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Volunteers needed for Combined Federal Campaign

Volunteers from all Commands onboard China Lake are being sought to become this year's Indian Wells Valley Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) Key Workers. This year the CFC will be celebrating its 50th Anniversary with some exciting activities being planned.

Each year, a handful of people plan, implement and coordinate one of the largest workplace charity campaigns. As a key worker, you will have the opportunity to be a part of this exciting endeavor.

Key workers are responsible for contacting everyone within the codes they support at China Lake to see if they would like to donate during the month-long campaign, which begins in October. According to Mara Bowen, co-chair Local Federal Coordinating committee, without key workers, there would not have been more than \$200,000 pledged last year to help a variety of local, national and international non-profit organizations.

The campaign encompasses all federal agencies within the Indian Wells Valley - the Base, the Bureau of Land Management, the Federal Aviation Administration and the post offices in Ridgecrest and Inyokern.

Volunteers must have supervisor approval; work-time hours are required. Training will be provided by the Principal Combined
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Emergency preparedness at China Lake

By Michael Roach
Editor, Rocketeer II

The following is the first in a series of articles about emergency preparedness and how one can be ready for a disaster situation.

Each year, Commander, Navy Installation Command conducts what is referred to as an internal emergency management exercise, also known as Citadel Rumble. Last week, it was Navy Region Southwest's turn to go through the exercise.

The scenario for the exercise featured an ARK storm, which have occurred historically every 200-500 years. July 18-20 was the hypothetical peak of the storm which "began" on July 3.

A mock evacuation was conducted at the Child Development Center after a "fatality" had occurred involving a maintenance worker. The CDC staff evacuated the children to the All-Emergency Prep, Page 11



Children and staff from the Child Development Center arrive at the All-Faith Chapel July 19 following an evacuation as part of the ARK Storm exercises held last week.
Photo by Michael Roach

Local Navy teen goes on summer adventure

By Michael Roach
Editor, Rocketeer II

Alex Horne has had perhaps one of the greatest summer adventures a 14-year-old whose family is stationed in the High Desert of California could have, and it is thanks, in part, to the Navy Child and Youth Program's Navy Teen Summer Adventure Scholarship Program.

During his first day of school this year Alex will be able to regale his classmates with stories of how he dove to the sea floor to inspect a century-old shipwreck and sailed across the same seas to the same shores as fabled pirates and explorers.

Alex attended Sail Caribbean, a camp that takes youths throughout the British Virgin Islands, teaching them to, among other things, dive and sail. It was Alex's second choice, just one of the many camps offered through the Navy Teen Summer Adventure Scholarship Program. The program is available to youth's ages 13-17 who are dependents of active-duty or reservist Navy
Summer Camp, Page 10



Alex Horne (middle) helping man the ship at Sail Caribbean, where he spent three weeks learning how to scuba dive and sail while touring the British Virgin Islands. Alex was able to embark on this trip thanks to the Navy Teen Summer Adventure Scholarship Program.
Courtesy Photo

Site 44 Green solutions to past problems

By Michael Roach
Editor, Rocketeer II

Site 44, the end product of past waste disposal practices at China Lake, is a prime example of the Navy's efforts to right its impact on a local stage.

Located on Water Road at China Lake, Site 44 is an area where according to Jim McDonald, Installation Restoration Program manager at China Lake, shallow ground water is contaminated with a fuel product plume. The situation was identified by remedial investigation reports Phase I and II completed in 1996 and 2002, respectively. It is believed that the plume was caused by an old firefighting training area and the "Water Road Fuel Dump."

According to McDonald from 1945 until 1988, the firefighting training area, located in the southwestern portion of Site 44, was used to facilitate practices for fighting petroleum fires.

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Sharon S. Biesiadecki, 58

Sharon S. Biesiadecki passed away July 8 at Ridgecrest Regional Hospital, she was 58-years-old.

Sharon was born Jan. 8, 1953 in Seattle, Wash. and became a resident of Ridgecrest in 1963. She graduated Class of 1971 from Sherman E. Burroughs High School and went on to receive an associate's degree from Bakersfield College.

She retired in 2009 from a 31-year career with Naval Weapons Center and Naval Air Warfare Center Weapons Division as a contracts administrator.

Sharon enjoyed classic cars and showcases, as well as

cruises to foreign countries with her husband.

Sharon is survived by her loving husband, Leon G. Biesiadecki, and her mother Martha Louise Pena, both of Ridgecrest.

Sharon was laid to rest at Riverside National Cemetery July 20.

