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SE Region committed to greener future



Commander Navy Region Southeast Rear Adm. Tim Alexander signs a proclamation kicking off the upcoming 40th anniversary of Earth Day as Southeast Region Environmental Program Director Camille Destafney looks on, April 16. Rear Adm. Alexander urged the Navy's Southeast community towards environmental stewardship, environmentally-healthy mission partnerships, and energy conservation.

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Commander Navy Region Southeast Rear Adm. Tim Alexander kicked off the 40th Anniversary of Earth Day April 16, to be celebrated April 22, by signing a proclamation urging the Navy's Southeast community toward environmental stewardship,

environmentally-healthy mission partnerships, and energy conservation.

"As stewards of the earth, our mission must always be performed in a manner that protects the environment, prevents pollution, and protects our natural, historic and cultural resources," Rear Adm. Alexander said. "The Navy will continue its evolution toward a green fleet and its commitment to a high standard of stewardship. I urge all personnel to conserve energy, protect the

environment and participate in your local Earth Day events."

Naval Air Stations Jacksonville, Pensacola, New Orleans, and Naval Seabee Base Gulfport, already have activities planned to foster environmental stewardship on their bases April 22.

Naval Support Activity Panama City is will participate in a Earth Day Shoreline Cleanup Wednesday, to kick-off the

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Remembering the Holocaust



Civilian and military guest pray at a Holocaust Day of Remembrance Yom HaShoah held in the Main Deck on Naval Support Activity Panama City April 8. Mila Rodomska Hodges, whose father was arrested as a political prisoner as a member of the underground resistance was the guest speaker. Leaders of the local Jewish community also attended the event.

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Eleven candles were lit by Religious Programs Specialist 2nd Class Sean Schreiber in memory of the 11 million lives lost during the Holocaust at the Holocaust Day of Remembrance Yom HaShoah.

Recycling tip

What to do with your Cardboard:

Corrugated cardboard boxes
NO PIZZA BOXES
 Place all broken down boxes in the containers located behind the Navy Exchange and Bldg 110.

Questions on Recycling?

Contact the Public Works
 Solid Waste Manager at
 (850)-235-5394

Navy “Partnering for a greener future” on Earth Day

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The United States Navy is celebrating the 40th Anniversary of Earth Day April 22 with Navy and Marine Corps commands worldwide participating in activities on and around that date to galvanize environmental stewardship.

The Navy’s theme for Earth Day 2010, “Partnering for a Greener Future,” emphasizes the Navy’s partnerships with other military services, federal and state agencies, non-government organizations, industry, and civilians. The Navy relies on partnerships to achieve the shared goals of protecting the environment and providing energy security for the nation and its allies. Examples of these efforts are as follows:

- Since summer 2009, the Navy has participated in the Interagency Ocean Policy Task Force, led by the White House Council on Environmental Quality. The task force’s purpose is to develop national policy and a framework that enables sustainable use of oceans, lakes, and coastal areas in a manner that supports the nation’s environmental, economic, recreational, and security priorities.

- The Navy is working with the shipbuilding industry to integrate a broad spectrum of energy efficiency initiatives on ships, such as stern flaps and propeller coatings that reduce petroleum consumption per mile.

- The Navy has completed environmental planning, permitting and consultations for eight training, testing, and operating areas at sea, with six more to be completed this year. These efforts mark the beginning of a continuous cycle of environmental planning work and annual renewals with the National Marine Fisheries Service.



Photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Clifford L. H. Davis

Secretary of the Navy (SECNAV) the Honorable Ray Mabus, with the Navy’s F/A-18 Green Hornet, speaks with reporters about the Navy’s F/A-18 Green Hornet following a speech by President Barack Obama. The president announced today additional measures to boost domestic energy production for the Nation to include strategic efforts by Department of Defense to enhance energy security. The Green Hornet is part of the Navy’s biofuel program to develop alternative fuel sources to reach the Secretary of the Navy’s energy reform targets.

- In 2009, the Navy commissioned the USS Makin Island, the world’s first hybrid fuel warship. Built by Northrop Grumman, the ship will conserve fuel and enable the Navy to save hundreds of millions of dollars in fuel costs over the life of ship.

- The Navy continues to collaborate with academic institutions and government agencies to fund research that will increase scientific knowledge about marine mammals and minimize the potential for Navy activities to affect marine life.

