

Happy Holidays!

Rocketeer II

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Holiday open house Dec. 18

China Lake will host the annual holiday open house Dec. 18 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Employees will be able to escort family members and friends to tour their work areas on base, upon approval of their supervisor.

Employees are reminded not all areas are open for tours.

Tax assistance needed

The NAWS China Lake VITA Coordinator is looking for volunteers to assist with this year's tax season. Military VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance) volunteers provide free tax help to active duty and retired military members and their families.

Volunteers will receive free Income Tax Training to prepare federal and California personal income tax returns by the Internal Revenue Service and the California Franchise Tax Board. For more information on becoming a volunteer, call 760-939-5630.

Rocketeer II closing for the holidays

The Rocketeer II office will be closed Dec. 18 through Jan. 4. The next published issue of the Rocketeer II will be Jan. 14.

However, the Public Affairs Office will remain open. For any questions or story submissions, please contact the PAO at 939-1683.

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Ribbon cut for new lab at China Lake



Photo by Greg Turnbaugh

The ribbon is cut Dec. 15 for the Weapon Systems Center for Integration (WSCI), marking the completion of the first BRAC-related new construction project at China Lake. Pictured from left are NAWS Commanding Officer Capt. Jeffrey A. Dodson, NAWCWD Executive Director Scott O'Neil, Systems Engineering Department Chief Operating Officer Dwayne Heinsma, NAWCWD Commander Capt. Mark Storch and NAVFAC Assistant Operations Officer Capt. Martin Smith. The 23,000 square foot facility will be the focal point for development and testing of weapons systems at China Lake. Employees working in the WSCI will support mission-level engineering and integration efforts. The facility has been designated as Building 00006 and consists of four computer labs, management suites, a conference area, cubicle areas and a collaborative work space. While at work, employees will also have the chance to improve their health on one of two treadmill-workstations set up in the WSCI. The community "walk-stations" are designed to allow employees to read e-mail and even perform other tasks while walking at a safe pace.

China Lake awarded for energy conservation

By Hannah Munoz
Editor



Courtesy photo

The 124 kilowatt photovoltaic carport structure produces healthy energy for China Lake employees, and also shades the staff's parked cars. This project was positively recognized by FEMP.

Due to China Lake's persistent energy and water conservation efforts, the base was recently honored with the Renewable Energy Award from the Federal Energy Management Program (FEMP), as well as a gold level of achievement from the Secretary of Navy for Water and Energy Management.

"It's good to know we are getting recognized for our efforts," said Sean Halpin, utility and energy manager for Naval Facility Engineering Command Southwest at China Lake. "We will continue to strive toward conserving more energy."

The FEMP award was distributed to China Lake Oct. 29, recognizing

CFC donations deadline Dec. 18

By John Bennett
Editor

A total of \$64,505 has been raised so far through the China Lake Combined Federal Campaign, according to local CFC officials.

"My thanks to all those who have already pledged donations to this year's Combined Federal Campaign," said NAWCWD Commander Capt. Mark Storch. "Through Dec. 18, the opportunity is still open for us to impact the lives of others through giving to our charities of choice."

Storch, who is also on the Local Federal Coordinating Committee board, said the goal for this year is \$200,000.

For more information about how CFC works, talk to one of the keyworkers assigned to your teams or give Susan Walker a call at 939-7426.

CFC is the only authorized solicitation of federal employees in their workplaces on behalf of approved charitable organizations. The campaign allows employees to contributions to various local, state, national and international charities and organizations through payroll deductions. The Local Federal Coordinating Committee is responsible for oversight of the local campaign and is comprised of China Lake federal employees and non-China Lake federal employees. The committee also organizes the kickoff event and related activities.

the 7 percent energy reduction rate on base during the 2008 fiscal year, in regard to the prior year. This also showed to be 23 percent lower than the 2003 fiscal year baseline.

Water conservation was also displayed during the 2008 fiscal year, with the base 23 percent lower than the 2007 baseline. This became the result of installing a state of the art irrigation control system, and relentless modifications to current irrigation controls, according to FEMP.

FEMP recognized China Lake's energy reduction management in saving roughly \$1.8 million in water and energy reductions from the 39 billion BTU and 148 million gallons of water from 2007 fiscal year.

