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## Sailor in the Spotlight

### Earning her ESWS



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Quartermaster Seaman Arianna Fenton arrived at Naval Weapons Station Earle in June of 2016, just two day before her deployment orders.

Little did she know in just a few short weeks she'd be conning an 850-foot long Navy warship, the USS Wasp (LHD 1), through the narrow straights of Gibraltar.

From July to December Fenton served aboard Wasp in support of maritime security operations and theater security cooperation in the 6<sup>th</sup> Fleet Theater of Operations, all the while taking advantage of the opportunities her first sea duty offered.

"It was very hard, when you're out to sea you have so much to balance," she said. "You really have to pick and choose what you want to spend the little free time you have on."

For the 21-year-old San Diego native, that meant a focus on earning her Enlisted Surface Warfare Specialty (ESWS) pin.



Photo By MC2 Nathan Wilkes

Seaman Arianna Fenton raises an ensign aboard the amphibious assault ship USS Wasp (LHD 1) prior to the ship getting underway to depart Souda Bay,.

But it wasn't easy. Being her first deployment, Fenton focused on learning her rate as a quartermaster, obtaining her Quartermaster of the Watch certification, as well as pursuing her ESWS pin.

"You have to make some sacrifice," she said. "You may not get as much sleep- but it pays off."

But earning the pin wasn't just a personal pursuit for Fenton, it was a reflection on why she chose to join the Navy and serve



Photo By MC2 Nathan Wilkes

Seaman Arianna Fenton, along with Sailors of the USS Wasp (LHD 1) stand with Adm. John Richardson, Chief Naval Officer and Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy Steven Giordano during Thanksgiving.

her country.

"Earning my ESWS, I got to learn the basics of everyone's jobs. If anything happened, I could be my shipmates backbone," she said. "It gives overall more support and strength to our Navy."

Wasp returned to her homeport in Naval Station Norfolk just shy of Christmas and New Year's Eve. For Fenton, who graduated from Recruit Training Command in December, 2015, the homecoming marked the end of a dynamic first year in the Navy.

Now back at Earle, Fenton said she's going to take advantage of the opportunities shore duty present.

"There are blessings hidden in everything. I was lucky to deploy and have a chance to earn my warfare pin, but being at a shore command, this is a chance to go to school," she said.

Fenton plans to pursue a degree in business, or business administration with the goal of one day earning her Realtors license. It's just one more step in achieving her original enlistment goals.

"I wanted to see the world, serve my country and set myself up for school," she said.

If you're interested in featuring a Sailor or civilian in the spotlight, please contact the Public Affairs officer at [colt.wpnstaearlepa@navy.mil](mailto:colt.wpnstaearlepa@navy.mil)

# Exercise Exercise Exercise



Photo By Bill Addison

MA2 Emerson Fandialan, NWS Earle Security Forces, provides rear guard during an active shooter drill in building C-29 Feb. 2016. Exercise Solid Curtain Citadel Shield is an annual exercise designed to enhance Security Forces readiness.

Exercise SOLID CURTAIN-CITADEL SHIELD 2017 will be conducted on naval bases and installations throughout the continental United States from Jan. 30-Feb. 10, 2017.

This annual exercise is designed to enhance the training and readiness of Naval Security Forces to respond to threats to installations and units. Exercise SOLID CURTAIN-CITADEL SHIELD 2017 is not in response to any specific threat. It is a regularly-scheduled exercise.

Measures have been taken to minimize disruptions to normal base operations. However,

there may be periods of increased traffic or delays to base access in the vicinity of the Naval Weapons Station (NWS) Earle Mainside (Route 34, Colts Neck) and Waterfront (Route 36, Leonardo) gates. Residents may also see increased security activity associated with the exercise.

Additionally, residents may hear announcements over the Station's emergency broadcast system -- to eliminate any confusion with possible real world events, all announcements related to the drill will begin and end with the statement, "Exercise, Exercise, Exercise."

## Shelter in Place vs. Lockdown

... know the difference

### Shelter in Place

### Lockdown

- Used during destructive weather, chemical accidents and radiological releases
- Gathers everyone in one, safe, secure location
- Pre-established location by building
- If in a vehicle, move away from the affected area, shut off vehicle and close/lock all windows and doors.



Photo courtesy of FEMA.gov

Employees of The Home Depot in Smyrna, TN sheltered in place during a tornado drill. Knowing what to do during an emergency situation can mean the difference between life and death.

- Used for active shooter/imminent danger
- Secure building and lock yourself in an interior room with no windows if possible
- If in immediate location of attackers; implement the "run, hide, fight" rule
- If not in a building, move to a safe location away from the area of attack and remain hidden

**In both Lockdown and Shelter in Place: Wait for all clear from Giant/Internal Voice**

# Uniform Policy Update Released

WASHINGTON (NNS) -- On Jan. 26, the Navy released NAVADMIN 015/17 that updates several previously announced uniform policy changes.

