to support our Navy families must be continuously explored.

West also discussed the integral part deployments play in Navy life. The Navy has been deploying forces since its formation during times of both peace and conflict, but it is important not to underestimate or take for granted the incredible strain that a long deployment imposes on Sailors and their families.

Multiple deployments, frequent relocations and the stresses associated with being part of a military family all impact the overall readiness of the unit, the readiness of the individual Sailor and the readiness of their family.

“The strain on our Sailors and their families is greater than ever, but our Sailors recognize the significance of their mission.”

West said that keeping Navy families informed about resources available to them to mitigate the strain of deployment and provide support is instrumental to their peace of mind while waiting for their Sailors to return from a year-long assignment in the Middle East or a six-month deployment

safeguarding our seas.

West discussed the Navy’s current operations and told the committee that approximately 55 percent of the Navy’s force is underway; and more than 14,000 Sailors are on the ground and more than 11,000 are at sea in the U.S. Central Command area of responsibility; and more than 18,000 personnel along with 22 ships and 140 aircraft have participated in Operation Tomodachi providing relief and delivering humanitarian assistance to the people of Japan.

“Our Navy, America’s Navy has no boundaries and we are a Global Force for Good,” said West. “Our Navy team will accomplish any mission or task that we ask of them and they do this knowing their families will be supported and cared for when they go over the horizon in harm’s way.”

The Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy periodically testifies before Congress along with the senior enlisted leaders of the other services. This was his fourth appearance before the congressional committee.

For more news from Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy, visit www.navy.mil/local/mcpon/.

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Military

NMCRS assists with crisis In Japan

When a dramatic situation is underway on the other side of the world it is comforting for many to know that there are organizations there to assist members of the armed forces and their families who may be caught in the wake.

In response to the recent disasters in Japan, the Navy Marine Corps Relief Society (NMCRS) has been working to assist those who are taking part in the voluntary departure program from the tumultuous area. This instance alone has led to many examples of hospitality and charity that exhibit the mission of the organization. According to a recent email from a spokesperson:

“In Seattle, (Wash.) NMCRS is supporting arriving personnel from Japan, issuing monetary assistance to families in difficulty. Their staffs are meeting flights returning from Japan alongside our Navy personnel to assist as needed.

“Upon arriving in Seattle, a Navy spouse discovered that her debit card did not work. NMCRS provided the funds she needed to continue on to final destination.”

The NMCRS was founded in

1904 and serves as a private non-profit charitable organization, according to its website www.nmcrs.org. “It is sponsored by the Department of the Navy and operates nearly 250 offices ashore and afloat at Navy and Marine Corps bases throughout the world. The Society was incorporated in the District of Columbia and has its headquarters in Arlington, Virginia. It is managed by a Board of Directors whose members are active duty or retired members of the Naval Services or spouses of active duty or retired members of the Naval Services.”

The NMCRS is one of only a few organizations that DoD activities are authorized to raise funds for.

Military may donate using payroll deduction, points of contact are Command Master Chief Robert Corkish (760) 939-6501, and AC1 Antwon Taylor (760) 939-5475.

Civil service donations can be made by contacting their local NMCRS representatives, for China Lake that is Linda Bego (760) 939-2921.

NAWCWD hosts Rear Adm. John Miller



Photo By, Joy Lewis

Rear Adm. Mat Winter (left), Commander NAWCWD, shown with Lt. Greg Enzinger (center) flag aid Naval Strike & Warfare Center, Fallon, Nev., and Rear Adm. John Miller (right), Commander, NSWC, visited China Lake in March to learn more about the F/A-18 Hornet and weapons systems integration being developed at China Lake.

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Military

MCPON salutes Chief Petty Officers

WASHINGTON (NNS) — Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy (MCPON)(SS/SW) Rick D. West released the following Chief Petty Officer birthday message to the Fleet March 28.

“My fellow chief petty officers, On April 1st, our entire Mess will pause to celebrate 118 years of the United States Navy Chief

Petty Officer, and we’re not just celebrating another year of chiefs serving the Navy, we’re celebrating everything it means to wear the fouled anchors we all cherish.

