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### **DoD Fallen Firefighter Memorial Service**

Story by: HAF AF/A4C Strategic Communications

Goodfellow Air Force Base held the annual Department of Defense Fallen Firefighter Memorial Service on 22 March 2024 to honor firefighters who lost their lives in the line of duty. The event also recognized and honored the vital role of first responders and remembered the following DoD firefighters who were memorialized during this year's service:

Ass't Chief Michael L. Baker, 190th Air Refueling Wing, Forbes Field, KS

Firefighter Brice C. Trossbach, Naval District Washington Fire Department, Patuxent River, MD

Mr. Allen Roush, Senior Fire Emergency Service Analyst, Headquarters USAF, Washington, DC

Captain Adam Hart, 1 SOCES, Hurlburt Field, FL

Chief TJ Maury, NAS JRB New Orleans, LA

Event highlights video can be viewed at: https://www.facebook.com/share/21XRj9hjptS8e8mX/?mibextid=oFDknk

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#### **From the Director**

**C**ongratulations to all our CY23 F&ES Award Winners ... welcome to our Spring edition. My comments this month are very brief, as our schedules are jammed full of events; next month we will have articles on the inaugural Navy Fire Officer Training course and the annual Navy F&ES Awards Ceremony. This edition is full of interesting photographs

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from our annual award winners, the DoD Fallen Firefighter Memorial Service and the always popular Around the Firehouse feature.

It is great to see the articles regarding Women in CNIC F&ES articles; these are just a few of the many women contributing at all ranks, within the Navy fire service. I am confident these women will continue to soar professionally, and become positive advocates for future recruiting of Navy firefighters.

Enjoy this edition of our newsletter. We are always seeking articles, pictures, or event for future editions.

Carl

Attention: The 2023 Navy Fire & Emergency Services formal awards presentation is scheduled for 1st May 2024, at the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, MD

For questions contact Gary Easley at: gary.m.easley.civ@us.navy.mil or by phone: (202) 433-6527.

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

# FDIC Event:

### **DoD Fire & Emergency Services Certification Program**

The DOD Fire Certificate Authority will be holding a DOD F&ESCP town hall at FDIC, 19 April 2024 from 1300 to 1700 hrs.

The intent of the event is to educate DOD F&ES Training officers (and trainers) on the intricacies of the program as well as present the different Service Components' special interest items for the foreseeable future.

The event also provides an opportunity for program users to voice their opinions, concerns, and recommendations for improvement. The target audience is DOD F&ES personnel already in attendance at FDIC but is not limited to DoD personnel only.

See you there!



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### Fallen Firefighter Memorial Service (con't.)



(Above) Firefighter Brice C. Trossbach's family were honored by Fire Chief Kevin Grinder, Navy District Washington and Mr. Carl Glover, Director Navy Fire. (Left) Mrs. Eve Roush, spouse of Mr. Allen Roush receives condolences from Mr. Tim Pittman, USAF Fire Chief and Mr. Michael Robertson, Director DoD Military Firefighter Heritage Foundation. Courtesy photo.





Additional photos available in this link: <u>2024 Memorial Photos :: Military Fire Fighter Heritage</u> <u>Foundation (mffhf.com)</u>

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### **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:

#### NAS Corpus Christi

https://www.facebook.com/share/r/TEwvC5xK16AknCgo/?mibextid=6GsUZ4

*Naval District Washington Citadel Shield/Solid Curtain 2024 Highlights Video* <u>https://www.facebook.com/share/r/RQcypTQZUzFc53ua/?mibextid=oFDknk</u>

Schoolhouse Rock: Louis F. Garland Department of Defense Fire Academy

DVIDS - News - Schoolhouse Rock: Louis F. Garland Department of Defense Fire Academy (dvidshub.net)

#### Telling the story of American's Warfighting Navy

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1vLaUaUrHEhseZ7P8tYxmojIGTUG5bC9s/view?usp=drive\_link https://drive.google.com/file/d/11FFTvxrbpZnbo-jGvBj6s2\_YZ5NIvghn/view?usp=drive\_link https://drive.google.com/file/d/1dc-xy7lQUjD01mz1JikHGQ80dscr2Wl0/view?usp=drive\_link https://drive.google.com/file/d/1tB5q-86G\_HiJNzi2vAxgchSr0DIqShx-/view?usp=drive\_link

#### NAS Joint Reserve Base Fort Worth F&ES Kitchen Fire Safety Video

<u>https://m.facebook.com/story.php?</u> story\_fbid=pfbid0mtB2RyMqnj1c6uqQYvq28YuVgLFEnS3nbcuqVNxXbHaBSGSeqAVWrHYuXbNipcWFl &id=100018855440396&mibextid=RtaFA8

Federal Fire Department San Diego New Facebook Page

https://www.facebook.com/story.php?story\_fbid=408227041903466&id=100081485190482&mibextid=xfxF2i

#### San Diego Shipboard Full Scale Exercise Fire Drill and Mutual Aid Response

https://www.facebook.com/reel/1140354377104103

#### 2023 Annual Report for Navy Region Mid-Atlantic Fire & Emergency Services District 3

https://publuu.com/flip-book/435373/983263/page/1

### SUBASE New London Commanding Officer Praising SUBASE Firefighters..."Protecting Those Who Defend America"

https://www.facebook.com/NavalSubmarineBaseNewLondon/videos/praising-subase-firefightersprotecting-those-who-defend-america/1094587138515068/?mibextid=oFDknk&rdid=xFr3KtL5olZ5bXLL

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### **Taking Care of Our Own**

From: CNIC HQ Fire & Emergency Services

he Taking Care of Our Own Program was launched in October 2005 to provide a support network for federal civilian members of the DoD Fire and 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.

