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Navy names Panama City scientists among its ‘tops’ of the year

By Dan Broadstreet, NSWC PCD Public Affairs

The Department of the Navy (DoN) has selected two scientists from the Naval Surface Warfare Center Panama City Division (NSWC PCD) to receive the “Top Scientists and Engineers of the Year Award” for their exceptional scientific and engineering achievements in 2007.

“Mr. Richard Ernst, of NSWC PCD Unmanned Systems Technology Branch, and Dr. Ted Clem, of NSWC PCD’s Intelligent Sensing Branch, exemplify the dedication and teamwork employed at this lab,” said NSWC PCD Commander, Capt. Andrew Buduo III.



Ted Clem



Richard Ernst

Buduo said Ernst and Clem merited his personal congratulations for being selected from a considerably-sized pool of candidates.

“When you consider there are approximately 35,000 scientists and engineers working for the U.S. Navy’s acquisition workforce, to be chosen as part of 34 awardees from a strong field of nominees is a testimony to outstanding performance,” Buduo added.

Crediting their network of support, Clem and Ernst expressed appreciation on behalf of their colleagues while describing their work with the Navy's cutting-edge technologies. Both scientists credited the Office of Naval Research as invaluable support, wishing to express thanks to a host of other sponsors and entities too numerous to mention.

"After several years of preparatory work, we executed the first successful demonstration of sea mine identification using an array of magnetic, acoustic, and electro-optic sensors operating onboard unmanned underwater vehicles," Clem said, adding that the technology is approaching readiness levels required for transition to the Fleet enabling the Navy to take Navy-Marine divers out of the mine fields.

"I am grateful to be acknowledged for work focused on development and integration of unmanned system common control standards and architectures," Ernst said. "The shift to an open architecture approach will enable a business process migration from proprietary products towards a marketplace for professional services to extend and adapt capabilities on demand – a shift that will provide tremendous benefits to the Department of Defense."

In a memorandum dated April 14, 2008, Acting Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Research, Development, and Acquisition) John S. Thackrah stated he was pleased to notice there were "Emerging Investigators" among nominees whom had fewer than 10 years government experience.

"Many of the Emerging Investigators gave credit to a mentor.... These mentors perform a critical function in our workforce development efforts and I ask you to thank them for their efforts as well," Thackrah said, adding that, "Reinvigorating the technical competency in our workforce is a top priority and mentoring relationships such as these plays a critical role in achieving that goal."

Ernst and Clem received their awards at a special ceremony held at the Pentagon May 29.



Yuko Mallory gets a manicure from a Haney Technical Center cosmetologist at the Military Spouse Appreciation Event at the Long Glass May 16. Photo by Steve Applegate

Military spouses treated at special event

From the Fleet and Family Support Center

Nearly 80 spouses and dependents of active-duty members from all branches of the military attended the annual Military Spouse Appreciation Event at the Long Glass May 16, hosted by the Fleet and Family Support Center at Naval Support Activity Panama City.

Spouses were treated to free manicures and pedicures by the Haney Technical Center cosmetology department and NSA PC Morale, Welfare and Recreation provided a delicious lunch for everyone. The children received free goody bags, coloring and supervised play in a fun area, complete with a bubble machine while moms were being pampered. Drawings were held every 15 minutes for gifts and gift certificates, and every spouse took home a heavy-duty tote bag filled with goodies.

GMH Military Housing gave away free items and signed up housing residents for flowers to beautify their homes. Starr Bond, Military Family Employment

Specialist with the Workforce Center, was on hand to provide information on applying for jobs in Bay County.

“This is Naval Support Activity Panama City’s way of showing our support and appreciation to all Military Spouses,” said Sue Brookhart, FFSC Manager. “We hope you will join us next year!”

New facility to house life support systems engineering and logistics

***By Sue McKnight, Construction Manager,
NAVFACSE FEAD, PWD Panama City***



Gear worn by this Navy firefighter was Developed for shipboard use by the Naval Surface Warfare Center Panama City Division. (File photo)

The newest construction project aboard NSA Panama City is the Damage Control Personal Protection (DCPP) Facility, Building 603, located on Gull Circle.

