

NDSTC Sailor continues up the SOY ladder

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PENSACOLA, Fla. – Navy personnel and special guests gathered at the Lighthouse Point Restaurant on board Naval Air Station (NAS) Pensacola Thursday, March 23, to recognize the enlisted Military Members of the Year from throughout the Navy's Manpower, Personnel, Training and Education (MPT&E) enterprise.

The event was sponsored by the Naval Education and Training Command (NETC), and featured Vice Adm. Kevin Moran, Deputy Commander of Naval Personnel (DCNP) and NETC commander, as guest speaker. The highlight of the evening was the announcement of the overall MPT&E Sailor of the Year (SOY), an honor that went to Hospital Corpsman 1st Class (FMF/DV) Jeromy



Photo by Jon Gagné

The 2005 Manpower, Personnel, Training and Education enterprise (MPT&E) Sailor of the Year, HM1 (FMF/DV) Jeromy Cronin, poses with Vice Adm. Kevin Moran, Deputy Chief of Naval Personnel and Commander, Naval Education and Training Command (NETC), left, and NETC Force Master Chief (SW/AW/SS/PJ) Michael McCalip following a special awards dinner March 23 on board Naval Air Station (NAS) Pensacola, Fla., honoring Military Members of the Year from commands throughout the MPT&E organization.

M. Cronin, Naval Personnel Development Command, Navy Diving and Salvage Training Center (NDSTC), Panama City, Fla.

“Petty Officer Cronin is a professional Sailor in every sense of the word,” Moran said. “His continued superior performance and leadership at the Naval Diving and Salvage Training Center serves as a testament to his commitment to not only to his command, but also his community, his shipmates, and his Navy. He has consistently proven himself to be a top performer, exceptional leader and manager, and recognized expert in his field. His future as a Navy leader is unlimited.”

Cronin was selected from a group of seven SOY's from throughout the MPT&E arena who had distinguished themselves through superior performance. Moran credited all of them for stepping up to the plate during a year that tested

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Former Sailor receives award 39 years after event

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PANAMA CITY, Fla. - A former Sailor received the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal March 1 in the auditorium of the Naval Diving & Training Center for heroic actions taken to save his ship. Former Ma-

chinist Mate 3rd Class Gregory Sullivan risked his life to put out a fire onboard the *USS Hartley* (DE-1029) on February 9, 1967.

Sullivan was not properly recognized for his personal heroic actions while fighting the shipboard fire, said Capt. Mark Helmkamp, supervisor of diving at the Naval Sea Systems Command in a letter

to the Secretary of the Navy.

“His actions averted a potentially catastrophic explosion thereby saving the lives of numerous officers and crewmembers of *USS Hartley*,” said Helmkamp.

The fire had started after an incident involving refueling a manually pressurized gasoline blowtorch, said Helmkamp. The resulting ex-

plosion created a fire that threatened to detonate a magazine located in a nearby compartment. Helmkamp said that an ammunition explosion could have potentially destroyed the ship. Protected from the smoke by his oxygen breathing apparatus, and from the flames only by his issued dungarees, Sullivan was

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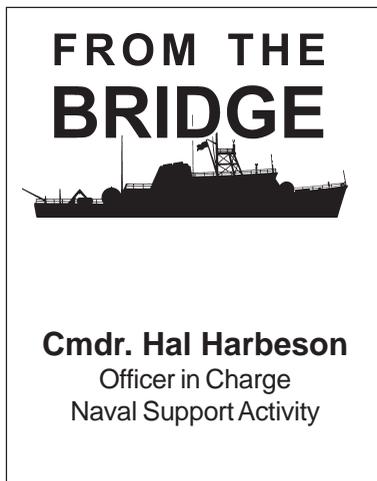
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Integrity at the heart of Navy values

We talk about our Core Navy Values of Honor, Courage and Commitment, sometimes not really thinking of their meaning and how to apply them on a day-to-day basis. A young enlisted submariner wrote the following essay as a disciplinary assignment after a Captain's Mast for taking a shortcut in a maintenance procedure. I think it's appropriate and applicable to the way we all conduct ourselves, both professionally and in our personal lives. The author and his Commanding Officer agreed to its publication in the Fall 2000 issue of Undersea Warfare Magazine, the official magazine of the US Submarine Force. It is reprinted here with permission from the magazine.

