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Christmas Open House rescheduled

The Holiday Open House for workforce guests has been rescheduled for Dec. 16 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Commands, departments and codes who have already turned in names do not need to resubmit them. Additional names can be submitted up to close of business Dec. 6. Please call NAWS Public Affairs Office (760) 939-1683, if you have any questions.

"As we celebrate the holiday season, it is customary to welcome our family members into work centers for a tour and lunch. This time-honored tradition serves a multitude of purposes. It reminds fellow China Lakers that family is important and it allows us a chance to show appreciation to our families for the sacrifices they have made throughout the year in order that the mission may continue.

All departments, tenant and attached activities wishing to allow family access to work spaces should plan to participate on this command authorized date.

For non-restricted areas such as Main Side, no badge is required. Visitors 16 years of age and older require an Escorted Access Badge to access designated restricted areas (CLPL, North Range, South Range, Mich Lab, and McLean Lab). For each guest, departments must submit to the Pass and ID, no later (no exceptions) than close of business on Dec. 6, the guest's last name, first name, middle initial, social security

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A Sailor's career, from Pearl Harbor to China Lake

By Lt. Faye Rozwadowski
China Lake Branch Health

This is an attempt at a brief history of a man who has seen more than anyone can appreciate; the true accounts of Chief Herbert Swader, USN. This is history via the logbook of that man, now 89 years of age, who once called China Lake his duty station and home.

As a child, Swader "inherited" his father's interest of working in mechanics as well as his father's fondness for the Navy which led him to the Navy recruiter after high school. Swader wanted the choice of pursuing time in the Navy because of the multiple opportunities and occupations it presented, which he jokingly noted jeweler and bartender were the only exceptions. Swader entered Navy boot camp in March 1941 with the initial goal of becoming a machinist. He reminisced that he had background knowledge of arms and, thus, inherited the responsibility of the weapons during boot camp; the plus side being he didn't have to stand any watches. Eventually, he was asked if he was interested

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The forward superstructure and midships gun positions of the sunken USS Arizona (BB-39), afire after the Japanese raid, Dec. 7, 1941. At right are the ship's mainmast and boat cranes, which were beyond the areas wrecked by the explosion of her forward magazines.

Official Navy Photo

Rochelle Fulton joins Civilian Expeditionary Workforce in Afghanistan

By Michael Roach
Editor, Rocketeer II

Naval Air Warfare Center Weapons Division's (NAWCWD) Rochelle "Shelly" Fulton will be spending the next year on the other side of the globe serving in Afghanistan as a member of the Civilian Expeditionary Workforce (CEW).

Fulton will be serving as the finance officer for the Army's Command Joint Task Force One in Regional Command East which covers 14 provinces of the embattled country. She will be responsible for the management and oversight of the Commanders Emergency Response Program funding. "It's the money we use to rebuild roads, rebuild medical facilities, water treatment

facilities, those kinds of things," said Fulton.

A long time employee at China Lake, Fulton began working in the mail room when she was 17-years-old. From there she became a comptroller, working in the shop for 10 years before making the move to various business financial management positions around the installation. During regionalization of NAWS and NAWCWD, she decided to stay with NAVAIR and is currently supporting their corporate operations.

"Because I sort of grew up here at China Lake, they really taught me a lot, [have] given me a lot of skills, and I really feel like I have a lot to offer as far as Afghanistan goes," said Fulton.

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Photo by Michael Roach

Rochelle Fulton receives a congratulatory handshake from the NAWCWD Director of Corporate Operations Brad Harlow, the day before leaving for the Civilian Expeditionary Workforce in Afghanistan.

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number and area being visited. Lists must be coordinated and submitted to security by the Level Two competency offices (Departments). Lists may be hand carried, emailed to M_CHLK_VistorCenter_UD@navy.mil (Please make sure the email is encrypted) or faxed to (760) 939-3996. Beginning Dec. 13 at 1 p.m., designated points of contact may pick up badges. Pass and ID hours are Monday through Friday, 6:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., not including flex Friday.

As a reminder, guests must be escorted while in restricted areas. It is our responsibility to ensure that no one has access to any information that they are not cleared for, and that we provide a safe environment for our guests and family members. I am sure we can accomplish these tasks in a manner that does not distract from the festive spirit.

In light of current world events, our security posture is dynamic. Please be aware that an escalation in the Naval Air Weapons Station security posture could result in the cancellation of this event.

Your point of contact for security questions is Carol Moody at (760) 939-1655."

-NAWS Commanding Officer Capt. Jeffrey Dodson.