In lieu of flowers, donations will be accepted by the RRH Foundation for a leaf on the Tree of Life in Sharon's name. For information contact Alice Benton at (760) 446-6028.



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Sharon and Leon G. Biesiadecki.

Food drive gaining momentum

Since its launch on July 14, the Feds Feed Families Food Drive at China Lake has amassed nearly 700 pounds of food for local families.

China Lake, along with other Command, Naval Installations Command bases, is contributing toward the Department of Defense's goal to collect 733,800 pounds of food for food pantries across the nation.

Just like food pantries around

the country, local organizations are struggling to keep up with demand as they've already provided aid to hundreds of Ridgecrest, Inyokern and Trona families in 2011. Until the end of the food drive on Aug. 30, Sailors and federal employees can help ease the burden on these pantries by contributing non-perishable food, household and hygiene items at any one of the multiple locations across China Lake.

For a list of food collection locations at China Lake as well as a list of acceptable items, please visit the NAWS China Lake website at <https://www.cnic.navy.mil/ChinaLake/About/CommunityRelations/CommunityService/index.htm>.

For more information about the food drive, contact Lt. Chaplain Derrick E. Horne at (760) 939-3056 or the NAWS Public Affairs Office at (760) 939-1283.

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Military

Cmdr. Timothy G. Battrell retires



Photo by Michael Roach

Cmdr. Timothy G. Battrell, Dental Corps, is piped ashore with his wife, Candy. Battrell retired last week, after 22 years in the Navy. China Lake Branch Health Clinic was his first and last duty station. "You ran a tight ship Tooth Boss and provided quality care to our patients here in China Lake and both patients and staff alike are thankful for your dedication," said Lt. Cmdr. Richard Stacey, officer-in-charge during his speech at the retirement ceremony.

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Military

VX-31's HM2 Hernandez selected to join Blue Angels

By Theresa Goldstrand
NAWCWD PAO

Naval Air Warfare Center Weapons Division Air Test and Evaluation Squadron THREE ONE is proud to announce that HM2 Benjamin Hernandez has been selected to join the Blue Angels' team. He will detach from VX-31 in October 2011 and become part of the Navy's elite military demonstration team in November 2011.

The Blue Angels are internationally recognized as the face of the U.S. Navy. According to the Blue Angels' official website, a total of 16 officers voluntarily serve with the Blue Angels. Each year, the team typically selects three tactical (fighter or fighter/attack) jet pilots, two support officers and one Marine Corps C-130 pilot to relieve departing members. The Chief of Naval Air Training selects the Blue Angels commanding officer that flies the Number 1 jet.

Career-oriented officers specializing in maintenance, administration, aviation medicine, public affairs and supply fill support positions. The Blue Angels base their selection of officers on professional ability, military bearing and communication skills. Blue Angels officers are well-rounded representatives of their fleet counterparts. Based on his stellar naval career, Hernandez was hand-picked to work with the Blue Angels aviation medical officer.

In February 2009, when Hernandez checked in to VX-31



Photo by Theresa Goldstrand

HM2 Hernandez assists in a patient litter rescue demonstration, using AWS2 Erik Potter as a victim, during a visit from the local Faller Elementary School Kindergarten classes.

as a search and rescue medical technician, he immediately assumed a leadership role as assistant helicopter inland rescue aircrew. He supervises an aircrew team of 14. Because of his strong work ethic and military bearing, he was named VX-31 Junior Sailor of the Year for 2009. His persona and demeanor is that of a seasoned medic and his exceptional emergency medical skills were specifically noted by the Chief of Naval Operations Search and Rescue Model Manager

Inspection team during the squadron's 2011 SAR evaluation. Dedicated to saving lives, Hernandez even donated bone marrow to a 17-year-old boy diagnosed with Hodgkin's Lymphoma in September 2009.

As a teenager growing up in Murray, Utah, Hernandez worked "on the job" at the local fire department, and, after graduating from high school, he followed his passion in the emergency medical technician field and enlisted in the Navy as a

corpsman. His first duty station was with the Marines at USMB Kaneohe, Hawaii.

But, Hernandez's love of the Navy has roots in his family history – his grandfather was a Seabee in WWII, Korea and Vietnam. His uncle and two older brothers are also serving in the Navy.

Hernandez recalled, "I've always loved the Navy. My grandfather told me about an incident during the Korean conflict – the ship my

grandfather served on came under fire. He ran across the deck to get more ammunition for the deck guns, dodging bullets that whizzed by him, as he ran back with the rounds."

