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China Lake to host chukkar hunt

By Peggy Shoaf
NAWS PAO

The Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) of the Community Support programs will once again host an upland game bird (chukkar only) hunt onboard NAWS China Lake lands. A youth-only hunt (10-16 years of age) is scheduled for Dec. 10, a military-only hunt for Dec. 17, and general public hunts set for Dec. 18 and Jan. 7. Each hunt will be limited to no more than 24 hunters.

People interested in participating must have a valid California hunting license with an Upland Game Bird Stamp and will need to fill out an application that can be obtained at the MWR Outdoor Recreation Office or on-line at <http://http://auth.cnic.navy.mil/ChinaLake/OperationsAndManagement/EnvironmentalSupport/Wildlife/index.htm> The application and \$5 non-refundable application fee (per hunter) must be received by MWR no later than Nov. 21 for the application to be entered into the hunt drawing.

On Nov. 22, MWR officials will draw 24 names for each hunt. Only the people chosen for the hunt will be notified. Notifications will be sent by Nov. 28. Applicants not selected during the drawing will be eligible to fill no-show vacancies on the morning of each adult hunt on a first-come, first-served basis. Hunters will be escorted to and

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CFC Kick-Off a success, raises thousands

By Michael Roach
Editor, Rocketeer II

Naval Air Weapons Station China Lake celebrated the 50-year anniversary of the Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) on the Administrative Building lawn Oct. 21 the event featured a free lunch, tricycle race and a handful of local charities.

The mission of the Indian Wells Valley CFC is "to support and promote philanthropy through a voluntary program that is employee-focused, cost-efficient and effective in providing all Federal employees the opportunity to improve the quality of life for all," according to the group's website. The CFC is the largest workplace fundraising program in the world and is comprised of military and federal employees. Participation is voluntary.

"We did increase our goal this year," said Mara Bowen, CFC board member. "We are going to try for \$250,000 instead of

\$200,000."

Local charities affiliated with this year's campaign are; American Association for Cancer Research, Leave No Trace Center for Outdoor Ethics, B Mountain, Gospel for Asia, Desert Community Orchestra Association, Southern Sierra Boys and Girls Club, DART, High Desert Leapin' Lizards, Nurse Family Partnership (Kern Co. Public Health Serv.), James Monroe PTO, St. Ann School Parent Teacher Guild, American Red Cross, Antelope Valley Chapter City of Hope, Pregnancy Care Center, United Way of Indian Wells Valley and Women's Center-High Desert.

China Lake Federal Fire Department volunteered to operate the grill, serving up hot-dogs, chips and sodas for a free lunch while attendees were treated to music from DJ Ted Lemon.

The tricycle race featured managers from around the

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Photo by Michael Roach
NAWCWD Commander Rear Adm. Mat Winter, dressed as NAWC-Man coasts into victory after the second heat.

VX-9 Executive Officer Cmdr. John M. Speredelozzi retires

By Adelle Collie
VX-9



Photo by Adelle Collie
Former VX-9 Executive Officer, Cmdr. John M. Speredelozzi, accepts his certificate of retirement from VX-9 Commanding Officer Capt. Brett M. Pierson.

In a ceremony held in Hangar One at Armitage Field, Air Test and Evaluation Squadron NINE Executive Officer, Cmdr. John M. "Spert" Speredelozzi, retired Sept. 23.

The event was attended by family, friends, fellow Vampires and others that served with Speredelozzi. His daughter Sophia sang the National Anthem.

Cmdr. Speredelozzi is a native of Braintree, Mass. He received his commission via the NROTC program at College of the Holy Cross and earned a bachelor of science degree in natural science from Worcester State College.

Commissioned May 25, 1990, Speredelozzi was designated a Naval Flight Officer at Pensacola, Fla. In Feb. 1992, following his winging, he reported to VAQ-129 at NAS Whidbey Island, Wash., for initial training in the EA-6B Prowler. In February 1993, he reported to

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Trick or Treat



Photo by Jessica Armstrong

In honor of Halloween, trick-or-treaters from the Child Development Center descended on the Administration Building to gather candy from employees. The tradition is done every year for the holiday. Pictured handing out candy are NAWS command employees Katherine Killinger, left, and Cherry Rivera.