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By **Kristine M. Sturkie**
NEXCOM PAO

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Military

VX-31 rescues hikers in Death Valley National Park



Official Navy photo

Helicopter Inland Rescue Aircrewmembers train for rescue efforts like Nov. 11 when AWS2 Erik Potter rappelled from the helicopter to three missing hikers to assess their condition.

By Theresa Goldstrand
NAWCWD PAO

Naval Air Warfare Center Weapons Division (NAWCWD) Air Test and Evaluation squadron THREE ONE (VX-31) search and rescue (SAR) responded to an urgent call Nov. 11.

Death Valley National Park Service rangers notified VX-31 SAR of five overdue hikers in the vicinity of Telescope Peak in Death Valley National Park. The SAR crew comprised Lt. Cmdr. Kenneth Gilbert, Lt. Daniel Cabrales, AWS1 Anthony Michalski, and AWS2 Erik Potter.

The Park Service was notified when the hikers failed to return to work on Nov. 10, one day after they were expected. Two vehicles were found - one at the trailhead and another at the end of the trail - with notes detailing their expected hiking route and timeline. The hikers had planned to climb Telescope Peak and then hike down Hall Canyon to return to their car.

VX-31 SAR flew one of their MH-60S helicopters and

rendezvoused with the Park Service at Stovepipe Wells airport at 7:00 a.m. By the time SAR arrived, two hikers, independent of the missing three, were located after they hiked out of the canyon. Three remaining hikers were still missing, their condition unknown.

The SAR team commenced an aerial search from the top of Telescope Peak, down Hall Canyon. At the completion of the Hall Canyon search, the SAR helicopter traveled north, searching adjacent canyons.

The three lost hikers, two male and one female, were located approximately one third of the length down Jail Canyon, huddled beside a campfire. Helicopter Inland Rescue Aircrewman (HIRA) AWS2 Erik Potter rappelled from the helicopter to the hikers below and assessed their condition. All three hikers were hoisted up to the helicopter by means of a rescue basket, while the pilots of the MH-60S maintained a continuous hover overhead. After all the victims were aboard, Potter followed by

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Military

LSSN David Perez named NAWS Junior Sailor of the Quarter

By Michael Roach
Editor, Rocketeer II

LSSN David Perez has been named the Naval Air Weapons Station (NAWS) China Lake Junior Sailor of the Quarter (JSOQ), which he considers to be a major highlight in his budding career.

When asked why he chose to join the Navy, the 26-year-old native of San Antonio, Texas stated that "it might sound very cliché, but I wanted the opportunity to serve my country and travel the world. My hometown is an Army/Air Force

city, I felt that the Navy was the best fit for me and I'd say it has worked out pretty well so far."

Perez attended "A" School in Meridian, Miss., and from there was sent to California's High Desert. "This is my first duty station, I had never heard of Ridgecrest until my detailer told me that's where I was going," stated Perez. "I wasn't sure what to expect, but once I got here, everyone in my shop helped me and my wife get settled in."

In addition to being the NAWS command JSOQ and since his arrival at China Lake, Perez has been nominated for

FLC in San Diego and been picked to serve as part of the instillation's honor guard.

Perez will, however, be moving on, having just received orders to HSC-12 (?) at North Island Calif. "I hope to take what I've learned here and use it in my next command," stated Perez.

"I'm looking forward to going to see other countries, hopefully making rank, and learning lots of new things," stated Perez with regards to the next phase of his career in the Navy.

"One thing that means the most to me is that I feel like

I'm doing something with my life and gaining experiences that will benefit me later on in whatever I choose to do," stated Perez. "The fact that I'm a part of something important and serving my country makes it all the more worthwhile."

Having enjoyed his time in the Navy and looking forward to the future, Perez gave some advice to those who may be interested in enlisting. "Make sure that's what you really want. If you decide it is, then be committed, give 110 percent, and make the most of it. Not everyone gets a chance to serve."



Photo by Michael Roach
LSSN David Perez.

This week in U.S. Navy history

Dec. 1:
1842 - Three crew members of USS Somers, Midshipman Philip Spencer, Boatswain Samuel Cromwell and Seaman Elisha Smallare, executed for mutiny.

1921 - In the first flight of an airship filled with helium, Blimp C-7, piloted by Lt. Cmdr. Ralph F. Wood, left Norfolk, Va., for Washington, D.C.

Dec. 2:
1775 - Congress orders the first officers' commissions printed.

1944 - Two-day destroyer Battle of Ormoc Bay begins.