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### Calendar Year 2023 Navy F&ES Awards Winners

#### Navy Awards





Naval Construction Battalion Center Gulfport



#### MEDIUM FIRE DEPARTMENT OF THE YEAR



#### **Commander Fleet Activities Yokosuka**

#### LARGE FIRE DEPARTMENT OF THE YEAR



Navy Region Mid-Atlantic District 3, Naval Air Station Oceana, Joint Expeditionary Base Little Creek-Fort Story



FIRE PREVENTION PROGRAM OF THE YEAR



Navy Region Mid-Atlantic District 9, Naval Support Activity Crane





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### Calendar Year 2023 Navy F&ES Awards Winners (Cont')

#### Navy Awards



MILITARY FIRE OFFICER OF THE YEAR

**CIVILIAN FIRE OFFICER OF THE YEAR** 



#### ABH1 Anna Perez **Naval Support Activity Naples**

\*Advanced to ABH1 after nomination



"The level of competition was tremendous this year and selecting winners was no easy feat," said **CNIC F&ES Director** Carl B. Glover Jr. "I'm very proud of the work being done to provide essential services not only to our Navy installations but also the communities outside the fence line. Congratulations again."



**Jeffry Frawley Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base Fort Worth** 

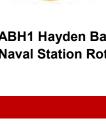


#### **CIVILIAN FIREFIGHTER OF**





**ABH1 Hayden Ballard Naval Station Rota** 





Nicholas Khan Naval Submarine Base Kings Bay



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Kraig Parker Naval Station Mayport



#### EMS PROVIDER OF THE YEAR

FIRE INSPECTOR OF THE YEAR





Jennifer Fraga Navy Region Northwest, Battalion 2, Naval Base Kitsap-Bangor



Gladys Bolyard Naval Submarine Base Kings Bay



FIRE CHIEF OF THE YEAR



Cedric Patterson Navy Region Mid-Atlantic District 3, Naval Air Station Oceana, Joint Expeditionary Base Little Creek-Fort Story, VA





### Calendar Year 2023 Navy F&ES Awards Winners (Cont')

Navy F&ES Hall of Fame	Hall of Fame: Inductee #049 Region Fire Chief (retired) Charles Miedzinski Jr. Naval District Washington	Hall of Fame: Inductee #050 Region Fire Chief (retired) Bennie Williams Naval Region Mid-Atlantic	
<ul> <li>★ U. S. NAVY ★</li> <li>FIRE</li> <li>EMERGENCY</li> <li>SERVICES</li> <li>★HALL OF FAME★</li> </ul>	Hall of Fame: Inductee #051 Assistant Fire Chief of Prevention (retired) Mark Weil Naval Air Station Corpus Christi Hall of Fame: Inductee #053	Hall of Fame: Inductee #052 Fire Chief (deceased) Ira Simmons Bolling Air Force Base (Navy)	
	Deputy Director (retired) Ricky Brockman Commander Navy Installations Command		
Navy F&ES Lifetime Achievement	Fire Chief (deceased) Thomas "TJ" Maury Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base Co New Orleans	Deputy Director (retired) Gene Rausch mmander Navy Installations Command	
UNITED STATES NAVY	District Fire Chief John Lyon Naval Support Activity Annapolis	Bravo Zulu	
THE ANGUNE SHARE	Full article of 2023 F&ES Awards can be vie	ewed at this link:	
LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD	https://www.dvidshub.net/news/465960/commander-navy-installations- command-announces-fire-emergency-services-award-winners-2023		

#### RUNNER UP

Small Fire Department	Medium Fire Department	Large Fire Department
Naval Support Facility Thurmont	Naval Station Mayport	Navy Region Northwest
Fire Prevention Program	Military Firefighter	<b>Civilian Firefighter</b>
Commander Fleet Activities Yokosuka	ABH2 Jordan Orr Navy Region Northwest, Battalion 3, Naval Air Station Whidbey Island	Takashi Nakano Naval Air Facility Atsugi
Military Fire Officer	Civilian Fire Officer	Fire Service Instructor
BMC Eric Koster Commander Navy Installations Command Reserve Det. Delta, Norfolk	Jeran McCormick Navy Region Northwest, Battalion 2, Naval Base Kitsap-Bangor	Mashahito Ogasawara Commander Fleet Activities Yokosuka
EMS Provider	Fire Inspector	Fire Chief
Stevan Ames Naval Station Mayport	James LaFever Navy Region Mid-Atlantic District 9, Naval Support Activity Crane	Robert Wimes Commander Fleet Activities Yokosuka

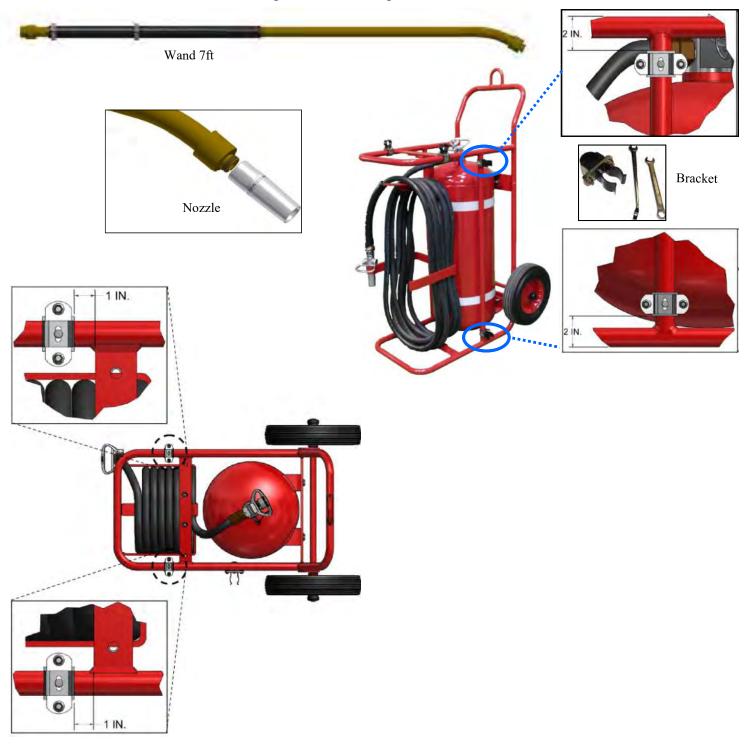
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### Is Your Flightline Extinguisher Equipped with an Extension Wand?