Integrity is the heart and the very essence of each Navy Core Value, but more importantly, it is the foundation on



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which every aspect of submarine operations is built. Integrity must be the standard instilled within the innermost heart of every man who takes a submarine to the uttermost depths of the sea. It is integrity that bonds the crew of a submarine so tightly together that when faced with any circumstance, each individual can trust his shipmate to meet the needs of the moment. Integrity comes from within each man's heart and is revealed through his respect for the

standards of conduct. As a submariner, it is my duty and responsibility to maintain the highest degree of integrity while serving my country with honor, courage, and commitment in the United States Navy.

When I think of the word "integrity" as a submariner, I think naturally of the phrase watertight integrity. When we shut the hatches, we value the assurance that no water is going to enter into the people tank, because those hatches

have been inspected, both during PMS, and just before shutting them. As a member of the Auxiliary Division, I have been taught the importance of taking care of our hatches and ensuring the quality of their condition whenever we inspect and conduct maintenance on them. Every one of my shipmates' lives depends on my personal integrity in ensuring that our hatches are squared away. And even when they are rigged for dive, they are second-checked to guarantee their water-tightness.

I say all of this to illustrate the importance of integrity on a submarine. Every submariner is entrusted with the responsibility to operate this vessel of war according to the procedures established for each ship's system. This ensures the safety of our operation and our ability to complete each mission successfully. No matter how big or small the

task I am entrusted with, one mistake could threaten the lives of every one of my shipmates. The procedures that we use today have been written through trial and error in the blood of submariners who have served before me. Following these procedures is not

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VIEWPOINT: "Why do you do the job that you do?"



"It's like getting paid to eat ice cream."

EM1 Josh Ploman
NDSTC Staff
NDSTC



"I'm here to serve God, country, and Corps."

Paul Andrew
Police Officer
NSA PC Security Dept.



"Because the people who kept this country free deserve the health care we provide."

Cindie Summers
Nurse Manager
VA Outpatient Clinic PC



"Pride, excitement, fulfillment, and the satisfaction of helping others in their time of need."

Andy Pfaff
Fire Lieutenant
NSA PC Fire Dept.

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the Navy at every turn. "2005 was a year of change and transformation for the Navy," Moran said. "Sailors assigned to commands throughout the MPT&E enterprise made significant contributions toward successful mission accomplishment through a wide array of assignments. I'm proud to say our Sailors are setting standards of excellence in fighting the global war on terrorism, improving fleet readiness through manpower, training and education solutions, and assisting our nation's citizens following natural disasters."

Cronin, 30, is an Unlimited Dive Supervisor and High Risk Dive Instructor for NDSTC, Panama City. Over the past year he supervised more than 600 divers in 200 high-risk training dive and recompression chamber evolutions with zero mishaps.

Additionally, he was selected as Lead In-

structor and Corpsman for the inaugural SCUBA Mobile Training Team's deployment to Beirut, Lebanon, where he provided medical support, taught diving medicine, and supervised 27 dives for Lebanese armed forces personnel.

He is consistently sought out to teach and mentor students in topics that include physical training, dive medicine, SCUBA, and diving physics, and as a Master Training Specialist, he amassed more than 340 hours of contact time with students and played a key role in reducing training attrition.

While Cronin has continuously excelled at his assignments, he is surprised at his selection as the MPT&E Sailor of the Year.

"I'm completely blown away by this honor," Cronin said. "I never imagined that I could go this far - especially after meeting the

other nominees and knowing of their accomplishments and professionalism. I feel honored to be included in the same category with these outstanding Sailors."

