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NAVSUP WSS Takes Vets to Work

Story by Margaret Kenyon-Ely, NAVSUP Weapon Systems Support, Office of Corporate Communications

In their quest for employment, local veterans participated in "Take a Vet to Work Day" hosted by NAVSUP Weapon Systems Support (NAVSUP WSS) in partnership with the Greater Philadelphia Veterans Network (GPVN) and the Philadelphia Compound Veterans Committee, Nov. 23.

The NAVSUP WSS "Take a Vet to Work Day" attendees served in the U.S. Navy, Army and Coast Guard; some were retired, some who were deployed to Iraq, and some who were still in the military reserves in some capacity.

"Our organization has always been an advocate of hiring Veterans. 'Take a Vet to Work Day' is another veteran outreach event for us to partner with our community and provide information on our mission and employment opportunities," said NAVSUP WSS Commander Rear Adm. (Select) John G. King. During the last three years, NAVSUP WSS has hired 135 veterans, which represents 25 percent of all new hires.

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GPVN President Alex Archawski noted that the "Take a Vet to Work Day" initiative is a huge event for his organization that helps veterans define their career objectives; assists them with developing job search strategies, resume writing, and interviews; and stresses the importance of networking.

"The high unemployment rate for veterans may be due to veterans not knowing what they want to do for a career. They often send out generic resumes when employers want more specific resumes," said Archawski, adding that it is also critical for veterans to know where to go when seeking employment and making the right connections.

With a goal of assisting unemployed veterans who are struggling to define their new career objectives, this Philadelphia region initiative that started on Veterans Day 2011 allows unemployed veterans to sign up electronically for the program and list certain trades or skills that they are looking to explore. Four functional areas that participants in the NAVSUP WSS "Take a Vet to Work Day" program registered for included financial, procurement, supply chain management/supply operations and business systems (SAP Enterprise Resource Planning).

Highlights of the event included one-on-one shadowing with federal government civilian employees at NAVSUP WSS and DLA Troop Support; an informal lunch with veterans who were recently hired by the federal government; classroom and hands-on training on the USAJOBS online job application system; and command overviews provided by NAVSUP WSS Executive Staff Officer George Holland and DLA Troop Support Chief of Strategic Communications Diana Stewart.

Thank you to the following personnel who volunteered for "Take a Vet to Work Day:"

NAVSUP WSS: Capt. John Titus, Code P044E; Lt. Vaughn Cooper, Code 0221; LSCS Ronald Quinto, Code 0821; Ricky Neason, Code 03314; Steven Lage, Code 0322; Gerald Benjamin, Code 015131; Ray Gallen, Code 015131; Michael Bryant, Code 015131; Carmen Joyner, Code 015122; George McGonagle, Code 0251; William McGuinn, Code 0251; John Miller, Code 04; John Zelonis, Code 0423; Steven Antonuccio, Code 03621; Margaret Kenyon-Ely, Code P003; and from DLA Troop Support: Marianne Bustin, Matt Youngers, Bill Eves.

Capt. John Titus, from NAVSUP WSS, welcomes attendees while George Holland gets ready to provide a Command Overview to local unemployed veterans. (Photo by Selicia Russo)

Force Protection Conditions

Force Protection Condition (FPCON) is a terrorism warning system run by the Department of Defense and describes the amount of measures needed to be taken by security agencies in response to various levels of terrorist threats against military facilities.

The FPCON levels are:

• **FPCON NORMAL** is used during a situation with no current terrorist activity. The only security forces needed are enough to stop the everyday criminal, similar to civilian police forces.

• **FPCON ALPHA** is used when there is a small and general terrorist activity threat that is not predictable. However, agencies will inform personnel that there is a possible threat and standard security procedure review is conducted.

• **FPCON BRAVO** is used when there is a situation with a somewhat predictable terrorist threat. Security measures taken by the base Master-at-Arms force and security personnel may affect not only our base employees (more thorough personnel inspections, car inspections, etc.), but could affect the area immediately surrounding NSA.

• **FPCON CHARLIE** is used when there is a situation when intelligence reports that there is terrorist activity imminent. When at FPCON CHARLIE base security is heightened to a state that will directly impact each employee on base. Certain functions may be closed or have altered operating hours and inspections coming onto and leaving the base should be expected.

• **FPCON DELTA** is used when a terrorist attack is currently taking place or has just occurred. FPCON DELTA generally occurs only in the areas that are most vulnerable to attack or have already been attacked. Expect significant changes to normal operating procedures on base. Extremely high security and restricted access to only the most essential personnel only will be enacted.

In addition to the main FPCON levels listed above, each level includes certain heightened measures. An example would be FPCON BRAVO+ where the base would be operating under all FPCON BRAVO measures but with some CHARLIE measures enacted due to possible threats.

It's also important to note that if there is a threat, the base may go from FPCON ALPHA to FPCON CHARLIE without ever being in BRAVO. The levels may jump up or down as required.

DEFCON (Defense Readiness Condition), well-known since it has been used in many movies about war, is not related to FPCON and not interchangeable. DEFCON relates to the readiness level of the Armed Forces and its ability to respond to an attack against our civilian population. It is overseen by the President and the Secretary of Defense.