Commentary

Islamic New Year Dec. 18

By Ed Khatib

Islamic Congregation President

month of fasting (Ramadan) ends with the festival of Eid al-Fitr. The literal term of "Eid al-Fitr" means "festival of breaking the fast," and this is when people dress in their finest clothes, adorn their homes with lights and decorations, give treats to children and enjoy visits with friends and family. A sense of generosity and gratitude fills these festivities.

Although charity and good deeds are always important in Islam, they have special significance in this festival by sharing their blessings feeding the poor and making contributions to the unfortunate individuals.

Second, Eid al-Adha, or the Feast of Sacrifice, begins on the tenth day of Dhu'l-Hijja. This is the

last month of the Islamic calendar. Lasting for three days, it occurs at the conclusion of the annual Hajj, or pilgrimage to Mecca. Muslims world-wide celebrate this, not only the individuals undertaking the hajj in traveling to Mecca, which for most Muslims is a once-a-lifetime occurrence.

The festival is celebrated by sacrificing a lamb or other animal and distributing the meat to relatives, friends and the poor. The meat from the sacrifice is mostly distributed, as one-third is eaten by immediate family and relatives, one-third is given away to friends and one-third is donated to the poor. The Islamic pilgrimage to Mecca (Hajj) is based on two requirements.

The first requirement is

the physical ability to travel, and second, on being able to independently cover financial expense.

It is the largest gathering of humanity at any one time, attracting nearly 3 million people annually. The hajj has been performed by Muslims every year for the past 1422 years.

In conclusion, I would like to extend greetings to the entire community, and to all congregations. I ask God to help us love and respect all, and to support this great nation by displaying peace and justice to lead the rest of the nations by spreading peace and freedom.

Best Wishes and Happy Holidays.

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It comes out on flex Thursdays, the opposite week the base newspaper comes out.

If you have something you would like to go into the newsletter or newspaper, or if you would like to receive it direct, you can contact the NAWA Public Affairs Office, peggy.shoaf@navy.mil

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Upon request, transportation is available to worship services in the city of Ridgecrest.

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Military

WRC welcomes sailor's homecoming from Iraq

By Sylvia Dubeau
NAWS Public Affairs

After a nine-month tour in Camp Victory, Iraq, Petty Officer Clayton Brown returned home to the United States, Friday, Dec. 4. Supporting NAWCWD's Tactical Dissemination Module Program managed by Pete Lesniak, System of Systems Architecture Division (Code 4.1P) at the Al Faw Palace headquarters, Brown admitted the homecoming was bittersweet.

"I am kind of sad because I was seeing positive changes in Iraq and now I don't have an impact on those changes anymore. At the same time, I'm joyful because I get to be with my friends and family."

Brown, a Navy Reservist and former active duty service member, volunteered for the orders to Baghdad. As an Operations Specialist (OS), his knowledge of tactical communication equipment and capabilities helped support the P-3 Orion's flying Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance (ISR) missions within the Iraqi

theater. Recent Rocketeer articles highlighted the TDM mission.

Regardless of the associated dangers and extended time apart from his loved ones, Brown reflected fondly on his time overseas and expressed his trust in the other brave men and women with whom he served. Although there were, as he put it, "occasional incoming rounds," Brown was confident in the abilities of his fellow service members standing watch during these times.

When asked about his life back at home in Covington, Ky., Brown affectionately spoke of his children but admitted that he missed the active duty lifestyle. "I miss the whole active duty service, the camaraderie among the Sailors, the travel and even the deployments," he said.

Brown was attached to Code: 41P China Lake and was supported by the Warfighter Response Center during his time as an individual augmentee but will have spent only a few days processing in and out at China Lake before returning home to the East Coast.

China Lake greets Naval Air Forces Commander



Photo by Hannah Munoz

Naval Air Forces Commander Vice Adm. Thomas J. Kilcline, center, is welcomed aboard China Lake by VX-9 Executive Officer Cmdr. John Sperdelolzzi, left, Air Operations Officer Cmdr. Dan Harmon, VX-9 Chief Operational Test Director Capt. Don Berry and VX-9 Commanding Officer Capt. Dan Doster. Kilcline was on station to visit VX-9's Ward Room and personnel.