Those anchors are the symbol of a culture and a way of life, representing character, loyalty, a strong commitment to leadership, our core values, and Navy ethos. Our anchors carry with them a responsibility to live up to the tradition of selfless service, while

remembering our proud heritage that we’ve spent 118 years building as we look toward our future.

Thank you Chiefs! Through your leadership of our Sailors, you continue to keep our heritage alive and our Navy strong — and as you know our Navy is the best it has ever been. Continue to make a positive impact on your

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MAD Fun at the Follies



Theresa Goldstrand, NAWCWD PAO

Chief Warrant Officer Three Michael Osilla (far right) from the Marine Air Detachment (MAD) at China Lake gave his all during the Ridgecrest Chamber of Commerce Follies event in March. The MAD, along with a large number of station employees, contractors, business and community leaders, actively engages in community events throughout the year as a means of outreach and support.

Lt. Col. Richard J. ‘Wyatt’ Silong Retires After 23 Years of Military Service

By Orrin Batiste

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U.S. Air Force Lieutenant Colonel Richard J. “Wyatt” Silong retired on March 17, 2011, during a ceremony in Hangar 1 at Air Test and Evaluation Squadron Nine, VX-9.

Silong was a member of the U.S. Air Force on a personnel exchange program assignment to VX-9. But he originally began his military career as a Naval Aviator. In 1983, he received a Navy Reserve officer training corps scholarship to attend the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA). He went on to graduate with a Bachelor of Science in Aerospace Engineering and received his Naval Officer’s Commission on Dec. 14, 1987.

“His expertise would always win the day for the good of Naval Aviation and Air Force Aviation,” said Capt. Don E. Berry, Jr., Commanding Officer, VX-9, at the ceremony. Berry went on to say that Silong exhibited great courage in his job, recognized problems and continued to examine them until they were thoroughly resolved, and that Silong’s unique mixture of Navy and Air Force backgrounds would be sorely missed.

“Whenever Wyatt is involved

with a plan you can count on it to achieve success,” said Mr. Roy Bohnert, a senior analyst at VX-9 who has worked with Silong since January 2007, and that he couldn’t recall “a time when a task was not completed when Wyatt was involved.”

Silong honorably served a total of 23 years, four months, and 17 days in the U.S. Armed Forces; 14 years, seven days in the U.S. Navy, and nine years, four months, 10 days in the U.S. Air Force.

“It’s been a great ride,” says Silong about his extensive military career. “I flew more than 4500 mishap free flight hours in 10 different fighter aircraft, accumulated 600 aircraft carrier traps, and performed combat operations in two services, USN and USAF.”

As a Naval Aviator flying the F/A-18 Hornet, Silong was deployed aboard various aircraft carriers in the Western Pacific, and was a member of multiple F/A-18 squadrons, including VFA-27, VFA-125 and VFA-137. He executed an inter-service transfer to the U.S. Air Force on Dec. 22, 2001, where he flew combat missions over Iraq, and later served as director of operational test for the F-117A Nighthawk stealth

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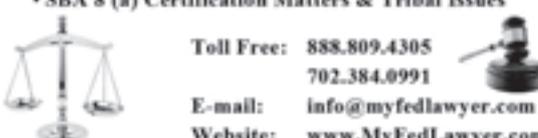
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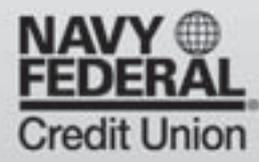




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Military

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attack aircraft.

Silong was involved in four major theater operations; Operation Restore Hope in Somalia, Operation Southern Watch in Iraq, Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan, and Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Silong said that he would forever cherish the great people he served with in our nation's military, and memories of multiple deployments, test missions, and combat operations will always be a reminder of what's required in order to enjoy the privilege of our country's freedom.

He added that his career has literally come full circle in many ways: "My enlistment began in the Mojave Desert of California in 1983 and ended in the Mojave Desert of California in 2011." Silong's future plans include flying for Delta Air Lines.