VX-31 SAR provides emergency medical services for both military and civilian personnel for the entire range and Death Valley as well as the Sierra and Coso Mountain Ranges. Hernandez personally participated in 12 SAR missions and provided emergency medical care to many injured military and civilian personnel. In January, Hernandez helped rescue four civilians from a canyon in Death Valley National Park.

Hernandez explained, "We had to 'drop down' into the canyon and recover them. It took us about 45 minutes to pick up three men and one woman. They'd gone hiking on a trail they read about in a magazine, took the wrong route out and got stuck for about three days. Luckily, they were in a canyon that actually had a waterfall. With their water purifying system, they were able to capture water, and they had food and shelter."

Hernandez rappelled down about 150 feet, the equivalent of a 15-story building, got the first two out then, using the rescue basket that looks like a large cargo net, lifted the other two out. After the hikers were safely aboard, Hernandez was hoisted out.

Hernandez said, "It's been very rewarding to me to be able to save lives and help civilians. Discipline and culture in the Navy helped me improve as a person. It helped shape who I am today."

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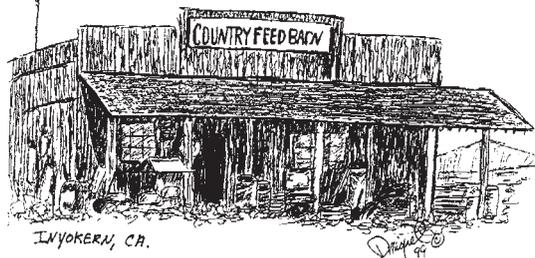
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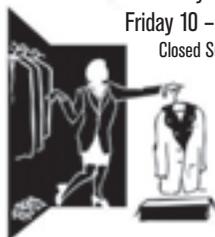
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Consider Japan when looking for orders

MILLINGTON, Tenn. -- Career Management System/Interactive Detailing (CMS/ID) opened a new application phase July 18, and Navy leadership is reminding Sailors to consider duty in Japan.

"Some of the feedback we're getting from folks who have orders to Japan is they feel that it's unsafe to go there right now," said Command Master Chief (SW) Gregory Vidaurri, command master chief, Commander Fleet Activity Yokosuka (CFAY), who visited Navy Personnel Command with his command career counselor while traveling to the Navy Counselor Association Symposium. "We want to tell everybody that it is safe and we do want people to come back to Japan."

A temporary stop-movement order was issued for Navy personnel and their families scheduled to make permanent change of station (PCS) moves to Japan right after the earthquake and tsunami March 11. The stop-movement was cancelled in April and families can PCS as normal.

"For that Sailor who's never been overseas, Japan would be a good start," said Chief Navy Counselor (SW/AW) Tasha Wright, command career counselor, CFAY. "You're in the military; you have the opportunity to travel that you'll probably never have. You'll get the opportunity to see places, go places and do things that you've never done."

CMS/ID is currently advertising 779 sea billets and 271 shore billets in Japan giving Sailors inside of their orders negotiation window plenty of options.

On-base housing is available in Japan, but living in the local community is an option. Sailors may be entitled to temporary living, overseas housing, move-in and cost-of-living allowances.

According to Wright there are many benefits to a tour in Japan including diversifying a Sailor's career, good Department of Defense schools, and support services for the service member and their families.

Japan, Page 13

Local college student Janelle Johnson receives scholarship from commissary



Photo by Michael Roach

NAWS Commanding Officer, Capt. Jeffrey Dodson (left), and Commissary Manager, Leslie Wade (right), present Janelle Johnson, 19, with the store's annual scholarship July 21. Johnson who is set to graduate from Cerro Coso Community College in May will be putting the money towards furthering her education at California State University, Northridge. The scholarship totals \$1,500 and was funded by vendors and manufacturers associated with the Commissary as well as the Fisher House Foundation.

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NEWS

Awards ceremony celebrates efforts of NAWCWD employees

By Theresa Goldstrand
NAWCWD PAO

Naval Air Warfare Center Weapons Division Executive Director Scott O'Neil and David Janiec, NAWCWD Weapons and Energetics director, hosted the 2011 NAWCWD honorary awards luncheon at China Lake June 21.

Chosen for their superior achievements and contributions to the NAWCWD mission, 74 China Lake employees were recognized.

The Michelson Laboratory Award, first given in 1966, recognizes individuals for technical excellence based on outstanding performance of individual duties.

Awardees who had previously won the Michelson Laboratory Award are then chosen for the coveted Dr. L. T. E. Thompson Memorial Award. This award recognizes contributions to the advancement of ordnance toward the fulfillment of NAWCWD mission and the U.S. Navy. It is given for a single outstanding achievement of continued excellence of performance.

