



What's Happening

Navy Fire & Emergency Services Newsletter

Protecting Those Who Defend America



October 2024

Omnis Cedo Domus

Vol. 22 No. 10

TABLE OF CONTENTS

Message From VADM Scott Gray	pages 1, 6
Director's Note	pages 1-2
Taking Care of Our Own	page 4
Last Alarms	page 6
NS Mayport Comes to the Rescue	page 8
Happy Birthday Navy Celebrates 249 Years	page 10
CNRJ Lead Critical Survival Training	Pages 11-12
Around the Firehouse	pages 13-22
Use and Occupancy Classification	page 23
NAS Corpus Christi Transition to Fluorine-Free Foam	Page 24
Back in the Day	pages 25-26
Navy Region Korea Fire Chief Fulfills Childhood Dream	pages 26-27
Assessment Calendar	page 28
ESAMS Update	page 29
Points of Contact/Hall of Fame	page 30
F&ES Editor in Chief: SCPO Anthony Pena anthony.f.pena.mil@us.navy.mil	

Message from VADM Scott Gray

Commander, Navy Installations Command

As we conclude our yearlong celebration of 20 years of Commander, Navy Installations Command, I want to take a moment to sincerely thank you for your dedication to our mission.

Our work is integral to the Navy's warfighting capabilities, as our installations provide the essential foundation that connects all aspects of Navy operations. They enable the seamless execution of critical missions while delivering programs that enhance the Quality of Service for Sailors and the quality of life for their families. By supporting both operational effectiveness and the well-being of personnel, we ensure the Navy remains resilient, ready, and capable.

Since 2003, CNIC has made remarkable progress in installation management, oversight, and policy. However, we all recognize that there is still much work ahead as we prepare to meet the Navy's evolving needs, both today and in the future.

Con't. on page 6

From the Director



(from left) Carl Glover, Lisa and Gene Rausch. (Courtesy Photo).

Happy New Fiscal Year ! FY25 is off to a fast start and we already have many changes underway. As we previously mentioned Dan Gaumont has retired and we are actively engaged in the hiring process to find a replacement for Dan. We were able to have a dinner to honor Dan recently, in conjunction with our Fall Region Fire Chiefs Working Group at NAS JRB Ft Worth.

Additionally, we were very happy to have three retired Fire Chiefs join us at the event.

Con't. on page 2



Supporting the



From the Director

Con't. on page 1

Chief Russ Tarver, Chief Ruben Perez, and Chief Paul Murray were on hand to talk with the Region Fire Chiefs and Dan. Happy to report Retired Chiefs are doing great ... very happily retired.

Unfortunately, we recently learned of the passing of two members of the Navy F&ES family. Chief Bob Carr (former Navy Region Hawaii) and Firefighter Paramedic Sean Worley (NDW Dahlgren) passed during October. Our sincere condolences to the families of Chief Carr and Firefighter Worley.

This edition has many pictures and notes related to Fire Prevention Week. However, we did not have room for all the pictures, so some additional Fire Prevention Week pictures will be included in next month's edition.

Welcome aboard to our newest CNIC staff member, Chief Tiffany Laurenson. Chief Laurenson is a member of our HQ F&ES Navy Reserve unit, and will be serving a one-year tour with CNIC.

Navy F&ES is Hiring ! Check USAjobs for current announcements. Thanks to all our Navy F&ES Teams and members who serve, *Protecting Those Who Defend America*.

Carl



New CNIC Team Member - Chief Tiffany Laurenson



Chief Laurenson has been in the Navy for 18 years, first serving as Damage Controlman aboard the USS BUNKER HILL (CG-52) while on active duty, and later converting to a Hull Technician when she transitioned to the Navy Reserve.

As a reservist, TJ has served with Navy Reserve CNIC Fire & Emergency Services team for roughly 10 years in multiple roles and currently as the Training Department Leading Chief Petty Officer.

She resides in Fort Worth, TX, where she has been a member of the Fort Worth Fire Department for 10 years. She was an instructor for two recruit classes, a member of the peer support team, and has served as a union disciplinary representative.

She is currently supporting the CNIC N30 team under Active Duty for Operational Support (ADOS) orders as a Fire Protection Specialist. In her free time she enjoys watching and playing hockey, volunteering at girls fire camps on the west coast, and traveling.

Additional Fire Related Hyperlinks and Sites

To Navy Fire & Emergency Services Fire Chiefs and First Responders across the Regions and to the many, many readers of *What's Happening*, please take the opportunity to visit the links below to see additional articles and videos:

NFPA 1410 Video—Shorts

<https://www.facebook.com/share/v/w1WqfAYHDcqygAKc/>

NAS Corpus Christi ARFF Training Drill and Mutual Aid at Outlying Field Goliad

<https://www.facebook.com/share/v/1mB5E9QRJJGZTDvq/>

PFAS VA Article

<https://share.newsbreak.com/91parice>

Communication Materials—National Firefighter Registry—NIOSH—CDC

<https://www.cdc.gov/niosh/firefighters/registry/nfrcomm.html>

Firefighter Resources—NIOSH—CDC

<https://www.cdc.gov/niosh/firefighters/default.html>

Executive Fire Officer Program

Application period for Executive Fire Officer Program Nov 1-30, 2024.

Applications for the National Fire Academy's Executive Fire Officer Program will be accepted Nov 1 – 30, 2024 or when the first 500 applications are received; whichever come sooner. For more information, please visit [Executive Fire Officer Program Requirements and How to Apply \(fema.gov\)](https://www.fema.gov/executive-fire-officer-program-requirements).



SCAN QR CODE FOR LISTING OF ALL CURRENT JOB OPPORTUNITIES UNDER NAVY FIRE PROTECTION AND PREVENTION (0081 SERIES).

<https://www.usajobs.gov/Search/Results?j=0081&a=NV52&k=&p=1>

Taking Care of Our Own


From: CNIC HQ Fire & Emergency Services

The Taking Care of Our Own Program was launched in October 2005 to provide a support network for federal civilian members of the DoD Fire & Emergency Services family. The Program provides a simple, systematic, DoD-wide means to help family members in crisis who have exhausted their leave. The program entails alerting all members of the family that a fellow member is suffering from a personal or family (medical) crisis and has been approved for Volunteer Leave Transfer Program. Each family member is asked to donate at least one hour of annual leave to the member in crisis so they can focus on recovering rather than worrying about loss of the pay check (the result of running out of leave). Participation in the program is completely voluntary and no member may be pressured to donate. The single requirement is that the leave recipient must be approved for the Volunteer Leave Transfer Program.

