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## NGIS earns Zumwalt award, 5-star rating



**By Fifi Kieschnick**  
NAS Kingsville Public Affairs

Visitors to NAS Kingsville's Navy Gateway Inn and Suites (NGIS) have always received five-star service, but now it's official, Kingsville's NGIS has earned the coveted Zumwalt Award, with a rating of five stars.

"The 5-star Zumwalt award is the highest honor that is given for an outstanding NGIS operation," said CSCM(SW/AW) Fidel Medina, combined bachelor housing department head. "I've been in the Navy for almost 28 years and this is the first time one of my facilities has earned this rating. I am very excited to receive this award."

NAS Kingsville NGIS staff who made the 5-star rating possible are, from left, Rennie Penitusi, Gilbert Roque, Diann Flies, Chris Benavides, Cynthia Gonzalez, Rosalio Moreno, Cynthia Arevalo,

Ratchaene Riles, Kristena Perez, Betty Jo Lee, Wes Neill, Maria Cerda, Wayne Silhavy, Oscar Gonzalez and CS2 Edward Thompson. (Photos by Fifi Kieschnick)

The Admiral Elmo R. Zumwalt Award for Excellence was established in 1974 to recognize commands that achieve the highest level of service standards. A score of 95 percent or higher is required to receive a five-star.

The program was established to improve customer service, financial management, operations, facilities and the overall lodging experience for guests.

"We received a surprise visit from the CNIC (Commander, Naval Installations

Command) inspection team a few weeks ago," said Gilbert Roque, NGIS manager. "The inspectors arrived unannounced, and by the end of their visit, we found out that we had earned 5-star rating.

"It was a team effort," Roque added.

And, it is always a team effort for the staff of 14 that does everything at NGIS

from housekeeping, to maintenance, supply, front desk, grounds-keeping and more for the facility that houses 88 guest rooms. And, the staff keeps the facility "inspection ready" every day, not only for the unannounced inspection team, but also for the guests.

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NGIS Manager Gilbert Roque signs a requisition as Front Desk Supervisor Maria Cerda looks on. NAS Kingsville's NGIS won the 5-star Zumwalt award for their outstanding operations and facility.



**Show me the money --** Jeff Lambert, Kingsville Navy League president, presents Navy Ball committee members with a check for \$5,180, to settle accounts for the Navy Ball Golf Tournament, which was held the end of June. Once outstanding bills are paid, the committee will have \$4,000 profit, which will help fund the annual Navy birthday ball. From left are ETC(SW) Eric Smith, Lambert, ET3 Jessica Korenek, ET1(SW) Lauren Hosey and ETSN Patricia Taylor.

## Deckplate Leadership



CMDCM(EXW/SW)  
Randy Foust  
Command Master Chief

Team Kingsville,

I want to congratulate ET1 Monseise Madrigal and HM1 Gideon Kain as NAS Kingsville's newest Chief Petty Officer Selects! Please join me in congratulating them, when you see them around the base. I would like to remind everyone for the next six weeks the Chief's Mess will be PTing at 6 a.m., so if you see us on the road please be patient and use caution as you pass our formation.

Looking forward, ACC Dale Wagner our ESO, has the exams for September. The test dates are: Sept. 6, E-6 exam; Sept. 13, E-5; and Sept. 20, E-4 exam. Make sure you are reviewing your profile sheets, and utilizing the references provided for you on NKO (Navy Knowledge Online) under the Advancement Center.

As we prepare our children to go back to school, remember this is a perfect time to sign up and attend a class. If you are taking a break from college classes, I strongly encourage every Sailor to complete the Navy-Specific Professional Military Education. If you are not sure where to find this course, ask your Chiefs and they will be able to help you find it on NKO.

Keep cool and stay safe and have fun!  
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## Use Career Development Boards for advancement

With the release of Active-Duty Chief Petty Officer Selection Board results July 31, approximately 4,400 Sailors have embarked upon a rigorous induction season.