All Faith Chapel

Command Chaplain Lt. Derrick Horne

Rev. James Dowds, Catholic priest

Activities:

Airfield Bible Study:
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announced in Chapel Service

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Military

This date in U.S. Naval history

Nov. 3:

1853 - USS Constitution seizes suspected slaver H. N. Gambrill.

1943 - Battleship Oklahoma (BB 37), sunk at Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7 1941, is refloated.

1956 - USS Cambria (APA 36) removes 24 members of United Nations Truce Commission team from the Gaza Strip.

Nov 4:

1967 - Landing craft from USS Navarro (APA 215) rescue 43 men from British SS Habib Marikar aground on a reef at Lincoln Island in the Tonkin Gulf.

1971 - USS Nathanael Greene (SSBN 636) launches a Poseidon C-3 missile in first surface launch of Poseidon missile.

Nov 5:

1775 - Commodore Esek Hopkins appointed as commander in chief of the Continental Navy.

1915 - In AB-2 flying boat, Lt. Cmdr. Henry C. Mustin makes first underway catapult launch from a ship, USS North Carolina, at Pensacola Bay, Fla.

1917 - German submarine torpedoes USS Alcedo off French coast.

Nov. 6:

1851 - U.S. Navy expedition under command of Lt. William Lewis Herndon, on a mission to explore the valley of the Amazon and its tributaries, reaches Iquitos in the jungle region of the upper Amazon after their departure from Lima, Peru.

1941 - On Neutrality Patrol, USS Omaha (CL 4) and USS Somers (DD 381) intercept the German blockade runner Odenwald disguised as U.S. freighter, board her after the German crew abandoned the ship, and brought the ship to San Juan, Puerto Rico, where the boarding party was awarded salvage shares.

1942 - First officer and enlisted women from training schools report for shore duty around the USA.

Nov. 7:

1861 - Naval forces under, Rear Adm. Samuel F. DuPont, capture Port Royal Sound, S.C.

1881 - Naval Advisory Board submits report recommending the new ships in the U.S. Navy be constructed of steel instead of iron.

1973 - War Powers Resolution becomes law.

Nov. 8:

1861 - Capt. Charles Wilkes seizes two Confederate diplomats from the British steamer Trent, causing an international controversy with Great Britain (known as the Trent Affair).

1942 - Operation Torch (Allied landings in French Northwest Africa). American forces land at Casablanca. French naval forces attack U.S. Navy ships and 13 French ships are sunk without a loss to the U.S.

Nov. 9:

1921 - USS Olympia arrives at the Washington Navy Yard from France carrying the body of the Unknown Soldier for internment at Arlington National Cemetery.

1950 - Task Force 77 makes first attack on the Yalu River bridges. In first engagement between MIG-15 and F9F jets (USS Philippine Sea, CV 47), Lt. Cmdr. William T. Amen (VF-111) shoots down a MIG and becomes first Navy pilot to shoot down a jet aircraft.

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from the designated hunting areas starting at approximately 7 a.m. There is no permitted entry to any other areas aboard NAWS China Lake. Hunters will be responsible to carry in and out their own food, water, equipment and clothing, which should include a properly stocked first-aid kit. Hunter orange hats or vests are required. At 2 p.m., all hunters will return to the designated meeting point and be escorted off base.

Only shotguns will be allowed for the hunt. The use of cell phones will be restricted to mainside areas only and cameras, including cell phone cameras, are strictly prohibited. All personnel and vehicles going on the hunt will be subject to search.

All California State Laws, including all Game Hunting Laws, are applicable and will be enforced. There will be California Fish and Game wardens and other monitors in the hunting areas. Any violations of law or hunt guidelines will result in immediate removal of all members of the hunting party and possible legal action. Hunters assume all liability for personal injury or damage to personal property.

Questions can be directed to the NAWS Public Affairs Office at (760) 939-1683.

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the Black Ravens of Electronic Attack Squadron 135 (VAQ-135) where he completed two WESTPAC deployments aboard USS Abraham Lincoln (CVN-72) in support of Operation Southern Watch

In Jan. 1996, he did his first tour in China Lake and reported to the Vampires of VX-9 where he received cross-training in the F/A-18D Hornet and served as an operational test director for multiple EA-6B test programs.