Silong is from Littlerock, Calif., and is a 1983 graduate of Paraclete High School in Lancaster, Calif.. He and his wife Gina Melissa have two children, a son, Garret, and a daughter, Paige.

Silong also emphasized the most important aspect of his career, the respect and love of his family, "for their support and love they gave me throughout my military career."



Photo By, Adelle Collie

Air Force Lt. Col. Richard J. "Wyatt" Silong being piped over the side during his retirement ceremony accompanied by his wife Gina Melissa, his son Garret, and daughter Paige.

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command, your Sailors, yourself and our Mess.

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The anticipation has begun for the 2011 Isabella Fishing Derby, to be held on April 16, 17, 18, 2011. With three loads of trout delivered to Isabella Lake, the work is already underway. These trout will be fed daily by a dedicated group of volunteers from the Kern Valley Fish & Game Habitat Club and the local community.



As the largest amateur trout fishing derby in the country, or even in the world, offering over \$250,000 in prizes, many local and national sponsors have already hooked the big money fish, for \$10,000 each. With Budweiser, Automobile Club of Southern California, French Gulch, North Fork Marinas, Charlie's Market, Isabella Supermarket, Mt Mesa Market, Taco Del Mar, Subway, Little Caesars Pizza, California Land Management, Amerigas, Sierra Gateway Markets, and Crossroads Shell, as sponsors so far, for the 22nd Annual Isabella Lake Fishing Derby sponsored by Berkley. Once again, there will be a real big money fish sponsored by the Kern River Valley Chamber of Commerce worth \$20,000, which would be doubled to \$40,000, if the lucky angler is wearing an official Isabella Lake Fishing Derby T-Shirt.

Another opportunity to double your prize, if you catch the fish sponsored by the French Gulch and North Fork Marinas, while in one of their rented boats, the value of that prize goes from \$10,000 to \$20,000.

Southern California Edison, Beyond Juice, and Shady Lane Bar & Grill are once again a proud sponsors of the popular Longest Trout Contest. After you register for the 2011 Isabella Lake Fishing Derby sponsored by Berkley, you are eligible to participate and present your freshly caught trout, tagged or untagged, to qualify for the prize. Throughout the derby use twitter (@fishing_derby) to get up-to-date contest information.

On Monday April 18, the final day of the 2011 derby, there will be a special drawing for a fully outfitted new 17½ ft Lowes ST170 fishing boat & trailer from Galey's Marine Supply in Bakersfield, CA. Tickets for the drawing are available now, please contact the Kern River Valley Chamber of Commerce today at (760) 379-5236 or via email at info@kernrivervalley.com

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Military/Community Events
Air Test And Evaluation Squadron Nine Retires Two Senior NCO's


Aircraft Maintenance Master Chief Ronald D. Cadiente (left photo) and Aviation Electronics Technician Senior Chief Darwin E. Johnson (right photo) were retired from the U.S. Navy in a double ceremony at Air Test and Evaluation Squadron Nine, March 11, 2011. Over 56 years of naval service between the two, Cadiente was in for 30 and Johnson served 26. The double ceremony was hosted by Capt. Don E. Berry, Commanding Officer, Air Test and Evaluation Squadron Nine.



How to be the MVP of your health team

By Tyler Patterson

TriWest Healthcare Alliance

As one saying goes: If you don't have your health, what have you got?

Remember: it's your health. You should work with your doctor, your nurse, your pharmacist—all the other members of your health team—to manage your health.

Not only is your health a precious resource, so is your time. To help make sure you are making the most of your medical appointments, here are a few tips to keep in mind when visiting your doctor:

Update your roster: Accurate contact information is vital to keep you up-to-date on appointments and test results. Wrong information in DEERS

can affect your eligibility for some care. Learn how to update your DEERS contact record online at www.triwest.com/bwe.

Be ready for pinch hitters: You may be referred to a specialist for care your primary care manager cannot provide. If that happens, remember to wait for your authorization letter to arrive before setting your specialty care appointment. Register for a secure triwest.com account and receive an electronic version of your authorization letter in hours, instead of waiting for days on the mail. Follow the directions in the letter to make sure you don't get a claims curveball later.