NAME	LOCATION	POINT OF CONTACT
Zachary Rayfield	NSA Souda Bay, Greece	antigoni.vasiliad.gr@eu.navy.mil
Derek Murdock	157 th Air Refueling Wing, NH	patrice.h.foggarty.mil@army.mil
Mary Harris	Naval District Washington	christopher.a.scully2.civ@us.navy.mil
Bradley Jones	Dobbins ARB, GA	breeann.gresham.1@us.af.mil
Daniel Boersig	Fort Walker, VA	armando.eversley2.civ@army.mil
Casey Arrayan	Navy Region Southwest	shaun.e.turner2.civ@us.navy.mil
Mary Harris	Naval District Washington	christopher.a.scully2.civ@us.navy.mil
Brian Fillman	Joint Expeditionary Base Little Creek-Ft Story	sara.j.campbell17.civ@us.navy.mil
Guy Bond	10 CES , USAF Academy CO	patricia.blackburn.1@us.af.mil

988 Suicide & Crisis LIFELINE

Dial 988 for 24/7 emotional support anywhere in the U.S.

 **Call 988**
 **Text 988**
 **Visit 988lifeline.org/chat**

→ to reach a caring counselor.

WARNING SIGNS OF SUICIDE:

The behaviors listed below may be some of the signs that someone is thinking about suicide.

TALKING ABOUT:

- Wanting to die
- Great guilt or shame
- Being a burden to others

FEELING:

- Empty, hopeless, trapped, or having no reason to live
- Extremely sad, more anxious, agitated, or full of rage
- Unbearable emotional or physical pain

CHANGING BEHAVIOR, SUCH AS:

- Making a plan or researching ways to die
- Withdrawing from friends, saying goodbye, giving away important items, or making a will
- Taking dangerous risks such as driving extremely fast
- Displaying extreme mood swings
- Eating or sleeping more or less
- Using drugs or alcohol more often

If these warning signs apply to you or someone you know, get help as soon as possible, particularly if the behavior is new or has increased recently.

988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline
Call or text 988
Chat at 988lifeline.org

Crisis Text Line
Text "HELLO" to 741741



nimh.nih.gov/suicideprevention

Learning Opportunities



Center for Public Safety Excellence

At the Center for Public Safety Excellence® (CPSE®) we are excited to bring you the latest learning opportunities to advance your department and career.

CPSE is looking for agencies to host the Quality Improvement for the Fire & Emergency Services workshop in 2024. If you are interested in hosting a 2024 workshop, download the [hosting agreement](#) for more information.

Quality Improvement for the Fire & Emergency Services Workshop - 3 Days, In-Person

Nov 19-21 - Louisville Fire Dept, Louisville, KY

Click [here](#) for civilian workshops.

On-Demand Training

Category 2: Understanding the Essential Elements of the CRA/SOC

Mentoring in the Fire & Emergency Services

Click [here](#) for on-demand training

On-Demand Webinars and Resource Documents

We encourage you to take the time to access these free resources in the CPSE University:

[On-Demand Accreditation Videos](#) -

Writing the Four-Part Answer - A webinar explaining development of the four-part answer for the self-assessment manual.

Performance Statements - A webinar explaining development of performance statements.

Creating a Strategic Plan - A webinar explaining the creation of a community-driven strategic plan.

Developing Strategic Plan Goals and Objectives - A webinar explaining how to develop effective goals and objectives for a strategic plan.

For questions or assistance contact info@cpse.org or 703-691-4620.

Resource Documents

[Annual Appraisals](#) - A handout to assist with developing annual appraisals.

[Critical Tasking](#) - A handout to aid in conducting critical tasking for all emergency response types.

[Engaging Stakeholders](#) - A handout explaining how to engage stakeholders in the CRA/SOC process.

[Fire Department Strategic Plans and Community Master Plans: Are They The Same?](#) - A handout comparing and contrasting fire department strategic plans and community master plans.

[Performance Statements](#) - A handout outlining how to develop performance statements.

[Writing the Four-Part Answer](#) - A handout explaining development of the four-part answer for the self-assessment manual.

[Completing the Designation Application](#) - Learn tips on completing the designation application for CFO, CTO, CEMSO, FM, or FO

[21st Century Fire & Emergency Services White Paper](#)
Handouts and videos on the critical issue areas.

Message from VADM Gray (*con't. from page 1*)



With your hard work and commitment, we will implement CNIC's Navy Shore Strategic Guidance, ***Revitalizing the Shore***, to drive significant improvements in manning, training, equipping, and maintaining our installation platforms. Our efforts will be concentrated across four key lines of effort:

- **Align the Shore Enterprise:** Improve organizational alignment from the Shore Type Commander, supporting regions and installations as operational units, focused on Fleet priorities.
- **Deliver Fleet-Focused Outcomes:** Ensure the Fleet is supported by ready and resilient installation platforms, capable of meeting mission tasking.
- **Improve Quality of Service:** Build trust by delivering innovative, comprehensive, and responsive Quality of Life services in direct

support of warfighter recruitment, readiness, resilience, and retention.

- **Bolster the Foundation:** Stop infrastructure degradation, accelerate recovery, and modernize the Navy's infrastructure through innovative solutions providing resilient installation platforms for the future fight.

With this exceptional, accomplished, and talented team, I have no doubt that CNIC will continue to do great things for the Fleet, the Fighter, and the Family in the years to come!

Happy 21st birthday, CNIC!



Last Alarms:

Retired Fire Chief Bob Carr passed away the week of 10th October. Chief Carr was a dedicated and long serving Fire Chief for Navy and Marine Corp installations. Chief Carr is will be missed, please keep his family and friends in your thoughts and prayers. The family is planning a private ceremony and will have a celebration of life later in the Spring.

Firefighter Paramedic Sean Worley, assigned to Naval Support Activity Dahlgren, Naval District Washington. Firefighter Worley passed on Tuesday 22 October. His cause of death is currently undetermined awaiting the outcome of the investigation. Firefighter/Paramedic Worley was only 40 years old and he has been with the department since 11/4/2013; Sean had previously served four years of active duty. Firefighter Worley was an outstanding member of the NDW Team and had earned two Navy Life Saving Awards.

Our deepest condolences to the Carr and Worley Families and the Entire Navy F&ES extended family.



ATTENTION CIVILIANS: Scheduling Annual Use or Lose Leave for the 2024



BLUE: Employees must schedule "Use or Lose" annual leave **on or before 30 November 2024**. (CY 2024.155)

This year's statutory deadline to have any use or lose leave scheduled and APPROVED is **30 November 2024**. Any such leave not scheduled and approved by that date will NOT be eligible to be carried over to the next leave year if an exigency of the public business or medical emergency should arise that prevents an employee from taking their use or lose leave by the end of the 2024 leave year. Also, there is a legal requirement that employees **MUST** have had any use or lose leave approved in writing.