Dec. 3:
1775 - Lt. John Paul Jones

raises the Grand Union flag on the Continental Navy ship Alfred. It is the first American flag raised over an American Naval vessel.

Dec. 4:
1918 - President Woodrow Wilson sails in USS George Washington for Paris Peace Conference.

1944 - USS Flasher (SS 249) sinks Japanese destroyer Kishinami and damages a merchant ship in the South China Sea. Flasher is only U.S. submarine to sink over 100,000 tons of enemy shipping in World War II.

Dec. 5:
1843 - USS Michigan is launched at Erie, Penn. Michigan is America's

first iron-hulled warship, as well as the first prefabricated ship.

1941 - USS Lexington (CV 2) sails with Task Force 12 to transport Marine aircraft to Midway, leaving no carriers at Pearl Harbor only days before the attack on Pearl Harbor.

Dec. 6:
1917 - German submarine torpedoes sink USS Jacob Jones (DD 61) off England.

1968 - Operation Giant Slingshot began in Mekong Delta.

Dec. 7:
1941 - Japanese aircraft attack the U.S. Pacific Fleet based in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.

MAD to host meet and greet for military spouses

U.S. Marine Corps Marine Aviation Detachment (MAD) and L.I.N.K.S. China Lake, will be hosting a military spouses "Meet and Greet" at the Lincoln Community Center Dec. 5 at 10a.m. Two special guests visiting from the Marine Corps Family Team Building at Marine Corps Logistics Base, Barstow, Calif., will share knowledge and information regarding the military family life.

Attendance by military spouses is highly encouraged, as is inviting another military spouse who could use that extra support and knowledge. Food and beverages will be provided. Call (760) 939-4545 with questions.

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hoist recovery. The SAR crew then transported the lost hikers to a location in Panamint Valley and released them to awaiting the park service rangers.

The trio became lost when they accidentally diverted from their intended hiking route onto a difficult path. Fortunately, they came prepared with tents, food and water; when they were located they had already implemented supply rations to mitigate the consequences of any potential future emergency.

This search and rescue effort was the first for Cabrales, who checked in to VX-31 only five months ago, after a tour of duty in a sea-going MH-60 squadron.

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Service, honor, respect -strengthening our cultures and communities



Ed Roper
NAWCWD PAO

Naval Air Warfare Center Weapons Division (NAWCWD) celebrated the 2011 Native American Heritage Month at the Naval Air Weapons Station China Lake's Solar Park, Nov. 16.

This year's theme is "Service, Honor, Respect - Strengthening Our Cultures and Communities." The champions for this event were Capt. Paul Sohl, commodore Naval Test Wing Pacific, Andy Corzine, NAWCWD deputy of Research and Engineering and Jerry Smith, head of the Cost Department. The event was coordinated by Veronica Vasquez of the Equal Employment Opportunity department at Point Mugu, Calif.

This year's key note speaker was Mati Waiya, a Chumash ceremonial elder, Dolphin Dancer, lifelong resident of Ventura County and founder and executive director of the Wishtoyo Foundation. Waiya works to foster environmental awareness through teaching of his native Chumash cultural values.

Photos by Michael Johnson

Above: Andy Corzine, deputy director of Research and Engineering at NAWCWD takes part in a Chumash traditional ceremony conducted by Mati Waiya during the Native American Heritage event at China Lake. Right: Waiya, a practitioner of nature, speaks to the audience about the importance of being good stewards of the environment, having respect for cultures and the need for continuing education. In his words "We're in it together."

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News

Swader, Front Page

in aviation mechanics, which he discussed this with his father who stated aviation was an up-and-coming field and felt that it was good to get into. After graduating boot camp, Swader entered the new aviation training school in June 1941 for training as an aviation machinist mate. The school was in Chicago, a city he affectionately noted in his logbook as "...too big, but, oh, what women." It was there that he became knowledgeable and trained on airplane structure and everything aviation related with the exception of the radio. He completed his training in early November and went to San Francisco where he caught a ship to San Diego and discovered his newly assigned squadron, Patrol Squadron (VP) 12, was already in Pearl Harbor with its Catalina bombers. Swader would be assigned to the squadron from December 1941 through August 1943.