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VX-31 completes AV-8B LPD operability testing

VX-31 and the AV-8B Integrated Product Team (IPT) recently conducted shipboard testing on the newest Amphibious Transport Dock (LPD) San Antonio class U.S. Navy ship. The LPD is an amphibious ship used as one of the naval mainstays of the Marine Expeditionary Unit as it deploys worldwide to conduct a wide range of contingency operations from beach-head preparation and assault to humanitarian assistance missions.

The *USS Green Bay* (LPD-20) is the fourth of this class of a projected 10 and was commissioned in January 2009. The *USS Green Bay* is capable of carrying up to 800 Marines, their support vehicles (trucks, tanks, artillery), landing craft-air cushion (LCAC) hover craft, helicopters, and AV-8B Harriers.

With the construction of a new ship comes a requirement to develop acceptable operational wind envelopes to safely launch and recover aircraft. Here is where the U.S. Navy turned to VX-31 and the AV-8B IPT resident here at NAWS China Lake.

The primary purpose of the testing was to evaluate the San Antonio class LPD for AV-8B

operations and develop operating envelopes for the AV-8B.

A secondary objective was to collect thermal data on the heating and cooling of the flight deck and the non-skid material applied to all carrier decks. This data will be used in modeling the effects of the increased temperatures associated with Joint Strike Fighter (JSF) operations in the future.

"The tests were highly successful due to the professionalism of all parties involved from the impeccable aircraft maintenance team at VX-31, highly motivated *USS Green Bay* flight deck crew, superlative support Marines from MWSS-371 and MAG-13, to the dedicated flight test team from the AV-8B Joint System Support Activity at China Lake and Carrier Suitability Competency at Patuxent River" said Major William "Opie" Rothermel, the project officer of the program.

In all, 73 vertical takeoffs and landings were safely conducted onboard *USS Green Bay* to fully define the safe operating envelope for the AV-8B.

"As in most flight test efforts, this evolution was not without surprise. The LPD has two spots available for AV-8B operations.

Spot 2 is on the aft portion of the 80'x240' landing area and Spot 1 is forward, a mere 30' from the ship's superstructure," said Rothermel.

"The initial expectation was that Spot 2 would be largely unaffected by changes in wind due to it being so far from the superstructure while Spot 1 would have large amounts of turbulence due to the abrupt edges of the superstructure. In fact, the streamlined nature of the new hull design created a very clean airflow around the superstructure that came to meet aft of Spot 2, leaving a pocket of only moderately turbulent air over the landing areas."

Despite more influence than expected, Spot 2 landings were found to be operationally safe from all relative wind directions with small degradations of handling qualities as the aircraft approached the landing spot. Spot 1 landings were influenced to a great extent by aircraft jet exhaust bouncing off the flight deck and superstructure a mere 30' away. Hot exhaust re-entering the engine intake and the exhaust gas "bouncing" off the ship superstructure increased pilot workload for most Spot 1 landings.

"Thermal data collected



Photo by Lt. Kristopher Dickson

was highly valuable to thermal engineers as they look forward to predicting the insulating effects of the non-skid material," said Rothermel.

"The flight deck heated and cooled much slower than expected due to the insulating nature of the non-skid material. All in all, the VX-31 and AV-8B IPT team safely executed this challenging test program with great success,"

said Rothermel.

"This is why I became a test pilot," said Rothermel. "To do something in an airplane that has not been done before and help the Navy/Marine Corps team develop war-fighting equipment that is safe and effective for the fleet is something that brings me great personal satisfaction. Thanks to every one on the team for making it a success."

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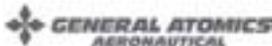
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The base-wide energy management was also possible partly due to the exertion of program implementation, such as the existing photovoltaic carport structure. The 124 kilowatt carport continues to produce healthy energy for China Lake employees, and also shades the staff's parked cars, both of which were applauded by FEMP.

The scheme proved to be quite the success, which inspired two, now existing, additional PV carports, with an overall amount of 133 kilowatts. The carports were a result of 785 million BTU reductions alone, saving the base \$56,000 annually.

There is also construction underway for added PV carports at the Range Control Center, The Airfield parking lot #3 and Michelson Lab, as well as solar roofs and solar thermal developments. Furthermore procurement of a utility scale solar generating plant located on base is underway.

Base recipients for renewable energy initiatives included China Lake, Marine Corps Base Hawaii and Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii. FEMP also recognized the Department of the Navy with eight awards, identifying their outstanding water and energy resourcefulness. In addition to this, two presidential energy awards were distributed to the Navy.