"While it is a high point for those Sailors selected for chief petty officer, the active and Reserve board's typically review records of more than 19,000 first class petty officers, which means a lot of Sailors will not be selected, and that is very disappointing to some Sailors," said Navy Personnel Command Force Master Chief (AW/SW/NAC) Jon Port. "The chain of command must communicate with those Sailors who did not get selected."

According to Port, command leadership should assist Sailors not selected by conducting a career development board (CDB). A CDB provides Sailors the opportunity to discuss their career progression, the health of their rating, and their short and long-term goals for the future.

"CDBs provide all enlisted Sailors the opportunity for optimal development of their professional skills, both military and

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ET1(SW) Monseise Madrigal, who is NAS Kingsville's newest chief petty officer select, begins an indoctrination course at the start of his induction into the ranks of chief petty officer.

## CPO advancement up at local Naval Health Clinic

By Bill W. Love  
NHC Corpus Christi Public Affairs

Four Sailors reached career milestones when Naval Health Clinic Corpus Christi (NHCCC) leadership announced the Active-Duty Chief Petty Officer (CPO) Selection Board results July 31.

CPO selects Damien Brown, Gideon Kain, Aaron Rich and Joseph Sloan will advance from a field of 18 eligible candidates.

"I am very impressed by the numbers this year compared to last year. To have four of our stellar first classes selected for advanced to chief petty officer is outstanding," said HTCS(SW/AW) Michael Richardson, command senior chief.

There were no CPO selects from NHCCC last year.

NHCCC is comprised of a naval health clinic at Naval Air Station (NAS) Corpus Christi, its San Antonio Detachment at Fort Sam Houston, and branch health clinics (BHC) located at NAS Kingsville and Joint Reserve Base Fort Worth, Texas.



HM1 Gideon Kain is welcomed home from Afghanistan by family.

Selects at BHC Fort Worth (BHCWF) can claim bragging rights to the command's top advancement percentage gains since both of their eligible candidates, Brown and Rich are scheduled to shift into khakis in September.

Brown, NHCCC Sailor of the Year (SOY) FY11, served as a senior line corpsman with Third Marine Division, 4th Marine Regiment, Embedded Training Team (ETT) 7-5, Kunar Province, Afghanistan from August 2009 to April 2010.

Rich, an independent duty corpsman (IDC), served with SEAL Team 5, returning from his fourth career deployment on April 17, 2011.

One of three eligible candidates at BHC Kingsville will also receive anchors next month.

Kain, an IDC, served with the U.S. Marines' 2nd Medical Battalion, and returned home from Afghanistan March 13, 2012. It was his fourth career deployment.

Corpus Christi clinic's only Sailor selected for advancement to CPO is an electrician's mate. Sloan previously served at Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) Far East, Diego Garcia, British Indian Ocean Territory.

"Leadership is extremely proud of each eligible candidate," said Richardson. "If you did not make it this year, do not get discouraged. Keep up your outstanding performance and start preparing yourself for the next cycle."

Command CPO leadership is already assisting Sailors not selected by gearing them up for a career development board (CDB) to provide them the opportunity to discuss their career progression, the health of their rating, and their short and long-term goals for the future.

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# Texas welcomes new Texan II aircraft

By Lt. John Supple  
CNATRA Public Affairs

Naval Aviators and local leaders joined together aboard Naval Air Station Corpus Christi to welcome the newest training aircraft to Training Air Wing 4, July 26.

The first two T-6B Texan II aircraft arrived in front of a hangar full of naval officers and guests, signaling the official start of the turnover from the T-34C Turbo Mentor to the T-6B for primary flight training at Training Air Wing 4.

The event featured a fly-by of the new aircraft, arrival of the T-6Bs to the hangar, brief speeches, a cake cutting at the reception, and a demonstration of the T-6 simulators. Rear Adm. William Sizemore, the chief of Naval Air Training Command, served as the featured speaker.