VP-12 was the original "Black Cat" squadron of the PBV-5A Navy Catalina amphibious airplanes. These planes operated in the nighttime during Swader's tenure and, therefore, were stealthily painted black, with external lights turned off and exhaust suppressors to enable sneaking up on Japanese ships. The missions of these planes could vary from dropping bombs on targets to mail runs, search missions, and serving as spotters for artillery fire for U.S. Navy ships. The planes were so clandestine at times, that Swader reports a Japanese Zero unknowingly flew just 50 feet below one due to its night camouflage. The Catalina bomber has two 1200-horsepower engines and a 104-foot wingspan with a wing area of 1400 square feet. It has a maximum speed of 120 knots and range of 2,000 miles, and weighs 20,000 pounds empty with a load capacity of 15,000 pounds. A crew of eight in each plane - three pilots, three mechanics, and two radiomen - shared three gun positions. It has been recorded that the VP-12 "Black Cat" squadron flew over 300 combat missions.

A newcomer to the "Black Cats" at Naval Air Station Kaneohe, Pearl Harbor, Swader's first day of liberty was Dec. 7, 1941. While he walked from his hanger on a quest to get his identification card, the first Japanese planes flew over the station. He thought they must be Army planes on exercise, coming in from north side. But, then, the planes strafed the ships on the water. As they flew about 100 feet straight over him, Swader

recognized the "rising sun" and heard someone yell they were the Japanese. He knew, then, he was at war.

That was the first incoming wave. A second wave of planes, he recounted, came in while he was in the hangar, fighting fires from the first wave and helping to

Following that historic day and prior to continuing his assignment with VP-12, Swader went to gunnery school at Kaneohe for three weeks and did various details while the bruised Navy reorganized.

He joined the gunnery crew at Midway from June 1942 through

The squadron's primary purpose while in Guadalcanal was to break up the Tokyo Express of Japanese fleet ships supplying the Pacific Japanese Island holds during the nights. Within three days of arrival, they were flying bombing missions; Swader's first in his career targeting the

Swader reported that the worst part of a bombing mission was just before it began, when they felt the uncertainty of what lay ahead. Fear never left his side, especially when enemy spotlights were on, anti-aircraft fire burst all around, and there was a constant threat of being shot down. To lessen this risk, the standard flight procedure was to turn every 30-45 seconds to avoid a linear path. This was because it took about a minute for anti-aircraft bombs to travel from ground to air, therefore avoiding the potential to get hit. Sometimes Swader was instructed to drop all arms at once because of the proximity and danger of anti-aircraft fire. At times, his log referenced that these "actions [were] proving hard on my nerves."

On Jan. 10, 1943, Swader and his crew left Guadalcanal between 9 and 10 p.m. to intercept a Japanese task force of warships and mark them as targets for U.S. PT boats with flares. They made three passes over a ship they marked and, in a blinding flash, it disappeared; what became of the ship was never confirmed. Later, their plane picked up three destroyers that fired so close the concussion of the firing was felt, and Swader felt he could practically reach out and grab the areas where anti-aircraft fire had been.

Swader went on many missions, including illuminating and bombing missions, which became almost routine, thus, he eventually stopped logging them. But, one mission that was not routine involved the targets of Kolombangara and Munda. During this mission, another plane above their position illuminated his aircraft and the targets below putting his crew in a vulnerable position. They never discovered the responsible plane. There are also several notations in his logbook of very close calls to being bombed by the Japanese and how many fretful nights these created. The Japanese had a pattern of coming in at dusk and bombing their sites, with a particular close call of a bomb detonating about 35 yards away from his foxhole. While on a bombing mission in March 1943, he witnessed two Japanese destroyers sunk in two minutes by U.S. cruisers.

Over time, the night flying campaigns, heat, poor food quality, and malaria wore on the soldiers causing an average weight loss of 25 pounds per soldier during the Guadalcanal tour. During Swader's time on Guadalcanal, he suffered two attacks of malaria, the first being



Aerial view of the Pearl Harbor drydock area Dec. 10, 1941.

Official Navy photo

load ammunition. Nine planes in a "V" formation headed for them with "black beans" dropping out of each one — which he sickeningly realized were bombs. He ran between two storage buildings while the perimeter was bombed. All but three of the 36 Catalinas assigned to his squadron were destroyed that day. He'll never forget seeing a truck during the walk back to one of the intact hangars pick up someone who had been eviscerated by the surprise attack.

Shortly after the attack, Swader was assigned to a small, armed watch unit placed on a hill with an ocean view for the next two days in case of beach landing. He didn't see the initial harbor clean up, but, when he arrived back at the harbor, was awestruck at the destruction.

