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NAWCWD Commander Capt. Mark Storch retires after 30 years of dedicated service to the Navy



Photo by Joy Lewis

After 30 years of dedicated service to the United States Navy, Capt. Mark Storch retired May 20. A native of Cincinnati, Storch began his career commissioned in the Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps and earned his Naval Aviator wings in 1980. He was assigned to numerous tours, but finally landed in China Lake in 2002, when he initially became NAWS Executive Officer. Storch then became NAWS Commanding Officer in 2004, and finally became the Vice Commander of Naval Air Warfare Center Weapons Division (NAWCWD) from April 2006 to January 2009. He succeeded to commander of NAWCWD in January of 2009. Program Executive Officer of Tactical Aircraft Programs Rear Admiral W. Mark Skinner attended Storch's retirement ceremony, where he commended Storch for being an exceptional and outstanding officer. "It takes us 30 years to grow an officer with the caliber of Mark Storch; one that's capable of stepping in and doing the job that Mark's done for NAWCWD," said Skinner. "It's been a seamless transition from flag officer to Mark and now to another flag officer and he is just an outstanding individual. At this time of year, we're having hundreds of graduation ceremonies in many colleges across the land and out of those colleges, the services — all of our armed forces — the Army, the Navy, the Air Force, the Marine Corps and Coast Guard — we will be receiving an influx of young men and women, dedicated Americans who will give part of their lives to service for our country. Over the course of their careers, we send young Americans to flight training, they go out to their first squadron tour, we bring them back and let them do some instructor piloting, maybe we give them some additional leadership training as a department head, as an XO, as a commanding officer. We season them with staff tours, we give them some education — a post graduate school, a test pilot school. We give them some senior leadership roles and then maybe — maybe — after 30 years, out of the hundreds of people we start with today we'll get one Mark Storch who is capable of stepping in and doing the kind of job that he has done here. I think that's just an outstanding testament to the caliber of this officer."

China Lake commander receives Bronze medal star

By Susan Read
NAWCWD Public Affairs

On May 13, 2010, Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Manpower and Reserve Affairs Juan M. Garcia III pinned the Bronze Star Medal on Commander Timothy E. Johnson, USNR.

Johnson is a member of the Naval Reserve's Digital Kill Chain Combat Test and Evaluation Detachment B (DKC CT&E Det B) at China Lake.

As part of Armed Forces Day observances at China Lake and Ridgecrest, Garcia met with the detachment and was on hand to present the meritorious award.

Johnson was recognized for his exceptional service as the Joint Combat Assessment Team Officer in Charge with the Multi-National Corps in Baghdad, Iraq from January to July 2009. He led a team of four assessors responsible for aviation battle damage reports resulting from surface-to-air fire for all multi-national divisions in the Iraqi theater of operation.

Two specific missions were cited as having been critical in the development of new tactics, techniques and procedures to protect all aviators in theater.

"During these missions," the citation states, "Johnson was placed at significant risk of hostile action during sustained periods on the ground and, throughout his deployment, he was exposed to indirect fire attacks on his forward

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Editor's column: Ridgecrest blossomed

Ridgecrest has suddenly blossomed. It must be the transition to the sunny season or perhaps the fact that I'm not constantly inhaling pollen.

But, I'm almost positive the breath of fresh air is a result of my changed attitude and acceptance toward my temporary destiny.

After recently touring the NAWS petroglyphs and visiting Lake Isabella, and even going for daily evening strolls, life is not so bad.

It's actually quite comforting that I'm able to amble throughout the town, while leaving my fears of getting mugged or raped back in Los Angeles. Coming from L.A., it was an initial culture shock, but I've finally accepted the adventure for what it is worth.

I've always loved nature, so being in Ridgecrest this time of year seems like the relationship between the city and I was meant to be. My trip to the lake was beautiful. Well, besides the fact that the gnats pestered me into continuously slapping myself, it was still peaceful to sit, enjoy the scenery and fish.

Also, having had the chance to tour the petroglyphs, the drive up was, without a doubt, my favorite



Photo by Jessica Armstrong
Hannah Munoz

part.

I sat in the back of my dad's van, and while I was looking out the window, I came to the realization that God made all of these beautiful mountains, the sunshine and the scenery especially for me. Just because He could.

So, that got me to thinking. Us desert dwellers are extremely fortunate to live so close to God's creation. We can look out our window every day and witness the powerful creation God is capable of making in a split second. What more could we possibly ask for?

After dealing with the constant hustle of city life, it is rejuvenating to view the scenery and actually have time to enjoy and reflect on how fortunate I am.

As for me, I know all of my needs are met, plus more, during my stay here in Ridgecrest.

And the petroglyph tour itself was exactly what I needed. It was beautiful up there. I got a chance to view the famous petroglyphs, go for a nice hike and hang out, laugh and talk with my family who accompanied me. Needless to say, It was a beautiful day in Ridgecrest.

And although I believe Ridgecrest has blossomed, I think it is my attitude that has finally allowed me to see more beauty that I was not allowing myself to see in the first place. I am more willing to try new things in the city, I've been staying here some weekends and I've even developed somewhat of a social life - not much of one - but I'm still trying.