The project was completed by the Naval Facilities Engineering Command SE, Public Works Department, Facilities Engineering and Acquisition Division –Panama City. NSWC PCD outfits the surface and subsurface Fleet with systems that improve the capability to conduct damage control and firefighting operations aboard ship.

Naval Surface Warfare Center Panama City Division will use this facility for engineering, testing and documentation support of a number of life support systems.

This new facility was designed to help NSWC PCD provide engineering and integrated logistics support for the Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus, associated compressors, filtration systems, and lockers, as well as other life

support systems, such as the Emergency Escape Breathing Device and the Supplied Air Respirator for contained environments.

The 2,560 sq. ft. metal building has a forklift-accessible open bay space with a roll-up door, an instrumentation lab, a documentation room, office space and a restroom. Completed within the original budget, the project took eight months from award to turnover to the customer on April 29, at a total construction contract cost of \$633,784.20.

This new facility replaces existing containers used to house this function and provides a much-improved work environment for the personnel who perform testing, engineering and documentation support for these critical systems.

Clinic to offer Smoking Cessation Program

Naval Branch Health Clinic Panama City will be starting a “Smoking Cessation Program” beginning June 4. It is open to active duty, AD family members and retirees and their families who are assigned to the Clinic assigned as their Primary Care Manager. The Program will consist of training, support groups and the medication that is best suited for individual success. For questions and enrollment in the program please contact Susan at 230-7085.

Length of Service Awards

20 YEARS

Brenda D. McNair
Steven D. Albertson
Lillian L. Cooper
James A. Elston

25 YEARS

Anne C. Brown
David C. Hamon
Dennis R. Weilert
Patricia S. Arceneaux
Linda G. Brown

30 YEARS

Kevin M. Lang
Joseph M. Fucci



Photo by Steve Applegate

NAVY FAMILY, RETIRING!

Storekeeper Petty Officer First Class (SCW) Lindian B. Steele returns the side boys' salute as he escorts his wife, Katherine ashore for the last time as a Sailor. Steele retired in a ceremony at the Long Glass on May 9 after 20 years of service. His last assignment was at the NSA Panama City Port Operations boathouse. He was NSA PC's Sailor of the Year in 2006.

NDSTC announces 2008 Copper Collar Run

The Naval Diving and Salvage Training Center will be hosting the 28th Annual Copper Collar Run on July 12, 2008 at St. Andrews State Park. The race consists of a 5K run and a 1-mile fun run. Race day registration will begin at 6:30 a.m. The race will commence at 7:30 and will conclude no later than 9:30. The race registration for the 5K will cost \$20 for individuals and \$60 for 5 person teams. The 1-mile fun run will cost \$10 per person and start at 7:00; race day registration will cost an additional \$5. Online registration can be found at www.active.com or <https://www.npdc.navy.mil/ceneodive/ndstc/> to download the application. All runners, both military and civilian, are invited to attend.

Remembered:



William W. McCrory Jr.

William W. "Bill" McCrory Jr., 74, of Panama City, Fla., passed away Saturday, May 24, 2008, at his home.

He was born in Ozark, Ala., grew up in Dothan, Ala., and graduated from Dothan High School and Auburn University. Bill lived in Panama City for the last 47 years and retired as a mechanical engineer at the Naval Coastal Systems Center after 42 years of service. Bill was a loving husband and father who enjoyed spending time with family and friends. In his younger years, he enjoyed breeding horses and woodworking and was a U.S. Army veteran.

Survivors include his wife of 47 years, Miriam McCrory of Panama City; his sons, Clint McCrory and wife, Lynn, of Dozier, Ala., and John McCrory and wife, Melody, of Panama City; his sisters, Nancy Rankin and husband, Bruce, and Nora McNair, all of Dothan, Ala.; his grandson, Will McCrory of Dozier, Ala.; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held at 10 a.m. Tuesday, May 27, 2008, at the Kent-Forest Lawn Funeral Home chapel with Chaplain Virgil Tillman officiating. Interment followed at Evergreen Memorial Gardens. In lieu of flowers, contributions in Bill's name may be made to Covenant Hospice, 107 W. 19th St., Panama City, FL 32405.