The sign at NSA Philadelphia's main gate reads "THREAT CONDITION," which was the previous name for FPCON. The term Threat Condition is no longer used by the Navy but the scale and meaning remain the same.

New Orleans - Master-at-Arms Seaman Morgan Chapman directs a vehicle into the search area so that her car can be inspected during Exercise Solid Curtain. (U.S. Navy photo by Sam Shore)

From the Editor

As we close out 2011 it's general practice to look at the year ahead and make goals for oneself. Things here at the *Freedom Flyer* are a little different because we have made a goal for you. Our goal is for you to become one of the coveted *Freedom Flyer* submitters.

To earn that title you'll need to send in those photos of you and your co-workers at a base or command function like a picnic, MWR event, or a sporting event. If you don't have any photos you want to show off, you can tell us of a great base story that we haven't covered yet. Have something taking up space in your garage or want to arrange a carpool? Go ahead and submit that free classified ad.

This newspaper is yours so help us make it great.

Thank you for reading and have a great holiday season!

--MC2 Matthew R. White

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Turkey Trot 5K

Photos by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Matthew R. White, NSA Philadelphia Public Affairs

Fastest Finishers

Men:

1. Tony Van Doremalen	21:17
2. Angelo Antoine	22:30

Women:

1. Joan Hasenmayer	22:31
2. Jenny Martinez	23:49

SafePractices

Avoiding Holiday Scams

You receive a text message or an automated phone call on your cell phone saying there's a problem with your bank account. You're given a phone number to call or a website to log into and asked to provide personal identifiable information, like a bank account number, PIN, or credit card number, to fix the problem.

But beware: It could be a "smishing" or "vishing" scam and criminals on the other end of the phone or website could be attempting to collect your personal information in order to help themselves to your money. While most cyber scams target your computer, smishing and vishing scams target your mobile phone, and they're becoming a growing threat as a growing number of Americans own mobile phones. (Vishing scams also target land-line phones.)

"Smishing" is a combination of SMS texting and phishing, and "Vishing" is voice and phishing. They are two of the scams the FBI's Internet Crime Complaint Center (IC3) is warning consumers about as we head into the holiday shopping season. These scams are also a reminder that cyber crimes aren't just for computers anymore.

Here's how smishing and vishing scams work: Criminals set up an automated dialing system to text or call people in a particular region or area code (or sometimes they use stolen customer phone numbers from banks or credit unions). The victims receive messages like: "There's a problem with your account," or "Your ATM card needs to be reactivated," and are directed to a phone number or website asking for personal information. Armed with that information, criminals can steal from victims' bank accounts, charge purchases on their charge cards, create a phony ATM card, etc.

Sometimes, if a victim logs onto one of the phony websites with a smartphone, they could also end up downloading malicious software that could give criminals access to anything on the phone. With the growth of mobile banking and the ability to conduct financial transactions online, smishing and vishing attacks may become even more attractive and lucrative for cyber criminals.

Here are a couple of recent smishing case examples:

• Account holders at one particular credit union, after receiving a text about an account problem, called the phone number in the text, gave out their personal information, and had money withdrawn from their bank accounts within 10 minutes of their calls.

• Customers at a bank received a text saying they needed to reactivate their ATM card. Some called the phone number in the text and were prompted to provide their ATM card number, PIN, and expiration date. Thousands of fraudulent withdrawals followed.

Other holiday cyber scams to watch out for include:

• Phishing schemes using e-mails that direct victims to spoofed merchant websites misleading them into providing personal information.

• Online auction and classified ad fraud, where Internet criminals post products they don't have but charge the consumer's credit card anyway and pocket the money.

• Delivery fraud, where online criminals posing as legitimate delivery services offer reduced or free shipping labels for a fee. When the customer tries to ship a package using a phony label, the legitimate delivery service flags it and requests payment from the customer.

For more information about the latest cyber crime scams, visit IC3's website at http://www.IC3.gov

Source: Department of Justice

Tips to Protect Yourself From Cyber Scams

• Don't respond to text messages or automated voice messages from unknown or blocked numbers on your mobile phone.
• Treat your mobile phone like you would your computer…don't download anything unless you trust the source.
• When buying online, use a legitimate payment service and always use a credit card because charges can be disputed if you don't receive what you ordered or find unauthorized charges on your card.
• Check each seller's rating and feedback along with the dates the feedback was posted. Be wary of a seller with a 100 percent positive feedback score, with a low number of feedback postings, or with all feedback posted around the same date.
• Don't respond to unsolicited e-mails (or texts or phone calls, for that matter) requesting personal information, and never click on links or attachments contained within unsolicited e-mails. If you want to go to a merchant's website, type their URL directly into your browser's address bar.

Personal Safety Note

Most people are busy these days getting the last minute Christmas shopping done and preparing for the upcoming holidays. Keep your personal safety in mind. Avoid going out at night alone. Ask a friend to go out with you because there is safety in numbers. Now is a good time to check the locks on doors and windows in your home and repair or replace those that are not working properly. When leaving the mall ask a security officer to walk you out to your car. Avoid leaving packages in the back seat in plain view. Instead, place parcels inside the trunk, or cover them up with a blanket.