As per the U.S. NATOPS Aircraft Firefighting and Rescue Manual NAVAIR 00-80R-14 paragraph 3.3.2.1 "Shore-based activities are required to utilized wand extensions for the wheeled halogenated clean agent or hand-held CO2 fire extinguishers in support of V-22. The wand extension is required by on-site personnel to reach fire extinguisher access panels on the V-22."

For proper installation of clamp brackets to wheeled unit frame, required parts and diagrams; refer to Chief Alert 2020-05, Extension Wands for Flightline Fire Extinguishers.



### Message from VADM Scott Gray

Team CNIC,

Suicide occurs too often, especially in our community, and many of us know someone who has either contemplated or died by suicide. It can be a hard topic to discuss, but we cannot end suicide in our Navy until we take proactive action and that includes being available, accessible and trusted by those you lead.

Understanding the risk factors and signs that someone may be considering suicide is important, but the most meaningful thing we can do is be accessible to our shipmates, teammates, families, and friends.

As FORCM Jason Dunn stated in his recent suicide prevention video message, it takes a lot of courage and trust for someone in distress to share their vulnerability and ask for help. We earn that trust through the choices we make every day and how we treat one another. Start by being open to honest conversations, follow through on promises we make, be respectful of one another, and actively listen to others, especially if they are going through a difficult time.

We are all capable of saving a life by becoming a trusted individual that a teammate, loved one, and friend can turn to for compassion and support.

I encourage all to watch FORCM Dunn's video message, which can be found online at: <u>https://youtu.be/s0\_3XouoOvM</u>.

Please take care of one another and reach out if you need help.

With great respect and admiration,

VADM Scott Gray





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### **F&ES Women Within the CNRSW Region Who Continuously Push the Bar**

Story by: Fire Chief Kahealani Ching, Navy Region Southwest F&ES







Commander Navy Region Southwest (CNRSW) is celebrating women's history month by honoring and recognizing the women of Fire & Emergency Services that answer the call and lift the bar of expectations and capabilities through their actions. Women have been a part of the fire service for almost 200 years; Molly Williams, a slave in New York City became the first women firefighter assigned to Oceanus Engine Company #11 in 1815. The first Allwomen fire company developed in King, County, California and Woodbine, Texas in 1960 and by the 1970's women were joining volunteer fire services working side-by-side with their male peers.

There are countless women to follow that have shaped our history and have added to the depth of possibility and existence for the women in the fire service and those aspiring to become part of the fire service. Currently more than 6,500 women hold career firefighting and fire officer's positions in the United States with an additional 30,000-40,000 volunteer and paid-on-call fire and EMS forces in the United States. CNRSW has a handful of empowered women that exude grit, determination and drive that is unmatched with an extreme understanding of servitude, pride and teamwork.

This month we celebrate their hurdles and honor their dedication to making CNRSW Fire & Emergency Services the tip of the spear.











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### **Women History Month**

Story by: Fire Chief Thad Mapledoram, NSA Panama City F&ES

Women's history Month is an annual observance to highlight the contributions of women to events in history and contemporary society, this March we would like to highlight the amazing women that work at Naval Support Activity Panama City Fire & Emergency Services, Panama City Beach Florida.

Firefighter Jessica Lord, six years of firefighting service, began her career as a Bay County Florida Firefighter in 2018, then in 2020 transitioned to the DoD with Federal Fire Department Hawaii. after a few years in paradise she transferred to Federal Fire Department San Diego and last year transferred back home to NSA Panama City F&ES. Since her arrival, Firefighter Lord has been a stellar employee, she has taken on projects with her additional duties of Haz-Mat and Radios and received and On the Spot award. Lord has a future goal to become a Firefighter Paramedic, she has a desire to learn the knowledge and skills to be able to provide the best care to our community.

When asked about Challenges as a woman in the fire service? "In many cases, women have to work twice as hard to prove themselves capable of performing the job. I have put in time learning and practicing techniques that work for me to be able to perform to the same standards as my male counterparts. I have been very fortunate in my career to work with supportive and accepting peers".

Anything you would like people to know about being a woman in the military / fire dept.? "Women can absolutely do the job! It takes grit, determination, and dedication. If you possess those traits, then you are already a step in the right direction".

Fire Inspector Megan Cornell, 23 years of firefighting service, began her career as a U.S. Air Force Firefighter in 2001, then in 2005 transitioned to Contract Firefighting for KBR, Baghdad Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. Inspector Cornell began her DoD civilian career with Fort Carson F&ES in Colorado, transferred to Marine Corps Logistics Base Albany Georgia, and now NSA Panama City F&ES. She has held many ranks in the fire service; Firefighter, Captain, Fire Inspector and Assistant Chief of Fire Prevention. Since her arrival two years ago, Inspector Cornell has revamped the entire Prevention program, spearheaded a brand new Prevention Division, and rewrote the Base Fire Instruction.

What brought you here to Panama City Beach Florida? "I was initially attracted to this opportunity due to the dynamic location and the promising avenues for professional advancement within the organization. I was eager to contribute to the department by spearheading the revitalization of the fire prevention program, aiming to ensure its effectiveness and alignment with organizational objectives".