At the ceremony, Sizemore said that more than 30 years ago, the T-34C ushered the Navy air training from piston age into the jet age, and that the T-6B is another great advancement.

"The all-digital T-6B is a quantum leap over the T-34C and is the perfect aircraft to train and introduce our future naval aviators to the digital age and all-glass cockpit aircraft already in our advance pipelines and in the fleet," Sizemore said.



Fire trucks spray water over two T-6B Texan II training aircraft to celebrate their arrival. The aircraft are replacing the venerable T-34C Turbomentor plane in primary flight training for student Naval aviators. (Photo by Richard Stewart, CNATRA Public Affairs)

The T-6B, along with its state-of-the-art visual simulators and computer aided academics will enable the Navy to train naval aviators more efficiently, more effectively, and safer than ever before. And, while the

simulators will not replace training in the air, it will complement and better prepare student naval aviators to make their airborne training more effective and more productive, explained Sizemore.

Initially, the new aircraft will be used for training instructor pilots. Student pilots from Training Squadron 27 are expected to begin flying the new aircraft early next year.

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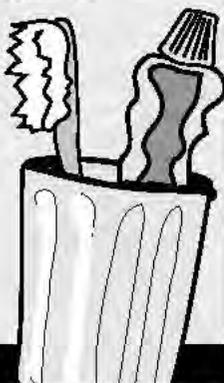
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Army Sgt. Vincent Hancock of Eatonton, Ga., displays his gold medal in London. (U.S. Army Photo by Tim Hipps)

## Military Olympians proud to serve, represent country

By Jon Gagné  
NAS Kingsville Public Affairs

I'm a big fan of the Olympic Games. To me, the Olympics are the ultimate sports competition – topping the World Series and the Super Bowl by leaps and bounds.

Literally.

I don't get caught up in the "U.S. versus the World" stories, such as which country has won the most medals. And I don't get excited about "dream teams" made up of professional athletes who, in my opinion, gave up the chance to compete in the Olympics years ago in favor of chancing green over gold.

Certainly the 2012 Summer Games in London will be remembered most for the performances (and career) of swimming legend Michael Phelps, gymnast Gabrielle Douglas, and a host of other American Olympians. Some names will become forged into our memories, some won't.

But, I get caught up in the inside stories about the athletes that make the U.S. team, with names that we probably won't remember five years down the road. Names such as Hancock, Uptagrafft, Nunn, Richmond, and Gray. Athletes who not only represent the U.S. in athletic performances, but also through military service.

There were 16 members of the military on the U.S. 2012 Olympic team. They competed in events that didn't receive a lot of television airtime, such as skeet and trap shooting, rifle and pistol marksmanship, wrestling, fencing, boxing, race walking and the pentathlon. Olympians, one and all.

Due to our early deadline for submission of this week's newspaper, we're not able to

present a complete list of how our military personnel performed. But some early results show just how competitive our military personnel were at the games. To see how all the military Olympians performed visit the Department of Defense Olympics page at [http://www.defense.gov/home/features/2012/0712\\_olympics/](http://www.defense.gov/home/features/2012/0712_olympics/).

Army Sgt. Vincent Hancock headlines this list. In double record-setting fashion, Hancock became the first shotgun shooter to win consecutive Olympic gold medals in men's skeet at 2012 London Games. Hancock, 23, a soldier in the U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit from Eatonton, Ga., eclipsed his own records set at the 2008 Beijing Games for both qualification (123) and total (148) scores. He struck gold in China with a qualification score of 121 and total of 145. Hancock prevailed by two shots over silver medalist Anders Golding (146) of Denmark and by four shots over Qatar's Nasser Al-Attiya (144), who secured the bronze medal by winning a shoot-off against Russia's Valeriy Shomin.

Military spouse Jamie Gray was also a gold medal winner at the London games. Gray, wife of U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit shooter Staff Sgt. Hank Gray, won the gold medal in the women's 50-meter rifle 3-positions event.