Since 1968, the memorial award named for Dr. William B. McLean has recognized outstanding creativity in furthering the NAWCWD mission as evidenced by significant inventions, based on the originality and significance of an invention.

The Dr. Charles C. Lauritsen Memorial Award is reserved for outstanding achievement in the advancement of technology in energetics materials, ordnance, propulsion and fuzing.

Civilian employees who have made significant contributions to the methodology and/or validity of the processes for test and evaluation of weapons systems through innovation and engineering principles received the Dr. Manuel A. Garcia Memorial Award.

Gwendolyn Elliott Hunt Memorial Award recognizes employees who have made significant strides in personal development, academic achievements, career advancement, and/or mission accomplishments.

Civilian or military employees who made significant strides in personal development, career advancement, or contributions to mission accomplishment in NAWCWD's technical and operational goals within the last three years received the Capt. Kenneth A. Walden Memorial

Award.

The Cmdr. Clifton Evans, Jr. Memorial award is reserved for those civilian or military employees who have made significant contributions in Information Warfare and Electronic Warfare in one or more of the following areas: organizational design, systems engineering, hardware/software engineering, modeling and simulation testing, and/or employment techniques that enhance combat effectiveness, survivability, and lower costs.

Dr. Twain C. Lockhart Memorial Award honors employees who have made significant contributions in the development of target systems to meet the developmental and operational testing requirements of weapons systems.

Equal Employment Opportunity Annual Awards recognize four categories: supervisors, managers, EEO committee members, and other employees who have made outstanding contributions to the NAWCWD EEO program through excellence in their leadership, skill, imagination, and perseverance.

Warfighter Support Awards are given to those individuals, or departments, who provide outstanding fleet support, to include foreign military sales customers, which enhances or greatly improves the operational capabilities/readiness of our warfighters; official recognition from an operational activity (active or reserve) identifying the value and improvement provided to the Fleet customer is required.

Please visit the NAWCWD website for the full story of all NAWCWD award recipients and group photos. <https://mynavair.navair.navy.mil/wingspanwd>.



Photo by Dan O'Connor

The Michelson Laboratory Award recognizes individuals for technical excellence based on outstanding performance of individual duties. Standing left to right with Dave Janiec and Scott O'Neill are: Roger Durtschi, Gregory Janson, Ted Ribultan, David Dunaj, Karen Van Roy, James Kalbfleisch, Stephen Fallis, Ph. D. and Ramesh Shori, Ph.D.



Photo by Dan O'Connor

The ROVER Rapid Response team also received the Warfighter Support award for their work on the H-60 FLIR Downlink System. Left to right: Dave Janiec, John Zipp, Samuel Schoenhals, Terry Mitchell, Thang Nguyen, Leonard Meuse, Axel Alvarez, Barry Douglas, Ricky Howell and Scott O'Neil. Awardees not shown are: Matthew Artelt, Lt. Cmdr. David Britton, Christopher Coster, William Gormley, Robert Keathley, Behzad Lessany-Abdi, Christopher Melendez, Patricia Siegel, Gabriel Waliser, and Britt Wheatley.



Photo by Dan O'Connor

NAWCWD Weapons and Energetics director, Dave Janiec (far right) presented the Warfighter Support award to the High Mobility Multi-Wheeled Vehicle Fire Suppression team, in recognition of their outstanding support to the United States Marine Corps. Team members included left to right: Ross Davidson, Alberto Castro-Leon, Eric Sievert, and Eric Wilson.



Photo by Dan O'Connor

Dave Janiec and Scott O'Neil presented the Equal Employment Opportunity annual award to Elaine Riendeau, Pamela Smith and Bettye Moody as employees who made outstanding contributions to the NAWCWD EEO program through excellence in their leadership, skill, imagination, and perseverance.



Photo by Dan O'Connor

Only those who previously won the Michelson Laboratory Award are chosen for the coveted Dr. L. T. E. Thompson Memorial award that is given for a single outstanding achievement of continued excellence of performance. George Hennings, Ph.D., receives the Thompson award from Dave Janiec and Scott O'Neil.



News

This date in U.S. Navy history

July 28:
 1915 - Sailors and Marines land in Haiti to restore order.
 1916 - Navy establishes a Code and Signal Section which initially worked against German ciphers and tested the security of communications during U.S. naval training maneuvers.
 1945 - USS Callaghan (DD 792) is last ship sunk by a Japanese kamikaze attack, off Okinawa.