From 1999 to 2004, he served as the strike operations officer for Carrier Air Wing ONE (CVW-1) and supported Operation Southern Watch onboard the USS John F. Kennedy (CV-67). He served as a department head for the Scorpions of VAQ-132 and deployed aboard the USS George Washington (CVN-73).

Cmdr. Sperdelozzi qualified as a forward air controller in Feb. 2004, and then deployed to Baghdad, Iraq. He was assigned to SEAL Team ONE, as air and fires officer, in direct support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. His duty there earned him the Bronze Star and the 2004 ALQ-99 Excellence Award.

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Community

Ladies Do Lunch



Photo by Peggy Shoaf

Military spouses and ladies in the military, along with spouses and family members, enjoy a turkey lunch hosted by the All Faith Chapel. Each month, the All Faith Chapel hosts a "Ladies Do Lunch" to honor those ladies who not only serve in the military, but those who serve by supporting their spouses who are in the military. The cooking is done by volunteers from the Lady of the Desert Hospitality Ministry.

Upcoming events

WACOM distribution of funds:

Nov. 8 at the Paradise Café 11:30 a.m., WACOM will be making donations, 51% of which will go to the Navy Relief Fund.

Big Band X-Press performance at Cerro Coso Community College:

Nov. 12 Big Band X-Press will be performing in the sculpture garden of from 2-4 p.m. The event is sponsored by the Associated Students of Cerro Coso.

Lake Isabella Junior Pheasant Hunt:

Nov. 19-20 the NRA Foundation to Teach Freedom, Fish and Game Habitat Club and the Calif. Dept. of Fish and Game will be sponsoring four hunts. Participants must have a junior hunting license. For more

information call (760) 375-3178 or email fishandgameclub@yahoo.com.

Hutchens Consort

The Indian Wells Valley Concert Association is presenting the Hutchens Consort on Dec. 1., 7:30 p.m. at the Parker Performing Arts Center. Box office opens at 6:30 p.m. with the doors opening at 7 p.m. the night of the concert.

Winter Wonderland Holiday Festival:

Dec. 2 from 5-9 p.m. at the west side main gym parking lot MWR will be hosting a free Winter Wonderland Holiday Festival open to all eligible MWR patrons. The event will feature family activities including; an ice skating rink, bounce houses, games, crafts, cake walk, music groups and food vendors.

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If you find yourself in a crisis situation and need to speak with someone immediately, you can call the Behavioral Health Crisis Line at 1-866-284-3743.

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News

Jill Hatch named 2010 VX-9 Civilian of the Year

MWR holds headless hayride



Photo by Adelle Collie
VX-9 Commanding Officer Capt. Brett Pierson presents Jill Hatch with a letter of commendation for her selection as the Commander, Operational Test and Evaluation Force 2010 Civilian of the Year. Hatch is a technical editor and contracting officer representative at VX-9. In recognition of her selection, Hatch received a flight in a FA/18F Super Hornet with Pierson.

Courtesy photo
The Headless Horseman's image was captured during his haunting of Community Support Program's Halloween Spooky Walk and Ride, last Wednesday night. Over 383 people were terrorized after an evening of trick-or-treating around base housing.

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Innovative teaming in the Fire Science and Technology Office at NAWCWD

By Eric Wilson

The following article is part of an ongoing series about innovation. If you are involved in an innovative program or have thoughts about innovation in general, contact Kelli Cutts at (760) 939-0591, or via email kelli.cutts@navy.mil to learn more about how to submit an article detailing your department's innovation.

The Naval Air Warfare Center Weapons Division (NAWCWD) Fire Science and Technology Office (FSTO) directly supports Navy fleet and force firefighters. Their focus is the safety and emergency-response capability of warfighters who work on the flight decks of Navy carriers and amphibious ships.