Gray established Olympic records in the qualification (592) and final (691.9) portions of the event, which included shooting from prone, standing and kneeling positions. On the next-to-last shot of the final round, Gray recorded her worst score (8.9) of the day, but she closed with her best shot (10.8) of

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## Worthwhile discovery made during community service

By **Bill W. Love**

NHC Corpus Christi Public Affairs

A Sailor made a worthwhile discovery July 22, after answering a routine call for volunteer service in the local community.

HM1(FMF) Jacob D. Davenport, assigned to Naval Health Clinic Corpus Christi, said he did not realize how much community service could touch the lives of so many deserving individuals until he signed up to keep score at the 23rd Annual Bay Ball Ballyhoop sponsored by Special Olympics Texas (SOTX).

"I've volunteered to support several different causes at a variety of different venues, but I have never really connected with one until I got involved at this event," said Davenport.

SOTX is a privately funded non-profit organization that provides opportunities for intellectually disabled individuals throughout the Lone Star State to help them realize their potential, develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage and enjoy friendship through sports.

Bay Ball Ballyhoop 3-on-3 basketball competition raises money so that SOTX athletes can compete in a variety of categories including the Unified Sports program that combines team mates with and without intellectual disabilities to help remove barriers that have historically kept both groups apart.

Organizers for this year's event offered a variety of volunteer shifts throughout the weekend. Davenport, who admits that he is not much of a basketball player, helped out both days.

"My role during the event was to collect liability waivers and keep score. It was natural for people with knowledge of the game to perform the score keeping but there were still places for people that didn't know the game at all. I saw other volunteers helping hand out water, direct players to their respective courts, and clean up the courts for the next game," said Davenport.

His involvement in the tournament, as well as the 30 others who signed up, helps support year-round sports training and competition for intellectually disabled Texans.

"There are currently 1,432 people affected with intellectual disabilities that participate with Special Olympics in South Texas, while there are 44,000 affected with intellectual disabilities state wide," said Alice Fulton-Garza, area director for SOTX.

She added that Bay Ball Ballyhoop is the biggest fundraiser of the year.

According to Davenport, the event was well-attended and the players' enthusiasm and pleasure was evident.

"I met some great people, had a great time, and I plan on getting regularly involved with this organization. It was much more fulfilling to me than any monetary donation I've given, and I hope that others will also volunteer," he said.

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“We work hard on intangibles such as customer service as well as keeping a beautiful facility inside and out,” Roque added. “The two-person inspection team said they were very impressed.”

“We have worked very hard for it (the award),” said Cynthia Arevalo, of housekeeping.

Other staff members agree and are proud to be recognized for their efforts.

“It’s awesome,” said Rosalio Moreno, executive housekeeper, “and nice to be recognized for what we do.”

Pictured right, Cynthia Arevalo and Rosalio Moreno unload dirty linens in the NGIS laundry room.

Below, the NGIS recently received a 5-star Zumwalt award -- the highest honor given for an outstanding NGIS operation. (Photos by Fifi Kieschnick)



**Wings of Gold** -- Congratulations to the five students who were winged naval aviators on July 27 at the Captain's Club. Pictured are, from left are: Cmdr. Darren Guenther, Training Squadron Twenty-One (VT-21) commanding officer (CO); Lt. Col. Scott Schoeman, VT-22 executive officer (XO); Cmdr. Brian Beck, VT-21 XO; Maj. Wesley Deaver, VT-22 senior Marine; Capt. Joseph Evans, Training Air Wing TWO

(TW-2) commander; 1st Lt. Robert Lundgren; Capt. Gian Tavarez, Brazilian navy; 1st Lt. Floyd Usry; Lt.j.g. William "Billy" Case III; Capt. Gregory Vaughan; Cmdr. Quino Alanzo, VT-21 CO; Maj. Michael Anderson, VT-21 senior Marine; Cmdr. Rey Molina, chief staff officer TW-2; and Maj. Derek Bibby, TW-2 senior Marine. (Photo by Richard Stewart, CNATRA Public Affairs)



## CNIC tops Feds Feed Families Navy goal

By MCC(Sel)(SW/AW) Monique K. Hilley

Commander, Navy Installations Command (CNIC) has donated 402,315 pounds as of week eight of the campaign to the 2012 Feds Feed Families drive, topping the Navy's goal of 396,000 pounds for the entire three month campaign.

