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## The Battle of Midway 69th anniversary

Hailed as the turning point in the Pacific during World War II, the Battle of Midway is now an important marker in U.S. Naval heritage, as the course of history was irrevocably changed June 4-7, 1942.

Now on the cusp of its 69-year anniversary, Midway is also known as the battle that announced to the world the effectiveness of naval aviation and the steadfast resolve of United States Navy Sailors.

Acting on the gathered intelligence, Adm. Chester Nimitz deployed carrier strike forces, augmented by shore-based bombers and torpedo planes, in an effort to combat the Japanese thrust and annihilate an Imperial Japanese navy carrier task force.

Essentially, the battle derailed the offensive efforts of the Japanese and halted their efforts to invade New Caledonia, Fiji and Samoa. Two months later, the U.S. and allies would be able to go on the offensive at Guadalcanal.

In total, Japan lost four large aircraft carriers, two thirds of those that attacked Oahu on Dec. 7, 1941. This was compounded by the loss of approximately 100 trained Japanese pilots and 700 aircraft mechanics.

The U.S. lost the USS Yorktown during the battle, as well as the USS Hammann, which was sunk while attempting Midway, Page 2

## Community celebrates Armed Forces Day

By Michael Roach  
Editor, Rocketeer II



Event organizers Howard and Barbara Auld stand with NAWS Commanding Officer Capt. Jeffrey Dodson (left), and Cmdr. Ian Anderson, VX-31 executive officer. The Aulds have organized local Armed Forces Day events for years. Howard is a veteran of WWII.

Photo By Peggy Shoaf

China Lake and the community of Ridgecrest came together May 20 and 21 in honor of Armed Forces Day to celebrate patriotism, local military history, and the sacrifices made by those in uniform.

Two events were organized by Howard and Barbara Auld—who have for years organized the commemorative festivities, though this year is reportedly their last. A luncheon on May 20 at SpringHill Suites Marriott honored veterans of World War II for their valor as well as the prowess of their generation. Additionally a ceremony held at Freedom Park the morning of May 21 honored all those who have served and are serving in the defense of the United States.

The luncheon featured speeches by base and community leaders including Naval Air Weapons Station (NAWS) Commanding Officer Capt. Jeffrey Dodson, former Commander NAWCWD

Capt. Mark Storch (retired), Command Master Chief Robert L. Corkish and Mayor of Ridgecrest AFD, Page 11

## CMC Corkish to retire after 30 years

By Michael Roach  
Editor, Rocketeer II



Courtesy photo

On June 13, Command Master Chief Robert Corkish will retire from the Navy with 30 years of honorable service. The last three were spent at China Lake, where Corkish served as a deckplate leader of both NAWCWD and NAWS, influencing Sailors and civilians to serve the greater good and serve it well.

Sailors are taught that, when they have a question, ask the chief. It's the chief's job to have the answer. That's why, on average, it takes more than a dozen years for an enlisted person to compete for the position of Navy chief. Corkish made it nine.

Not bad for a kid from Montana who faced those familiar crossroads after high school. "College wasn't the thing for me, so my parents

and grandparents encouraged me to join the military," said Corkish. In the Navy he found a family – officers and enlisted persons whose integrity and character resembled the family who raised him.

Deployments to Japan bookend 27 of his service years with tours aboard USS Midway, USS Briscoe, USS Guadalcanal, USS Kittyhawk, and USS Stethem – a special ship to Corkish.

Stethem was the only ship he served on named after a person: Robert Stethem, the U.S. Navy Seabee diver murdered by a terrorist during the 1985 hijacking of TWA Flight 847.

From its beginning, Stethem won national attention. On its first deployment in 1996, it was diverted to perform a search and rescue mission, recovering survivors from a downed C-130 off the coast of Corkish, Page 3

## Commentary

### A message from Tri-Care: Stressed Out? Breathe Out

By Brian P. Smith

TriWest Healthcare Alliance

You're watching the phone, waiting to hear if you got that job. You're sitting in the audience as your daughter starts her first piano recital. You're waiting for the daily email from your deployed spouse.