In November 1942, Swader returned to Hawaii for a week for rest and recuperation before traveling to Guadalcanal. The journey took the crew to Palmyra for one night, Kanton - a "sandbar" - for one night, Pango-Pango for one night where they saw the "beautiful girls", and to Fiji where they stayed for 10 days to get acclimated with some routine patrols. The next stop was Esperito where they refueled prior to their arrival in Guadalcanal in mid-December 1942.

November 1942, where they flew North Pacific and Aleutians/Wake Island missions. The average flight was 800 miles out to sea. Midway, according to Swader's logbook entry, was "hot-sandy-small-OK, if you don't have to stay."

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Japanese air base Munda Bar on Dec. 30, 1942. Three days later, his base became the target of a Japanese bombing raid. Although they never got too close to where he was sleeping, close call attacks were the norm in the weeks to come causing nights of interrupted sleep and habitual ducking into foxholes.

Swader recalled his crew was involved in both formal and informal missions. Formal raids consisted of pulling pins, dropping bombs on targets, and marking targets for ship fire, while informal raids included dumping beer cans, bottles and trash on the Japanese for psychological effect. Certain missions were undertaken with the sole purpose of keeping the Japanese awake and unnerved during the nights.

News

Soltek Pacific Construction Co. awarded LEED Gold Certification



Photo by Michael Roach

Left to right: NAVFAC SW Commanding Officer Capt. Clifford Maurer; China Lake Facilities Engineering and Acquisition Division SGE Chris Sliwa; Project Manager Martin O'Brien, Soltek Pacific Construction Co.; and NAWS China Lake Executive Officer Cmdr. Lee Johnson display the LEED Gold plaque for achievement on design and construction of the Weapons and Armament *Research Development Test and Evaluation* Laboratory, Building 12.

Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) Southwest Commanding Officer Capt. Clifford Maurer, presented a Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Gold Certification to Soltek Pacific Construction Co. Sept. 15.

The U.S. Green Building Council awarded a LEED Gold certificate for the recently completed Weapons and Armament Research Development Test and Evaluation (RDT&E) Laboratory at China Lake.

"This project is a pioneering example of sustainable design and demonstrating leadership in transforming the building industry," read the certificate.

"Soltek Pacific exceeded LEED Silver requirement and obtained Gold level certification at no additional cost to the government," said Lt. Norma Soto-Robles, Naval Air Weapons Station China Lake Facilities Engineering and Acquisition Department (FEAD) director.

The attention to the Sept.

15 deadline made it significant to the contractor-government team because this LEED Gold certification is China Lake's second facility with such recognition in fiscal year 2011. The date also marked Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) 2005 completion and held the last ribbon cutting ceremonies. Two of the last three BRAC ribbon cuttings were projects Soltek Pacific Construction Co. constructed.

"Special thanks to the valuable participation of Martin O'Brien, Soltek's project manager; Jeff Sullivan, Soltek's superintendent; Chris Sliwa, FEAD senior general engineer; Danny Morse, FEAD contracting officer; Jerry Manley, FEAD contract specialist; and Tom Dorfmeister, FEAD engineering technician," said Soto-Robles.

Martin O'Brien, Soltek Pacific Construction Co. project manager, received LEED Gold certification award news in July 2011 and was China Lake FEAD's guest of honor at the ribbon cutting ceremony.

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Stop, 'spice' is illegal:

A special message from Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy (SS/SW) Rick D. West

WASHINGTON (NNS)—Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy Rick D. West reemphasized to senior enlisted leaders that Sailors who use “Spice” will be separated, lose benefits and let down the Navy team.

West wants every Sailor to know that “Spice” is illegal, and he stated the following in a personal message to all command master chiefs, chiefs of the boat and command senior chiefs.

“Senior enlisted leaders,

Our Sailors continue to experience phenomenal personal and professional successes, exemplifying all it means to be a global force for good. I say with complete sincerity that the future of our force has never been brighter due to the inspiration, intelligence and innovation of those honing their talents on the deckplates today. While there are abundant challenges

facing us (force-shaping, budget constraints, and high operational tempo to name a few), we are deliberately working through those to ensure our warriors have every opportunity to excel.

A challenge that concerns me greatly though, and one we are compelled to confront head-on now, is the problem of synthetic cannabinoid use by far too many Sailors. This issue is not driven by money or manpower realities but by extremely poor personal choices, an alarming lack of awareness, and perhaps a false sense of security. While the name may change from “Spice” to K2 or countless other catchy street monikers, this drug is consistently bad news to both the Sailors using it and the Shipmates they are letting down.