On Earth Day 2010, the Navy will demonstrate an F/A-18 Super Hornet, called the Green Hornet, powered by a 50/50 biofuel blend. The fuel, made from the *Camelina sativa* plant,

is produced by Sustainable Oils of Bozeman, Montana. The flight demonstration will take place at Naval Air Station Patuxent River, Md. The Navy is also participating in research and development to identify other biofuel sources with the goal of reducing dependence on foreign energy sources and using fuel with a lower net carbon footprint than petroleum fuels.

More than 50 installations are celebrating Earth Day 2010, with community events such as shoreline and neighborhood cleanups, tree plantings, recycling challenges, fun runs, wildlife rescues, and more.

By 2016 the Navy will sail with a “Great Green Fleet” composed of nuclear ships, surface combatants with hybrid electric power systems using biofuel and aircraft flying on biofuels.

NSWC PCD 2009 Sailor and Junior Sailor of the Year

FROM NSWC PCD PUBLIC AFFAIRS

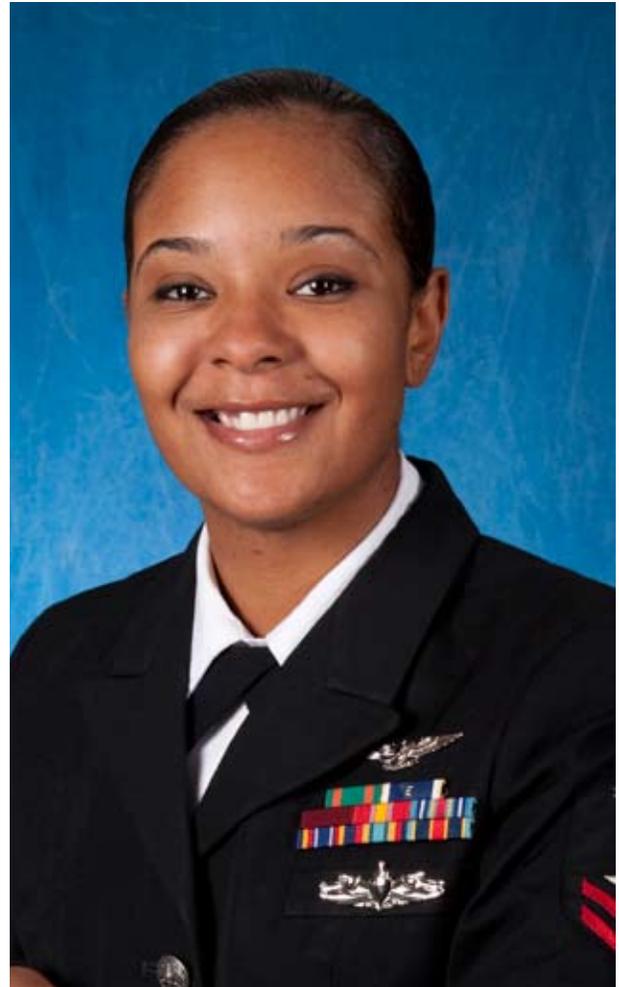
ND1 (DSW) Justin Griffin and AZ2 (AW/SW) Danielle Alexeas were recognized as the Naval Surface Warfare Center Panama City Division's (NSWC PCD) 2009 Sailor of the Year and Junior Sailor of the Year, respectively, at a ceremony held January 22 at Naval Support Activity Panama City's Main Deck.

NSWC PCD Commander, Capt. Tom Brovarone, USN, recognized each Sailor's steadfast and selfless devotion that are in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service.



ND1 (DSW) Justin Griffin

ND1 (DSW) Griffin's role as a command leader, mentor and supervisor led to his selection as the 2009 NSWC PCD Sailor of the Year. While serving as diving supervisor, 3-M coordinator and Leading Petty Officer at NSWC PCD, Griffin was solely responsible for ensuring a comprehensive equipment maintenance plan for \$500,000 of diving life support systems. His leadership significantly contributed to the command receiving the highest grade possible on its most recent Diving Operational Readiness Assessment



AZ2 (AW/SW) Danielle Alexeas

AZ2 (AW/SW) Danielle Alexeas exercised meticulous managerial skills having tracked the receipt and transfer of 223 mission critical air craft components allowing the aviation unit to maintain a 98 percent mission capable rate for two MH-53E and two MH-60S helicopters. As command fitness leader, she motivated and led 45 Sailors in weekly physical training sessions increasing overall Physical Readiness Training scores from the previous year. In addition, her off duty volunteer community service with "Big Brothers, Big Sisters of northwest Florida" and having completed 18 hours of college education have led to her selection as the 2009 NSWC PCD Junior Sailor of the Year.