**What are some future goals?** "My future goals involve advancing my expertise through continuous education and development, both for myself and my colleagues. I aim to serve as a role model by consistently enhancing my training and leadership abilities. Additionally, I aspire to play a pivotal role in guiding the department towards the achievement of its objectives".

Anything you would like people to know about being a woman in the military / fire dept.? "Being a woman in the military/fire department can come with unique challenges, yet, it's essential to highlight the positive aspects. Woman bring unique perspectives, problem solving skills, and resilience to these roles, enriching







### **CNRSE F&ES Collaborates with First Coast F&ES for Active Shooter Response Training**

Story by: Fire Chief Lincoln Ratliff, Navy Region Southeast F&ES

CNRSE Fire & Emergency Services, in collaboration with First Coast F&ES (also known as NAS Jacksonville F&ES), spearheaded a comprehensive two-day training program titled "HERT Train-the-Trainer." The focus of this initiative equipped personnel with the necessary skills for Joint Public Safety Response to Active Shooter/Active Assailant situations. The training, conducted by Threat Suppression in partnership with CNRSE F&ES and CNRSE NSF, was held on March 21st and 22nd.







The primary objective of the course was to introduce an updated curriculum, surpassing previous training standards at respective installations. The aim is to empower teams to independently conduct future training sessions. Approximately 45 Train-the-Trainer participants, comprising both Security and Fire & Emergency Services personnel, and Mutual Aid Partners attended.

The training bolstered active shooter response capabilities by fostering collaboration between Fire and Security/Law Enforcement teams across Navy Region Southeast. It lays the groundwork for advancing towards warm zone operations and

fostering closer coordination between Navy Security Forces and F&ES responders. Notably, the first day of the course was open to all base personnel and mutual aid partners, emphasizing inclusivity and broad participation in enhancing community safety protocols.





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### Learning OPPORTUNITIES

### **Training Opportunities**

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 <u>hosting agreement</u> for more information.

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

Click <u>here</u> for civilian workshops.

April 9-11 - Surprise Fire Medical Dept, Surprise, AZ	May 7-9 - Green Bay Metro Fire Dept, Green Bay, WI	
April 15-17 - Bryan Fire Department, Bryan, TX	June 4-6 - Coral Gables Fire Rescue, Coral Gables, FL	
April 23-25 - City of Fairfax Fire Dept. Fairfax, VA	June 11-13 - Liberty Township Fire Dept. Powell, OH	
April 30-May 2 - Boulder Fire-Rescue, Boulder, CO	August 5-7 - CPSE, Atlanta, GA	
April 30-May 2 - Cary Fire Department, Cary, NC		
On-demand Training	Resource Documents	
Category 2: Understanding the Essential Elements of the CRA/SOC	<u>Annual Appraisals</u> - A handout to assist with develop- ing annual appraisals.	
Click here for on-demand training	Critical Tasking - A handout to aid in conducting crit-	
On-Demand Webinars and Resource Documents	ical tasking for all emergency response types.	
We encourage you to take the time to access these free resources in the CPSE University:	Engaging Stakeholders - A handout explaining how to engage stakeholders in the CRA/SOC process.	
On-Demand Accreditation Videos -	Fire Department Strategic Plans and Community Mas-	
Writing the Four-Part Answer - A webinar explaining development of the four-part answer for the self-assessment manual.	ter Plans: Are They The Same? - A handout compar- ing and contrasting fire department strategic plans and community master plans.	
Performance Statements - A webinar explaining de- velopment of performance statements.	<u>Performance Statements</u> - A handout outlining how to develop performance statements.	
Creating a Strategic Plan - A webinar explaining the creation of a community-driven strategic plan.	<u>Writing the Four-Part Answer</u> - A handout explaining development of the four-part answer for the self-assessment manual.	
Developing Strategic Plan Goals and Objectives - A webinar explaining how to develop effective goals and objectives for a strategic plan.	<u>Completing the Designation Application</u> - Learn tips on completing the designation application for CFO, CTO, CEMSO, FM, or FO	
For questions or assistance contact <u>info@cpse.org</u> or 703-691-4620.	21st Century Fire and Emergency Services White Pa- per - Handouts and videos on the critical issue areas.	

### **Renovated Fire Station at OLF Waldron**

Story and Photos by: NAS Corpus Christi F&ES

Naval Air Station Corpus Christi recently performed a ceremonial ribbon cutting for the newly renovated OLF



(Above) Naval Air Station Corpus Christi Captain Ty Jurica (right) and Fire Chief Jeff Hawkins cut the ceremonial ribbon.

Waldron Fire Station. This \$2.5M renovation was a much needed upgrade from a facility that was built in 1969 and last renovated in 1982. The facility was scheduled for a renovation in 2020, but Winter Storm Uri caused water pipes to freeze causing catastrophic when pipes ruptured damage virtually destroying the entire interior of the facility. It was decided that the smaller renovation would be upgraded to a full renovation project and added a gym and a drive through stall as well as replace the entire electrical, HVAC, roof and floors.

This newly renovated facility will provide a comfortable and modern workspace for firefighters to respond to airfield emergencies for years to come. Special thanks to the NAS Corpus Christi and NAVFAC leadership for getting this across the finish line.



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### **Renovated Fire Station at OLF Waldron** (con't.)



(Top photos) Before photos of Fire Station at OLF Waldron and Kitchen area. (Bottom) Fire Station Vehicle Bay with drive thru door. (Photos courtesy of NAS Corpus Christi F&ES)

### **Around the Firehouse**

#### NSA Bahrain Firefighter Receives Tax-Free Re-Enlistment Bonus

Aviation Boatswain's Mate (Handling) Second Class Tanner Richards re-enlisted and received a Tax-Free re-enlistment bonus during a ceremony held at the NSA Bahrain Fire Station on February, 2024.

Under the Combat Zone Tax Exclusions, service members assigned to or working in a combat zone triggers another tax advantage. Earnings received while in the combat zone are excluded from taxable income. Bonuses and special pays are also excluded from taxable income. Congratulations Shipmate!