Scheduling and Using Leave: Employees must schedule "use or lose" leave on or before 30 November 2024. The scheduled leave must then be used by the end of the 2024 leave year, which is **11 January 2025**, or it will be subject to forfeiture. SLACADA and personnel's Leave and Earning Statements note calculated "use or lose" leave.

Donating Annual Leave: If employees anticipate having more "use or lose" leave than you can expend by year-end, please have them consider donating to colleagues on the Leave Transfer Program.

Leave Restoration: An agency may restore annual leave that was forfeited due to an exigency of the public business or sickness of the employee only if the annual leave was scheduled in writing before the start of the third biweekly pay period prior to the end of the leave year (5 CFR 630.308).



Master Mason, Chief Steve Cox

In a ceremony held at Collington Lodge #230, two Brothers were raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason.

Congratulations to Brother Steve Cox and Brother Eric Smothers in becoming our two newest Master Masons! In attendance were brethren from Tennessee and Pennsylvania including our Past Master William Killen and James Elgert Past Master William Elkins Lodge #271, Philadelphia PA.

Also in attendance were Brother Joe Moore of Collington Lodge #230 and representing the Grand Lodge of Maryland, Grand Inspector Michael Grierson. Thank you to all that contributed in making tonight's ceremony a great experience for all!



NS Mayport F&ES Comes to the Rescue

7-year-old Freed from Candy Machine

Story by: Jose Cardenas, NS Mayport Fire Chief

Naval Station Mayport Fire & Emergency Services responded to a call for a 7-year-old boy that found himself in quite the sticky situation. His head got stuck while trying to crawl into a candy machine.

The young boy had been exploring the colorful assortment of sweets, at the local bowling alley, when he decided to lean in a little too far. This lean resulted with his head becoming wedged in the machine. The quick response of the fire department ensured a swift resolution to the “not-so-sweet” situation.

Firefighters arrived promptly and assessed the scene, and with extreme care, they extricated the boy without causing any injury and unfortunately any candy. The young boy was unharmed and even left the scene with a smile, likely excited by the attention, and the story he would have to share.

After the incident, the boy’s mother expressed her gratitude in a heartfelt notification to the fire department. She praised the team for their efficiency and kindness, highlighting the importance of community support during unexpected situations. Her message reflected the relief and appreciation felt by many in the Naval Station Mayport community, where the fire department is known for its commitment to safety and service.



“This could have been a frightening experience for both the boy and his family,” she wrote. “But thanks to the quick actions of our firefighters, it turned into a memorable adventure. We are so grateful for their help.”

The incident serves as a reminder of the dedicated service provided by first responders, who are always ready to assist in times of need, no matter how unconventional the situation may be. It also highlights the playful curiosity of children, who often find themselves in unexpected predicaments.

The Naval Station Mayport Fire Department encourages parents to keep a close eye on their little ones in fun environments like bowling alleys and amusement areas, ensuring that adventures remain safe. In the end, this incident brought a smile to many faces and reinforced the community spirit at Naval Station Mayport.

NAS Corpus Christi Pilot-for-a-Day

NAS Corpus Christi Fire & Emergency Services had the joy of hosting Little Miss Emily as our “Pilot-for-a-Day” with the VT-35 crew! She explored our fire station, operated the fire hose, and enjoyed a ride in the fire truck. The excitement on her face was priceless!

Thank you, Emily and the VT-35 team, for sharing this special day with us. You’ve inspired our fire department family!



Happy Birthday U.S. Navy - 249 Years

In recognition of the Navy's 249th birthday, celebrates on 13 October.

From its humble beginnings in 1775 with a few small ships, to becoming the most powerful maritime force in the world, the Navy has played a vital role in shaping the course of history. That legacy is born from the service of generations of Sailors who have stood watch over the seas, often in the face of great danger. Their dedication to our country and their sacrifice for our values are reminders of why we continue to serve and support this great institution.

For your viewing pleasure, the CNO's office released a video recognizing the important work being done by the Navy's Sailors and civilians:

<https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=934145968583456>

Want to learn more about U.S. Navy history? Peruse the Naval History and Heritage Command's online archives: [NHHC \(navy.mil\)](https://www.nhhc.navy.mil)



Editor's Note: Last month newsletter, the Navy 's Birthday was incorrectly typed under the Director's Section (Page 2). The correct date it is 13th October not 10th October.



CFA Sasebo - National Responders Day

First responders play a crucial role in keeping Navy installations secure. They handle emergency situations, such as medical emergencies, fires, and natural disasters, ensuring the safety and well-being of personnel and facilities. We recognize and celebrate all the brave first responders across our country who risk their lives to keep the rest of us safe.

(Courtesy Photo)



CNRJ Firefighters Lead Critical Survival Training to Nagasaki Recruits

Story by: Mark Wampler, Fire Chief, CNRJ F&ES Sasebo Japan



On September 6, 2024, firefighters from Commander Navy Region Japan (CNRJ) Fire & Emergency Services (F&ES) Sasebo led a Firefighter Survival Training course at the Nagasaki Prefecture Fire Academy. The training provided 59 new recruits from various fire departments across Nagasaki prefecture with critical skills designed to help them navigate high-risk situations on the job.

This initiative was a direct result of the growing collaboration between U.S. Navy firefighters and local Japanese fire departments. The recruits, representing fire stations from cities like Sasebo, Nagasaki, and Omura, learned essential survival techniques not typically covered in traditional Japanese firefighting programs.

The training, led by CNRJ F&ES Sasebo Drill Master (DM) Yuasa Shinji and supported by six instructors, aimed to address gaps in the standard training for new firefighters in Japan. For these recruits, who were wrapping up their six-month academy, this training marked their first exposure to advanced survival techniques that could one day save their lives.

“We’re proud to share these survival skills with our counterparts here in Japan,” said DM Yuasa. “In the heat of the moment, the techniques we’re teaching could be the difference between life and death. It’s our goal to make sure these recruits are prepared for the toughest challenges.”

The day began with a classroom session that covered key concepts related to Firefighter Survival and Rapid Intervention Team operations. Through these presentations, recruits gained valuable insights into how to protect themselves in life-threatening situations, such as becoming trapped, disoriented, or entangled in a fire.