During flight operations, a ship's flight deck is a hazardous place that can turn deadly when fire threatens aircraft that are loaded with fuel, missiles, and bombs. One of the rewards of working in the FSTO is supporting the men and women who, in the event of an emergency, become the heroes who rescue endangered personnel. Those men and women require the support of teams larger than just the FSTO. Taking an innovative approach to how FSTO supports the warfighter, the team partners with many other offices around the Navy and Marine Corps community. There is too much going on in a dangerous situation for any one person to have all the answers. FSTO personnel have firefighting experience and understand the theories and tactics of fire suppression, but also rely on

a variety of experts to accomplish their mission.

Knowing that innovation is as much a mindset as it is a new technology development, FSTO helps the fleet by collaborating with others in the Navy, Marine Corps and industry.

These partnerships stimulate "out of the box" thinking to create innovative firefighting solutions. As an example, FSTO frequently works with the Aircraft Launch and Recovery Equipment Program office located at NAS Patuxent River, Md., to provide analysis and testing of firefighting equipment, tactics and agents. PMA-251 represents the expertise of fleet firefighters with direct access to the ships, their crews and retired Navy and Marine Corps enlisted personnel.

Leveraging the brain trust of other exceptional resources, FSTO taps into NAVSEA's Damage Control, Fire Fighting and Chemical Defense departments. The NAVSEA fire office personnel are excellent partners whose knowledge and technical competence have been a valuable resource during item and system qualification testing. A recent effort illustrates how innovative teaming brought a solution forward for an aircraft firefighting problem.

The Marine's V-22 Osprey requires fire protection when it is on the flight deck. However, the fire agent access port on the engine nacelle is out of reach when the aircraft is on the deck. Fleet Aviation Boatswains Mates (ABs)



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Firefighters aboard USS Iwo Jima (LHD-7) practice damage control to ensure warfighter safety.

fashioned a wand made of copper tubing that could reach the access port, (a solution built from available materials on the ship). However, repeated use led to the wand's failure. FSTO researched the problem and decided the ABs had the right idea, but the wand needed to be built with better materials.

Through a joint effort by NAVSEA, PMA 251 and the FSTO, it was determined that no suitable wand was available in the Navy supply system or in industry, so NAVSEA and FSTO

developed prototypes and tested them at NAWCWD's Weapons Survivability Lab. The best prototype was selected and its design plans were sent to Naval Air Warfare Center Aviation Division (NAWCAD) Lakehurst, N.J. to have the wands built for the fleet. The fleet is now using those wands.

This is one example of how taking an innovative approach to the work between the FSTO and other Department of Defense partners resulted in a win-win for the fleet. Some solutions take

longer than others, but none are achieved in a vacuum. Every solution benefits from the diverse perspective of others -- input from fleet operators, technical experts, and the FSTO team.

Innovation is not just a new technology -- it is a way of thinking and of approaching work. It is combining the thoughts and efforts of NAWCWD, NAWCAD, NAVSEA, and industry experts in a productive way to ensure greater levels of safety for our warfighters.

Water watch; the many ways in which to drill

By Michael Stoner

Geologist, NAWCS China Lake

This is the sixth in a series of articles intended to inform readers about local water resources and is a continuation of the previous articles on the hydrogeology of the Indian Wells Valley. The last article discussed the geologic setting and influence on the groundwater system while this article will focus on the various methods of drilling groundwater wells. Subsequent articles will focus on the drilling and use of monitoring and production wells in the IWV.

Various water well drilling methods have been developed because geologic conditions range from hard rock such as granite and dolomite to completely unconsolidated sediments such as alluvial sand and gravel.

Particular drilling methods have become dominant in certain areas because they are most effective in penetrating the local aquifers and thus offer cost advantages.

The following drilling methods will be described briefly so the reader can understand the basic differences between the most common drilling methods used in the IWV: cable-tool method, California stovepipe method, direct rotary method, reverse circulation method, and the earth auger (hollow-stem) method.

The cable tool drilling method, developed by the Chinese about 4,000 years ago, involves repeated lifting and dropping a heavy string of drilling tools into the borehole. The drilling bit breaks or crushes consolidated rock into small fragments, whereas the bit primarily just loosens the material when drilling in an unconsolidated

formation. In both instances, the reciprocating action of the tools mixes the crushed or loosened particles with water to form a slurry at the bottom of the borehole. If no water is encountered during drilling, water is added to form the slurry. The slurry accumulation increases as drilling proceeds and eventually reduces the impact of the tools. When the penetration rate becomes unacceptable, the slurry is removed at intervals from the borehole by a sand pump or bailer. Many of the original wells drilled in the Indian Wells Valley were drilled using the cable tool drilling method.