Navy personnel have taken an incredible initiative so far with ensuring collection points are well identified and accessible across bases worldwide, collecting those goods, and donating them to charities both locally and around the world.

"The generosity has been overwhelming in regard to the generous spirit of our personnel both here in our regions and installations in the United States, as well as abroad," said Cmdr. Glenda Jennings Harrison, CNIC's Supervisory Chaplain for Operations. "The Sailors are excited about being part of a campaign that builds community and lets the community at large know that they are caring and responsive to the struggles many are facing during these hard economic times."

Navy Chaplains emphasize that while meeting our goal is wonderful news, it is not the time to slow down donating just because our goal has been met. Boxes will be picked up again throughout all Navy regions and installations on each Friday during the month of August and donated to

local food banks. The campaign will end on August 31.

"Sailors at the grassroots level are doing the logistics and organizing this campaign," said Harrison. "The success of Feds Feed Families so far is a testament to the quality and work ethic of these Sailors. They are doing a great job and it speaks volumes to who they are."

Navy Region Japan has the highest contribution total so far, donating 220,500 pounds to food banks both in their region and across the United States, including Oregon Food Bank, Second Harvest Food Banks, Community Food Bank of New Jersey, Feeding South Dakota Food Bank, Food Bank for the Heartland, Food Bank of Alaska and God's Pantry Food Bank. CNIC's eleven regions and 70 installations have donated to more than 150 food banks worldwide.

"It has been a worthwhile cause and our folks have really come to the forefront to lead the effort, demonstrating the Navy truly is a Global Force for Good," said Harrison.

For the past four years, the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) has held an annual Feds Feed Families campaign to provide nourishment to those in need during

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Top photo, RP2 Quentin Williams (left) and RP2(SW) Harold Brantley, load up 4,575 pounds of donated food items to bring to the local food pantry. Pictured above, Chaplain (Lt.) Mark Haley, Williams and Brantley display some of the food items donated. Of the items donated, 700 pounds were donated from the Commissary, 125 pounds was donated from collection boxes around the air station, and 3,750 pounds came from McFall Chapel through a \$750 donation. According to Haley, NAS Kingsville's goal is 6,000 pounds of donated items. Last year, we donated nearly 6,000 pounds of items. Pictured right, Haley gives Pastor Neel a check for \$750. According to CNIC, each \$1 donated represents 5 pounds of food. (Photos by Jon Gagné, NAS Kingsville Public Affairs)



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## Bravo Zulu



**Commendation Medal** -- ABHCS(AW/SW) Rudolfo Oliva was awarded the Navy Commendation Medal for meritorious service while serving as leading chief petty officer of Naval Auxiliary Landing Field Orange Grove and NAS Kingsville from October 2009 to August 2012. He successfully oversaw the complete installation of 24 arresting gear engines, resurfacing of all existing runways and the completion of more than 475,000 flight operations, which led to the winging of 239 new aviators. Oliva's next duty station is aboard USS Ronald Reagan (CVN 76).

## Stanley selected as Sailor of Quarter for NAVSUP FLC Jacksonville

Bravo zulu to MM1(SW) Benjamin Stanley, of Fleet Logistics Center Jacksonville, detachment Kingsville. Stanley, a native of Cortland, N.Y., was selected as Sailor of the Quarter for the third quarter for NAVSUP FLC Jacksonville. Stanley, a 7-year Navy veteran, reported to Kingsville in July 2010. His primary duties are leading petty officer for the detachment, as well as cryogenics supervisor and training petty officer.