In the afternoon, the recruits moved into the gymnasium for four hours of hands-on drills. CNRJ F&ES Sasebo instructors brought specialized props, such as the Denver Prop, allowing recruits to simulate escape and rescue scenarios they may face in real-world emergencies.

The involvement of CNRJ F&ES Sasebo in this training highlights the strong relationship between U.S. Navy firefighters and local Japanese fire

Con't. on next page

CNRJ Critical Survival Training (*con't.*)

departments. Installation Fire Chief Mark Wampler emphasized the importance of joint efforts, especially when it comes to delivering specialized training not widely available in the region.

“This partnership with the Nagasaki Fire Academy shows how connected we are with the local community,” said Chief Wampler. “We’re dedicated to sharing the skills and knowledge that keep our firefighters safe. Every time we train together, it strengthens both of our operations.”

The hands-on training gave the recruits a chance to practice advanced survival skills not typically included in their regular training. From navigating zero-visibility environments to executing ladder bailout techniques, the drills provided valuable experience the recruits will carry with them as they begin their careers as full-time firefighters.

“We’re honored to work side-by-side with our Japanese colleagues,” said one of the CNRJ F&ES Sasebo instructors. “This kind of collaboration ensures we’re all better prepared to handle emergencies, and it builds a stronger connection between our teams.”

With the successful completion of this training session, CNRJ F&ES Sasebo and the Nagasaki Prefecture Fire Academy are already planning future joint training events. The recruits, now equipped with new survival skills, will return to their departments across Nagasaki ready to use what they’ve learned to protect their communities.

At the core of this collaboration is a shared mission: train hard, work together, and ensure that every firefighter is prepared to face the worst. Through continued cooperation, CNRJ F&ES Sasebo is helping build a safer future for all.



Around the Firehouse

Commander Fleet Activities Chinhae Fire Prevention Week

Commander Fleet Activities, Chinhae, Fire & Emergency Services kicked off this year's 2024 Fire Prevention Week with a proclamation signed by Commander Fleet Activities Commander Officer, CDR James Dipasquale, Installation Fire Chief Gil Chavez, Republic of the Navy, Korea F&ES, City of Changwon F&ES, and several key stakeholders from the installation and community friends and family.



Around the Firehouse (*con't.*)

Naval Weapons Station Earle F&ES Conducts FEP

The installation received a validation visit from CNIC HQ on 21-25 October. Here are some pictures of their NFPA 1410 drills conducted during their FEP validation.



NSA Bahrain conducts Stair Climb Event for 9/11



NSA Bahrain F&ES conducted a 9/11 Stair Climb Memorial MWR event this past September at their training tower.

Members of the Fire Department as well as Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) climbed 110 floors in remembrance of the 343 firefighters who died on 9/11. The event had 40 total participants which included 20 from the Fire department.

ABH1 Brooke Fox, a member of the NSA Bahrain Fire Department poses for a picture while participating in the 9/11 Stair Climb MWR Event, Sept. 11, 2024. (Courtesy Photos)



Around the Firehouse (*con't.*)

NWS Seal Beach Supports Fire Prevention Week

In a remarkable display of cooperation and community engagement, Naval Weapon Station Seal Beach's Engine 31 joined forces with the Orange County Fire Authority's Engine 48 to promote fire safety during this year's Fire Prevention Week honoring this year's theme "Smoke Alarms: Make Them Work For You! The highlight of the week was an open house event hosted at OCFA Fire Station 48, where the public was warmly welcomed to tour both Engine 31 from Federal Fire Seal Beach and Engine 48 from the OCFA.



This firsthand experience allowed families and local residents to gain a deeper understanding of the vehicles and tools that play crucial roles in firefighting and emergency response. Special tables were set up with a comprehensive array of Federal Fire Prevention and OCFA Prevention Week safety materials. These resources offered vital information on how to prevent fires, monitoring smoke alarms and what actions to take in case of an emergency. Attendees, both young and old, had the opportunity to learn about the importance of having a fire escape plan, the role of smoke alarms, and crucial tips on fire prevention within the home and workplace.

Special thanks to Inspector Stone and Engine 31 crew for the hard work they put into this successful event.



Around the Firehouse (con't.)

Naval Base Point Loma and Marine Corps Recruit Depot



Marine Corp Recruit Depot San Diego Leadership pose with Sparky (Courtesy Photo)



Naval Base Point Loma Command Triad and Fire Chief pose with Sparky (Courtesy Photo)

CFA Sasebo - Fire Prevention Week



CFAS F&ES kicked off Fire Prevention Month with signing of the 2024 NFPA Proclamation with CAPT Michael Fontaine, Commander Fleet Activities Sasebo and Mark Wampler, Installation Fire Chief. This year's theme is "SMOKE ALARMS - Make Them Work For You!"



Around the Firehouse (*con't.*)

Navy Region Hawaii Federal Fire Department Host Fire Prevention



In support of Fire Prevention Week at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. Fire Prevention Week is observed each year during the week of Oct. 9 in commemoration of the Great Chicago Fire in 1871. This year's fire theme is "Smoke alarms: Make them work for you!"



David Newcomb New Installation Fire Chief for NAF El Centro

NAF El Centro's "New" Fire Chief (David Newcomb) Badged on 30 October 2024 by Commanding Officer Michael Lee and Regional Fire Chief Christopher Connelly. (Courtesy Photo)



Around the Firehouse (*con't.*)

NSF Thurmont Participates in Event At National Fire Academy

On October 8, 2024, NSF Thurmont District Fire Chief Wayne Garver had the opportunity to attend the US Fire Administrators Summit on Fire Prevention and Control held at the National Fire Academy in Emmitsburg, Maryland, featuring a round table discussion led by US Fire Administrator Dr. Lori Moore-Merrell. NSF Thurmont Engine 511 was on static display with other area apparatus during the event.



NAS Corpus Christi F&ES Participates in Career Expo



NAS Corpus Christi Fire & Emergency Services participated in the 2024 You Choose Career Expo at the Richard M. Borchard Fairgrounds. With over 3,000 students and 127 employers, training providers, and community partners in attendance.

The You Choose Career Expo focuses on career exploration with interactive and informative engagement and demonstration activities; hands-on activities help to reinforce lessons in careers here in Coastal Bend.

This event is an excellent opportunity for local employers to introduce themselves to the future workforce of Coastal Bend and help them hire local in the Coastal Bend.