July 29:
 1846 - Sailors and Marines from U.S. sloop Cyane capture San Diego.
 1918 - Assistant Secretary of the Navy, Franklin D. Roosevelt, visits Queenstown, Ireland.
 1945 - U.S. warships bombard Hamamatsu, Japan.

July 30:
 1918 - Units of First Marine Aviation Force arrive at Brest, France.
 1941 - Japanese aircraft bomb USS Tutuila (PR 4) at Chungking, China; First Navy ship damaged by Axis during World War II.

July 31:
 1815 - Commodore Stephen Decatur concludes agreement with Bey of Tunis to compensate

U.S. for seizure of merchant ships during the War of 1812.
 1865 - East India Squadron established to operate from Sunda Strait to Japan.
 1874 - Commissioning of USS Intrepid, first U.S. warship equipped with torpedoes.

August 1:
 1801 - U.S. schooner Enterprise captures Tripolitan ship Tripoli.
 1921 - Successful tests of gyroscopic high level bombsight (Norden Bombsight) at Torpedo Station, Yorktown, Va. Carl Norden developed the bombsight for the Bureau of Ordnance.
 1946 - Office of Naval Research established.

August 2:
 1943 - PT-109, under command of Lt. j.g. John F. Kennedy, cut in half by Japanese cruiser Amagiri.
 1943 - Naval task groups bombard Japanese forces on Kiska, Alaska.

August 3:
 1804 - American Squadron, including USS Constitution, attacks Tripoli.
 1812 - Frigate Essex capture British brig Brothers.

System safety engineer selected to represent NAWCWD at the Pentagon

Steve Bussell of the System Safety Engineering Branch was selected as a Naval Air Warfare Center Weapons Division representative to the Navy Science & Technology Exchange Program in Washington, D.C. The transition will take place August 2011.

In his new role, Bussell will be the N88 Science & Technology (S&T) Science Advisor in the Strike Aircraft Plans and Requirements Section. In this capacity, Bussell will serve as OPNAV requirements officers' point of contact for all S&T venues. He will establish criteria and provide recommendations regarding N88 RO consensus on transitional S&T priorities and participate in development, update and review of NAE Strategic plans. In addition, Bussell will review and coordinate NAE interest in ACTDs, FNC, evaluate and review of S&T process changes, represent N88 in CTO process reviews, and conduct evaluations.

In his recent career, Bussell has served as one of the NAWCWD China Lake permanent members to the Navy's Weapon System Explosives Safety Review Board.



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China Lake High Tech Consortium, part of an innovative discussion at NAWCWD's Industry Day

By Kelli Cutts and Theresa Goldstrand

The following is the third in a series of articles featuring innovation. If you are involved in an innovative program or have thoughts about innovation in general, please contact Kelli Cutts (760) 939-0591 kelli.cutts@navy.mil for instructions on how to submit an article detailing your department's innovations.

Naval Air Warfare Center Weapons Division hosted the first annual NAWCWD Industry Day June 29 at the Kerr McGee Center in Ridgecrest. Over 300 guests representing 254 small and large businesses from 16 states attended to learn about contract opportunities available through NAWCWD.

Stressing the importance of collaboration between Department of Defense, academia, industry and coalition networking for strategic vision, NAWCWD Commander Rear Adm. Mat Winter stated, "A strong partnership between industry and the Navy is key to our mission success."

NAWCWD's mission is to execute full-spectrum weapons and warfare systems research, development, acquisition, test and evaluation in ways that give our warfighters the decisive advantage. At a time when budgets are straining and the need for innovation in our country is rising, NAWCWD is leveraging networks, resources, research and technologies to solve complex problems. NAWCWD is doing what it takes to win.

In keeping with that vision, part of the packed agenda focusing on NAWCWD's acquisition programs included an overview of the China Lake High Tech Consortium (CLHTC) presented by deputy director for Research and Engineering, Andy Corzine.

The consortium, which began as Corzine's thesis topic in 2008 while attending the Sloan School of Management at MIT, has since grown into a bicoastal networking forum. Aligning with



Photo by Michael Johnson

Andy Corzine, deputy director for Research and Engineering, speaks to the Industry Day audience about NAWCWD development goals and the China Lake High Tech Consortium. Over 300 guests representing 254 small and large businesses from sixteen states attended to learn about contract opportunities available through NAWCWD.

industry, academia, government agencies and venture capitalists, CLHTC addresses the current and future technology requirements of the military and commercial marketplace.