Play as a team: When you are seeing a new doctor or specialist, share any medications or tests from your other doctors. This

goes double if you have multiple prescriptions, or are taking over-the-counter medicines.

Preparation is key: It can be easy to forget things during an examination. Preparing in advance can help eliminate those "I should have asked..." moments while you're heading home.

You are a critical part of your healthcare team. You owe it to yourself to be involved!

TriWest understands that you need the best team to help you do, and feel, your best. That's why TriWest has built a robust TRICARE provider network in the west region. The providers' focus should always be on you—the TRICARE beneficiary—and TriWest works to support your providers so they can create and carry out your game plan.

MyNavyExchange.com expands its selection of shoes

The NEX's web store, myNavyExchange.com, has expanded the selection of ladies and men's shoes online. For her, the web store now carries brand names such as Jessica Simpson, Bandolino, Michael Kors, Nine West, BOC and Clarks. For him, customers will find shoes from Steve Madden, Fossil, Stacy Adams and Columbia.

"We are looking to bring our customers the latest spring trends from the hottest name brands all at our every day savings," said Cindy Trager, Navy Exchange Service Command's (NEXCOM) Divisional Merchandise Manager, e-Commerce. "I think customers will be pleased with the selection of shoes they can now purchase online. This is especially important for those customers who may not have access to a NEX. The web store gives them the opportunity to use the NEX benefit right from

their home."

The hottest spring trends for ladies are feminine and refined. Customers will find bows, flowers, peep toes, ankle emphasis and t- straps to add softness to buckle and "bling" detail. Platform shoes will be found in wood, cork and basket weave patterns. For color, neutral is key with shoes available in beige, taupe and nude.

Customers can also find ladies comfort and toning shoes with updated looks from Skechers, Easy Spirit and Crocs.

"We also carry toning shoes for men from Sketchers," said Trager. "Additions for summer include men's shoes from Quiksilver, Olukai and Johnston and Murphy. I encourage our customers to keep checking back on our web store to see what we've added. Customers will find something new all the time," said Trager.

Historical Society to hose author Peter Stekel at USO Building

The Historical Society of the Upper Mojave Desert will hold a special meeting Wednesday, April 13, at 7 p.m. at the Historic USO Building, 230 W Ridgcrest Blvd. The featured speaker will be Author Peter Stekel, who will talk about the mummified remains of a uniformed WWII US Airman found frozen in ice by two mountaineers while climbing above Mendel Glacier in the High Sierras in 2005.

The ensuing media storm

surrounding the man in the ice immediately gripped the attention of the nation. Who was he? Where did he come from and how did he get there? How had he remained so well preserved? Then, in 2007, the unimaginable happened again -- Stekel himself discovered a second body in the glacier and became part of the story. Another young man finally came home. To find out more, come listen to Stekel at the Historic USO Building April 13.

Indian Wells Valley Concert Association presents Misty River in Spring Finale

The Indian Wells Valley Concert Association is presenting Spring Finale with the last concert in the 2010-2011 season. The next concert is Monday, April 18 with the return of Misty River. This four-woman band has earned a reputation as one of the finest, most entertaining musical groups in the Pacific Northwest.

The four members support their beautiful blend of harmonic voices with unique combinations of fiddle, guitar, banjo, mandolin, accordion and upright acoustic

bass. Misty River blends folk, bluegrass, country, Celti and original music into a seamless and highly distinctive Americana sound that has entranced thousands of fans, including the local audience in 2004. Check out this exciting group at www.mistyriverband.com.

There will be a free student program on the same date at the Parker Performing Arts Center from 10 to 10:50 a.m.

The concert will be at 7:30 p.m. at the Parker Performing Arts Center.

The box office opens at 6:30 p.m. with the doors opening at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$22 for the single event and \$18 for those under 21, over 65 or active-duty military or dependent. Tickets are available at Red Rock Books and Maturango Museum. This engagement is supported, in part, with funds from the Western States Arts Foundation and the National Endowment for the Arts.