According to his chief, ABFC(AW) John Ordonio, Stanley is a superb first class petty officer. "He is extremely reliable, loyal and motivated, and his strong leadership qualities are evident in execution of all assigned duties.

"Petty Officer Stanley is recognized as the cryogenics expert and lead machinist

mate in South Texas. Without supervision, he delivered 80,000 cubic feet of nitrogen in support of rigorous flight operations," Ordonio added.

"He personifies the phrase 'go-to-guy' and sets the tempo for peers and junior Sailors."



Stanley

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the summer months when a void exists due to lower donations than around the holiday months. In 2011, OPM asked the Department of Defense (DoD) to join the effort and they've been stepping up to the plate to shatter each goal set over the course of the last two years.

In 2011, OPM set a goal of 2 million pounds and DoD's goal was 733,800 pounds. Their final donation contributions totaled an astounding 5,793,446 pounds, with DoD having donated 2,004,613 pounds toward that total. That is equivalent to over 64,000 pounds per day. Due to the incredible success of last year's campaign, OPM has set a goal of 5 million pounds, with DoD committing to donating 1.5 million pounds to help meet that

goal. This year's campaign motto is "Beat Our Best." With the dedication and hard work being put forth by our service members and federal employees alike, we are on track to do just that.

Food banks across the National Capital Region and around the country are facing severe shortages of non-perishable items as the summer months leave children without school nutrition programs. The fourth annual "Feds Feed Families" (FFF) Food Drive 2012, underway through August, encourages the Federal workforce to continue to support our neighbors, families, and communities across the nation by donating nonperishable food.

## Have you met ?.....

### Kurt Miskimen

Kurt Miskimen is the Base Communications Officer responsible for all telecommunications infrastructure aboard NAS Kingsville.

"I'm also responsible for all maintenance and repair of the telephone lines ensuring maximum availability to the customers and minimizing, as much as possible, any outages," the Cedar Rapids, Iowa, native said.

Miskimen is a retired Navy Seabee, with 26 years of service. He has worked in telecommunications for more than 20 years and just transferred from Naval Station Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, after serving there for seven years in uniform and then as a DoD civilian.

If you haven't met Miskimen yet, you may have seen his green and black "trike" parked in front of the Headquarters Building. Actually, it's



Miskimen

a Can-Am Spyder, which he bought after he transferred state-side. Not your usual trike – this motorcycle has two-wheels in the front, reverse gear and other features which he says makes it enjoyable to ride.

"I love riding motorcycles," Miskimen said. He also owns a 600cc Honda Shadow and a three-wheeled 150cc trike, though "Nobody else in the family drives bikes, but both my sons want me to teach them, as does my wife."

His other hobbies include martial arts. "I've been an instructor for more than 30 years," he said. "I have trained Navy SEALs, Marines, JTF GTMO detainee operations guards, foreign military units and many law enforcement agencies throughout the

country and around the world."

But he adds that his favorite pastime is spending time with his family. "I was deployed for too many years and am glad to be able to spend time with them now."

What he doesn't like is unwarranted rudeness or people who exercise double standards. "We should treat others the way we would like to be treated," Miskimen says. "It's the number one Golden Rule!"

And, he says that if there's one thing people should know about him it's that he's not always politically correct. "But I can get along with almost anyone – don't let all the tattoos fool you. And, a stranger is just a friend I haven't met yet."

Miskimen, his wife Samantha and their three kids live in Kingsville.

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the finale to seal the victory with a flourish.

"It was almost a little bit of relief, honestly," said Gray, 28, of Phenix City, Ala. "I've dreaded that last shot for four years, and it's amazing to have it come through and be a good shot.

"It looked good and it felt good, so it was awesome," she added. "After shooting an 8.9 on the next-to-last shot, you want to come back from that one, and that's what I did."