You're walking through the mall, still trying to get used to crowds after deployment.

These can all be stressful situations. Stress is a part of everyday life for Service members, veterans and families dealing with multiple deployments, homecomings and all the other demands of a military life.

Take a deep breath....

When you are stressed, do you ever focus on your breathing?

Most of the time, it's an automatic process. Slowing down and concentrating on your breathing can help you react in stressful situations. During stress and times of anger, the body's first reaction is to inhale and hold your breath. Breathing out slowly helps take the body out of the "fight or flight" mode.

The Defense Centers of Excellence for Psychological Health and Traumatic Brain Injury (DcoE, [www.dcoe.health.mil](http://www.dcoe.health.mil)) work to promote the resilience

and recovery of military members and their families. Their research shows that breathing exercises can help decrease the body's "fight or flight" response to stress. Certain types of breathing exercises can also help control anger and anxiety.

There's an app for that

Your smartphone can help you learn these exercises and improve control over your body's reactions to stress. The National Center for Telehealth and Technology is a part of the DCoE that develops technology. They've created tools to help you to manage your breathing (along with handy phone apps to track your mood and teach you about post-traumatic stress). Visit [www.t2health.org/apps](http://www.t2health.org/apps) to learn more about their tools and apps.

Pace yourself

Find more tips just like this on [triwest.com](http://triwest.com). The Behavioral Health Resource Center ([triwest.com/BH](http://triwest.com/BH)) is an online library with articles about stress, parenting, relationships and other issues. You can read articles on a wide range of topics, find links to the latest relevant information and take self-assessments when it's convenient for you.

### Lake Isabella Youth Fishing Derby June 4

A free youth fishing derby will be held at Lake Isabella June 4 from 6 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. for children ages four to 15. Weigh in begins at 9 a.m. and ends at 3 p.m.

All participants must register at Wofford Heights Park either on June 3 between 3 and 6 p.m., or June 4 beginning at 6 a.m. The event boasts a secret location that will be stocked with fish and dozens of sets of loaner fishing equipment.

For more information contact the Fish and Game Habitat Club, PO Box 127 Lake Isabella, Calif. 93240. Or call Derby Chair, Elaine Johnson at (760) 376-8997.

### Midway, Front Page

to salvage the Yorktown.

The victory has been credited to the efforts of American code breakers, superb carrier tactics and providential timing. Arguably one of the most important victories of the war, the Battle of Midway took the momentum from the Japanese allowing the United States to continue its fight in the Pacific and focus on the European theatre as well.

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Military

# OS2 Brown back from Baghdad

By Theresa Goldstrand  
NAWCWD PAO

Corkish, Front Page northern California. During its fourth deployment, in October 2001, the 13th Arleigh Burke-class Aegis destroyer launched the first Tomahawk Cruise Missile using a new weapons control system.

But for Corkish, it was the people onboard Stethem that made the ship unique. "We were more than a crew on that ship," he said. "We were family. And still are."

One thing Navy families do is move – coast to coast and around the world. But Corkish remembers that as a good thing. "One of my fondest memories is being able to see some of those foreign ports with my wife and children. The Navy is 30 years of my life. I can't think of one thing I'm not going to miss."

That includes his Sailors. Working for the enlisted guy and leaning on his chiefs, Corkish said success in the Navy depends on the people you work for and with. That's what he tells junior Sailors along with this advice: "Being in the Navy is about being better; always thinking about how you can make the people around you better. When you help those around you succeed, our Navy succeeds."

Fair winds and following seas Master Chief Corkish.