The California stovepipe method of drilling applies the same principles as the usual cable tool method, but differs in three ways: a heavy bailer called a mud scow is used as both drill bit and bailer, laminated steel casing in short

lengths is used in place of standard drill pipe, and hydraulic jacks are used to force the casing downward as opposed to driving the casing by impact of the tools. When the casing reaches the desired depth, a casing perforator is used to puncture holes in the pipe opposite the water-bearing formation. There are shallow wells in the Sierra Nevada foothills that were drilled using the stovepipe method of drilling.

The direct rotary method of drilling was developed to increase drilling speeds and to reach greater depths in most formations. The majority of the monitoring wells and domestic wells drilled in the Valley were completed using the direct rotary drilling method. The drilling fluids, which are composed of a manufactured bentonite/water slurry, are circulated down the drill pipe and enable the drilling cuttings

to be carried up the annular space (area between the pipe and side of borehole) to an above-ground settling pit. Once the cuttings make it to the settling pit, the heavier material settles out and the fluids are again circulated down the drilling pipe. The drilling fluids also help stabilize the borehole walls, seal the borehole to prevent fluid loss, cool and clean the drilling bit, and lubricate the drilling bit, bearings, mud pump, and drilling pipe. Maintaining an adequate drilling fluid viscosity is a very important factor to ensure the drill cuttings are completely removed from the borehole and the borehole remains stable during the logging and casing operations.

Reverse circulation drilling rigs were designed to overcome the depth, hole diameter, and drilling rate limitations of the



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China Lake Federal Fire Department promotes Breast Cancer Awareness



Photo by Michael

Firefighters at China Lake Federal Fire Department and throughout the Southwest Region and the U.S. wear pink t-shirts during the month of October to support and promote breast cancer awareness. China Lake firefighters began wearing pink t-shirts for one week in October after losing one of their own, Administrative Assistant Teresa Cosgrove to cancer in Aug. 2010. This year they partnered with the IAFF and the CNRSW Region Fire Department's promotion of breast cancer awareness. From left to right are Firefighter Mark Viloa, Firefighter Bub Lusher, Firefighter Victor Gutierrez, Fire Chief Ron Sparling and Firefighter Manny Franco.

**Nov. 6, change your clock
change your batteries**

Daylight-saving time ends Nov. 6, and marks the 24th anniversary of the Change Your Clock Change Your Battery® (CYCCYB) program, sponsored by Energizer and the International Association of Fire Chiefs, the program reminds persons to change and test the batteries in smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors. This message is simple and the habit can be lifesaving.

The China Lake Fire & Emergency Services Department reminds China Lake employees that one easy step can help save their lives and the lives of those around them. Everyone is encouraged to use the extra hour gained from daylight-saving time to change the batteries in home smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors, test the alarms and remind friends, family, neighbors and fellow community members to do the same.

Communities nationwide witness tragic home fire deaths each year, but, everyone can work together to help reduce the

number of home fire fatalities. Non-working smoke alarms rob people of the protective benefits home fire safety devices were designed to provide. The most commonly cited cause of non-working smoke alarms: worn or missing batteries.

"Eighty percent of child fire fatalities occur in homes without working smoke alarms.

It's a tragic statistic that could be reduced by adopting the simple habit of the Change Your Clock Change Your Battery program,"

Changing smoke alarm batteries at least once a year, testing those alarms, and reminding others to do the same, are some of the simplest, most effective ways to reduce these tragic deaths and injuries. Additionally, the International Association of Fire Chiefs recommends that smoke alarms in homes should be replaced every ten years and having both ionization and photo electric smoke alarms are best to alert people to all types of home fires.

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installation who competed through two heats for a trophy prize.

“It was fun; it is always fun and it is for a good cause,” said Roy Parris from Friends of the Ridgecrest Public Library who made his way to the championship

round. “This was my first [race] as a retiree, but I have done it for the past 15 years.”