Virtually every week in all-too-familiar SITREPS, we see detailed accounts of “Spice’s”

tangible impact on command manning and individual careers. Unfortunately, message traffic can’t capture the true toll on critical unit cohesion and mission readiness, or adequately articulate the drug’s aftermath in terms of indelible personal consequences. Those most agonizing and private aspects often go untold to Shipmates, left to either inference or simple (but detrimental) disregard.

We need to erase that blind spot through continuous education, visible engagement, and transparent accountability. The Navy’s stated policy on “Spice” is zero tolerance: Sailors who get caught using these substances go home under other than honorable conditions and suffer substantial losses to their veterans’ benefits, and the fact of the matter is, those who use drugs eventually get caught. The terms are non-negotiable and irreversible:

promising starts summarily decimated by bad decisions. The aggregate long-term effects of this trend on our service demands focused efforts by everyone wearing an anchor on their collars. Chief petty officers will make a difference.

If you’re not already familiar with the pervasive and treacherously fashionable appeal of “Spice” derivatives or the very real health risks they pose, comprehensive information on the physiological effects and legal ramifications of “Spice” are readily available from a number of resources, including:

- Naval personnel command web site at <http://www.public.navy.mil/bupers-npc/pages/default.aspx>;
- BUMED web site at <http://www.med.navy.mil/pages/spice.aspx>;
- Drug enforcement agency (DEA) web site at <http://www.justice.gov/dea/>; and



Official Navy photo
Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy Rick D. West

• National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) web site at <http://www.nida.nih.gov/infofacts/spice.html>.

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After speaking to individuals who had participated in the CEW, Fulton decided to get involved. “I was just really excited about the opportunity. So, I hit the ‘send’ button and applied,” said Fulton. “It took several months and then I was accepted in September. I leave on the fifth of November; it has been a whirlwind of activity. There is a

lot involved with getting ready to go. What they don’t tell you about the program is that there is a lot of paperwork and training.”

Fulton is anticipating a new and exciting set of challenges in Afghanistan. “You go for the work. I think that it is going to be significantly different than I’ve ever really been involved with before,” said Fulton. “But the part that I am looking forward to is the new

experiences... and getting to see a different side of it because working for the Navy [compared to] the Army you can see there is a difference in how they operate, and having the in-theatre experience I think is going to be really interesting.”

However, there are some downsides about the situation for Fulton. The mother of three admits that she will miss her children as well as her parents, but her real

concern is about the burden it may place on them. “They love their mom, they’re concerned for my safety, obviously, it is a war zone, but they are really supportive. It’s something I’ve signed up for, it’s something I’m looking forward to. I’ve signed up for the risk and all that stuff, but they didn’t. So I appreciate that it is more difficult for them.”

Still, Fulton remains adamant

about her decision to go. “Not to downgrade anything we do here, I think it is amazing and I do think that we support the warfighter, I just have this desire to do more,” she said. “Not only do I appreciate the support of my family, but I appreciate the support that NAWCWD is giving me by allowing me this opportunity. I am thankful to my supervisors all the way up the chain to the Admiral.”

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the worst, that played a role in his future tours. The squadron completed all of these missions and, despite so many close calls, never lost a crew member life or plane in enemy territory. The unit eventually received a presidential Unit Citation for their efforts and achievements.

Swader returned to San Francisco in August 1943 after which he was informed that he would not be sent overseas since he had contracted malaria twice. So, he was sent to Los Alamedas, Calif. and, following the breakup of that command soon after, was sent to Minneapolis, Minn. to maintain the engines and hydraulics of the planes for training pilots. While stationed there, he made chief. Once the war ended, primary pilot training ceased, and Swader was sent to Clinton, Okla. for four months to scrap, strip, bulldoze and smelt airplanes. He had scrapped 26,000 planes by the end of his station.

After Oklahoma, Swader was sent to Pearl Harbor for three

months and then to Pensacola, Fla. for plane maintenance training where he loved his job and fixing the airplanes. From there, he completed one year of recruiting duty in Brainerd, Minn.

Swader was, again, sent back to Pearl Harbor where he joined a transport squadron en route to Germany and worked with the Berlin Airlift for seven months in 1947. He reported flying 20 missions into Tempelhof and Gatow with R5D and DC-5 aircraft. His job, which he loved, was to only work on plane engines, and he was given the freedom to do so autonomously. The engines he worked on had to be changed frequently due to the stress of taking off with heavy loads on short runways. He noted in his logbook that one to two planes were lost due to weather and ground approach. Berlin was difficult as the city was without power and food for the most part during this time. But, socially, Sailors were able to savor the attention of the 17 to one ratio of German women to men unlike the U.S. Army which had strict rules

preventing their men from dating any German girls.