Around the Firehouse (*con't.*)

NS Rota F&ES Conducts Mutual Aid Training



(Above) NS Rota conducts mutual aid training (Courtesy Photos)



NS Rota Participates in a Simulated Aircraft-Mishap Exercise

Members of Team Rota's air operations, medical and emergency response departments participated in a simulated aircraft-mishap exercise, Sept. 30, 2024. (Courtesy Photos)



Around the Firehouse (*con't.*)

NASCC F&ES Presents Firefighter Badge and Helmet Shield

NAS Corpus Christi Fire & Emergency Services is proud to announce that Firefighter Julio Funes has received his full performance badge and helmet shield from our Fire Chief!

This achievement not only reflects his commitment to safety and service but also his readiness to take on greater responsibilities within our department.

Congratulations, Julio, on this well-deserved recognition! We look forward to your continued contributions to NAS Corpus Christi Fire & Emergency Services!



(Left) NASCC Fire Chief Jeffrey Hawkins poses with Firefighter Julio Funes (Courtesy Photo).



Metro San Diego F&ES Celebrated Halloween

In the spirit of Halloween...a "Spooktacular" Halloween party for the community! There were lots of themed games, food, and crafts! The kids had a great time, but we think the adults did too (the carnival games became real competitive).

We'd like to thank the crews at Station 110 and Station 111 for all their hard work in preparing the food and setting everything up! We'd also like to thank Chief Rhoden for spearheading the event yearly!

We hope everyone has a great night with friends and family this Halloween! *(Courtesy Photo).*



Around the Firehouse (*con't.*)

Commander Navy Region Hawaii Hosted Fire Prevention Fall Fest

In partnership with MWR, NEX, and AAFES, The Commander Navy Region Hawaii (CNRH) Federal Fire Department (FFD) ended fire prevention week with Fall Fest on Joint Base Pearl Harbor Hickam. FFD Fire Prevention and Operations Division came together to inform families about being fire-safe with the NFPA theme “Smoke Alarms: Make Them Work For You!”.

The Fire Prevention Division held activities for the families on topics such as: “stop, drop, and roll,” “crawl low in smoke,” how to use a fire extinguisher, and how to conduct a monthly check of their smoke detectors. Engine 101, HazMat 151, and Medic 96 were set up as static displays for event participants to see the tools and equipment used by firefighters daily.

Overall, Fall Fest was a great success with an estimated 900 base populace in attendance. FFD hopes through public education, we can prevent accidental fires.



Around the Firehouse (*con't.*)

Southeast Region's Fire Prevention Week Shines Despite Hurricanes and Challenges

Another successful year for the Southeast (SE) Region's Fire Prevention Week (FPW)!! Unfortunately, the SE Region experienced two hurricanes and several other locations within the region. In spite of these challenges, we successfully conveyed the FPW message: "Smoke Alarms: Make Them Work for You!"



(Left) NCBC Commanding Officer, Ana Franco poses with Sparky and Fire Inspector James Healy (Courtesy Photo).

Throughout our 14 installations, all were eager to promote the fire prevention week message to our communities, bringing smiles to the children and educating the adults both on and off the installation fence-line. Here are a few quoted messages from installations across the southeast region, where they shared fire safety week insights and experiences with their local communities.

NS Mayport: "Hurricane Milton brought unexpected



challenges that led to cancellation of many events; however, the spirit of fire safety preserved"

NSA Mid-South: "A collaboration of Fire Prevention Week and Command Picnic reached over 350 military member and families with the fire prevention message "smoke alarms: make them work for you!" – a successful event for all"

NAS Corpus Christi: "We hosted events throughout the week and reached a lot of people with the fire prevention week message"

NAVSTA GTMO: "GTMO Fire kicked off Fire Prevention Week with the proclamation signing and ended with an open house, huge success"

NSA Panama City: "This year, NSA PC successfully observed fire prevention week and final evaluation problem (FEP), despite a demanding schedule, we were successful. Our preparation ensured a smooth process showcasing dedication and teamwork throughout the week."

CNRSE Region Fire Chief: "Proud of the Fire Prevention Teams and the work they put in to organize another great Fire Prevention Week, despite the weather not playing well. The effort put into these events and the work done by these teams on a day-to-day basis directly impacts the safety of the personnel on the installation as well as the safety of our Firefighters."



As another Fire Prevention Week comes to a close, CNRSE F&ES - Prevention Team will remain committed to prevent fires as the forefront, and work year-round to promote life safety.



Use and Occupancy Classification and the Safety of the Occupants

Story by: Mark Weil (Retired Assistant Chief of Fire Prevention, U.S. Navy Fire & Emergency Services), Navy Hall of Fame #51

The use and occupancy classification of the code is critical to the safety of the occupants. It is an important aspect of the design criteria of a building and it should also be your first consideration during an inspection of a building or structure, or portion of a building or structure. In addition, access to the fire department, building heights, type of construction, type of and capacity of exits and fire suppression systems must also be considered in this process.

One of the primary responsibilities of the building official is to verify during the plans review process that the design of a building or structure, or portion of a building or structure are accurately defined, based on the use and occupancy of the building. The Fire Plan Examiner must also ensure this meets fire code and jurisdictional requirements. The use group classification of a building or structure, or portion of a building or structure the NFPA 1 with Navy Amendments can provide specific guidance on occupancy classification which includes:

1. Assembly (A) Occupancies are groups that are subdivided into five groups (A1-A-5) These sub- groups depend on how the assembly occupancies function and the activities conducted within these occupancies. These assembly occupancies include theaters, churches, restaurants, dance halls, banquet halls, auditoriums, arenas, stadiums and armories.
2. Business (B) These can include areas that are college classrooms and other professional offices, fire stations, barber shops, banks, and post offices. The smaller assembly spaces, defined as having an occupant load of less than 50, are considered Group B.
3. Educational (E) The educational occupancies can vary depending on particular criteria when it comes to these occupancies. The educational occupancies classification include students up to including the twelfth grade by six or more persons for 4 or more hours per day or more than 12 hours per week. Schools, preschools and some daycare facilities are included within this criteria.
4. Factory and Industrial (F) These are industrial and manufacturing facilities in which goods are manufactured and or processed. These types of facilities involve different groups to include F-1(Moderate-Hazard) F-2 (Low-Hazard). The Moderate-Hazard (F-1) involve facilities that use and process low combustible and flammable materials. The Low-Hazard (F-2) involves facilities that utilize non-combustible materials in the factory processes.

5. High Hazard or Hazardous (H) H groups are the most restricted of the codes. They involve hazard groups H-1 through H-5: These groups involve hazardous materials and substances that are used and stored for processing, manufacturing. And these groups have threshold amounts by material and have specific restrictive requirements.

6. Institutional (I) The institutional occupancies in these groups are I-1 through I-4. This involves occupancies from hospitals to prisons, nursing and assisted living facilities. These facilities the code requires a consideration given based on "defend in place" principals. This means the inability of its occupants and their self preservation which requires institutional assistance.