Gray's husband Hank did not compete in the 2012 games, but there was one military husband-wife team on the 2012 squad - Army Sgt. 1st Class Eric Uptagrafft and Navy Reserve Petty Officer 1st Class Sandra Uptagrafft. Eric competed in the men's 50m Rifle Prone, while Sandra competed in the women's 100m air pistol and women's 25m pistol competition. Results of their Olympic performances were not available at press time.

Air Force Reserve Capt. Seth Kelsey finished one touch away from bringing home a medal for the 2012 games. Kelsey, who competed in épée fencing, lost his semifinal bout in sudden-death overtime, 6-5, to the fencer who went on to win the gold medal, Venezuela's Ruben Limardo Gascon. Then he dropped another sudden-death decision in the bronze-medal match to Korea's Jinsun Jung, 12-11.

## Advancement from page 2

technical, thereby enhancing unit readiness, job satisfaction and ultimately the retention and advancement of our Sailors," said Port.

Together, Sailors and their chain of command can review the Sailor's record and identify ways to improve competitiveness in the future.

"Leaders should look at what the Sailor can do to gain more authority and responsibility in their current position to become more competitive, discuss the health of their rating and of course make sure the Sailors accomplishments are properly documented in their record," Port said.

According to Port, it is equally important



PS1 Theodore L. Metcalf assigned to the Fleet and Family Support Center on Commander Fleet Activities Yokosuka takes the chief petty officer advancement exam. (Photo by MC2 Matthew Cole)

Despite Kelsey's disappointment in missing a medal, he said it felt good to defeat former world-champion Nikolai Novosjolov of Estonia, 15-11, earlier in the day.

"I fenced in the world championships last year, and I lost a very close match by one touch," Kelsey said. "So I knew I had to challenge him every moment."

Other military Olympians are:

Army Sgt. 1st Class Jason Parker, Men's 50m Rifle 3 Positions. A member of the U.S. marksmanship unit, Parker, 38, began shooting in 1988. He participated in the Summer Olympics in 2000 placing fifth in air rifle; in 2004 placing eighth in air rifle; and then again in the 2008 games in Beijing. Parker received a psychology degree from Xavier University in Cincinnati in 1996. He enjoys participating in hunting, fishing and triathlons in his spare time

Army Sgt. 1st Class Daryl Szarenski, Shooting, Men's 50m Pistol, Men's 10m Air Pistol. Szarenski began shooting in 1979 when his father enrolled him in a junior shooting program. He studied industrial technology at Tennessee Tech University on a rifle scholarship, where he was a member of both the pistol and rifle teams, and later at Roger Williams University in Rhode Island. His brother, Dan, was an all-American rifle shooter at the U.S. Military Academy at West

to consider those qualifications or milestones a Sailor should possess but potentially did not attain.

"If we are straightforward yet supportive with our Sailors, they stand a much greater chance of following the advice given by their chain of command and ultimately attaining that next pay grade," he said.

"I was extremely disappointed when I didn't get selected last year because I felt like I was doing all I could," said YN1 Shontay Bond, a Full Time Support Reservist assigned to Buckley Air Force Base, Colo. "After, I had a CDB and listened to the advice my chiefs had to give."

Bond, who is waiting for the results of the Reserve Chief Petty Officer Selection Board, has since gone on to finish her college degree. She sought additional ways to demonstrate leadership abilities by organizing community service projects for her command. She rotated her collateral duties and took orders to a joint service command to increase her career versatility.

Bond, who recently volunteered for an individual augmentee assignment, said she took the information from her CDB to heart.

"It gave me the extra pat on the back I needed to move ahead and to not give up," said Bond.

CDB training and individual career development plan worksheets are available from the Navy Personnel Command Web site. (*Navy Personnel Command Public Affairs*)

Point. His wife, Amy, is a former member of the national pistol team as well.