The acknowledgements took place at the Presidential Awards for Leadership in Federal Energy Management, located in Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center in Washington, D.C.

The Navy has received 30 percent of FEMP's awards and 28 percent of the Presidential Awards over a nine-year span, since FEMP began awarding individuals, groups and corporations for outstanding efforts in reducing water and energy.

Eight Department of Energy FEMP awards were distributed rewarding responsible energy management and water efficiency. In addition to this, two presidential energy awards were given to the Navy.

The second award received by China Lake was the gold level of achievement from the Secretary of the Navy (SECNAV). This recognized China Lake's dedication to outstanding energy and water conservation.

SECNAV distributed three levels of achievement, including the platinum award, gold level of achievement and the blue level of achievement.

Along with China Lake's gold level recognition, other bases who received the award were: Naval Air Facility El Centro, Naval Air Station Fallon, Nev., Naval Air Station Lemoore, Naval Base Coronado,

Naval Support Detachment Monterey and Naval Weapons Station Seal Beach.

According to Naval Air Station Lemoore's public works officer, Cmdr. Machelie Vieux noted the Navy Region Southwest has generally been recognized with exceptional recognition from SECNAV, according to Navycompass.com.

Although the Navy is continuing to succeed in meeting energy efficiency goals, the Navy has declared new energy objectives to further reduce carbon footprint.

By 2012, the Navy will revamp nuclear crafts and ships to run on biofuel in local procedures, making it a Green collection.

The target by 2015 is to lessen petroleum application by 50 percent of the commercial fleet. This will happen as more hybrid electric and neighborhood electric vehicles are introduced.

Then, in 2016, the Navy has aimed to travel on a "Great Green Fleet" made up of nuclear ships, exterior fighters with hybrid electric power devices using biofuel and aircraft using only biofuels.

In addition to this, the Navy plans to have roughly half of the Navy's shore-supporting energy resorting from other resources.

Putting forth conservation on China Lake's golf course

By Hannah Munoz
Editor

"The event underscored the importance of energy and water conservation at China Lake."

The Energy Awareness Inaugural Golf Tournament held on China Lake Golf Course Oct. 30 was another creative way to educate individuals on conserving water and energy.

Participants not only competed in a golf tournament, they were challenged with an energy awareness question upon arriving at each hole. If answered incorrect, a stroke was added to the golfer's score. Golfers were quizzed in classic scramble order.

NAVFACSW China Lake Utility and Energy office hosted the event, as did PG & E and Southern California Edison. The theme of the tournament was "Do your part and be energy smart."

"The event underscored the importance of energy and water conservation at China Lake," said Sean Halpin, NAVFACSW energy and utility manager.

"A key Navy mission effort is eliminating wasted water and energy. China Lake is approaching this in a multi-effort manner through both conservation projects, renewable projects and through the efforts of individuals."

Although this was viewed as

an enjoyable event for participants, golfers were still out to win. SCE provided prizes for the first through third place winners, as well as free treats for all.

First place winners were Brandon Okerland, Bill Rothermel, Bruce Bull and David Lauritsen. Second place was secured by Byron Vink, Delvin Chicoine, Danny Roy and Carl Whiteley.

Ben Harvey, Rich Hollins, Steve Fallis and Greg Ostrom clutched third place.

In addition to the unique golf tournament, participants were also provided free lunch, courtesy of PG&E.

The energy and utility department hopes to make this an annual event. Halpin also acknowledged his goal is to encourage all China Lake individuals to take a hands-on approach in conserving water and energy.

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Safety Message

Holiday decoration safety reminders

During this holiday season we all look forward to special gatherings and celebrations with friends and loved ones. Our homes will be decorated to enhance the atmosphere of the holidays. Holiday decorations can be joyful, but can pose dangers if improperly used, especially for children. Every year thousands of needless injuries and deaths occur around the holidays. A little caution and planning while preparing your home for the holiday will help you avoid tragedy during the upcoming holiday season.