“I’ve been training for weeks,” joked the winner of the race, Jeff Hofrock, supervisor of Customer Service Ridgecrest Post office. “It feels good.”

“This year’s CFC Kick Off was a success,” said Elizabeth

Allen, CFC board member. “We had more charities participating than in previous years and the total amount in pledges received at the kick-off was \$16,916”

The CFC is still looking for volunteers who are government employees. To volunteer, email Allen at allen.elizabeth@navy.mil.



Photo by Jessica Armstrong

China Lake Federal Fire Department serves up a complimentary lunch to a hungry crowd.



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NAWS Commanding Officer Capt. Jeffrey Dodson stands with Jeff Hofrock supervisor of Customer Service Ridgecrest Post Office after he won the tricycle race.



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Roy Parris, Friends of the Ridgecrest Branch Library, left, battles it out with NAWS and NAWCWD Command Master Chief Charles Grandin.



Photo by Michael Roach

CLFD Fire Chief Ron Sparling uses a new technique on his tricycle during the championship round.



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VX-9 Commanding Officer Capt. Brett Pierson coming up behind Fire Chief Ron Sparling.



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NAWCWD Commander Adm. Mat Winter signs his pledge to donate.



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NAWS Commanding Officer Capt. Jeffrey Dodson, left, stands alongside NAWCWD Commander Rear Adm. Mat Winter during the National Anthem.



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China Lake Federal Fire Department serves up lunch to a hungry crowd.

In honor of Veterans Day: The Patriotic Man

by Cherry Rivera

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for peace

You are not forgotten...

That's why he is yours and mine

The Patriotic Man!

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direct rotary method. Reverse circulation drilling can be used in soft, unconsolidated rocks such as sandstone and in hard rocks such as granite using both air and water as the drilling fluid. The design of the reverse circulation rigs is essentially the same as the direct rotary rigs except the equipment (compressors/mud pumps) is larger. In reverse circulation rotary drilling, the flow of the drilling fluid is reversed (drilling fluid moves up the drill pipe instead of down) when compared to the direct rotary method. Most of the larger diameter (16-inch) water production wells in the Valley were drilled using the reverse circulation drilling method.

Another drilling method used in the Valley is the earth auger method of drilling especially with the hollow-stem auger. The drill rod and plug connect through the auger flights (usually five feet in length) to the top-head drive unit by small diameter drill rods to insure that the drill rods and plug rotate with the flights. Hollow-stem augers are a fast and effective drilling method for completing small diameter wells to a moderate depth. Screens can be

installed and filter packed without using casing or drilling fluids. The use of hollow-stem augers is also particularly advantageous in obtaining accurate formation and water samples. Many of the shallow wells drilled during the Navy's Installation Restoration Program were drilled using this method.

In previous months, this series has discussed the TAC and given background information on the groundwater resources in the IWV. This and future articles will provide an opportunity to learn about the tools available to collect and understand the data critical to managing our groundwater resources responsibly. If you can't wait and wish to find more information about the Indian Wells Valley Cooperative Groundwater Management Group, please visit the group's web site at www.iwvgroundwater.org. There, you will find links to relevant studies and reports and access to a wealth of data pertaining to the groundwater resource in the valley. The group meets the third Thursday of the month at 1 p.m., in the board room at the offices of the Indian Wells Valley Water District. Meetings are open to the public.

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

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NAWCWD holds student mentoring program



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Naval Air Warfare Center Weapons Division hosted a Disability Mentor Day for students from Burroughs High School on Oct. 27. For three hours, mentors were paired with students to help provide insight into occupational opportunities for students with disabilities who have an expressed interest in the STEM disciplines; science, technical, engineering, math and information technology and finance careers. Though the program is supported by NAWCWD it is open to all commands at China Lake. Here, mentors and students stand outside the training annex before their luncheon. This year's Mentors included Dr. Fred Blomshied, Charles Casperson, John Rutledge, Chris Gibbs, Ethel Herrera, IT2 Jerricus Stanley and Katherine Killinger. Additional support was given by Burroughs Work Ability director's Esthel Sires and Sheila Vierra, as well as Education Outreach EEO Counselor Trish Gresham.

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