Operations Specialist Second Class (OS2) Clayton Brown recently returned from his second overseas tour where he worked for the Naval Air Warfare Center Weapons Division (NAWCWD) Tactical Dissemination Module (TDM). In 2009, Brown deployed to Baghdad at Camp Victory (CV) and then returned in 2010 for the same work.

As watch supervisor from December 2010 through April 2011, Brown was in charge of building briefs, giving briefs to flight personnel, conducting on-deck radio checks and flight following (tracking) reconnaissance aircraft. The TDM crew typically worked 14-16 hours a day – sometimes longer.

"Once a week we had a day off, but we didn't go 'outside the wire.' There was plenty to do for recreation inside the compound," Brown said.

The camp was run by the Army, but considered a "joint" base. CV personnel always

had to be mindful of random incoming mortar attacks. The camp was surrounded by T-walls that look like upside down T's, approximately 12 feet high.

"One day I walked around the moat that encircled Camp Victory. While I was out, a mortar shelled the compound and hit right near the moral, welfare and recreation center," Brown recalled. "We had camaraderie among the different U.S. service members; we worked side-by-side and shared intel information. There's still a little bit of 'service' rivalry, but we got along well. We lived in two-man container housing units that we called 'CHUs.' We walked to the dining, shower and recreation facilities that were set up inside the compound."

Between July 1995 – 1998, Brown was an active duty sailor aboard the USS Cleveland (LPD-7) based in San Diego, Calif. In 2007, he joined the Reserves at Naval Operations Support Center Cincinnati, Ohio and got involved with NAWCWD through the TDM

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## Military

### April, Month of the Military Child



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April was designated as the Month of the Military Child. The Fleet, Family and Child programs collaborated with the NAWS Ombudsman Adelfa Taylor, VX-31 Ombudsman Teresa Draves, VX-9, the Marine Aviation Detachment and the Branch Health Clinic on April 22 to provide a fun-filled event for the children on base. According to the Department of Defense, "The Month of the Military Child is an opportunity to recognize military children and youth for their heroism, character, courage, sacrifices and continued resilience." During the event on the Fleet and Family Support Center lawn, children made crafts, played in the bounce houses, sat in the dunk tank, enjoyed hamburgers, popcorn and lemonade and wrote letters to deployed service members.

## NEXCOM's Continuity of Employment Program Helping associates remain employed

As military families know, moving is a way of life. The Navy Exchange Service Command's (NEXCOM) Continuity of Employment Program helps ease the stress of moving by making sure its associates don't need to find a new job when a spouse gets transferred to a new duty station.

"Military family members comprise 27 percent of the Navy Exchange System workforce," said Peggy Vitola, NEXCOM director of benefits, labor and employee relations. "Our associates are very important to us and we want to do all we can to ensure that if an associate wants a job, we will have one for them. The Continuity of Employment Program has allowed us to take care of our NEX family by keeping the associate employed and for us, retaining good and dedicated people within the system."

Since the program's inception in 1998, NEXCOM has placed over 1,300 associates in Navy Exchange System (NES) positions at the associate's new duty station.

One person who has benefited from the Continuity of Employment Program is Chrisie Smock, NEX Kings Bay, Ga. Smock was hired by NEX Kings Bay in April 1994 as a clerk/cashier. In 2004, the military transferred the family to Bangor, Wash. Through NEXCOM's Continuity of Employment Program she got the position of hardlines divisional merchandise manager at NEX Bangor; a promotion. When her husband was transferred

to Virginia Beach, Va., in 2006, Smock used the program and got a job as a merchandiser at NEXCOM headquarters. Her husband's most recent transfer in 2008 brought their family back to Kings Bay where Smock is currently the replenishment manager at NEX Kings Bay.

"The Continuity of Employment Program is wonderful," said Smock. "It takes away a lot of the stress associated with a military move. You don't think about the financial situation of moving from duty station to duty station until you have to look for a new job. To know there is this program available to take care of me and my family is wonderful. It is an unbelievable benefit of the NES. Plus, you still have the opportunity of advancement in your career. I tell all military family members working for the NEX to utilize the program if their spouse is being transferred."