For more information, contact the Indian Wells Valley Concert Association at 760-375-5600.

News

New editor takes helm at Rocketeer II

Michael Roach has arrived aboard China Lake as editor of Rocketeer II.

A 2006 Sherman E. Burroughs High School graduate, Roach attended Santa Monica College and the University of Arkansas in Fayetteville, Ark., majoring in journalism. He most recently worked as a correspondent for The News Review in Ridgecrest.

While in Santa Monica, he served as a staff writer and assistant editor for the school newspaper Santa Monica College Corsair and was also a staff writer at The Arkansas Traveler in Fayetteville.

Roach is replacing current editor John D. Bennett who is leaving to pursue other opportunities.

“John has been a tremendous asset to the paper in his two ‘tours of duty’ here and we are sad to see him leave, but we are also very excited for Mike to come aboard,” said NAWS Public Affairs Site Lead Peggy Shoaf.

Roach said the opportunity to put his journalism skills to work



Michael Roach

in a community he was already familiar with was a big part of the draw to working aboard China Lake.

“I am looking forward to the challenge and unique opportunity that is afforded to me by working for this periodical,” he said. “It is always good to be home, and do something that you enjoy, this is no different.”

Murray presented with flag upon retirement



Linda Murray, NAWCWD Chief of Staff for Weapons and Energetics Department (Code 4.7), accepts a ceremonial flag that was flown in recognition of her retirement after 39-plus years at China Lake.

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April Is Sexual Assault Awareness Month

April marks the Navy's seventh annual Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM), coinciding with the presidentially-proclaimed national observations. SAAM is observed nationally and across the Department of Defense to promote prevention of sexual violence through special events and public education. The theme for this year's participation in SAAM by Armed Forces is, "Hurts one, affects all...Preventing sexual assault is everyone's duty."

Hurts one, affects all

According to the 2010 Workplace and Gender Relations Survey of Active Duty Members conducted by Defense Manpower Data Center (DMDC), of the 26,505 survey participants, 4.4 percent of women and 0.9 percent of men indicated experiencing unwanted sexual contact.

Regardless of where a sexual assault occurs, the negative consequences can have a ripple effect, starting with a victim and expanding outward to include families, friends, work colleagues, neighbors, and increasingly larger parts of the population. A sexual assault diminishes the Navy's and Marine Corps' ability to function proficiently at the levels of Sailor or Marine, unit and command, most notably affecting mission readiness, or a unit's ability to deploy quickly and efficiently. Sexual assault particularly diminishes the Navy's and Marine Corps' mission readiness in three ways:

1. The alleged perpetrators are often placed on administrative hold

and therefore cannot deploy with their units.

2. Victims may not be able to fulfill their duties or may otherwise have their ability to perform the mission compromised as a result of the traumatic events.

3. The attention of the unit leadership shifts from the normal duties involved in maintaining readiness to addressing a victim's needs, investigating the alleged perpetration, and restoring the unit's cohesion and trust.



Preventing sexual assault is everyone's duty

Interactions between people that might eventually lead to a sexual assault often begin in social settings, and most sexual assaults occur between people who know each other—friends, acquaintances, coworkers, etc. Of the percentages in the DMDC study that indicated experiencing unwanted sexual contact, 49 percent of women and 48 percent of men indicated that the offender was a military coworker.

Every service member, starting with senior leadership, must understand the importance of safely intervening and preventing the crime of sexual assault whether the offender is military or civilian. Preventing sexual assault is a moral duty; what we owe each other to keep each other out of harm's way.

Sexual assault reporting and support

Sexual assault is one of the most underreported crimes in the United States. Research indicates that only a fraction of sexual assaults that occur each year are ever reported to law enforcement by victims. The DMDC study also found that, of the women and men that indicated experiencing unwanted sexual contact, only 28 and 14 percent of them, respectively, reported the contact to a DoD authority or both a DoD authority and civilian authority.