(Above) From left, Ensign Kee, NSA Bahrain Emergency Management Division Officer presents ABH2 Richards the Re-Enlistment Certificate and Tax-Free check. (Courtesy Photos).





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### NS Guantanamo Bay Completes CNIC F&ES NATOPS Validation

NS Guantanamo Bay Fire & Emergency Services was the first installation to undergo the new CNIC Airfield Evaluation and F&ES Validation under the NATOPS program in



(Top left) 1992 Ford L8000 Hazmat Vehicle. (Right) 2008 Pierce Contender Tanker. Courtesy photo.

The F&ES NATOPS Validation is a three-day inperson site visit, in conjunction with Air Operations, and at the end each validation an independent F&ES rating is provided which doesn't impact Air Operations program rating. The F&ES validation is focused on Aircraft and Rescue Fire Fighting (ARFF) mission and the team is comprised of Region and CNIC HQ F&ES subject matter experts. 2024. The site visit took place mid-February 2024 and follows the NATOPS schedule as published by CNIC Air Operations.

The F&ES validation team was

impressed with the professionalism displayed by the workforce (primarily comprised of Jamaican Foreign nationals), the outstanding material condition of the older model fire vehicles, and the newly built fire station.

Thank you to the CNRSE Region N30 Staff, Fire Chief Thompson, Assistant Chief of Training Martinez, and the GTMO Fire Team.





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#### **CNRMA F&ES EMS Provider of the Year**

Firefighter/Paramedic Daniel Logan was awarded the Navy serve the public, so he continued to volunteer with Region Mid-Atlantic Fire & Emergency Services EMS Provider of the Year 2023! It was presented to him by the Norfolk Naval Shipyard Commanding Officer Captain Mosman as well as the Norfolk Naval Shipyard Base Support Officer Captain Benton.



Daniel hails from Chicago, where he enlisted in the US Navy and served 10 years in the ABH rating, and deployed numerous times throughout his career in the Navy. When Daniel got out of the Navy in 2018, he still had a desire to

Chesapeake Beach Volunteer Rescue Squad. In 2019 Daniel applied and was hired by Navy Region Mid-Atlantic Fire District 2 Norfolk Naval Shipyard. After graduating from the rookie academy Daniel went to work at the Shipyard where he grew an even bigger passion for EMS. In 2020 amidst a global pandemic, Daniel decided to advance his education on his own and attend Paramedic School through VCU in Richmond. He completed school in December of 2021, and passed his National Registry in March of 2022.

In 2 years as a Paramedic, Daniel has been awarded 5 CNIC Life Saving awards, been recognized as the 2023 TEMS (Tidewater Emergency Services) Prehospital provider of the year, as well as the Navy



Region Mid-Atlantic EMS provider of the year. Daniel also represents IAFF's 16th District on the IAFF standing EMS committee where he was personally selected by District Vice President Jimmy Johnson to serve.



### NSA Mid-South F&ES hosted Stop-the-Bleed

Story by: Fire Chief Leo Hendricks Jr., NSA Mid-South F&ES

On March 14, 2024, NSA Mid-South firefighters Patrick Watson and Bradley Woodward trained and certified installation personnel in Stop-the-Bleed. As the program has grown and with new Bleed Control Kits being installed, Mid-South Fire & Emergency Services (MSFES) has trained over fifty percent of installation personnel since 2020. "The more personnel that understand the techniques of Stop-the-Bleed, the more lives that can be saved" stated Mr. Watson.

There are various techniques to control bleeding in an emergency situation. Some may include packing the wound with

tactics.



bleed control gauze, applying direct pressure to the area, and or even applying a tourniquet. MSFES goal is to ensure all personnel are trained and

life-saving

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### Joint Base Pearl Harbor F&ES Conducts FEP



### Pacific Missile Range Facility Barking Sands F&ES Conducts FEP



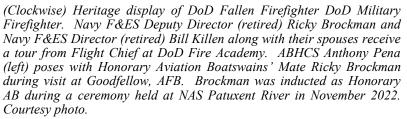
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Navy Fire & Emergency Services Hall of Famers Visited the DoD Military Firefighter Memorial Site and DoD Fire Academy











(From left) DoD Military Firefighter Heritage Foundation Hall of Famers attending 2023 Awards; Forest Johnson (2023), Terry Ford (2023), Don Spitzer's son Wayne (2023), Darryl Stewart (2023), Dave Mounsey (2023), Bill Killen (2017), Ricky Brockman (2020), John Thompson (2020). Courtesy photo.

### 2024 National Fallen Firefighters Memorial and Memorial Weekend



The National Fallen Firefighters Memorial and Memorial Weekend events will be held on May 3rd to 5th, 2024 at FEMA's National Emergency Training Center (NETC) Campus in Emmitsburg, Maryland.

#### 2024 Tentative Schedule-At-A-Glance

Friday, May 3rd

- Fire Service Check-in/Credentialing (1 pm – 9 pm)

Saturday, May 4th

- Morning:
- Honor Guard Briefing and Rehearsal at the NETC Campus
- Family Escort Orientation at the NETC Campus
- Afternoon:
- Sessions for Coworkers at the NETC Campus
- Families and Escorts spend the afternoon at the National Memorial for a Family Chapel Vigil, and visiting the National Memorial and Walk of Honor
- 7:30 pm: Candlelight Service at the National Memorial/NETC Campus