US Navy Divers Support Recovery of ROK Ship

STORY BY MASS COMMUNICATION SPECIALIST 2ND CLASS BYRON C. LINDER, NAVY PUBLIC AFFAIRS SUPPORT ELEMENT DET. JAPAN

Sailors of Mobile Diving and Salvage Unit (MDSU) 1, based out of Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, and Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) Mobile Unit (EODMU) 5 Platoon 501 based out of Sasebo, Japan, are diving in the Yellow Sea in support of the recovery and salvage of the Republic of Korea Ship (ROK) Cheonan.

“We’re here to offer all the help we can. We’re ready to step in anytime and dive or assist hands-on in any way we can,” said Navy Diver 3rd Class Andrew Kornelsen, a Madison, Wis., native. “I’ve been training for something like this for over two years.”

Navy Diver 1st Class (DSW) Quentin Felderman, assistant lead petty officer for MDSU-1, explained the challenging nature of the dives.

“We found out the current is rougher than we expected, and we’re learning to work with the EOD guys. But we’ve been preparing for this for a while now, and we’re working together well.”

On April 9, five ROK divers from the Sea Salvage and Rescue Unit (SSU) came aboard the Military Sealift Command rescue and salvage ship USNS Salvor (T-ARS 52) to perform joint diving operations. Felder-



Photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Byron C. Linder

A diver is recovered by helicopter during a medical evacuation training exercise involving the U.S. and Republic of Korea navies. Personnel from Explosive Ordnance Disposal Mobile Unit (EODMU) 5, and Mobile Diving and Salvage Unit (MDSU) 1, embarked aboard the Military Sealift Command rescue and salvage ship USNS Salvor (T-ARS 52) and search and rescue units from the amphibious dock landing ship USS Harpers Ferry (LSD 49) are participating in the exercise. In the background is the Republic of Korea Navy salvage and rescue ship ROKS Gwangyang (ATS 28).

man explained the benefits of working face-to-face with their counterparts.

“We get to learn about how they do things, and there’s a lot both sides can learn. Their techniques are different than ours. They do scuba dives almost exclusively, and we do surface-supply dives,” Felderman said.

ROK Chief Jong Suk Kang, an SSU diver, expressed his appreciation for the ability to work with MDSU-1.

“I have done many dives, but I have worked with the U.S. divers only once before. I am glad to have them to help with our diving,” he said.

MDSU-1, EODMU-5 Platoon

501, USNS Salvor, USS Harpers Ferry, USS Curtis Wilbur and Helicopter Sea Combat Squadron 25 Detachment 6 are currently supporting ROK salvage efforts at the site under the direction of on-scene commander for US support, Rear Adm. Richard Landolt, Commander, Amphibious Force Seventh Fleet.

Green future (cont'd from pg. 1)

Bay County/Northwest Florida Shoreline Restoration Project that will run from April through November 2010. (See pg. 8)

Coinciding with the Navy’s Earth Day 2010 theme of “Partnering for a Greener Future,” Navy Region Southeast is a member of the Gulf of Mexico Alliance, the South Atlantic Alliance, the Southeast Partnership of Planning and Sustainability, as well as many other local and regional partnerships. According to Southeast Region Envi-

ronmental Program Manager Camille Destafney, partnerships provide the opportunity to learn partners’ values and missions, and to educate them on the Navy’s mission, resulting in greater understanding and opportunities to further all missions while protecting the environment.

“Over the past 40 years, the Navy has made huge strides

in environmental stewardship and protection of our natural resources,” said Destafney. “Forty years ago, no one understood hazardous substances and the impact they have on health; today we understand that and have laws in place to regulate them. The Navy has embraced and become a leader in the environmental movement.”

Sailors finish strong as Arnold HS track and field volunteers

PHOTOS BY MASS COMMUNICATION SPECIALIST 2ND CLASS DAVID DIDIER



Electricians Mate 2nd Class Thao Tran rakes the sand pit at the end of the long jump during a track and field competition at Arnold High School March 26.