Research shows that reporting the crime is most victims' primary link to getting medical treatment and other forms of assistance. The Sexual Assault Prevention and Response (SAPR) office at NAWS China Lake has a Sexual Assault Response Coordinator (SARC) and multiple Victim Advocates (VAs) to assist victims of sexual assault. The responsibilities of VAs are to attend to the victim, providing support, care and information, and advocate for them. Their role is crucial to the Navy's and Marine Corps' goal of providing exceptional victim-centered care.

In the event of a sexual assault, VAs at NAWS China Lake can be reached via the SAPR 24-hour hotline at (760) 608-7745. Information about sexual assault prevention education, guidance and reporting options to service members that may be victims of a sexual assault as well as their supervisors can be found at the website <http://myduty.mil/>.

The SAPR office at NAWS China Lake has a number of activities and events planned for the month of April to educate Navy and Marine personnel and their families about the affects of sexual assault on the individual, family and command, and sexual assault prevention. Contact FFSC at (760) 939-4545 or visit the NAWS China Lake page on Facebook for more information.



Photo by Jessica Armstrong

Above: NAWS China Lake Commanding Officer Capt. Jeffrey Dodson stands with (from left to right) Chief Androcles Y Ferrer, and the volunteer victim advocates for SAPR HM1 Alfredo Salas, AD1 Jasma Phillips, AE2 John Pergande, AD1 Teyronn Jackson, AC2 Daniel Harbaugh, ET2 Patrick Conway, Fleet and Family Support Center Director Deborah Ernst, and SARC Angela Krikac. "I hope the skills you have learned will never be called upon," said Dodson, while thanking the volunteers. Initial victim advocate training will be held April 18-23, for more information call Angela Krikac at (760) 939-8607.



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Right: NAWS China Lake Commanding Officer Capt. Jeffrey Dodson signs a proclamation in support of sexual assault prevention and awareness at NAWS China Lake.

Under Secretary of Defense visits China Lake



Dan O'Connor

Dr. Spiro Lekoudis, Director of Weapons Systems, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics) OUSD (AT&L) visits China Lake for an overview of weapons-related Science, Technology and Acquisition programs. Left: Lucas Lopez (OuSD), and Right: Dr. Spiro Lekoudis. Not pictured, Dave Janiec, NAWCWD, head of Weapons and Armament Directorate, Mallory Boyd, NAWCWD deputy for Science and Technology Dr. Lekoudis' staff support,

CLFD teaches Las Flores Elementary students about fire safety and prevention



Photo by Michael Roach

Prevention Officer Joey Cruea of CLFD instructing students of Las Flores Elementary on what to do in case of a fire in the home by utilizing the departments 'Fire Safety House' a converted trailer that simulates a fire emergency. The trailer was one of several activities featured in a program to teach the students fire prevention.



U.S. Navy photo

Dan Harris, head of 5.2 Range Data Systems Division, explains the functional characteristics of the Sidewinder missile to students visiting from the California State University Chico Math, Engineering and Science Achievement (MESA) program. The students toured China Lake in March to learn about NAWCWD and the Engineer and Scientist Development Program (ESDP). From left to right: Savleen Sekhon, Fateh Singh, Donovan Riley, Jillian Post, Perla Alvarado, Chris Loera and Dan Harris. Not shown: Antonio Apodaca.

Chico students visit NAWCWD

Seven students from the California State University at Chico toured Naval Air Warfare Center Weapons Division (NAWCWD) facilities at China Lake in March.

"My hope is that when students see the real-life application of their studies, those who are interested

will tailor their curriculum toward the skill areas we need," said Dan Harris, head of 5.2 WD Range Data Systems Division, who hosted the tour.