The Tucson, Ariz., native and married father of two, credits his success to his family, his shipmates and his work ethic.

"Receiving an honor like this is something you might dream about as a young Sailor, but not put a lot of thought about it ever really happening," he said. "But, I guess dreams do come true."

"The enormous challenges our Navy has dealt with in the past year and the significant accomplishments of these outstanding Sailors made this competition extremely tough," said NETC Force Master Chief (SW/AW/SS/PJ) Mike McCalip.

"Each of our nominees has truly risen to the task and taken the lead by displaying excep-

tional flexibility and unmatched professionalism in responding to an ever-changing mission. They have proven themselves to be the right Sailors, with the right training in the right place at the right time. These Sailors are ready to become leaders of our 21st century Navy."

As the MPT&E Sailor of the Year, Cronin will now represent the entire MPT&E enterprise at the upcoming Navy-wide Chief of Naval Operations' Shore Sailor of Year competition in Washington, D.C. in May.

The annual MPT&E Sailor of the Year program recognizes the most outstanding Sailors from throughout the enterprise based on sustained superior performance, duty assignments, leadership, professionalism, self-improvement, command and community involvement, and military bearing.

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able to enter the compartment with the hose and fight the fire when others had been overcome by the heat, said Helmkamp.

Sullivan even regained control of the hose after being momentarily knocked unconscious after accidentally directing the stream of water across an electrical panel, he said.

Shortly thereafter Sullivan was able to bring the fire under control so that it could be

entirely extinguished, said Helmkamp. Years later fellow shipmates wrote to the Secretary of the Navy, requesting that Sullivan be noted for his heroism.

"Recognition for what Greg did that day is long overdue," said Michael Hennessey, a former Sailor onboard the *USS Hartley*.

Sullivan received his award, with his brother, who served with him on the *USS Hartley*, and mother in attendance.



Gregory Sullivan

Running safely on the roads of NSA PC

Lt. Cmdr. Ted Cooper
AOIC
NSA PC

Troops in formation, whether running or marching have been a fixture at Naval Support Activity Panama City ever since the Naval Diving and Salvage Training Center came here. Along with troops in formation, we have had many joggers and walkers over the years. We have been very lucky in that we have had only close calls and no actual vehicle-on-pedestrian mishaps.

Two factors are now increasing the odds of such

an accident. The Naval Dive and Salvage Training Center will soon be designated as an "A" school for the new Navy Diver rating. This will increase the number of students on the roads. The other factor that is increasing Sailors on the base roadways is the Navy's increased emphasis on physical fitness.

In order to reduce the chances of a vehicle-on-pedestrian accident please follow these simple rules.

1. Troops in formation have the right of way.
2. When passing troops in formation (running or march-

ing) slow to 10 miles per hour. Ensure the oncoming lane is clear. Pass carefully.

3. Troop formations on roads will be no wider than three columns.

4. Troops in formation will march/run with the flow of traffic. Road Guards will post prior to entering an intersection and remain until the formation is completely through the intersection.

5. Individuals jogging/running/walking on roads will do so against traffic.

6. All personnel jogging/running/walking on station roads will wear reflective clothing/vests/belts during

periods of reduced visibility (from 30 minutes before sunset to 30 minutes after sunrise).

7. Wearing portable headphones, cell phone earphones or other listening devices while walking or jogging on Navy roads and streets is prohibited.

Remember, the "Back 40" out past the Coast Guard station is open daily when ordnance operations are not being conducted. Everyone may PT on the black top road. Only active duty military may train in the woods area.

Reflective Running Gear Available at the NEX

Reflective vinyl belt (one size fits all) \$5.50

Safety vest (high visibility, but NOT reflective) \$7.69

Safety Reflective Vest \$12.99

Reflective arm band (full coverage) \$2.99

Reflective Strip (about 18 inches long) \$3.49

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just a recommendation; it is our duty to use them. There is not always someone looking over my shoulder to make sure that I use required procedures to operate a system or conduct maintenance, nor should there need to be. It is only my personal integrity that guarantees I will accomplish an assigned task properly.