These include specifics for the occasion for wear of Navy Security Force (NSF) identification badges/patches, revised implementation schedule for the Navy fitness suit, policy clarification for combination covers, female Service Dress Blue (SDB) covers and black slacks, safety boot wear, coyote brown command ball cap manner of wear requirements, and Cold Weather Parka insignia.

Below are some of the key uniform policy updates:

1. Badges. Effective immediately, the eligibility criteria to wear NSF identification badges and patches is as follows:

\* Security Limited Duty and Chief Warrant Officers and (649X/749X) and Master-At-Arms can only wear the Security Force Identification Badge while they are in the Navy Security Force career field. Personnel who change designators or transition out of the security career field will no longer be authorized continuous wear of the NSF badge.

\* Correction Specialist badge/patch. Sailors with the Navy Enlisted Codes (NEC) of 2008, 9575 or 9516 and performing correction specialist duties will wear the correction specialist badge or patch only when assigned to a corrections facility.

\* Chief Master-At-Arms (CMAA) is the new name for the Command Master-At-Arms and those with Permanent Change of Station to CMAA duties are authorized to wear the CMAA badge and patch only for the duration of their assignment.

2. Navy Fitness Suit. Production challenges delayed recruit issue of the new Navy Fitness suit at Recruit Training Command (RTC) Great Lakes from the previous target issue date of Oct. 1, 2016. The new target date to issue the fitness suit is now April 1, with fleet availability for personal purchase at Navy Uniform and call centers to follow at a later date. A future NAVADMIN will provide an update to RTC introduction and fleet availability.

3. Dress Covers. The new deadline for mandatory wear of the Alternate and Unisex Combination Covers for female officers and Chief Petty Officers is extended from Oct. 31, 2016, to Oct. 31, 2018. The enlisted White Hat remains mandatory for wear with jumper style uniforms only. The Navy continues to rollout previously announced uniform changes as scheduled.

4. Female Officer and Chief Petty Officer SDB Uniform. Effective immediately, the optional wear of male officer's and chief petty officer's SDB Trousers is authorized with the female SDB uniform. We are continuing our efforts to redesign women's pants that will result in an improved fit.

5. Enlisted SDB. Enlisted female Sailors E-1 - E-6 and below Sailors may wear the SDB uniform with four button jacket and



*U.S. Navy Photo*

Official U.S. Navy file photo of the Navy Type III with certified desert tan or coyote brown rough-side-out leather non-safety boots.

slacks or skirt until Dec. 31, 2019. When wearing the optional SDB uniform, the female enlisted combination cover shall be worn. The White Hat is not authorized for wear with this uniform. The new jumper style female enlisted SDB began introduction at RTC Oct. 1 and Fleet availability is expected to commence in February.

6. Safety Boots. As previously announced, the black leather safety boots (steel-toed) are the standard boots worn with the Navy Working Uniform (NWU) Type III. Commanding officers may authorize the optional wear of the Navy certified desert tan or coyote brown rough-side-out leather non-safety boots when wear of safety boots is not required. Sailors must buy these optional brown boots if they are not issued them by their commands as organizational clothing. Optional boots not required as organizational clothing will be procured at the expense of the Sailor and not the authorizing command.

7. Coyote Brown Command Ball Cap. Guidance was provided on the manner and occasion for wear of the Coyote Brown Command Ball Cap with the NWU Type III to be consistent with how the Blue Command Ball Cap is worn. For officers O-5 and above, visor ornamentation for Navy head gear shall be gold in color, consistent with Navy standards.

8. Cold Weather Parka. Sailors E-4 through O-10 will wear rank insignia, either a metal rank insignia or NWU Type I slip-on rank insignia, centered on the rank tab of the Cold Weather Parka. A black slip-on rank insignia is being developed for the cold weather parka to replace the NWU Type I insignia.

For details and more information on the uniform update read NAVADMIN 015/17 at [www.npc.navy.mil](http://www.npc.navy.mil).

**NWS Earle NWU Type III Local Policy:**  
**Optional Wear Date: October 2017**  
**Mandatory Wear Date: October 2018**

# Awards and Accolades



IT1 Bickiana Patton

Navy Marine Corps Commendation Medal and  
Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal



MA3 Hunter Ashmore

Navy Good Conduct Medal



MA3 Joseph Powers

Letter of Commendation



MA3 Dustin Freeman

Letter of Appreciation,



Claudia Hall

35 years of government service



Theresa Gibson

30 years of government service

## Congratulations!

2016 Civilian of the  
Year

- Claudia Douglas

2016 Civilian of the  
Fourth Quarter

- Fire Fighter Frank  
McCleaster

2017 Sailors of the  
Quarter (Q1)

Senior Sailor: QM1  
Louis Onstad

Junior Sailor: MA3 Ja-  
cob Williams

Blue Jacket: QMSN Ar-  
ianna Fenton

## Welcome Aboard

IT1 Johnathan Georges

MA2 Stephen Bolinski

MM2 LaTanya Edwards

MA2 Anthony Vargas

## Farewell

IT1 Bickiana Patton

MA3 Joseph Powers