Later, Swader was sent to a transport squadron at Patuxent River, Md. followed by another two years of recruiting duty in Brainerd, Minn., pre-Korean war. Beginning in 1952, he spent three years with Flight Squadron (VF) 53 in Miramar, Calif. before being deployed for a 10-month tour in Korea. He was then sent to Vietnam where he flew cover for the evacuation of French from the area.

While at Miramar, complacency set in for Swader who, after 12 years in the Navy, felt like he could coast for the next eight years to retirement. But, during a lunch with a chief who had been in the Navy for 25 years, Swader was given a wakeup call when he was told to “stop screwing off.” The chief reminded him that, if he takes the Navy’s money, he has the responsibility to do the best job that he can do and the duty to fulfill his obligation. The advice remained with Swader giving him the focus and drive to stay motivated and to succeed.

When he changed his attitude, he noticed a tremendous difference in the way the officers treated him.

When Swader returned from Vietnam, he was transferred to Helicopter Anti-Submarine Squadron Four at Naval Auxiliary Air Station Ream Field, Imperial Beach, Calif. He then joined Helicopter Anti-Submarine Squadron Eight where he went to helicopter school and, then, to sonar school, at which time he retrained to fly as a sonar man. In 1957, he deployed to Vietnam returning 10 months later without much to report other than trying to find a Russian submarine.

He ultimately ended up in China Lake after those deployments, a place he had heard about from a neighbor who had come through the area from Los Angeles to fish in the Sierra Nevada Mountains.

While stationed at China Lake, Swader was the senior chief of an entire squadron, responsible for about 400-500 personnel. It was during this tour, he reported, that he found out what leadership was all about. During this last tour, he went to school part-

time school to with the plan of entering an apprenticeship for career following retirement from after 20 years of service. He eventually became a machinist at China Lake, an occupation he enthusiastically accounted that he loved, which involved working at Michelson Laboratory and the Armitage Field.

Swader’s last eight years of work at China Lake involved working in direct and close support of Navy Special Warfare, Underwater Demolition Teams and SEALs. He proudly reminisced about the contributions he manufactured such as grenade launchers, gyro gimbals for Sidewinder missiles, altimeter container for parachutes, tail fins for the Walleye missile, and a myriad of other operational devices. In fact, all of Swader’s logbook entries of his times in war and out are portrayed with such exuberance for life and appreciation of the people and opportunities he had, that he continues to be an inspiration to all who take a moment to trace his path from Pearl Harbor to China Lake.



Command warns against holiday DUIs



Photo by Michael Roach

Command sign tracks the number of people working on base who have been caught driving under the influence (on or off base). With the holidays approaching, Command reminds employees, military and civilian alike, that DUIs have serious consequences, including hefty fines and possible work-related impacts.

Naval Security Force reservists complete annual sustainment training

By Michael Roach
Editor, Rocketeer II

Naval Air Weapons Station (NAWS) China Lake's Naval Security Force (NSF) completed their annual sustainment training last month at the installation. The reserve unit qualified on various weapons before running the gauntlet of pepper spray and hands-on tactical training.

The unit operates mostly at NAWS China Lake, but is based out of Naval Operations Support Center Point Mugu under the command of Lt. Cmdr. Dell M Griffith. Since its inception in February 2004, the NSF has operated on weekends and special occasions at China Lake as support for the Active Security Force.

"We basically do security for the base; you can see some of our reservists doing gate duty. We also do range patrol and [work at different] functions," said MA2 Terry Paradise, who has been with the unit since it was created.

The annual sustainment training consisted of range practice with various firearms, as well as classroom instruction on handcuffing and vehicle inspection procedures. The reservists were then exposed to pepper spray before being asked to complete tasks at several stations using the skills they had learned during instruction, including subduing a padded aggressor referred to by Paradise as the "Red Man."



Courtesy photo

MA2 Vanessa Prin Martinez takes aim during her run at the nine-millimeter sustainment course.



Courtesy photo

MA1 Anthon Vuono hits a target with a police baton after being exposed to pepper spray as part of the NSF's annual sustainment training.



Courtesy photo

MA3 Michael Wisniewski takes down "Red Man," after being exposed to pepper spray as part of the NSF's annual sustainment training.

Carla Davis receives Employee of the Quarter award



Official Navy photo

NAWCWD financial management analyst Carla Davis (left), receives the Comptroller Competency Employee of the Quarter award from Merrie Giles, NAWCWD Comptroller.