Corzine said, "NAWCWD's participation in the CLHTC creates unique opportunities for NAWCWD to partner with innovative organizations from around the country to explore multiple uses for technology. As participants in that forum, we are exploring how the capabilities of the participants can best be

utilized."

One of the collaborations that directly supports Winter's commitment to the Navy's energy vision is the increased use of alternative energy sources on both land and sea. Recently, a dynamic relationship grew between the U.S. Navy and CLHTC when NAWCWD research chemists Mike Wright and Ben Harvey invented a novel process that created jet fuel from butanol. Cobalt Technologies, a start-up company that is in the business of producing bio-

butanol, discovered a journal article published by Wright and Harvey and realized there was a clear synergy between the two organizations.

At Industry Day, Stephen Fallis, NAWCWD chemist and head of the Chemistry and Materials Division said, "Biofuels have the potential to be less costly, more environmentally friendly, and perform comparably to traditional aviation fuels. Research and development on biomass utilization, biofuels, and other alternative energy sources is actively being pursued at NAWCWD."

Discussions led to the introduction of a second company, PureVision Technology, Inc. Collaboration between NAWCWD and these two companies led to a cooperative research agreement, joint proposals, and several innovative projects.

"We are proactively positioning the Navy as a leader in technology advancement and responsibly allowing mutually beneficial access to those advancements," Corzine stated.

One of the projects CLHTC is exploring includes building an infrastructure to naturally treat wastewater with plant life that can be used to produce jet fuels, provide natural gas to heat homes, and generate clean power. The concept is being considered as a possible wastewater treatment solution for China Lake and Ridgecrest, as well as part of a relief effort application in Japan.

Industry Day was created to offer private industry opportunities to work more closely with the Navy. The CLHTC was highlighted as one such opportunity for networking and potential partnerships. Nothing could be a better fit for advancement of Navy technology than a forum for innovation that harnesses the national brain trust of industry, academia and other government agencies, and is determined to blaze new trails of discovery one technology at a time.

Summer Camp, Front Page

personnel. The camps offered include various extreme sports, as well as sailing, acting, space and flight, backpacking and basketball.

"I had learned about it last year when I was on deployment," said Lt. Chaplain Derrick E. Horne, Alex's father, who read about the scholarship and encouraged Alex to apply.

Alex plans on returning to Sail Caribbean next year to build on the scuba certification he earned this time around. The camp offers multiple areas of focus for different activities.

During this trip, Alex split his time between diving and sailing, actually living on his boat and having his training put to the test.

"The last week we had what they called a 'challenge day,' where the kids had to do everything by themselves. We had to sail the boats by ourselves and do all of the navigation; everything," said Alex.

It wasn't all work, however, as Alex recalls "the most fun dive we did was 75 feet down, which is the legal limit if you are under 18, and we went to a wreck of an old steam ship. We got to go explore it; go inside and everything. We did another one [wreck] that was a plane, it was cool because we got to take turns sitting in the captain's seat underwater."

Of course, all of this fun didn't come without a little danger, "One exciting thing that happened was I got stung by what they call 'fire coral,'" said Alex. "We were training for open water and when we do that we go down to the bottom. I wasn't looking and it stung my knee... It paralyzes your leg for a certain amount of time, I was on it for about four seconds, but after a minute I got the instructor's attention." The instructors took Alex to a nearby medical facility where he said they neutralized the burn with vinegar.

Of course, Alex's parents Janice and Lt. Chaplain Horne had reservations about their son traveling so far from home by himself. "He's been away from home more than once, for about two weeks, but that was with family," said Mrs. Horne. "The thing I was nervous about was him flying by himself, but once he got on the plane, it was good."

"The Navy provided for unaccompanied minors," said Lt. Chaplain Horne. "They had airline escorts in all of the airports to get him to all of his gates, so that made us feel a lot better. He was a pro coming back; I don't think he was nervous at all."

"I really want to thank the Navy for giving me this scholarship, [it was the] trip of a lifetime," said Alex.

"The battle, sir, is not to the strong alone; it is to the vigilant, the active, the brave."

~ Patrick Henry ~



NAWCWD system safety engineer receives international safety award

By Theresa Goldstrand
NAWCWD PAO

Mark Buffum, system safety engineer with the Naval Air Warfare Center Weapons Division (NAWCWD) System Safety Engineering Branch, has been selected to receive the International System Safety Society (ISSS) Engineer of the Year Award for 2011. Buffum's outstanding work this past year supporting the Harvest Hawk/Hellfire-P Weapon System Safety integration efforts has been a credit to NAWCWD, the Systems Engineering Department, System Safety Engineering Division and our joint warfighters.