There is no room for compromise in the integrity of our word and deed. We are faced with important decisions every day of our lives. It is vital that we evaluate every detail of every situation before we make a decision. I have learned that rushing myself in that process usually results in poor judgment.

When I rush to accomplish a job, I lose sight of both what is important and the possible

consequences of my actions. The focus becomes only getting the job done by any means possible. Looking back at the mistake I made in attempting to accomplish PMS without a procedure, I see that the time I saved was not worth the compromise of my integrity. Trying to rush my work actually cost my shipmates and I more time and effort than if I had done it properly the first time, not to mention the consequences of my actions if something had gone wrong.

As a submarine sailor I must adhere to the Core Values of the Navy to maintain the military standards of responsibility, order, and discipline. I must have the Honor to deal rightly with all that is entrusted to me - to be loyal, obedient, and respectful to all those appointed over

me and to accept my duty of service. I need to have the Courage to stand up for what is right, even when faced with adversity. Courage accompanied with honesty will guide me to the right decisions. I need to be committed to my responsibility and duties as I obey the orders given to me. Commitment requires self-discipline and a devotion to maintain the highest standards of integrity in my profession. An outstanding submarine crew is one that operates consciously as a team to protect the freedom of their country, while observing Core Values within their hearts.

In closing, I would like to say that writing this essay has given me the opportunity to meditate on what it means to be a submariner. Integrity is the key essential of the submarine service. I

believe we must focus on being consistent in word and deed to maintain our integrity with responsibility, order, and discipline.

I have worked hard to build a reputation for being a trustworthy auxiliaryman, but it only takes one mistake to

destroy the respect for my integrity that I worked so hard to gain. It is my duty to set the standard for integrity as a member of the Auxiliary Division, and as a submariner on board my ship. I do realize that I am not perfect and will make mistakes, but it is

from those mistakes and the mistakes of others that we can learn and grow in our experiences throughout life. I thank God, the author of integrity, for the wisdom to discern its value and for showing the need to apply it to every area of my life.

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Cleanup for base set for April 24-28

Linda Louden
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Property Disposal

PANAMA CITY, Fla. - In preparation for hurricane season, which begins June 1, and command inspections, on behalf of FISC Jacksonville Det - Panama City, NSA PC will host a base cleanup for all commands during the week of April 24-28.

According to NSA PC's FISCJ Det. Site Director/Supply Officer, Clyde Tucker, a myriad of articles may be disposed of during this weeklong cleanup; there are a few items that cannot be accepted.

The forms required for drop off, DD1149,

DD1348-1A, and Excess Memorandum may be filled out in advance to expedite the process. The Property Disposal Office personnel will assist those on site who haven't completed necessary excess documentation prior. Excess items may be disposed of at the different drop-off points throughout the base from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. during those five days. The collection locations will be announced.

All asset or plant property tag numbers for the items being disposed of must be documented. Documentation control is an essential part of this entire process.

"Please do not leave items with or without documents at any of

these locations and then just leave," Tucker said. "We need to know where these items are coming from. It is the responsibility of the employee to ensure documentation accompanies the items."

Hazardous materials, or HazMat, will be taken during those days, but HazMat is also accepted daily in the HazMat Pharmacy located in Building 399. You are encouraged to contact the Pharmacy at either ext. 4920 or 4805 for coordination of excess HazMat turn-ins prior to the base cleanup.

Funding is an essential part of this as well as some assistance that may be required by PWC JAX. Each re-

spective command should ensure funding is already established at the PWC JAX center in Jacksonville prior to the base cleanup. Denver Dauphin, PWC JAX POC, can be reached at 234-4794 to discuss any PWC JAX support or funding issues.

The following are examples of excess items to be accepted:

Furniture

Computers (Including Legacy computers and laptops) (CPUs must have hard drives removed with statement, see Janice Creel, x5590,) call Jonnie Smallman, x5394.