Angela Boyer began working at the Southeast Distribution Center in Pensacola, Fla., in 2002 as a warehouse lead. When her spouse transferred to Norfolk in 2010, she used the Continuity of Employment Program to get a warehouse worker position at the Northeast Distribution Center in Norfolk, Va. "Moving is a fact of life with military families," said Boyer. "This program gives family members the opportunity to continue with their careers and retain all their sick leave and vacation time benefits. It worked out really well for me. If my spouse

transfers again, I will definitely use the program again."

Dick Fotu, currently a warehouse worker at the Northeast Distribution Center, Norfolk, Va., also used the Program when his spouse transferred from Japan in 2010. "The human resources department in Japan told me about the program," said Fotu. "It was an easy transition from the warehouse in Japan to the one in Norfolk. I will definitely use the program again if my spouse transfers." Fotu has worked for the NES since 2007.

Once a NES associate knows that his or her spouse is transferring to another duty station where there is a NEX facility, paperwork is filled out letting the NEX in the new location know that there is an associate looking for a new position. After the NEX associate relocates and is ready to begin work, he or she contacts the NEX to determine which positions are open and which best suits the associate's work experience.

Another important aspect of the program is it keeps the associate's service date and benefits intact as they move from position to position. Once the associate is enrolled in the program, payments can still be made to any health, retirement or other benefit the associate has so there is no break in enrollment. "This is important when an associate eventually retires from the Navy Exchange System," said Vitola. "It allows them to retire with meaningful benefits."

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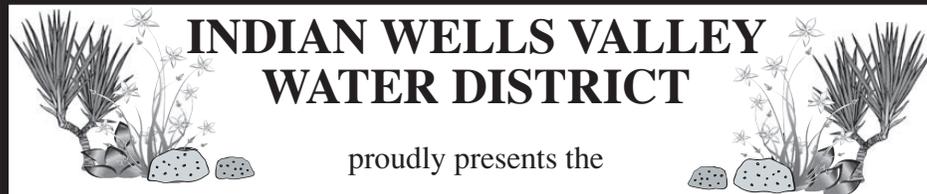
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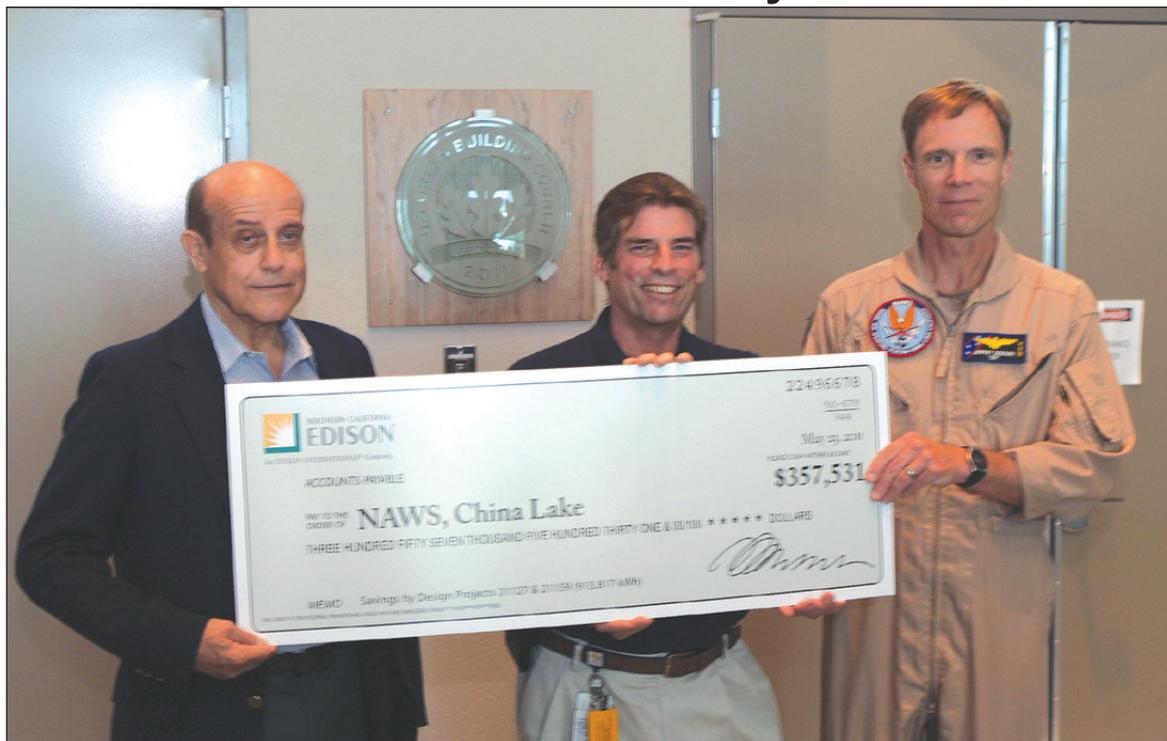
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News