Army Staff Sgt. Michael McPhail, Shooting, Men's 50m Rifle Prone. After learning to shoot at age 16, McPhail has spent the past 14 years refining his craft. Now 30, the Darlington, Wis., native has set his eye on Olympic gold. Among his many marksmanship accomplishments, McPhail received the bronze medal in prone at the 2008 Beijing World Games; was a 2007 Pan American Games silver medalist and quota slot winner in prone; and was the 2006 World Championships gold medalist in team prone and bronze medalist in team three-position. He is assigned to Fort Benning, Ga.

Army Sgt. John Nunn, U.S.A. Track and Field, Men's 50m Race Walk. Nunn made his first appearance at the Olympic Games in 2004, and competed in the World Outdoor Championships in Helsinki in 2005, posting a seasonal best performance with his 30th place finish. Nunn first was exposed to race walking as a child by his family, and later received a scholarship for the sport from the University of Wisconsin-Parkside. Nunn resides in Chula Vista, Calif.

Army Staff Sgt. Joshua Richmond, Shooting, Men's Double Trap. Richmond's father won him his first shotgun at a trap competition when his mother was pregnant with him. He fired his first shot at age 5 and began shooting competitively by age 11. Now 26, Richmond is a member of the U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit on Fort Benning, Ga., and is taking online courses through Troy State University, where he is studying general education. He resides in Hillsgrove, Pa.

Marine Corps Sgt. Jamel Herring, Boxing, Men's Light Welter (64kg). Herring, 26, credits his fancy footwork and quick speed for his success in the boxing ring. A native of Coram, N.Y., he received a silver medal at the 2010 World Military Games, and was named the 2011 Armed Forces Champion, the 2012 U.S.A. Boxing National Champion and the 2012 U.S. Olympic Team Trials Champion. Herring is assigned to Camp Lejeune, N.C.

Army Spc. Justin Lester, Wrestling, Men's 66 Kg, Greco-Roman. A native of Akron, Ohio, Lester has a long string of wrestling championships in his portfolio. He is a senior education-science major at Northern Michigan University, where he trains at the Olympics Education Center. Lester is ranked No. 1 by the U.S. team in the 66 kg/145 lb. weight class for Greco-Roman wrestling.

Army Sgt. Spenser Mango, Wrestling, Men's 55 Kg Greco-Roman. A native of St. Louis, Mo., Mango, 26, competed in the 2008 Beijing Olympics, where he qualified for the quarterfinals before he was eliminated. He finished eighth. Mango attends Northern Michigan University where he is studying physical education. His brother, Ryan, also is an accomplished wrestler, winning cadet nationals in freestyle and Greco-Roman in



Military spouse Jamie Gray poses for a photo after winning the gold medal during the London games. (U.S. Army Photo by Tim Hipps)

2006.

Army Spc. Dennis Bowsher, Modern Pentathlon, Men's Modern Pentathlon. Bowsher, 29, began competing in modern pentathlons after seeing a recruitment flyer at a high school swim meet. Today, he is a resident athlete at the U.S. Olympic complex in Colorado Springs, Colo. Among his accomplishments, Bowsher received gold medals at the U.S.A. Pentathlon Senior National Championships in 2007, 2009 and 2011.

Army Sgt. 1st Class Dremiel Byers, Wrestling: Men's 120 Kg Greco-Roman. As one of the most notable Greco-Roman wrestlers in modern times, Byers, 37, will be returning to the Olympic Games this year. Born in Newark, N.J., and nicknamed "Bam," he received an animal science degree from North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University in Greensboro, N.C. A 10-time U.S. national champion, nine-time U.S. Armed Forces champion and a two-time Olympian, Byers has vast experience in the sport. He placed seventh at the 2008 Beijing Olympics.

Army Sgt. Glenn Eller, Shooting, Men's Double Trap. An Olympic gold medal recipient, the 2012 Summer Olympics in London will be Eller's fourth time participating in the games. A native of Houston, the 30-year-old was the first American to win the prestigious British Open Sporting Clay title. In his spare time, he enjoys hunting, golf and also was involved in track in high school. Eller is a member of the U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit on Fort Benning, Ga. (*Biographies courtesy defenselink.mil*)

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