This award is presented annually to an individual member of the society who has made contributions to system safety by the development of engineering methods, standards, or designs that have contributed significantly to the safety of design, test, and operations and use of systems and products.

Buffum will receive the award, accompanied by his supervisor, Kenneth Chirkis, head of the System Safety Engineering Branch, during the 29th International System Safety Conference Annual Awards banquet in Las Vegas,



Courtesy photo

Mark Buffum, NAWCWD system safety engineer from the System Safety Engineering Branch, has been selected to receive the International System Safety Society Engineer of the Year Award for 2011.

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The International System Safety Society is a non-profit organization supporting safety professionals worldwide. The society is affiliated with major corporations, educational institutions and other agencies. The system safety concept focuses on the application of systems engineering and systems management to the process of hazard, safety and risk analysis. The Sierra High Desert Chapter of the International System Safety Society at China Lake has more than 30 members devoted to these objectives.

Emergency Prep, Front Page

Faith Chapel while emergency personnel simultaneously secured the area. "We practice a variety of emergency scenarios including fire drills, earthquake drills, shelter-in-place drills and building evacuations," said Child and Youth Program Director Debra Oliver. "We train staff on a recurring basis regarding emergency procedures."

In the event of an actual emergency, the CDC has taken steps to make sure that the comfort and security of the children remains intact. "We have an emergency container outside the building that has extra diapers, formula, water and first-aid supplies," said Oliver. "We have a mobilization and contingency plan that we give to each family that spells out our plans of action for any given situation and every staff member is trained in first-aid and CPR."

Parents and Guardians also need to help the CDC in their efforts to perform a quick and orderly muster. "When we exit the building [during an emergency] we take all registration information including the phone numbers for the children and staff. The most important thing for parents to do for us is to keep their emergency phone numbers and work numbers up

to date. We do recalls several times a year and end up spending more time reaching parents because numbers are no longer current," said Oliver. "Communicating with us is essential in assisting with the safety of the children. Talking to their children about safety at home helps to bridge the gap between home and school and taking the time to have drills at home helps the children to respond quicker and with confidence in an emergency."

Of course, a disaster situation on base could make access to the premises difficult, if not impossible, for parents who happen to be off base at the time. But, the CDC has taken preventative measures in that respect as well. "It is a requirement of enrollment that each family have a minimum of two people outside of the parents who are able to pick up their children. These people need to be local and have base access and, if necessary, car seats for the children. We have some loaner seats, but not many," said Oliver.

At the CDC, preparation and planning led to a smooth evacuation drill that had the children moved quickly and safely to the backup location. Citadel Rumble served as a reminder of the importance of emergency preparedness.

Site 44, Front Page

Subsequently, this caused unburned gasoline, jet fuel and water to flow off the pad and percolate into the surrounding soil.

Additionally Site 44 encompassed the "Water Road Fuel Dump," which was located 750 feet east of the old firefighting training area. "Based on site records, fuel was dumped on the ground in the '60s and '70s. This fuel reached the groundwater and moved along with the regional gradient to the northeast. It's now located across Water Road, to the east of the current firefighting training facility," said McDonald.

However the fuel product plume does not appear to be any risk to the local drinking water. "Drinking water comes from a deep water aquifer, which is separated vertically by approximately 700 feet of clay from the contaminated shallow ground water aquifer," said McDonald. "The closest drinking water wells to the site are over three miles to the southwest, which is opposite of the groundwater flow

direction. There is no chance of contamination getting into the drinking water or migrating off the base."

Now, by using 11 solar-powered skimmers, the effort has begun to clean up the plume. "Six of the skimmers use a belt to remove the fuel product floating on top of the groundwater, and five use pumps," said McDonald.

"The belt skimmer makes use of the differences in specific gravity and surface tension between the floating fuel and water," said McDonald. "These physical characteristics allow the unit's continuous belt to attract floating oil in the well. After picking up the oil, the belt travels over the head pulley on the drive unit and through tandem wiper blades. The oil is then scraped off both sides of the belt and discharged through a hose into a 55-gallon drum."

The pump skimmers use a pressurized vacuum canister to recover fuel through a "floating intake filter which has a strong affinity for oils rather than water," said McDonald. "When the pump canister is filled, the pump reserves, pressurizes the system and pumps the recovered

fluid to the surface into a storage 55-gallon drum. We'll be analyzing both methods of removal to see which is more efficient. The system can then be expanded to work on the entire fuel plume."