TREES

When buying a natural tree, the most important safety factor is freshness. The higher the moisture content the less likely it is to dry out and become a fire hazard. Check for freshness by examining the needles. Bend them between your fingers. They should bend easily and not break. Tap the tree gently on a firm surface or shake it, if many needles fall off, the tree is too dry. Do not rely on the tree color, many are sprayed green. To keep your tree fresh longer, cut 1-2 inches off the trunk and mount in a sturdy stand which can hold at least one gallon of water. Locate the tree away from fireplaces, portable heaters, and other heat sources. Do not block stairs or doorways. Dispose of the tree when needles begin to fall off in large quantities.

HOLIDAY LIGHTING

Overloaded outlets and frayed cords are the leading cause of home fires around the holidays. Use only holiday lights that have been tested and certified by a Nationally Recognized Testing Laboratory such as Underwriters Laboratories. Inspect electric lights for broken or cracked sockets and frayed wires and replace if necessary. Do not use indoor lights outdoors. Outdoor lights should be weatherproof and clearly identified as designed for outdoor use. Remove outdoor lighting as soon as the season is over. Even these lights are not designed to withstand prolonged exposure to the elements. Do not overload extension cords, and do not connect more than three sets of lights to one cord. Outlets should be readily accessible for quick disconnection if necessary. Never use lighted candles on or near a tree or other decorations. Always turn off all holiday lights when you go to sleep at night or leave home.

POISONOUS DECORATIONS



Beware of toxic decorations. Plants and flowers such as Mistletoe and Holly are considered toxic. Before decorating with holiday plants and flowers or giving them as gifts to families with small children or pets, do some research and be sure it is safe choice. Antique or foreign made ornaments may contain lead and should be kept out of a child's reach. Fire Salts (which produce a multicolored effect when thrown on burning wood) contain heavy metals, which if swallowed may cause serious gastrointestinal problems and vomiting. If your child consumes anything questionable, immediately call your physician or the Poison Control Center at 1-800-222-1222.

ORNAMENTS AND CANDLES

Avoid placing small or breakable ornaments on lower branches where children or pets can reach them and knock them off. Every year many children are treated for cuts from broken ornaments, or from swallowing broken pieces and small parts. Candles can add a nice atmosphere to your holiday decorations, but they can also pose a fire hazard. According to the National Fire Protection Association December is the peak time of year for home candle fires. When using candles, place them in a sturdy candle holder and place on a stable surface which is a safe distance from combustibles. Keep candles away from children and pet and always extinguish prior to leaving a room or going to bed. Visit the National Candle Association website for tips on safe candle burning in your home. Better yet, try battery operated "candles" as an alternative decorating choice.

FIREPLACES



Fireplaces are very popular during the holidays. Before starting a fire, remove all decorations from the area and be sure that the flu is open. Always use a sturdy fireplace screen. Do not burn wrappings or evergreen boughs. These can burn extremely fast, throwing off sparks and burning debris. Safely dispose of wrapping paper with your normal trash collection. Don't forget to have your chimney inspected and cleaned as recommended. Finally, never leave your fire unattended. Residential fires and mishaps during the holiday season are especially tragic. Celebration and joy can quickly turn to sorrow and anguish because basic safety guidelines were neglected. It really can happen to you, so be careful and have a safe and healthy holiday season!

China Lake 2009 status on mishaps experienced

FY02 mishap rate baseline: 6.25 mishaps per 100 employees

Current mishap rate: 1.35 Percent reduction: 78%

2009 OSHA Recordable Mishap cases: 47

- 1) N21N: Lacerated thumb while attempting to cut pad lock off of locker.
- 2) 525110D: Injured shoulder lifting and moving large objects during tear out of major I & M project.
- 3) N93N: Back pain after bending to put clipboard on desktop and then lifting a child at the Child Dev Center.
- 4) N93N: Slipped in "Instant Snow" product that had spilled on the floor by children at play at Child Dev Center.
- 5) 466000D: Bodily reaction to contact with Poison Oak at the scene of a mishap investigation while TDY.
- 6) N93N: Lower back strain lifting boxes of frozen vegetables to load them into an upright freezer.
- 7) 471200D: Lifting 30 lb. Pelican Case with handles, employee felt wrist pain and heard pop.
- 8) 5260MD: While handling weapon nose cone, front end tilted up abruptly, hitting employee in the head.
- 9) N91N: Tripped over a box left in doorway and jarred upper body when grabbing wall to catch fall.
- 10) 47J160D: Slipped on wet floor and caught door frame to avoid a fall - twisted ankle and sore neck/back.
- 11) 475100D: Lacerated top of hand when sheet metal being de-burred became unbalanced and flipped up then