# Navy building designated energy efficient

## Dr. William B. McLean Laboratory receives LEED and Savings by Design recognition



NAWS Commanding Officer Capt. Jeffrey Dodson (right) receives a SCE "Savings by Design" reward from representatives of Southern California Edison, Charles Nadig and Philip LeGrand, for the energy efficiency features in the Dr. William B. McLean Laboratory. The building also received a Leer® Gold designation.

Photo by Michael Roach

By Peggy Shoaf  
NAWS PAO

Commanding Officer Capt. Jeffrey Dodson and members of the Naval Facilities Engineering Command Navy Region Southwest, China Lake Detachment, joined Barnhart Balfour Beatty officials and Southern California Edison representatives inside the Dr. William B. McLean Laboratory May 23 to dedicate the structure as a LEED® Gold and a SCE "Savings by Design" building.

According to Philip LeGrand, the SCE senior government account manager, the building design should save approximately 913,817 kilowatt hours per year. Every kilowatt hour saved prevents one pound of CO2 (carbon dioxide) from going into the atmosphere, meaning the building design will save 913,817 pounds of carbon dioxide from entering the

atmosphere each year.

LEED, or Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design, is an internationally recognized green building certification system. It was developed by the U.S. Green Building Council in March 2000.

The program provides building owners and operators with a framework for identifying and implementing practical and measurable green building design, construction, operations and maintenance solutions.

A rating system is used to determine what strategies were implemented for better environmental and health performance. According to Ed Smuke, project manager, Facilities, Engineering & Acquisition Division, China Lake Detachment, the project received 41 points from the Building Council scoring.

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**NEWS**

# Public Works awards contractors for their safety efforts

Facilities Engineering and Acquisition Division (FEAD) China Lake ensures that construction contractors uphold established safety programs.

The Public Works Department (PWD) site safety manager consistently conducts unannounced safety audits, and informs the office of the latest recognitions on perfect scored safety audits.

For the months of Feb. and April 2011, the awarded contractors were Rockwood General Contractors, Inc., J&P Construction and Souza Construction.

“Thank You for your relentless ‘daily’ safety leadership in keeping our jobsites safe,” said Davy Nito, China Lake engineering technician. This award is one of the many statements contractors receive in support their safety efforts.



Photo courtesy of Public Works

Doug Siler (left) presents a safety award certificate to J&P Construction's Superintendent John Close.



Photo courtesy of Public Works

Mike Spencer (right), construction superintendent for Rockwood General Contractors, Inc. accepts a Safety Award certificate from Tom Rea, PWD China Lake site safety manager.



Photo courtesy of Public Works

Site management team of Souza Construction, receive certificate recognizing their achievement of a perfect score in a unannounced construction safety audit.