The use of solar-powered skimmers is an example of "green remediation" which McDonald calls "the practice of considering environmental impacts of remediation activities at every stage of the remedial process in order to maximize the net environmental benefit of a cleanup."

It is not certain how long the cleanup will take, no additional fuel is leaking at this time. Though the process is slow, it is reportedly better than a fast operation "If we pump it out quickly, the pump would run for a few seconds and then shut off while it waits for the surrounding fuel to flow into the well. This type of pumping is inefficient and tough on the equipment," said McDonald. "It's better to pull the fuel out slowly, at the same rate that it would flow into the well. This draws down the thickness of the fuel layer until no more can be removed."



One of the solar-powered pumps servicing Site 44 on Water Road.

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Announcements/Human Resources

New access procedures for: vendors, contractors, sub-contractors, suppliers and service providers

Naval Air Weapons Station (NAWS), China Lake will be implementing significant changes to its access procedures for vendors, contractors, suppliers and service providers who are not authorized to possess a Common Access Card (CAC).

Commander, Naval Installations Command has directed the implementation of the Navy Commercial Access Control System (NCACS) as the standard identity management and perimeter installation access control solution for all navy installations located within the continental United States.

NCACS provides a voluntary identity and access management solution for vendor, supplier, contractor and subcontractor personnel through multiple layers of physical security checks including: validation of employment status, identity authentication, background screening, biometric verification and entry authorization verification. Access control personnel can process credential-

holders in seconds, which improves gate efficiency, saves companies time and money, and improves customer satisfaction. One credential may be used to request access to multiple participating installations for even greater convenience, efficiency and return on investment.

Organizations that choose not to enroll in NCACS will be required to acquire an installation pass that is valid for one day only. Therefore, a daily pass will need to be obtained every time an organization wishes to access the installation. Up until the permanent transition to NCACS (October 31, 2011), vendors, suppliers, contractors and subcontractors whose access credentials expire will be given a temporary badge valid through October 31, 2011. As of October 31, 2011, locally generated vendor and contractor badges valid for longer than one day will no longer be accepted for access to the installation.

Briefings have been scheduled

for Tuesday, August 2, 2011, and Wednesday, August 3, 2011, at the NAWS Conference Center (Building 00874) located at the corner of King Street and Lauritsen Road at 10:30 am and

again at 1:30 pm. Please feel free to come to this event to learn more about NCACS.

Registration for the briefing is encouraged and can be made by e-mailing Mrs. Carol Moody,

carol.moody@navy.mil by July 29, 2011. Please include your business, name, title, contact information and preferred briefing time.

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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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TRR Sign-Up Options Expanded:

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Beneficiaries can view a list of covered TRICARE services on TRICARE's website, www.tricare.mil/mybenefit/home/Medical/IsItCovered. They can also contact their regional health care contractor for more information.

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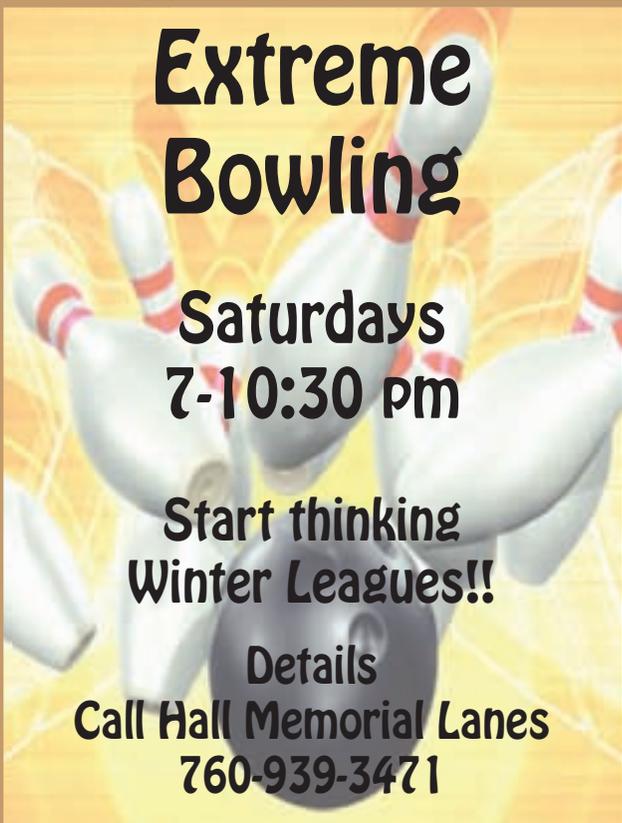
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