- fell on hand.
- 12) J17000D: Fell while going down back stairs of Headquarters building - knee/ankle bruising and swelling.
- 13) N23N: During mutual aid fire fighting response, employee tripped and fell over fire hose submerged under water and foam - pulled tendon in leg.
- 14) 71320AD: Back pain was experienced after lifting and moving boxes of Xerox paper.
- 15) 52320MD: Lift jack failed while lifting trailer tongue - employee lost balance and hit shoulder on back of truck.
- 16) 478700D: Lacerated thumb on metal edge of table preparing for fuse inspection process.
- 17) N21N: Stepped off platform outside of door and foot slipped off the side twisting ankle - sprained ankle.
- 18) 412000D: Tripped and fell while going up the stairs of the Blue Whale, building 20000A.
- 19) 462000D: Foot caught on box banding material and employee tripped and fell while stepping forward.
- 20) 451400D: Strained heel/Achilles tendon while assisting to move a cart holding a pod.
- 21) N92N: Back strain as a result of lifting a 32" TV set from the ground in a storage area.
- 22) N21N: Received laceration by

the eye when struck by co-workers elbow while playing basketball during PT.

- 23) N92N: Back strained while operating a riding lawn mower that hit sprinkler that jarred the rider
- 24) 52741MD: Metal fragments/debris in eye while tracing cable bundle below floor tiles.
- 25) 474300D: Vehicle mishap on Mountain Springs CYN Rd resulted in various bodily strains/bruises.
- 26) N00N: Strained back while lifting and moving flag stands during clean out of storage area.
- 27) N92N: Back pain after lifting and carrying aggressive child from classroom to office area of Child Dev Center.
- 28) N92N: Twisted ankle after losing footing while stepping down from sundeck steps.
- 29) N92N: Slipped and fell in playground on sand while running after child requiring care - contusions/scrapes.
- 30) 472400D: Lacerated finger with metal banding material that slipped during tightening.
- 31) 52100MD: Thumb lacerated by protruding metal latch in narrow walkway of storage seavan.
- 32) N92N: Chemical contact/burn when cleaning grill with corrosive material that splashed.
- 33) N21N: Sprained ankle playing basketball during police physical training (PT).
- 34) N23N: Strained back moving manikin in aircraft during rescue training operation.
- 35) 413100D: Stepped on a pad eye in concrete on hangar deck and twisted ankle causing fracture.
- 36) N92N: While removing a

case of frozen pizzas from freezer, lifted and twisted, injuring left side of back.

- 37) 52722MD: Back pain was experienced while bending forward to place a box of office supplies on the ground.
- 38) N92N: Right shoulder pain resulted after unloading a shipment of cases of beverages and a small keg.
- 39) N21N: Spider bite after resting hand on concrete planter at the front gate while standing a guard post.
- 40) 474200D: Tripped and fell while stepping over cable/cord at test site and strained wrist.
- 41) 4L6100D: Thumb/wrist pain attributed to repetitive motion due to increased workload on computer.
- 42) 475100D: While turning component on a lathe, lacerated left index finger requiring sutures.
- 43) 47J210D: Employee experienced hernia after pushing cart loaded with 1500 lb. missile.
- 44) N21N: While loading weapon, employee twisted upper torso and felt pain in back and down leg.
- 45) N23N: Firefighter strained knee while playing volleyball during Fire Department Physical Training (PT).
- 46) 52131MD: While giving range tour, employee tripped over rock and fell injuring hand and finger.
- 47) 475500D: While removing hydraulic lift gate from truck, gate slipped and finger was caught/pinched.

Safety is always priority

By Capt. Jeffrey A. Dodson
NAWS Commanding Officer

1. Navy policy is to provide a safe and healthful workplace for all personnel. As the Commanding Officer of the Naval Air Weapons Station, I am fully committed to supporting the Navy's safety policies and procedures. I expect the same commitment from all who work aboard this Station regardless of which tenant or Command you may be assigned.