By Theresa Goldstrand
NAWCWD PAO

NAWCWD Comptroller Competency selected financial management analyst Carla Davis as Employee of the Quarter for the fourth quarter of FY 2011.

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 of appreciation and group recognition.

Davis was selected by her co-workers in recognition of 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. Her sense of humor, willingness to assist anyone that is willing to learn, and her willingness to share her extensive knowledge of the NAWCWD rate structure is an asset to the Comptroller Group and the entire command.

Employees noted, "Carla has the amazing ability to explain complex execution issues in the simplest of terms and she always does it with a smile. It is obvious that Carla cares about and enjoys what she does which reflects itself in the extraordinary assistance she provides on a daily basis."

WACOM to hold luncheon Dec. 13

The Women's Auxiliary Commissioned Officers Mess (WACOM) monthly meeting, luncheon and program will be held Dec. 13 at the Paradise Cafe at Naval Air Weapons Station China Lake.

Social time will start at 11 a.m., followed by the luncheon at 11:30 a.m. The meal costs \$15 and annual member ship dues are \$25.

WACOM is also asking guest and members to bring an unwrapped Child's toy or a check for \$10 or more for the Toys For Tots Foundation, as well as a non-perishable food item. The food will go to the Navy Marine Corp Relief Food Pantry.

This month the entertainment will be Dangerous Curves performing Holiday Music.

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WACOM is an organization dedicated to supporting local community charities. The organization operates the Thrift Shop at NAWS China Lake with a volunteer staff. Call (760) 446-6667 for more information.

Reservations or cancellations for the luncheon must be made by Dec. 5. Call Charylene Peterson at (760) 371-3384 or Deane Campbell at (760) 375-9753.

Health

Prevent colds with this natural mineral

By Shari Lopatin
TriWest Healthcare Alliance

your recommended intake of zinc. Remember, too much could prove harmful to your body.

Which foods contain zinc? Try eating some of these foods listed from the National Institutes of Health, which are naturally high in zinc:

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14-18 years	11 mg	9 mg	12 mg	13 mg
19+ years	11 mg	8 mg	11 mg	12 mg

* Source: National Institutes of Health, Office of Dietary Supplements

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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2011 Navy Now Forum focuses on information dominance, cyber security

WASHINGTON, D.C. (NNS) -- The fall 2011 Navy Now forum networking luncheon was held at the Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center in Washington, D.C., Nov. 17.

Director of Program Integration for Information Dominance, Rear Adm. William E. Leigher, the guest speaker for the event, focused on the Navy's current and future endeavors in information dominance and cyber security, and usage of cyberspace as an operational tool.

"We are currently seeing a lot of conversions because handheld devices are allowing for easy access to cyberspace from almost anywhere on the planet," said Leigher. "The challenge for us right now is trying to secure that so we can use these smart devices in our environment, but also look for ways to attack it in a continual

way."

During a question and answer portion of the luncheon, Leigher touched on many key topics to include increasing awareness of integration of domains, as well as providing Naval forces with the ability for command control and freedom of navigation in cyberspace.

"When you look across cyberspace there are a few things that make it unique," said Leigher. "We attack and defend on exactly the same platform that our adversaries attack and defend on. You have to understand what that thin line is and make sure that we can assure security twenty-four hours a day, three hundred and sixty five days a year because, without that, we cannot operate effectively."

The event, sponsored by the Association of the United States Navy (AUSN), gives senior Navy

officials and business leaders the opportunity to enhance and develop relationships that will strengthen current and future functions of the Navy.

"This is always a great opportunity for Navy and business leaders to gather together and chart out the future," said AUSN National President and retired Rear Adm. Timothy Moon. "Things like internet security and Sailors benefits are under attack every day. We get our strength from the number of members we have advocating to protect the rights and benefits of the Navy and its personnel."

This was the fourth Navy Now forum held by AUSN. The association has been active since 1957, and their mission is to advance interests of all members of the Navy community by supporting personal and professional needs of Sailors.

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Our Naval Criminal Investigative Service (NCIS), another great resource for presentations and data, is intimately involved in the campaign to eradicate "Spice" by surveilling head shops and other locations known for selling the drugs. Your Sailors need to know NCIS is active in these places, vigilantly watching who comes and goes and what they purchase. NCIS stands ready to talk to your command about their "Spice" operations and measures you can implement to deter use. For assistance from NCIS, contact your ISIC [immediate superior in command], regional, or TYCOM command master chief.

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