7. Mercantile (M) These are generally retail shops and stores that display, stock and sell goods. High loads of combustible materials can be found in these occupancies. In addition, the IBC has specific requirements to ensure compliance with hazardous materials in these occupancies that must be considered.

8. Residential (R) The residential occupancies involve the following types: hotels, motels, apartments, dormitories, boarding houses, townhomes, and one and two- family dwellings. These groups of occupancies tend to be very restrictive in reference to the code due to the vulnerability of its occupants.

9. Storage (S) These occupancies are divided into two types of groups. These are (S1) and (S2). The S1 Group is any storage that is not classified as Group S2. The S1 tends to be combustible type storage in these facilities. The S2 Group is generally non-combustible.

10. Utility, Miscellaneous. These types of facilities are any type that are not classified under any specific use within the code. That being said these facilities can be a challenge for fire agencies due to their unique use.

In conclusion, these ten different occupancy classifications shown above are important elements of the IBC as specified in the NFPA 1 with Navy Amendments. As this criteria must be considered by all the enforcement entities involved to include the inspection processes and the fire plan examiner reviews. Thus, this occupancy and use classification can have profound impacts on the design elements and the safety of its occupants within facilities and its premises.



Transition to Fluorine-Free Foam at NAS Corpus Christi Fire & Emergency Services



Story by: Chief Jeffrey Hawkins, NAS Corpus Christi Fire & Emergency Services

NAS Corpus Christi Fire & Emergency Services has successfully transitioned from Phos-Check 3% Mil Spec Aqueous Film Forming Foam (AFFF) to the new PFOS-free SOLBERG 3% Mil-Spec Fluorine-Free Foam (F3) on all of our apparatus.

Contractors were on site with an ample supply of F3 to replace and replenish the necessary bench stock. The contractor team efficiently drained, rinsed, and refilled the foam tanks for each vehicle in a timely manner. NAVSUP will be assuming the responsibility of our Bench stock Phos-Check 3% which was worked through our PW/E department.

Key Considerations for the kick-off meeting with the contractor include confirming the total F3 gallonage requirements for apparatus and bench stock, coordinating with environmental personnel to designate an area for the contractor's operations,

team participated in a practical live fire demonstration at a local refinery to evaluate the fluorine-free foam. During our assessment, we observed that while the new F3 shares several characteristics with previous foams, there are important differences to consider in firefighting operations. Notably, the F3 requires more frequent reapplication to maintain a blanket and reduce the risk of reignition, as it does not seal as effectively as AFFF.

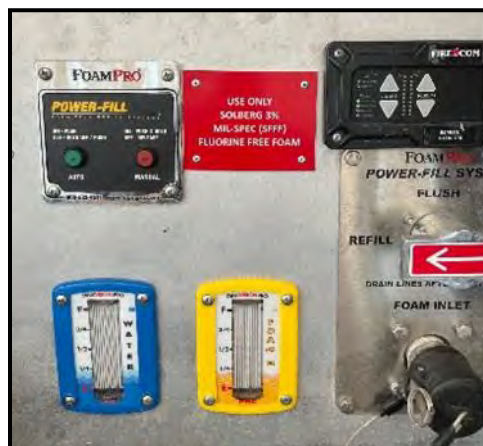
It's imperative to acknowledge that there are various fluorine-free foams available on the market, and it's crucial not to mix them within the apparatus. To prevent mixing, the contractor has provided and mounted identification tags on the trucks to notify operators of the specific foam type being used.

I strongly recommend collaborating with your Mutual Aid Partners to educate them about these differences and to update any relevant policies or procedures for refilling your apparatus.

Even though the foams are fluorine-free, any spills or usage must still be reported through the established channels.



ensuring the continuity of fire apparatus for mission requirements, coordinating with Public Works Environmental and the disposal contractor for the removal of bench stock AFFF from all fire department



locations, and if applicable, coordinating with the contractor regarding OLF/ALF operations and confirming processing for those apparatus. Prior to the transition, our

Contractor supplied ID Plate (Courtesy Photo)



(Above photo) 3,000 Gal ARFF foam transition. (Below) T-1500 foam transition (Courtesy Photo)



Back in the Day: U.S. Navy WWII Seagrave Pumpers

Story by Tom Shand and Photos by Shaun P. Ryan

By October 1941 with the threat of war on the horizon all fire apparatus production was restricted to fill government orders and with prior approval certain municipalities where these fire departments protected industrial facilities that were in wartime production. The Office of Production Management prohibited the use of aluminum, chrome, cadmium and tin for exterior components and fittings. After the outbreak of World War II all manufacturing was devoted to support the troops and the war effort with several fire apparatus manufacturers tasked to supply both trailer pumps and fire apparatus to the various branches of the military.

During this period there were all major builders of fire apparatus including American Lafrance, Buffalo Fire Appliance, Mack Trucks, Ward Lafrance along with Seagrave Fire Apparatus in Columbus, Ohio developed vehicles to protect military installations along with industrial facilities that were supporting the war effort. Each of these companies rapidly switched to producing hundreds of structural and airport crash rescue vehicles for the military, all of which were devoid of chrome fittings, adapters, nozzles and other appliances.

After the attack on Pearl Harbor, fire protection resources were bolstered with some of the first completed units including hose wagons, engines, tankers and aerial apparatus assigned to the Hawaiian Islands. These included several Mack Type 85 pumpers, a Peter Pirsch Model 41 55 foot quint and several International John Bean high pressure fog booster rigs.

Seagrave Fire Apparatus produced a number of model 66 pumpers for the U.S. Navy, these units were powered by a twelve cylinder engine 906 cubic inch engine rated at 185 horsepower on a 167.75 inch wheelbase with an overall length of just over twenty three feet. The pumpers were built in both an open and canopy cab versions with Pearl Harbor receiving rigs without roofs with some engine equipped with cab doors. Seagrave produced their own bronze centrifugal pumps with the Navy engines rated at 750 gpm and equipped with a 100 gallon booster tank.

Typical of apparatus designs of that era, the engines lacked any body compartments with appliances,

Con't. on next page



*Maui County Engine 2 1943 Seagrave Model 66E X-US Navy.
(Courtesy Photo)*

Back in the Day (*con't.*):

extinguishers and hand tools carried on the running boards. Booster equipment consisted of an open bin where 150 feet of coiled hose. Some installations added plywood boxes to the top of the hose bed area where additional hose packs and equipment could be carried. Warning devices consisted of a single hood mounted warning light, along with a mechanical siren and searchlight located on either side of the open cab.