Competitive Sourcing Update:

Non-Guard Security Agency tender to be implemented

***By Mary Anne Broderick Tubman
Region Southeast Public Affairs***

Commander, Navy Installations Command (CNIC) received approval May 19 from the Department of Defense Competitive Sourcing Official, Department of the Undersecretary of Defense, Installations and Environment, to implement the agency tender, which is the government bid, for the Non-Guard Security support activities at 80 Navy installations identified in the solicitation.

This decision is based on the fact that no satisfactory private sector responses to the solicitation were received. Competition must exist for a low-cost performance decision to be made.

In the next step of the process, the contracting officer will determine that the agency tender meets all specifications outlined in the solicitation at a realistic price.

Employee briefings will be conducted to communicate the results of this evaluation. In the meantime, updates will be published on the CNIC Web site: https://www.cni.navy.mil/cnic_hq_site/CompetitiveSourcing/index.htm

The option to submit questions on the Web site is also available, and answers will be posted.

Courier Classifieds

***For rent: 3 bdrm. 3 bath.** Waterfront balcony, dock, pool, tennis. Water/cable/trash included. \$1200 per month. Call 850-624-2863 or email: bcbz71@comcast.net

***Eclectis Parrot.** "Captain Jack," 2 yrs. old, healthy and good-natured. \$800 with cage. Contact Ken at 871-0723.

***75 gal. glass fish tank** w/ stand, pump rated 200gal; glass lids, light (3 way top-of-the-line); tank décor; and a box full of other items to maintain a salt tank. Normally, all of this would cost an aquarist about \$1.4K. These items for sale for \$500 OBO. Call 871-0723.

***Waterfront Home** 2 bed / 2 bath unique home. Private dock w/ boat lift. Gulf access (10 Minutes) Hot tub 2 decks. Great yard \$1,700 per month. Contact 850-960-2766.

***Palmetto Trace Townhouse** Available for Rent- Great community for families with kids. 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath, lawn service included. Gated community pool. \$1200 a month. Please call 230-8561 or 348-9277.

***LARGEST & LOWEST-priced 4 BR** on the Beach. A 4-BR 2-BA 1700 sq. ft. Brick Home at 133 Manistee Av. (near Hwy.79.) Has metal roof and a new 3 ton RUDD heat pump. Fenced rear yard with a wired 16 x 20 workshop. Double car-port. Just 1/2 mile to Beach. \$180,000. Call 479-254-8490 or 479-381-5441.

***2006 Winnebago** Outlook 31C Class C Motor home, 31 ft, Ford V10, 1 slide and 7k miles. Sleeps 6, AM/FM/CD/Sirius radio, AC/furnace for heat, microwave, 3 burner stove w/ oven, 21" TV, queen bed, shower w/sky light, outside entertainment ctr. plus much more. \$65,500 obo. 784-1928.

***Great for Kids**, Riverside Park, Lynn Haven area. 4014 Riverside Dr. New luxury 4 bed/2.5 bath. 2500 sq. ft. Gym, Pools, Bay Access, Playground. 1yr. lease min. Reduced Rent! 850-527-9380.

***1 BD/BA Waterfront** furnished condo @ Sun Harbor Marina near Navy Base. Very comfortable and attractive setting. Some util. incl. No smokers/pets, \$725/mo. \$600 dep. 234-4674 or 763-8028, Avail. now.

***16' multiple position ladder**, \$50. Call 235-5919 or 914-0360.

***Beautiful 3/2 in Lynn Haven** – completely updated. 1,910 sq. ft., oversized 2 car garage, split floor plan, gigantic great room with 18ft ceilings, carpet/tile/cherry wood floors, fireplace, SS appliances, detached studio/office with bath, large yard w/deck and privacy fence. Lots of storage. Many updates! Great family neighborhood - best schools in Bay County. 1605 Massachusetts Ave - \$259,900. Call 850-769-8326 and ask for Paul Calhoun.

***Carolina Skiff J16** - Yamaha 25 HP 4-Stroke Motor, power tilt & trim, trolling motor, large front and rear decks, galvanized trailer, well maintained, garage-kept, \$4500, 522-0450.

***Palm Bay Home**--3 bed / 2-1/2 bath, pool, 10 ft ceilings, 2350 sq ft, split floor plan, custom kitchen, 7 min. to base, \$365,000, MLS 377671 or contact 404-964-4645.

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