2. Safety does not occur by chance. It is a result of careful attention by every manager, supervisor and employee working aboard the NAWS. It is the responsibility of every employee to use safe work practices and take an active role in the prevention of mishaps. Mishaps result in pain and suffering, financial loss and mission delay. We must practice risk management in all that we do. For operations or tasks that are hazardous in nature or where the level of risk is unknown, the use of Operational Risk Management is expected. Operational Risk Management is an emphasis

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Carrier visit gives young WD engineers new perspective



Contributed photo

Alex Ordway, in the back, Sean Marquez and Iris Brambila enjoy the rare opportunity to fly aboard an aircraft carrier at sea Nov. 18. Marquez said the landing was "interesting" but not as bad as he expected.

By Renee Hatcher
NAWCWD Public Affairs

Sixteen young professionals from NAWCWD visited USS John C. Stennis (CVN-74) while at sea on Nov. 18-19 as part of the Scientists-to-Sea program.

"This was an incredible opportunity for them to learn

visiting an underway carrier would be an invaluable experience for any engineer.

"This was a very eye-opening experience to see what these men and women go through on a daily basis," Lemons said. "We got to hear firsthand what they'd like to have for improvements; I came back to work very motivated."

The group spent about 25 hours on the ship and visited the Combat Direction Center, Air Operations, the hangar bay, health services and the bakery. They also spent time with the Black Knights of Strike Fighter Squadron VFA-154, and had breakfast with some of the ship's enlisted Sailors.

The visit to the Stennis was memorable in more ways than one. The group was transported onto the carrier deck in a C-2A Greyhound. The Greyhound's pilot caught the wire on the first pass taking the aircraft from 160 to 0 mph in 1.5 seconds

"The landing on the carrier was better than any rollercoaster ride at Disneyland," said Staci Mathews, a system safety analyst in the NAWCWD System Safety Engineering Branch.

firsthand the operating conditions for the systems they are, or will be, working on and to meet the warfighters who will be the ultimate customers of their products," said Capt. Rich Burr, military director for the Weapons and Energetics Department (4.7).

Ashley Lemons, a systems engineer in Threat Signal Processing In-the-Loop Lab, said

The Stennis was just completing a sustainment exercise so the China Lakers were able to walk off the ship in port at NAS North Island.

Mathews recommends that anybody who works in weapons development should go visit a carrier if given the opportunity.

"From a safety perspective, it was very beneficial to see the high-risk environments our Sailors are exposed to each day," Mathews said. "It really put things into perspective for me, and we were able to increase the fleet's understanding of what we do to protect them."

The others from China Lake who had the rare opportunity to visit the carrier were Iris Brambila, April Browne, Brent Cannon, Brennan Clark, David Delayo, Andrew Gray, Ben Hove, Dan Johnson, Jay Kucera, Sean Marquez, Jill McConaghy, Andy McEvoy, Alex Ordway and Danielle Ramos.

Kucera, an aerospace engineer at the Advanced Weapons Lab, said one of the most valuable exchanges he had was with fleet aviators who actually use the radar that he works on at China Lake.

"That fleet exposure has really

helped me better understand the aircrew that I work with in the test squadron here," Kucera said. "Instead of just looking at the radar in a theoretical way, I'm starting to see it from a functional and tactical perspective also."

The Scientists-to-Sea Program is designed to provide junior engineers a unique opportunity to gain insight into the operational environment aboard a naval ship at sea. The goal is for participants to get a better understanding of the fleet's needs, and to see firsthand what the Navy does at sea.

"This experience has made my job even more rewarding because of the personal connection that I now have with the fleet," said Sean Marquez, a test manager in the Ordnance Test and Evaluation Branch. "What I do is not just a project; it has real significance to real people on a warship potentially in real danger."

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China Lake's holiday festivities

With the holiday season upon us, China Lake put on various celebrations, including MWR's Winter Wonderland, Breakfast with Santa, the NAWS holiday party, NEX luncheon as well as additional festivities.

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Human Resources/News

Leave Transfer Program

Leave Transfer Program - The employees listed have been approved as leave recipients under the Leave Transfer Program. These employees have exhausted annual and sick leave because of medical emergencies and anticipate being in a leave-without-pay status for at least 24 hours. Employees who wish to help a leave recipient may donate annual leave to the employee by submitting a completed OPM 630-A Request to Donate Annual Leave (Within Agency) form. Send your completed form to Code 731000D Stop 1316, Attn: Susan Haynes, or you can fax to 939-1423. For more information regarding the Leave Transfer Program, please call Susan Haynes at 939-3892 or DSN 437-3892. The 2009 leave year ends on Jan. 2, 2010.