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program in 2009. While overseas, Brown passed the test and achieved his Air Warfare pin. He has since returned to reservist status and hopes to

advance to Petty Officer First Class. Brown plans to spend time with his family after he returns to Kentucky and take them on a special family holiday. Following that, he has planned a mini-honeymoon to St. Louis

with his wife.

“I enjoyed my tour,” Brown said. “I was sad to see it come to an end. If I got the call to set TDM back up, I’d go.”

## NAVAIR team appreciation



Photo by Michael Johnson

Tom Pearl, technical director of VX-31, tends the barbeque with a little help from Terry “Red Baron” Hine.

Hundreds of NAWCWD employees came out to relax at the annual NAVAIR Teammate Appreciation event and celebrate the Centennial of Naval Aviation, May 19. Held in front of the NAWS Administration Building, the event included booths of food and beverages sponsored by several department recreation committees.

A local band, “Unconditional Life,” entertained the crowd with their latest release, “Shine” (co-authored by Albert Bermudez and Brent Boberg) and a two-hour compilation of contemporary music. Band members included bass guitarist Isaac Graham, lead singer Albert Bermudez, drummer Gared Aguilar, and lead guitarist Brent Boberg.



News

*Dava Maples receives 10.0 Employee of the Quarter award*



Courtesy photo

Financial Management Analyst Dava Maples (left), receives the 10.0 Employee of the Quarter award from Merrie Giles, NAWCWD Comptroller.

The 10.0 NAWCWD Comptroller Competency selected Financial Management Analyst Dava Maples as its FY11 second quarter period Employee of the Quarter.

The Comptroller Competency Employee of the Quarter award is a peer-on-peer process whereby anyone in the group can nominate a co-worker.

The selection panel is composed of a group of peers, at least one from each department and site. The award comprises a time off award, certificate and group recognition. Dava was selected by her co-workers to recognize her numerous outstanding qualities that include prompt, friendly assistance to customers and coworkers, coupling an extreme amount of patience and politeness while resolving difficult issues.

A quote from one of the nomination forms reads, "Dava always greets everyone with a cheerful attitude and displays an extraordinary amount of honesty and respect to everyone she assists."

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The date was Jan. 9, 1944. While earlier firings had demonstrated successful guidance against targets augmented with flares, this was the first firing against a full size bomber target of the type the Sidewinder was designed to kill.

Although China Lake is known for guided missile development, equally important is the ability to test them under realistic conditions. This requires large test ranges and threat representative targets. This story

is about a program that designed and built full-scale targets. It features anecdotes from the pilots who tested and flew them. You will also hear from the threemembers of the Engineering Student Development Program who brought a piece of history back to life by transforming the QF-4 remote cockpit into a simulator.

The story will be told June 9, from 2 p.m. until 3 p.m. at Michelson Lab 1000D.

All personnel are welcome to attend and refreshments will be served.

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Top Left: *Remembering the Fallen*, NAWS Commanding Officer Capt. Jeffrey Dodson stands alongside members of Burroughs NJROTC and Col. Mark Johnson, commanding officer Marine Aviation Detachment China Lake after placing the ceremonial wreath. Middle Left: *Hot Chow*, the hats worn by WWII Veterans remain on the table while the vets browse the buffet during their appreciation luncheon. Bottom Left: *Standing Fast*, veterans salute the flag at Freedom Park as the color guard marches by their seats. Top Right: *Old Glory*, the flag in front of city hall lays calm during the fair-weather morning ceremonies at Freedom Park. Bottom Right: *He Should Know*, WWII veteran who served on the USS Anzio sits next to his intricately crafted scale model of the ship.



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Ron Carter. Burroughs High School NJROTC served as the color guard for the event and couriered certificates of appreciation presented by Mayor Carter and Capt. Dodson to the veterans.