Engineman 3rd Class Lamar Stevens serves concessions at Arnold High School while volunteering at the track and field meet March 26. Sailors from Naval Support Activity Panama City volunteered to provide assistance with timing, judging, and measuring at events such as long jump, discus, shot-put and hurdles during the competition.



Engineman 2nd Class Koon Huang and others set up hurdles for the Arnold High School track and field competition March 26.



Chief Electricians Mate Oral Sutherland measures the distance of the long jump competition at the Arnold High School track and field meet March 26. Sutherland was instrumental in coordinating the Navy volunteers for the event.



Engineman 2nd Class Christopher Diaz makes a pulled pork sandwich while serving concessions at the Arnold High School track and field meet March 26.

SE Region declares April sexual assault awareness month

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Commander Navy Region Southeast RDML Tim Alexander signed a proclamation April 15, declaring April as Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM).

"This proclamation is a springboard for education and awareness," RDML Alexander said. "Effort from every individual is necessary to ensure safety and quality of life for our shipmates and in our communities. Sexual assault is an affront to mission readiness because it undermines the health and dignity of individuals; the well-being of the Navy is dependent upon the well-being of its people. I urge all personnel to reach out to victims, learn more about this crime, speak out against it, and intervene to prevent it."

According to Commander Navy Installations Command, the Navy recorded approximately 600 reports of sexual assault in fiscal year 2009. A sexual assault is an attack that can reverberate throughout a unit and beyond, degrading readiness by harming the life of the victim and the ability of a unit to work effectively as a team.

"This is a pivotal time in Navy history surrounding sexual assault awareness and prevention, with the highest level of attention from Navy leadership on

the issue that I have seen in my 10 years experience working for the Navy," said Julie Mooney, Southeast Region credentialing and programs manager. "Leadership and those on the front lines working in sexual assault prevention and response have called for a culture change within the Navy where sexual intimidation, harassment and assault are not tolerated."

RDML Alexander's proclamation echoes the Department of Defense 2010 SAAM theme of "Hurts one. Affects all."

Installations within the Southeast are already responding by hosting leadership training, 5k walk/runs, setting up information booths and conducting training in civilian sexual assault and rape crisis centers.

For information about sexual assault awareness, prevention, and services please contact Amy Ficke, NSA PC Sexual Assault Response Coordinator, at 235-5459.



Confined Space Recovery

Confined spaces can be deadly unless employees are aware of hazards and understand safety measures required to prevent accidents and injuries. OSHA defines confined spaces as work areas with certain features.

Confined spaces are large enough to enter and work in, have limited entry and exit areas and are not designed to be occupied for extended periods.

Examples of confined spaces include tanks, silos, storage bins, hoppers, vaults, pits, furnaces, tunnels, sewers, pipelines, crawl spaces, process vessels, and underground areas.

Common tasks performed in confined spaces include cleaning, painting, welding, scraping, performing repairs, and maintenance.

Confined space hazards include hazardous atmosphere or potential for one;

materials such as sand or grain that could potentially engulf a person in the space;

slanting walls or sloped and tapering floor that could trap or asphyxiate an entrant

Any other recognized serious safety or health hazard, such as heat, falls, noise, equipment, or electricity

NSAPC Confined Space Program Manager (CSPM) or the contractors certified Gas Free Engineer are responsible for testing and inspecting confined spaces to make sure they are safe for employees to enter. Failing to identify hazards and take precautions causes thousands of serious injuries and many deaths in confined spaces every year.

For more information please contact the NSAPC Confined Spaces Program Manager Michael Young at (850) 230-7306

**Check out the
Naval Support
Activity Panama
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page**

**Ask questions, see more
photos and find out about
upcoming events.**

Join Naval Support Activity Panama City's 4th annual Earth Day shoreline cleanup

Wednesday, April 21
from 9:00-11:30



Meet at the Building 308 flagpole

**Upcoming Volunteer
Opportunities:**

(Dates to be determined)



Thursdays - Fridays:

Reef installation with base military/civilian volunteers

Saturdays:

Grass Planting with military families and community
volunteers/organizations

**Call the NSA PC Environmental office at 235-
5739 for more information**

Sailor's Creed

I am a United States Sailor.

I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States of America and I will obey the orders of those appointed over me.

I represent the fighting spirit of the Navy and all who have gone before me to defend freedom and democracy around the world.

I proudly serve my country's Navy combat team with Honor, Courage and Commitment.

I am committed to excellence and the fair treatment of all.