After the war a number of U.S. Navy vehicles were made available to fire departments to bolster their apparatus fleets. Many departments were unable to acquire new apparatus due to a combination of the lasting

impact of the great depression and the wartime restrictions. Even those few municipalities that received apparatus during World War II needed new vehicles to replace outdated rigs that were still in front line service. Kauai County acquired several rigs including two 1942 Mack L model engines and four Seagrave Model 66 engines built between 1942 and 1945. The Maui County Fire Department operated two former U.S. Navy engines including a 1942 Seagrave engine that was modified with the addition of twin booster reels and hose bin compartment at the rear body. A 1943 Seagrave 750 gpm pumper was assigned to Engine 2 and closely resembled the rig as delivered to the Navy.

The influences of producing vehicles for the military had a long lasting impact on fire truck production and led to many innovations Back in the Day including two stage fire pumps, high pressure fog and four section, steel aerial ladders, among others.



*Maui County Engine 3 1942 Seagrave Model 66E X-US Navy.
(Courtesy Photo)*

Navy Region Korea Fire Chief Fulfills Childhood Dream

Story by LCDR Hien Vu, Commander, Navy Region Korea

As a world traveler, you might feel like you hit the proverbial jackpot in life when your career and passion take you to far-flung corners of the globe for almost your entire career. Fleet Activities Chinhae (CFAC) and Navy Region Korea (CNRK) Fire Chief Gil Chavez has experienced that exact feeling for 30 of a 32-year career as a firefighter.

"From as young as I can remember, I always dreamed of becoming a firefighter and traveling the world," said Chavez, a Riverside, Calif., native. "I've achieved that dream through my service in the United States Navy." Enlisting in the Navy in April 1993, Chavez began his lifelong service in the U.S. Navy as an Aviation Boatswain's Mate (ABH), whose duties included crash rescue, firefighting, and aircraft recovery.

Con't. on next page



Navy Region Korea Fire Chief (*con't.*)

He served on three ships – USS Independence (CV 62), USS Nimitz (CVN 68) and the USS Boxer (LHD-4) – and traveled the world early in his career. Subsequent Fire & Emergency Services (F&ES) assignments in Rota, Spain, and Souda Bay, Crete, elevated his travel passion while he continued to excel in firefighting, culminating in the highlight of his career: Winning the Department of the Navy (DON) Military Fire Officer of the Year award four consecutive times from 2007 to 2010 while stationed in Spain. "Being nominated and recognized as the Navy's top Fire Officer in front of my peers, friends, and family was an honor that validated my lifelong ambition," he said. "These awards also validated my career principles: Mastering the fundamentals of firefighting and managing Fire Programs are key. Come to work ready to contribute and learn." Retiring from active duty as an ABH Chief in 2013, Chavez continued his service as a federal firefighter. His civilian career has taken him from Spain to Bahrain to Japan, before settling in Chinhae, South Korea. "Each assignment has added depth to my leadership and fire protection expertise," he reflected. "This international experience with host nations has enriched my career tremendously."

In 2023, he assumed his current dual role as the senior F&ES officer and program manager, providing expert guidance on all F&ES matters in the region. "I develop policy, provide technical direction, and allocate resources for the regional and installation commanders," explained Chavez, who holds a Bachelor's degree in Public Safety Administration and a Master of Business Administration degree from the University of Maryland Global Campus. Under his leadership, the single-engine fire station at CFAC maintains the same high standards as larger agencies worldwide, according to Chavez. Manning challenges were swiftly addressed, and the scope of services was appropriately delivered, resulting in a budget increase that significantly enhanced operational readiness as well as the department's passing the critical Regional Assist Visit, he said. Looking ahead, Chavez aims to develop a comprehensive five-year strategic

plan to guide CFAC Fire Department toward accreditation through the Commission on Fire Accreditation International. "This accreditation is a mark of excellence, showcasing our commitment to continuous improvement and high standards in fire & emergency services," he said. "Only about 18 fire departments in the Navy have achieved this, and I want CFAC F&ES to be among them." While his career has been filled with professional accomplishments, Chavez acknowledges the personal sacrifices that come with serving in the Navy. He credits his wife, Miriam, for her unwavering support throughout their 23 years of marriage. "Miriam is the glue that holds our family together," he said. "She has been instrumental in supporting us through various duty stations and career demands."

Family is at the heart of Chavez's journey, and his pride extends beyond his own achievements. "My wife and I met in Spain. We have four sons and a granddaughter. Two of our sons are following in my footsteps: one serving as an Air Force firefighter and another training at the Department of Defense Fire Academy as a U.S. Marine," he beamed proudly. "I look forward to the day when we may serve together in the same Fire House. Then my dream of becoming a firefighter and traveling the world will not only come true but also evolve into something even more meaningful: leading a legacy of service, protecting others, and inspiring the next generation of firefighters in my family."

Source: <https://www.dvidshub.net/news/481582/navy-region-korea-fire-chief-fulfills-childhood-dream>



UPCOMING ASSESSMENTS

Region area installations should be aware of the Fire & Emergency Services assessment schedules for their locations so they can be prepared. To prepare, installations should conduct self assessments; regions should conduct CART or other region evaluations; all before the CNIC validation team arrives. For more information, contact Eric Rhode: eric.k.rhode.civ@us.navy.mil



OVERSIGHT PROCESS:



REGION	INSTALLATION	ASSESSMENT TYPE	SCHEDULED DATES
CNRE	NSA Bahrain	FEP	15-22 November, 2024
CNRH	Pearl Harbor NSY	Full Scale Exercise	17-23 November, 2024
CNRSW	NAWS China Lake	FEP	2-6 December, 2024
CNRSW	Naval Base Coronado	NATOPS	3-5 December, 2024
CNRMA	NS Norfolk	Full Scale Exercise	4-9 December, 2024
CNRMA	NSY Norfolk	FEP	9-13 December, 2024
CNRE	Camp Lemonnier	NAVIG	9-13 December, 2024
CNRSW	Naval Base Point Loma	Full Scale Exercise	9-14 December, 2024

Note: Please stay in touch with Eric Rhode, as dates are subject to change.