Class A refrigerator, air conditioners or other items using Freon. These items must be free of leaks, rust and deterioration. Contact Public Works trouble desk at ext. 4390 for Freon removal prior to excessing.

Circuit Boards must never be discarded in the dumpsters.

Safes and filing cabinets with combinations (NSA PC security must review items before they are collected.)

What not to dump

These items can NOT go in the dumpsters. Staff will be on hand at drop off sites to accept these items for turn in.

- Liquids** of any type
- Aerosol cans**
- Batteries**, except alkaline less than 9 volt
- HazMat containers**, empty or still containing material (All unlabeled HazMat will require analysis to determine the contents. Ask everyone in the shop to identify the material to avoid additional cost.)
- Empty compressed gas cylinders** (valves removed and a hole drilled into container.)
- Mercury** containing articles (bulbs, ther-
- mostats, thermometers - items safeguarded as to not touch each or other objects that could cause breakage.)
- Light ballasts**
- Lead weights**
- Tires** with rim removed (rim can be moved to scrap metal)
- Circuit Boards** (free of software, literature, and packing)
- Electronics**
- Scrap metal (all Navy markings obliterated)**
- Government property**

The following items will NOT be accepted:

- Classified materials** (must be destroyed)
- NMCI equipment**
- Software Literature**
- Ink cartridges** (recycle)
- Software programs** (must be destroyed)
- Any inert ordnance** (NSA PC Armory POCs' Mr. Steve Jones, NSA Ordnance Officer, or GMC Sanderson, the Armory Chief, ext. 3071/3074/3076)

Working together we can produce another success story for a base cleanup requirement. The key to our success is each of us understanding our requirements with in the process, working collectively to satisfy those requirements and agreeing that our common goal is to make the base a cleaner and safer place to work.

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Aviation Safety Call to Attention

Lt. Rich Hemenway
Aviation Unit Safety Officer
NSWC PC

On my office wall rests a plaque that lists the military "Regulations For Operation of Aircraft" circa 1920. My favorite rule is "pilots will never wear spurs while flying." The runner-up is "hedge-hopping will not be tolerated." Pilots and aircrew routinely walk past the sign and laugh at the thought of doing any of the antiquated maneuvers.

What is ingrained in every aviator is that NATOPS (our standardized aircraft-operating procedures) is written in blood. As odd as they may seem, those pre-NATOPS antiquated procedures, as are our procedures today, were written to counteract a loss of assets (blood) whether human or machine. As mishap trends arise, it's our duty and our leadership's responsibility to analyze and reverse that trend.

Today's trend is human error – not a breakdown of the machine – but, a breakdown of the individuals who work and operate on the machine. The numbers don't lie.

From 1996-2005 human error accounted for 72 percent of all Naval aviation mishaps. This fiscal year we have had nine "Class A" mishaps – most resulting from human error. Our leadership has recognized the trend and called for an all "Navy Aviation Safety Stand-down."

How do we fix a human trend? We must take this directed opportunity to realize we are not immune, analyze our climate, procedures, and individuals.

We have an impressive 42-years-worth of "Class A" mishap-free flying. This is an accomplishment but not encompassing of our climate. "Class A" is an aircraft-related death or greater than \$1,000,000 in damage. We

have had some lapses in safety, just none that have spiraled to this category. During my three-year tenure as the Aviation Unit Safety Officer, I have seen maintenance malpractices, violations of operating proce-

dures, and several off-duty mishaps. Luckily, most of the evolutions were stopped, caught, or resulted in minor injuries; but we are just as guilty as those unfortunate "class A" squadrons.

I believe the fundamentals are in place. We are a dedicated group of professionals who believe in their jobs and in their abilities. We have the desire to stop a mishap for the sake of a shipmate or mission readiness. Each person realizes his ability to lead and stop and unsafe practice.