Sunday, May 5th

- Sea of Blue: Fire service members stand at attention in honor of the families as they arrive

for the Memorial Service

• 10am – 12pm: National Fallen Firefighters

Memorial Service

### 2024 National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Weekend DoD Roll of Honor

Honoree Name	State	Department/Agency	Year of Death
Thomas Julius Maury Jr.	Louisiana	Naval Air Station JRB New Orleans Fire & Emergency Services	2023
Allen L. Roush	D.C.	U.S. Air Force Fire & Emergency Services	2022
Jeremy Charles Lundgren	Delaware	Dover Air Force Base Fire & Emergency Services	2023
Philip S. Young	Delaware	Dover Fire Department, Robbins Hose Company No. 1	2005
Bryan Paul Hamilton	Maryland	Naval District Washington Fire & Emergency Services	2021
Brice C. Trossbach	Maryland	Naval District Washington Fire & Emergency Services	2023

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### **NAS Jacksonville Fire Prevention Team Recognized**

Story and photo by: Kaylee LaRocque NAS Jax Public Affairs Officer

The Naval Air Station Jacksonville (NAS Jax) Fire Prevention Department recently earned recognition as the best Fire Prevention Team from Commander, Navy Region Southeast. They are now in the running for the Commander, Navy Installations Command top Navy award for fire prevention.

The team earned the accolades for completing 619



From left, Fire Inspector Donald Warnick, Chief Fire Inspector Nicholas Dmytrus, Fire Inspector Terrance Lee and Fire Prevention Chief Gary Blaylock.

fire inspections at NAS Jax, Navy Reserve Center, Naval Support Activity Orlando, Outlying Field Whitehouse, and Pinecastle Range Complex facilities. They also issued 257 hot work permits during construction projects and conducted 98 fire evacuation drills for more than 4,000 participants.

Promoting fire safety, the team presented 44 fire safety lectures, presentations, classes and safety

stand-downs and conducted outreach programs during the annual Fire Prevention Week in October. They also trained 134 new fire wardens at NAS Jax ensuring on-site fire safety representatives are able to identify and correct fire safety issues in their buildings.

The fire prevention specialists also worked with Navy Exchange food truck contractors and NAS Jax culinary specialists and Morale, Welfare and Recreation staff at Dewey's to inspect all food trucks on the station.

Another component of fire prevention is to manage all fire extinguishes at NAS Jax. The team identified and reduced oversized fire extinguishers ensuring compliance with the National Fire Protection Association saving the command \$5K. The project also disposed 237 expired fire extinguishers and installing 205 new ones.

### Senior Enlisted Leaders for DoD Fire & Emergency Services



Our DoD Fire & Emergency Services Components Senior Military Leaders got the opportunity to meet and share service specific vision and challenges.

Senior Leaders along with each respective DoD F&ES component service leads hosted an F&ES town hall meeting comprised primarily of advanced fire courses students

The Chiefs met during the annual DoD F&ES Working Group held mid March at Goodfellow AFB.

(From left) SCPO Anthony Pena (Navy); CMSgt Phillip Winkelmann (Air Force); MGySgt Jason Nickell (Marines); and SFC Jena McElderry (Army) pose for a group photo at the Military Firefighters Memorial at Goodfellow AFB, in San Angelo TX. Courtesy photo.

What's Happening

Navy Fire & Emergency Services

# **Back in the Day:** Yorktown Naval Mine Depot

Story and Photo by: Tom Shand

The Yorktown Naval Mine Depot can trace its history back to 1918 when by presidential proclamation established this ordnance facility covering twenty square miles to support the Allied underwater mine barrage in the North Sea during World War I. This area is referred to as the historic triangle with the western point being Jamestown, the first permanent English settlement. Williamsburg at the northern point, served as Virginia's colonial capital with Yorktown as the eastern point is the site of the final major battle of the American Revolutionary War.

In 1932, the Navy Mine Depot became the Naval Mine Depot in recognition of expanded ordnance support. Then, on August 7, 1958, on the Station's 40th anniversary, the name was changed to Naval Weapons Station Yorktown, one of the Navy's major East Coast ordnance facilities. During World War II the trinitrotoluene reclaiming and loading program was expanded along with torpedo overhaul facilities. Special tasks associated with the design and development of mines, depth charges, advanced underwater ordnance weapons, and other sophisticated ordnance devices were also assigned to the activity.



During World War II virtually all production of municipal fire apparatus was halted with the fire apparatus industry



devoting their manufacturing efforts to support the troops in various ways. Several builders including Mack, Maxim, Ward La France and their neighbor in Elmira, New York, American La France, produced hundreds of structural and airfield apparatus for all branches of the military. Several manufactures designed completely new vehicles to meet the needs of the Department of Defense including small four wheel drive pumpers that could go virtually anywhere as well as trailer pumps which could be towed with a regular automobile for use in auxiliary firefighting to protect the home front.

In an effort to produce apparatus on a timely basis American LaFrance

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(above) US Navy Yorktown 1942 ALF Model 675 CO #L-1669 (photo by Tom Shand)

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

produced a number of structural pumpers that were based on adaptations of their regular models. Among these were 86 model B675CO pumpers built for the U.S. Navy. American LaFrance had introduced the 600 series pumper during July, 1942 in Fire Engineering magazine which featured an improved windshield and cab seating arrangement with the engine moved slightly further forward in the chassis for better handling and weight balance.

The Lycoming engine developed 240 horsepower through a four speed manual transmission. The American LaFrance Twinflow two stage pump was rated at 750 gpm with the pump panel located behind the right side cab door. Due to the restrictions on the use of steel and aluminum, the running boards were often made of hardwood and were covered with black rubber matting. By today's standards the pump panel controls were minimal, consisting of a Vernier throttle, master compound and discharge gauges and a pump governor that were provided on the right side of the vehicle, ahead of the cab doors. Several other versions of this pumper were built to include CO2 systems, foam systems and overhead ladder racks to meet the individual needs of each naval installation.