Employee Spotlight

Ray Story

Ray Story could be considered a plank owner of the NSA Philadelphia NAVFAC organization, but his career with the Navy started well before that. Story started working at the Philadelphia Navy Yard in March of 1983 in the utilities shop. Following the BRAC closure of PNY, Story moved to NSA in 1996. He is one of two High-Voltage Electricians on base.

Like many other positions in today's economic environment, just because he is a high-voltage electrician doesn't mean that's all he does.

"Since we're a small place I do regular electrical work, too. Indoor, outdoor, lighting, whatever needs fixed," Story said.

Being the guy people call when they need help is one of the things Story likes most about his job.

"When something big happens I go from the guy who changes light bulbs to the man of the hour," he said. "I like helping, and hearing feedback from the customer."

"When the lights go out at 3 a.m., he is the guy I call to fix them," said Ed Riesch, NAVFAC Maintenance Supervisor. "He's a great worker," said Riesch. "He gets out there and he does it."

He also enjoys working for the military.

"I think of it as a privilege to do something that serves the military. It's my way of paying them back since I never served," he said.

When not working, Story said he enjoys salt-water fishing, collecting and playing guitars, and wildlife photography.

"I've always been a bit of a nature buff," said Story. "I fish in kind of a dynamic area with migrating birds flying through. So, when the fish aren't biting I put the (fishing) pole down and take a few snaps."

Around the Base

Above: The NSA command staff enjoys the MWR Holiday Meal together. (Photo by MC2 Matthew R. White)

Above: The Native Nations Dance Theater, Inc. receive a Commander's Coin from Capt. Duke Heinz, NAVSUP WSS after their performance Nov. 15. (Photo by June Goldberg)

Left: Construction progresses on a walkway across the grassy area east of Bldg. 3 where a well-worn path once existed. (Photo by MC2 Matthew R. White)

Below: Cmdr. David Adams, NSA Officer-in-Charge, frocks MA3 Brianna Polley and AS3 Ryan Johnson to third class petty officers.

NSA Classifieds

Please submit your free Classified Ads for the January Flyer to the NSA public affairs office by Wednesday, Jan. 11, 2012. Call 215-697-5995 or email matthew.r.white2@navy.mil for more information.

MWR/ITT Information

• **Trouble finding a holiday gift?** Movie tickets, museum admission tickets, and Entertainment Books all make great gifts. Stop by the MWR ITT office (Bldg. 15) to learn more about what ITT has to offer. ITT is open Monday - Friday from 0900-1300 and 1400-1600. For more information contact Bernie Curran, MWR ITT Manager, at 215-697-9092 or Bernard.curran@navy.mil.

• **Tickets for Hershey Sweet Lights and Hersheypark Christmas Candylane are available at the MWR ITT office.** Hershey Sweet Lights is a holiday drive-thru spectacular which features almost 600 illuminated, animated displays which are sure to delight everyone. The light display is made up of two miles of wooded trails, all of which you can enjoy from the comfort of your own vehicle. Hershey Sweet Lights is open every night through January 1. Purchase your tickets at ITT and save. Tickets are $18.75 per car (Sunday-Thursday) or $24 per car (Friday and Saturday). Want to view even more lights and experience extra excitement? Be sure to visit Hersheypark Christmas Candylane. Hersheypark has been transformed into a winter wonderland featuring two million twinkling lights and festive decorations. While there you'll have an opportunity to sing along with the "Rockin' Music Box Christmas" show, shop in quaint village shops, and even visit reindeer. Check out the Hersheypark website at www.christmasinhershey.com for operating hours. Tickets for visitors ages 3 and over are $11 through the MWR ITT office - a savings of nearly $2 per person. Children 2 and under are free.

• **Leap Into the New Year with MWR.** 2012 is a leap year. Celebrate this quadrennial event and learn more about your NSA Philadelphia MWR facilities by participating in the "Leap Into the New Year with MWR" SCVNGR hunt. Grand prizes include an iPad2 or Galaxy tablet. The competition begins in January. More details will be available soon For more information, contact Jenny Wallace, MWR Director, at 215-697-2055.

• **New MWR ITT Hours.** Beginning Tuesday, January 3, the MWR ITT office will be open Monday - Friday from 0900 until 1700.

• **Interested in booking an upcoming function at the NSA Philadelphia Club?** The club is a great setting for holiday parties, birthday parties, wedding receptions, and military functions. Contact Trisha Curran at 215-697-2297 for additional information.

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The Freedom Flyer will publish free listings of personal items for sale by personnel of the Naval and Defense Activities at Philadelphia. Such items and services must represent an incidental exchange between personnel on the installation and not be business operations. Ads are limited to 15 words, include Command/Code, one per employee, and photos are highly encouraged. Work extensions may only be used on car and van pool ads. All others must use a home or cell phone number. Ads are printed on a space available basis.

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