How do we implement controls and continue to empower the individual as a leader? Operational Risk Management (ORM) and Crew Resource Management (CRM): two tools, which en-

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The following employees are approved Leave Donor Program recipients:

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able an individual to understand his or her duties, risks, and the limitations of a mission. By analyzing the mission, aviation personnel are empowered as leaders and have the ability to recognize risk. Consequently, this empowers an individual to stop an unsafe evolution.

I have challenged all pilots, aircrew, and each work center, via the safety council to reintroduce ORM and CRM. Let's continue to be proactive, empower, and hold our individuals accountable for safety – with no tolerance toward complacency.

Chapel Hours

✠ **Easter Sunrise Service** - All are invited to attend the Easter Sunrise Service at the Air Operations Hangar at 7:00 a.m. April 16. A regular service is scheduled at 10:00 a.m.

✠ Seashore Chapel invites all to a casual relaxed atmosphere of blended worship which appeals to all ages and traditions.

✠ Worship with us Sundays at 10 a.m.

✠ The Sea Shore Chapel is located in Building 304 with the Housing Welcome Center. For more info call Chaplain Howard at 234-4084.

The blessing of the fleet



photo by Woody Bollinger

Lt. Benjamin Howard blesses the *Poseidon* (YDT-16) as it passes by the Panama City Marina March 25. Approximately 25 boats attended the event, despite the inclement weather. According to the New Georgia Encyclopedia the blessing of the fleet is a centuries-old tradition originating in southern European, predominantly Catholic, fishing communities. A blessing from the local priest was meant to ensure a safe and bountiful season.

Domestic violence: what it is and how we can help

April is domestic violence awareness month, when we can reflect on how this violation of human dignity has a profound negative effect on the individuals involved, and on the military in general. All parties - victim, offender, and Navy - become losers.

OPNAVINST 1752.2A is the official guideline for the management of the Navy Family Advocacy Program (FAP), and Naval Support Activity, Panama City, Florida Instruction 1752.2 (Draft) describes how domestic violence issues are handled at this Naval Installation. Domestic Violence consists of any form of spouse and/or child abuse or neglect.

Spouse and child abuse has a negative effect upon military readiness, effectiveness, and good order and discipline. According to the instruction

This is a leadership issue! Commanding officers will undertake a continuous effort to reduce and eliminate child and spouse abuse at every level of the command. When suspected child or spouse abuse by a service member comes to the attention of the member's commanding officer, he or she will take prompt action to include holding the member accountable for his or her behavior. Additionally, commanding officers shall undertake measures to prevent further violence to the victim(s), and promote victim safety.

NSA PC has a well-established Family Advocacy Program to both prevent and hold offenders accountable for domestic violence. Each tenant command has an assigned

The Cavitt Report



Dr. Bill Cavitt
NSA PC
Clinical Counselor

FAP representative who answers directly to their commanding officer concerning FAP issues. Dr. Bill Cavitt is the FAP Program Manager who will guide the investigat-

ing and reporting of any form of Domestic violence (not to interfere with Security, NCIS, DCF or Local Police). His job is to ensure that proper FAP procedures are followed and timely reports are made. However the command FAP representatives are responsible for gathering facts, making service member available and following through on Case Review Committee (CRC) recommendations. Dr. Cavitt will work very closely with command security, medical, chaplain, NCIS, housing, and commanding officer representatives concerning FAP issues. The designated FAP command representatives are:

- NSA PC**
MCPO Mark Fogarty
230-7322
- NSWC**
MCPO Kyle Gaillard
234-4284

- Naval Branch Health Clinic**
SCPO Jose Negron
234-4533
- NDSTC**
MCPO John Reiss
235-5268
- Center for EOD and Diving**
MCPO James Nichols
235-5267
- NEDU**
Lt. John Milton
230-3102

If a military member becomes aware of any form of domestic violence such as spouse or child abuse/neglect it is his or her responsibility to report it to the appropriate command representative listed above. Any military leader who fails to take appropriate action concerning domestic violence can be held accountable by higher authority.