The Yorktown pumper was assigned serial number L-1669 and was provided with minimal warning lights with semi -enclosed ground ladders that were removed from the rear of the body. Back in the day American LaFrance produced the 600 series pumper for several years when the introduction of the radically designed cab ahead 700 series model apparatus was launched in 1945. This vehicle would change the face of fire apparatus design for the next decade as the cab forward apparatus with open jump seats with a short 150 inch wheelbase would become accepted by fire departments across the country.



RMKS/1. Today, 1st April is a time of reflection. As you go about your day, we ask that all of you wearing anchors contemplate and reflect upon yourself as a leader, a Sailor, and as a person. Our Navy depends on you to ensure that our Sailors are prepared to fight and win when challenged. The tone of your command and the tone on the deck plate is established by your actions and the standards you set and adhere to. You create a culture that breeds warfighting, professionalism, and positivity. You should always ask yourself, "Are your Sailors ready?" Are they prepared in mind, body, and spirit? Are you preparing our future leaders to answer our nation's call? Are you ready?

2. You are humble servants to our great Nation, our Navy, and your Sailors. You are the driving force that creates and empowers great people, great leaders, and great teams. You are relied upon to always be forward leaning, anticipate problems before they occur, and pivot at a moment's notice. Today is no different.

3. Today is a day for renewed dedication; to grade yourself, to correct weaknesses and build upon your strengths. Today of all days is the time to assess your technical skills, qualifications, foresight, and preparedness. It is critical to be honest with yourself both professionally and personally. Ask yourself if you are doing everything you need to be doing to self-assess, hold yourself accountable, and hold yourselves accountable as a collective Mess.

4. As you don your anchors today, take time to reflect on the 131 years of the privilege to serve. Take a brief moment to celebrate the enduring legacy of Chief Petty Officers and those that have gone before you, then get back to the deck plate and do what you all do best - lead.

5. Released by ADM L. M. Franchetti, Chief of Naval Operations and MCPON J. Honea, Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy.

# **1985 Pirsch "Skytop 110"** Custom Senior Aerial

Story and Photo by: Bill D. Killen, Chief Fire Officer

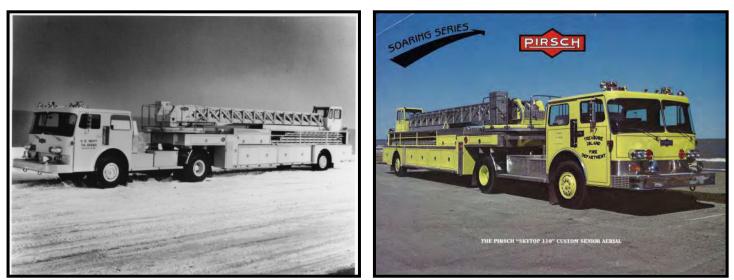
I remember "Rest of the Story" was a radio program hosted by Paul Harvey and consisted of stories about little-known or forgotten facts on a variety of subjects with some key element of the story held back until the end. The broadcasts always concluded with a variation on the tag line, "And now you know...the rest of the story."

Well, this is story is about WHAT HAPPENED after the Navy completed performance testing and approved the Pirsch Aerial Ladder for delivery. This factory photograph was taken during acceptance tests conducted by the late Jim Manser, Navy Fire Marshall Program Administrator and the late Sam Conley, Naval Facility Engineering Command Transportation Department, in Kenosha, Wisconsin during the winter. Shown here painted and lettered to exact Navy specifications, the truck passed all tests and was accepted by the Navy for assignment to Naval Station Treasure Island. San Francisco. California.

The Pirsch advertisement depicts the Naval



Staton Treasure Island's 110-foot aerial AFTER the Pirsch factory dressed it up with a "Sunfire" finish paint job and hand lettered gold leaf lettering. Pirsch used the Navy's aerial ladder for advertising at several fire conferences and during sales presentations to various municipal fire departments. As you can see there are several distinct differences between Garry Kadzielawski)'s photograph and the factory photograph, and as Paull Harvey would say....."and now you know.....the rest of the story."



(Top right) Pirsch 110' Aerial Data Sheet. (Left) Pirsch 110' Factory Photo. (Right) Pirsch 110' Aerial

### **Celebrating a Legacy of Service: Assistant Chief Ward Hawkins Retires After 33 Years**

Story by: NAS Corpus Christi F&ES

After more than three decades of steadfast service, Naval Air Station Corpus Christi Fire & Emergency Services has bid a warm and honorable farewell to a distinguished leader, Assistant Fire Chief Ward Hawkins. The retirement ceremony that took place on March 2nd, 2024, was not only a tribute to Chief Hawkins's exceptional career but also a celebration of his impact on the community and the lives he has safeguarded.



Assistant Fire Chief Ward Hawkins (right) presented with the Navy Civilian Service Achievement Award by Fire Chief Jeff Hawkins.

Assistant Fire Chief Hawkins's career, which began on March 27th, 1991, has been characterized by a commitment to service, honor, and an unrelenting drive to improve the operations and effectiveness of the NAS Corpus Christi Fire Department. His tenure culminated on February 29th, 2024, leaving behind a legacy that will undoubtedly inspire current and future generations of firefighters.

The ceremony was not merely a moment to say goodbye but also an opportunity for all attendees to recommit themselves to the values that Chief Hawkins so admirably represented throughout his career. As we extend our heartfelt gratitude and best wishes to Assistant Fire Chief Hawkins for a restful and joyous retirement, we also recognize that his legacy of service will continue to resonate within the Naval Air Station Corpus Christi and beyond.

Family members were specially recognized for their own sacrifices, having supported Chief Hawkins's journey every step of the way. The sacrifices made by his loved ones underscored the collective nature of his achievements and the support systems that enable our service members to perform their duties with excellence.

As he hangs up his helmet and embarks on a well-earned retirement, we wish Chief Hawkins health, happiness, and the relaxation he deserves after a career so nobly served. May his days be filled with the peace and contentment that come from knowing he has made a difference.