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Photo by John Ferrige

Dave Janiec, center, 4.7 director, and Capt. Rich Burr 4.7 military director, present Larry Lesniak with the Clarence J. Renne Award on Nov. 6.

The photo that ran in the last issue misspelled Janiec's name. We apologize for the error.

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program in the Navy and is to be fully implemented at China Lake.

3. Commanders throughout this installation continue to support the "No Vote". There is no job or operation that is so mission critical

or time sensitive that it warrants circumventing established safety controls. Exercising your "No Vote" for operations you feel are immediately dangerous to life and health will be supported.

4. To be effective, safety cannot stand alone but must be fully integrated into the work we do everyday. We all have a job to do for the Navy - a mission. I expect safety to be an integral part of

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Can you identify this woman?



This nine year old went straight from high school to the Navy and was assigned to VX-5 for four years. After the Navy, her first job on base was as a secretary for Code 3624.

She has an unusual hobby of collecting spoons and spends her free time reading. She also loves to ride roller coasters.

Guesses for this week's photo, and photos for future issues may be sent to Cathy Braem via e-mail at cathy.braem@navy.mil. Prior to publication, the person in the photo must give permission.

Congratulations!

Capt. Mark Storch, Tammy Tucker, Jan Lasell, Sgt Jim Sanders, Lt. Bill Willard, Brenda Thomas, Jerry Aulds, Susan Haynes, Rick A Breitengross, Kristy Fava, Denise Ritchie, Randy Klassen, Marla Krausman, Karen Rivers and Linda J. Wilson, correctly identified Lee McDowell in the Dec. 3 issue.

Millett receives third highest Navy civilian award

By Stacy Deem
NAWCWD 4.0 Award
Coordinator

Co-workers, family, and friends gathered in the Michelson Lab Management Center conference room to observe Captain Mark Storch, NAWCWD commander, present Scott Millett with the third highest award a Navy civilian can receive - the Navy Meritorious Civilian Service Award. Millett was recognized for his many noteworthy contributions as the primary agent behind the Navy's development and implementation of weapon message standards.

In part, the citation read: "Utilizing an entirely new series of messages for sensor nodes, command and control nodes, launch platforms and the actual weapons, you and your Air Force counterparts created a unique message solution, which is documented in the Network Enabled Weapons Interface Change Proposal (NEW ICP). As such, you are now recognized



(Left to right) Captain Mark, NMCS awardee Scott Millett and Terry Millett. Courtesy photo

as "the Navy expert" in this new messaging capability." The award nomination stated: "Scott has been instrumental in solving the problem of linking target information to weapons in flight. Because of his excellent technical, communication and organizational skills, he became the guiding force in this complex and vital effort."

After being honored with this significant award, Millett scanned the room and said, "It has been really exciting. We pushed a rope that we didn't think could be done. Teamwork makes these things happen, turning a whole bunch of organizations into one big 'us'".

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 February 14 - Back to Bonus Day: Nascar and NBA
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China Lake Golf Course
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Aquatics:
 Lap Swim
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 Water Fitness, 6:30 to 8 a.m., 8 to 9 a.m. and 5 to 6 p.m.
Main Gym:
 Lunch time basketball, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Paradise Community Center:
 Monday Night Football and Specials, 6 to 8 p.m.
Rec Stop Liberty Center:
 Monday Night Football, 6 p.m.

11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
 IA Support Group, 2:30 to 4 p.m.
Outdoor Recreation:
 B-Mountain Hikes, 11 a.m.
Paradise Community Center:
 Wing Night, 6 p.m.
Main Gym:
 Arena Soccer, 6 to 9:30 p.m., at the Hockey Rink
 Lunch time basketball, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

THURSDAY

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Fleet and Family Support Center:
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Outdoor Recreation:
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Paradise Community Center:
 Nacho Night, 6 p.m.
Main Gym:
 Lunch time basketball, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

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 Water Fitness, 8 to 9 a.m.
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Outdoor Recreation:
 B-Mountain Hikes, 11 a.m.
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 Roller Hockey, 6 to 9:30 p.m., at the Hockey Rink
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SATURDAY

Hall Memorial Lanes:
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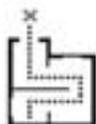
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