What you should know about Sexual Assault Awareness Month

Sexual Assault Prevention & Response Office

Sexual assaults are a challenge to our nation, and the military is not immune to this challenge. In 2004, there were 1700 reported sexual assaults within the military. Sexual assaults are detrimental to mission readiness and conflict with the core values of each Military Service. Needless to say, sexual assault will not be tolerated in the Department.

Nationally, April is observed as Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM) as a way to raise awareness about sexual assault and to promote prevention of sexual violence through special

events and public education. The Department of Defense (DoD) theme for 2006 SAAM is: *Sexual Assault Prevention Begins With You*. This slogan serves to remind us that each of us can

play a role - as a leader, a teacher, a friend or co-worker - in sexual assault prevention. New DoD policies addressing sexual assault prevention and response

seek to establish a climate of confidence in which:

- sexual assault and the attitudes that promote it are not tolerated
- victims of sexual assault receive the care and support

that they need

- the offenders are held accountable for their actions

Sexual assault has long-term effects on victims and military units. The Depart-

ment is committed to preventing sexual assault. We have put in place a reporting structure with specific guidelines and protocols, so all assault cases are responded to appropriately and that the in-

vestigations of sexual assaults are timely, effective and sensitive to the victim's needs. When confronting the crime of sexual assault in the Department, the Sexual Assault

Prevention and Response Program is addressing a societal issue. Common values such as honor, courage, Service before self, and country, unite every service member and utterly contradict the actions that sustain sexual misconduct. Each service member should continue to be environmentally aware, addressing any behaviors that inadvertently or directly facilitate harassment or assault. Sexual assault prevention begins with you.

Victims who desire treatment and/or support, as well as an investigation, can contact the Sexual Assault Victim Intervention Coordinator SH1 Duane White at 234-4268.

“In calendar year 2004 there were 1,700 reported sexual assaults in the Military Services. 123 of these occurred in the Area of Responsibility (AOR).”

- DoD CY04 Annual Report to Congress -

Briefs

AT&T and Navy Entertainment presents The Comics on Duty World Tour April 7 at 7:00 p.m.
Long Glass Community Center
Don't miss this all headliner show! \$7 advance or \$10 at the door - Tickets include Appetizer Buffet. Tickets are available at the MWR Admin Office, Bldg 468 or the Liberty Center, Bldg 450
For more information please call 234-4374

Spring Fling April 15, 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Come join us for our annual Easter Egg Hunt, starting exactly at 10:00 a.m. You'll want to stick around for all the new and exciting rides and attractions for all ages from the Winnie the Pooh Moonwalk to the Human Somersault. Play some fun games such as the Potty Toss and do some spin art. Get your face painted, and then get your picture taken with one of the many animals Zoo World will be bringing. Listen to the tunes of our DJ from Pro Sound and Watch the Demo of Thunderbirds National Karate Team at noon. Stop by the Identify-a-Kid Tent and have NSA-PC Security finger print your child to keep your youth safe this summer.

We will have the hamburgers, hot dogs, chips, sodas and water and snow cones available on sale from the MWR unit of NEDU and NDSTC. Did someone say Ice Scream? That's right I Scream U Scream ice cream truck will be here to dish out all your favorites. So mark your calendar you don't want to miss this one

Family Movie Night at NDSTC

FREE Juices and Popcorn

April 14 at 7:00 p.m.

CHICKEN LITTLE (Rated G)

Chicken Little joins the local baseball team and, despite the fact that he is barely bigger than a baseball himself, he manages to smack a championship-winning homerun. But no sooner has Chicken Little redeemed himself then he is conked on the head one more time. And this time the sky really is falling! Fearful of once again being labeled crazy, Chicken Little tells no one but his best friends. Chicken Little eventually discovers that he needs to risk his newfound popularity and alert his father and the town.