### **Get Back Your Sight Picture**

Story by: Bradley Beaty

District Chief, CNRMA Fire & Emergency Services—NSA Crane

I was just recently reading the book "How Smart Workers Use Situational Awareness to Improve Safety" by Richard B. Gasaway (Gasaway, 2022). In his book, he talks about a "gut" feeling that we sometimes get when things might go bad. Specifically he talks about when he was the presenter at a situational awareness and high risk decisions seminar in Indianapolis. He shares a story of a fire event that the Indianapolis Fire Chief (Keith Smith) responded on when he was a Battalion Chief. Chief Smith describes the scene of a 9 story building with a fire on the third floor. He then shared how he suddenly got a terrible feeling that something was going to go wrong.

The story goes on to explain that with his gut feeling, we was going to order an evacuation. About that time a Command Team member came to him and asked Chief Smith's thoughts on how the fire response was going. Chief shared his thoughts of his gut feeling, but during their discussion it was observed that everything seemed to be going well. There was no supporting information from the building's condition or their tactical worksheet for them to observe a need to order an evacuation. As the book explains, they had an action plan, all essential duties were being accomplished and safety measures were in place. Twenty minutes after their conversation, two firefighters died in the hotel fire.

From this story, Chief Smith wanted to share to everyone ly back into the pattern. that never let anyone talk you out of a decision that you think of some situations have a gut feeling on. Sometimes you are wrong and it thing like that could be had



ends up not being doom and gloom. Better safe than sorry. Our bodies and minds have a

way of letting us know that something is just not right. So, what do you do when you follow your gut feeling and things get a little chaotic?

Reading this part of the book made me think of a conversation I had with an air traffic controller during a deployment to the Middle East. I was serving as a Subject Matter Expert on fire operations for Defense Contracting Management Agency and we were traveling to do an inspection on our specific areas. You might be wonder; what does air traffic control have to do with firefighting? I know, crazy. It has something to do with having your "Scope" picture.

Rod shared with me that at some busy airports, no matter how good you are, controllers sometimes lose sight of their scope. I can understood what he was saying. They are looking at a flat screen but have to see it in 3D; elevation, distance, and terrain. So I asked him; what do you do when you lose your scope. He told me the first thing you do is realize you lost it. He said he then would look at each aircraft and start sending them out of the pattern away from each other. He would then determine fuel of each aircraft and start a rack and stack to bring them safely back into the pattern. Hearing his story made me think of some situations where on emergencies, something like that could be handy for the Incident Commander or Sector Commander.

Appling the radar scope idea, I realized that if the scene seems to have gotten a bit disjointed or you have a gut feeling and need to change tactics, you just need to call a knock it off. Get everyone to remove from the Immediately Dangerous to Live and Health zone or hazard area. Get accountably, make sure no one is injured, and get status of all tools and equipment. You can then "rack and stack" your scene objectives and have the crews get back to it. This also gives a chance for responders to bring up something that they may have seen but wanted to muscle through. So, if you think you have lost your site picture, pause to reorganize, get your "Scope" and get back at it for a successful and safe emergency response.



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### **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:

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### CY 2024 CALENDAR

#### **OVERSIGHT PROCESS:**

ASSESSMENT



VALIDATION

REGION	INSTALLATION	ASSESSMENT TYPE	SCHEDULED DATES
CNRE	EURAFCENT Area Assessment	NAVIG	15 April - 3 May, 2024
CNRE	FDRMC Deta Bahrain	Full Scale Exercise	15-19 April, 2024
CNRSE	NAS Kingsville	NATOPS	23-25 April , 2024
CNRMA	NS Newport	FEP	5-11 May, 2024
CNRMA	NSY Portsmouth	8010 Audit	5-11 May, 2024
CNRMA	SUBASE New London	FEP	12-18 May, 2024
CNRJ	CFA Yokosuka –SRF JRMC	Full Scale Exercise	12-18 May, 2024
CNRSW	NAF El Centro	FEP	19-25 May, 2024
CNRNW	Puget Sound Naval Shipyard	Full Scale Exercise	19-25 May, 2024
CNRMA	NSA Crane	FEP	2-8 June, 2024
CNRSW	Det. San Diego - Point Loma	8010 Audit	9-14 June, 2024
CNRE	NSF Redzikowo	FEP	9-14 June, 2024
CNRSE	NAS Key West	NATOPS	11-13 June, 2024
CNRSW	WPNSTA Seal Beach	FEP	23-29 June, 2024

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



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

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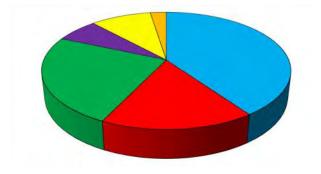
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## **ESAMS Corner Update**

By: Angela Jordain, ESAMS Fire Technical Support

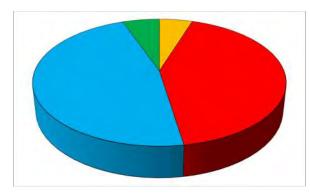
### CY 2024 Statistics (1 – 29 February)

#### **Operations**



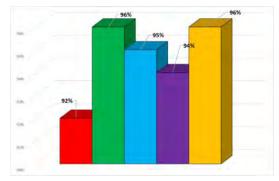
Rescue & EMS	3,523
Hazardous	1,406
False Alarm	2,307
Service Calls	654
Good Intent	900
Fires	219
Total	9,009

#### **Prevention**



Fire Public Ed Classes	507
Hot Work Permits	4,269
Inspections	4,731
<b>Building Evacuation Drills</b>	564
Total	10,071

#### <u>Training</u>



#### F&ES on Duty Mishaps Report CY 24

Mishaps Reported: 1 Total Lost Work Days: 0





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### Navy Fire & Emergency Services (N30)



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