Dodson gave the keynote address citing not only the strength, courage and sacrifice that it took for the United States to prevail in WWII. But also the importance of a generation that set a new standard after they returned from the war effort by using the GI Bill to go to college and raise the bar of excellence at home.

The event at Freedom Park was also organized by the Aulds. It boasted large community attendance for the speakers and festivities. Additionally, patriotic music by the Ridgecrest Community Band and the Farris Family Singers flanked the audience for the National Anthem and other resolute hymns.

“It is another gorgeous spring day here in Ridgecrest, and a great day to be outdoors in the United States of America,” said Cmdr. Ian Anderson, VX-31 executive officer, as he addressed the crowd.

“We’ve gathered here this morning to celebrate Armed Forces Day – a holiday set aside by President Harry Truman in 1949 to thank and honor those who answer the patriotic call to serve in our armed services, to ensure our freedoms as Americans.”

Anderson went on to quote General Omar Bradley, who was Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff during the first Armed Forces Day. “(The words) are as true today as they were then. He (Bradley) said: ‘The heritage of freedom must be guarded as carefully in peace as it was in war...Sacrifice, not selfishness, must be the eternal price of liberty. Vigilance, not appeasement, is the byword of living freedoms... Real security lies in the prevention of war--and today that hope can come only through adequate preparedness.’”

The morning ended with the placing of a ceremonial wreath next to a statue in Freedom Park donated by the family of Dolph Amster on which an inscription reads “Dedicated to the men and women who gave their lives in combat while serving in the armed forces of the United States. “



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Top Left: *Thank You Ma'am*, a member of Burroughs NJROTC shakes hands with a WWII veteran “WAVE”—Women Accepted for Volunteer Emergency Service (W.A.V.E.S.)—after presenting her with a certificate of appreciation. Bottom Left: *The Greatest Generation*, WWII Veterans pose for a group photo at the end of their appreciation luncheon alongside event organizers, guest speakers and Burroughs NJROTC color guard. Top Right: *Generations of Tradition*, a veteran shakes the hand of an active duty Sailor. Middle Right: Rank and File, NAWS Commanding Officer Capt. Jeffrey Dodson (left) and Cmdr. Ian Anderson, VX-31 executive officer, lead the way to open the Armed Forces Day ceremony at Freedom Park. Bottom Right: *Words of Appreciation*, Cmdr. Ian Anderson addresses the audience at Freedom Park.

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Thirty-nine are needed for the gold rating.

Smuke noted that the contractor, Barnhart Balfour Beatty, only needed to achieve "silver" status, which needed a rating of 33 to 38 points. But, in their design and construction, they surpassed that to achieve the gold rating. To achieve a platinum rating, 52 points, or more (up to the maximum 69 points), are needed.

Dave Roach, the construction company's senior vice president, told Dodson that he feels LEED® Gold is becoming a standard for the Navy, adding, "You will get a quicker payback with a gold rating (as opposed to the platinum rating, which would take more time to offset initial costs) and the occupancy by employees will be more comfortable, too," he said.

During the dedication, SCE representative Charles Nadig, technical specialist for new construction, presented the Dodson with a ceremonial check for \$357,531 – a SCE "Savings by Design" award.

Savings by Design is a program encouraging high-performance nonresidential building design and construction. In addition to providing design assistance, the program offers owner incentives to help offset the costs of energy-efficient buildings and a design team incentive, which reward designers who meet ambitious energy efficiency targets.

According to Sean Halpin, head of the Utilities & Energy Management Branch, NAVFACSW, China Lake Detachment, the money will be reinvested into other energy saving projects on the base.

"This is great," said Dodson. "It would be a shame to pay off a utility bill when you can use the money to save on future energy costs."

LeGrand agreed, noting that how buildings are designed make a big difference to energy conservation and that the rewards can keep on rolling.

It is definitely a win-win for the government, tax payer and the environment.