Lifeguard Training Course: April 10 - April 15
Become certified by the American Red Cross to be a lifeguard. The class will be held at the MWR Pool Monday to Friday from 6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. and Saturday from 9:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. The cost is \$130. To register, please call the Red Cross at 850-763-6587.

PT can be fun and games



Photo by JO3 Joseph Moon

BM2 Miguel Sardinias swings at a softball, pitched to him by BMCS (SW) Robin Abrahams March 29 at the NSA PC baseball field. NSA PC Sailors enjoyed a softball game and a barbeque, courtesy of a MWR fund granted quarterly for activities.

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Littoral combat ship mission packages assembled, tested at Panama City

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WASHINGTON — As the first two Littoral Combat Ship (LCS) seaframes are taking shape, the first mission packages are being assembled and tested at the Naval Surface Warfare Center (NSWC) in Panama City, Fla.

LCS will be a reconfigurable, focused-mission ship that employs modular mission packages to counter anti-access threats in the littoral from mines, submarines and small, fast attack boats.

"It has a very focused mission in a particular operating environment against very specific threats," said Capt. Walt

Wright, program manager for LCS Mission Modules in the Navy's Program Executive Office for Littoral and Mine Warfare.

"We're bringing a large number of individual systems primarily focused on unmanned platforms — unmanned underwater vehicles, unmanned surface vehicles [and] unmanned air vehicles — in which we've integrated sensors and weapon systems. And we have put them together in a modularized fashion to put into the mission bays of the seaframe. We have a mission crew of only 15 people," Wright said.

A mission package includes the mission systems, mission modules and mission

crew. NSWC Panama City is designing, developing and integrating the systems for the mine warfare (MIW) mission package.

The antisubmarine warfare (ASW) package is being created by Space and Naval Warfare Systems Command (SPAWAR) in San Diego along with Naval Undersea Systems Center, Newport, R.I. The surface warfare (SUW) mission package is being developed by Naval Surface Warfare Center, Dahlgren, Va.

Lockheed Martin is building a semi-planing monohull design at Marinette Marine in Marinette, Wisc. General Dynamics is building a trimaran LCS at Austal in Mobile, Ala.

"We are creating the first of the three mission packages for LCS," says Jose Velez, a systems engineer and the

LCS customer advocate at NSWC Panama City. "Nobody's ever done it before."

NSWC Panama City is also the certifying authority for all of the mission packages. "We certify that the mission packages are ready. We check the interfaces, validate the communications and verify everything works the way it's supposed to and that they are ready for fleet use," Velez says.

The seaframe has the basic combat management system (CMS) with the computing environment and post mission analysis tools for each of the mission packages.

Each of the two ship designs, while very different, had to meet requirements for weight, volume, power, storage, and physical and computer interfaces, along with speed, draft and inherent self-defense capabilities.

The initial Flight 0 LCS employs "come as you are" offboard combat systems. These are systems that were

in various stages of development prior to the LCS concept, and they were adapted for use on LCS. The two LCS seaframes employ different launch and recovery systems. In the future, the Navy hopes to develop a family of standard offboard systems optimized for use with LCS, with common launch and recovery systems, common command and control, and common communications.

The Navy is using "spiral development" in developing and testing mission packages.

"We don't want to push these systems too fast. We'll build a little, and test a little. We'll get a capability into the fleet, and see how well it performs before trying to add more capability," says Velez. "Then we can look at what other mission areas we want to address with LCS."

The first team of Navy mission specialists has been identified and will begin training this spring at Panama City, working with the actual equipment.

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Naval Support Activity Panama City Officer in Charge Cmdr. Hal Harbeson pins the Navy Achievement Medal on RP1 Kenneth Eddie for his accomplishments while stationed here, on March 20. Also recognized that day were, SK1 Lindian Steele, who received the Outstanding Achievement award from USAA for being the NSA PC Sailor of the Year, and BM2 Miguel Sardinias, who received the Navy Achievement Medal for actions that prevented the *Shrike* (MHC-62) from running aground while he piloted one of the port operations pusher-boats.