The tour, organized by Harris and supported by the NAWCWD Recruiting Office staff from Point Mugu and China Lake,

included stops at the Unmanned Aerial Vehicle Weaponization Laboratory, Range Control Center, AV-8B Weapons System Support Activity, Integrated Battlespace Arena, Weapons Prototyping Laboratory, and the Sidewinder Signal Processing

Higgins speaks during Women's History Month



Theresa Goldstrand, NAWCWD PAO

Dr. Karen Higgins, executive director and director for research and Engineering at NAWCWD 1998 through 2005, addresses the audience and awardees at NAWCWD's 2011 Women's History Month celebration held at McLean Laboratory. Higgins began working at China Lake's Naval Weapons Center in 1973 and retired in 2005.

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Laboratory.

The students, consisting of juniors and seniors, are all members of the Math, Engineering and Science Achievement (MESA) Student Chapter at Chico and included representatives from the Society of Women Engineers and the Society of Hispanic Engineers.

As a NAVAIR recruiter, Harris reaches out to a broad community of engineering students and showcases the work at NAWCWD. Acknowledging the challenges in developing a diverse workforce, Harris knows that building relationships with students early in their educational career is critically important. Harris has successfully recruited Engineer and Scientist Developmental Program (ESDP) candidates, whose first exposure to NAVAIR was through the ESDP

tours.

Gavin Swanson, who was recruited by Harris as an ESDP candidate from Chico and hired September 2010, really enjoys his work. "It's interesting, fun and challenging," he said. Swanson recently resurrected a remote cockpit from a QF-4 drone project. Two cockpits have since been modified for use as an educational and awareness exhibit to be located in the U.S. Naval Museum of Armament and Technology at China Lake.

"I appreciate the fact that these students were willing to drive 1,000-miles (round trip) to see us," Harris said. "They seemed to be really impressed with the variety of interesting work and the enthusiasm of the people who work here. This is the fourth annual event that we have hosted, and I am enthusiastic about the positive response we have been getting."

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and Lt.j.g. Ann Purvis, USN

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battleship, and five other ships sunk

 1979 - Launching of first Trident submarine, *USS Ohio* (SSBN-726) at Groton, Conn.

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NAWCWD Commander Rear Adm. Mat Winter congratulates Senior Bluejacket of the Year Hospital Corpsman First Class Ronald Braun, far left photo, and Junior Bluejacket of the year Sgt. Jose Pinel, left photo.

Photos by Milly Noy

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their courage, professionalism and integrity.”

This is the only event in the Indian Wells Valley that specifically honors the outstanding enlisted men and women assigned to China Lake.

“The Indian Wells Valley

community sincerely cares about its military because they grew up together,” noted Winter. “So whether raised here or stationed here, members of the military will always be embraced and appreciated by the community. And not just for their service to this country, but for their direct support for the greater good of this Valley - helping to build

houses, visiting the elderly, and passing out school supplies in the August heat. These are contributions that remain well past when a tour of duty ends, when Sailors and Marines move out and the next ones move in. Military come and go, commands change hands, civilians stay, and the mission we were handed more than 60 years ago continues together in

joint execution by our community and military families.”

After a presentation about each of the eight candidates by each of their senior leadership, the top two awards were presented by President, IWVCouncil of the Navy League, retired Navy Capt. Mark Storch, Master of Ceremonies, retired Navy Cmdr. Steve Goad and Command

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May 13-15
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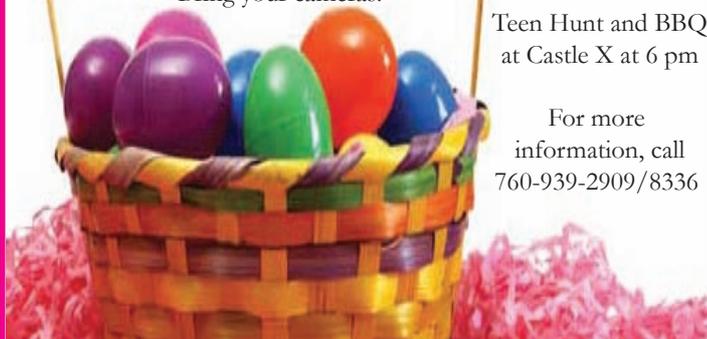
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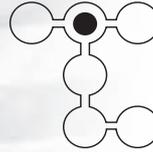
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