## 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: Madonna Archibeque, or you can fax to 939-1423. For more information regarding the Leave Transfer Program, please call Madonna Archibeque at 939-8103 or DSN 437-8103. The 2011 leave year ends on 1 January 2012.

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# 700 attend local job fair



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Approximately 700 potential employees were able to talk to employers looking for qualified personnel at the Ridgecrest/NAWS China Lake job fair held at the Kerr McGee Center May 25. Some applicants were interviewed on the spot and offered a job. According to organizer Joan Telles, from the NAWS China Lake Fleet & Family Support Center, there are still a few kinks to work out, but overall, people were very happy with the new venue and the number of applicants. She hopes more local businesses from town will take part in the next event.

## This week in US Naval history

- June 2:**  
1941 - First escort carrier, USS Long Island (CVE 1), commissioned.
- June 3:**  
1785 - Order received to sell last ship remaining in Continental Navy, frigate Alliance. No other Navy ships were authorized until 1794.
- 1898 - Collier Merrimac sunk in channel leading to Santiago, Cuba in unsuccessful attempt to trap Spanish fleet. The crew was captured and later received the Medal of Honor.
- 1949 - Wesley A. Brown becomes the first African-American to graduate from the U.S. Naval Academy.
- June 4:**  
1934 - USS Ranger (CV 4), first ship designed from the keel up as a carrier, is commissioned at Norfolk, Va.
- 1942 - Battle of Midway (June 4-6) begins. During battle, the four Japanese carriers which attacked Pearl Harbor are sunk; this decisive U.S. victory is a turning point in the Pacific war.
- 1944 - Hunter-killer group USS Guadalcanal (CVE 60) captures German submarine, U 505.
- June 5:**  
1794 - First officers of the U.S. Navy under the Constitution are appointed.
- 1917 - First military unit sent to France, First Naval Aeronautical Detachment, reaches France aboard USS Jupiter (AC 3).
- June 6:**  
1944 - In Operation Overlord, Allied invasion fleet land troops on Normandy beaches, the largest amphibious landing in history.
- June 7:**  
1819 - Lt. John White on merchant ship Franklin, anchored off Vung Tau, is first U.S. naval officer to visit Vietnam.
- 1942 - Battle of Midway ends with loss of USS Yorktown (CV 5).
- 1991 - Joint Task Force Sea Angel ends relief operations in Bangladesh after Cyclone Marian.
- June 8:**  
1830 - Sloop-of-war Vincennes becomes first U.S. warship to circle the globe.
- 1853 - Commodore Matthew Perry arrives at Uruga, Japan, to begin negotiations for a treaty with Japan.
- 1967 - USS Liberty attacked by Israeli forces in Mediterranean.

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- 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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- May grease, adjust and make emergency repairs to equipment.
- May also direct other teammates within this section.

### SUMMARY OF JOB REQUIREMENTS:

Ability to be a team player. High School diploma. College degree preferred. Certified Crane Operators license from an accredited school: NCCCO LBT/TSS/TLL- Friction and Hydraulic. Certified Rigging license NCCCR from a certified school is a plus++ Commercial drivers license- CDL air brakes Proven planning, organizational and analytical skills. Operate hand or power trucks, 4k-35k forklifts One or more years of experience involved, in performing various Crane lift work in a warehouse and or construction site that requires the use of various warehouse and safety practices. Strong verbal and written communication skills. Read/Write/ Speak English. Ability to follow written and oral instructions. Bend, kneel, climb, and squat. Have full range of motion. Ability to lift up to 40 lbs. unassisted. Detail Oriented, familiar with transportation BOL's and item inventory. Computer literate with knowledge of DSS and P.C. applications. Required experienced in operating older military Friction type cranes. Experience in Crane maintenance is a plus.

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- May direct workers engaged in hoisting machinery and equipment.

### SUMMARY OF JOB REQUIREMENTS:

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