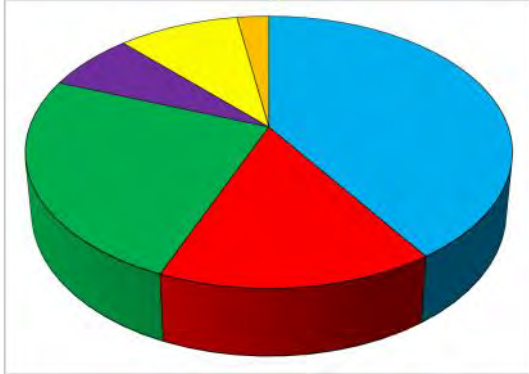
Director Navy Fire & Emergency Services, Carl Glover and Navy Region Fire Chiefs pose for a group photo during the Fall 2024 Region Fire Chief Working Group at NAS JRB Fort Worth, TX. (Courtesy Photo).

ESAMS Corner Update

By: Angela Jordain, ESAMS Fire Technical Support

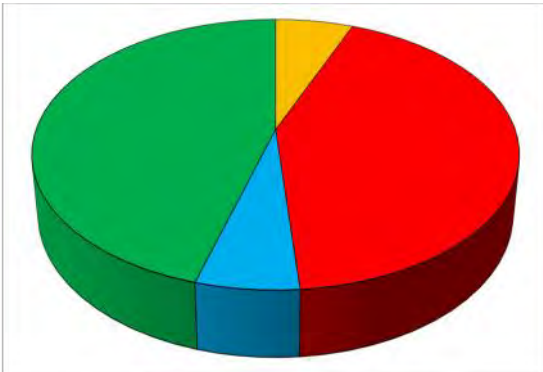
CY 2024 Statistics (1 January – 29 September)

Operations



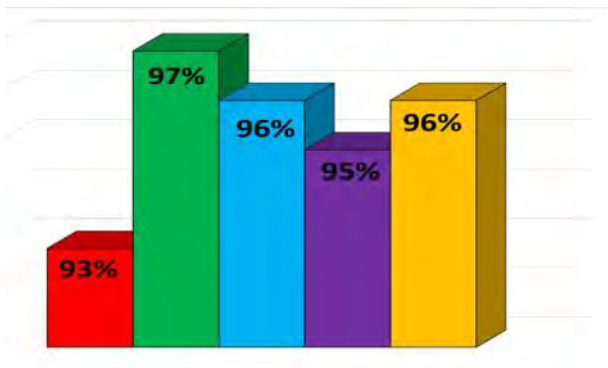
Rescue & EMS	17,958
Hazardous	6,650
False Alarm	10,642
Service Calls	3,108
Good Intent	4,231
Fires	1,093
Total	43,682

Prevention



Fire Public Ed Classes	2,690
Hot Work Permits	20,117
Inspections	20,924
Building Evacuation Drills	3,009
Total	46,740

Training



EMS	96%
Proficiency	93%
Emergency Management	97%
Safety	95%
DoD Certification	96%

F&ES on Duty Mishaps Report CY 24

Mishaps Reported: 15
Total Lost Work Days: 29

Navy Fire & Emergency Services (N30)

Navy F&ES Points of Contact

Commander,
Navy Installations Command
716 Sicard Street, SE.
Suite 305
Washington, D.C.
20374-5140



To read past issues of
What's Happening visit:

<https://www.cnmc.navy.mil/FES-Newsletter>

Navy F&ES

Hall Of Fame



To submit to
What's Happening
send an e-mail to: Fire Chief

Carl B. Glover Jr. at:
carl.b.glover.civ@us.navy.mil
or

SCPO Anthony F. Pena at:
anthony.f.pena.mil@us.navy.mil

Director
Fire & Emergency Services
Carl Glover
202-433-4775

Deputy Director
EMS, Policy, MPV-F, Logistics
& Performance
Chris Handley
202-400-5667

Deputy Director
Fire Operations, Assessments,
Evaluation & Drills
John Smithgall
202-433-4753

Emergency Medical Services

Lewis Moore
202-433-7743

Gary Easley
202-433-7744

Adam Farb
202-433-0712

Policy, MPV-F, Logistics & Performance

Vacant

Valerie Douglas
202-433-4782

Derrick Coleman
202-433-9084

Chris Manning
202-433-3626

Vacant

Vacant

Military Firefighter Program Manager Active and Reserve

ABHCS Anthony Pena
202-433-0651

HTC TJ Laurenson
202-433-9557

Evaluations Assessment & Drills Apparatus

Eric Rhode
202-433-0256

Joe Orona
202-718-8244

Mary Anderson
858-945-9963

Matt McQuaig
202-433-9872

Robert Sepulveda
619-504-4923

Dan Gaumont
202-550-7076

Navy F&ES Hall of Fame

- | | | |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 001 Williams Killen, 2004 | 019 Orville Emory, 2011 | 037 Jerry Sack, 2019 |
| 002 James Manser, 2005 | 020 Charles Peters, 2011 | 038 William Hennessey, 2019 |
| 003 Clarence Rout, 2006 | 021 Douglas Thomas, 2011 | 039 Robert Tofson, 2020 |
| 004 David Butler, 2006 | 022 Charles Gindele, 2012 | 040 Michael Jones, 2020 |
| 005 Alvah Cuthriell, 2007 | 023 John Wentzel, 2012 | 041 George Kennett, 2021 |
| 006 George McGuigan, 2007 | 024 Leroy Ellis, 2013 | 042 Glenn DeLaura, 2021 |
| 007 Waverly Sykes, 2007 | 025 Dr. Richard Tuve, 2013 | 043 Joseph Thompson, 2022 |
| 008 Hank Vescovi, 2007 | 026 John Arruda, 2014 | 044 Stuart Cook, 2022 |
| 009 William Albrittain, 2007 | 027 Augustus Bowling, 2014 | 045 Kenneth Jeffery, 2022 |
| 010 Daniel Marshall, 2007 | 028 Robert Darwin, 2015 | 046 Andrew Arndt, 2023 |
| 011 Nicanor Benavidez, 2008 | 029 James Meagher, 2016 | 047 Mark Hendley, 2023 |
| 012 Haraldur Stefansson, 2008 | 030 Frederick Seibel III, 2017 | 048 Joseph Duke Sr., 2023 |
| 013 William Beniker, 2008 | 031 Gerald Makowski, 2017 | 049 Charles Miedzinski, 2024 |
| 014 William Thomann, 2009 | 032 Gelacio Rodriguez, 2017 | 050 Bennie Williams Jr., 2024 |
| 015 Harry Tagen, 2009 | 033 John McDonald, 2017 | 051 Mark Weil, 2024 |
| 016 Francis Brannigan, 2010 | 034 Dudley King, 2018 | 052 Ira Simmons, 2024 |
| 017 Lewis Meyer, 2010 | 035 Eugene Carmody, 2018 | 053 Ricky Brockman, 2024 |
| 018 Roy Grubbs, 2010 | 036 Robert Williams, 2018 | |