And, most importantly, I believe it is important to be content wherever the wind blows me because God will take care of the rest.

-Hannah Munoz, Editor

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Military

Individual Augmentee returns from Iraqi tour



Julius Olguin

Photo by Jessica Armstrong

By Hannah Munoz
Editor

After dodging bullets, rockets and improvised explosive devices while deployed for 13 months as a criminal investigator in Iraq's Red Zone, MA1 Julius Olguin finally returned safely aboard China Lake in May 2010.

"It was difficult at times, but I had to learn to focus on what I was doing," said Olguin. "If I wasn't focused, somebody in our unit could have died."

A Texas native who was stationed in China Lake nine months before

departure, Olguin toured with the Marines, Joint Tasks Force, Air Force, Navy and Coast Guard while in Iraq.

He noted that, regardless of who he was working with during his stay, good spirits were present. The units celebrated the holidays together, and Olguin even developed friendships with several Iraqi investigators.

"I enjoyed the people I worked with out there," said Olguin.

During his 13-month tour, Olguin visited four different sites, including the Office of Criminal Investigations; Camp Ramadi to visit and process a

crime scene; Camp Cropper in Baghdad to conduct interrogations; and FOB Union III in the Red Zone as a non-commissioned officer in charge of the protective service detail, protecting lawyers, linguists, VIP's and the central court of Iraq, before returning to Camp Ramadi. However, Olguin returned to OCI a second time.

"I got to see the whole judicial process from start to finish, so it was a great experience," said Olguin.

Aside from avoiding deadly flying objects, Olguin's family life back in Texas was another episode in itself. He was unable to comfort his mother while she suffered from three heart attacks and her house burned down, and he missed his two children immensely.

However, his mother's condition improved and he remained in contact with his family as often as possible. He also attempted to remain optimistic, knowing he would return to the States following his duties in Iraq.

Since Olguin carried approximately 70 pounds worth of combat gear and was continuously on guard, he acknowledged he felt



Courtesy photo

MA1 Julius Olguin travels to his next destination point while being accompanied by his unit in Iraq.

relieved to finally drop his guard upon arrival in China Lake.

Olguin's initial mission after returning was to retrieve his boys from Texas, bring them back to China Lake and spend more quality time with them. He admitted he could not feel at home until he had his children present with him.

Currently, Olguin is the command criminal investigator at China Lake, handling interrogations, interviews,

crimes leading to felonies and NCIS take-overs.

Returning adjustments have been somewhat rough, as a new chain of command has come in, leaving Olguin feeling like the new guy once again. However, he enjoys his job, being attached to the criminal investigations division.

"I really liked what I was doing [in Iraq], and I really like what I'm doing here, too," said Olguin.

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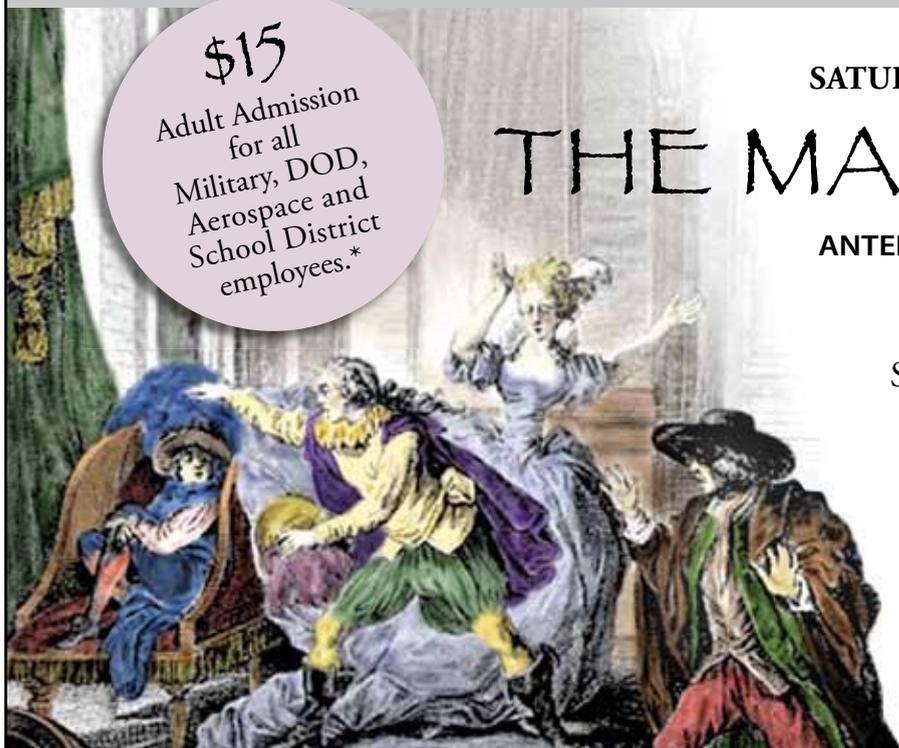
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Explosive Ordnance Disposal Mobile Unit THREE adopts local youth program



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Sean O'Leary from Explosive Ordnance Disposal Mobile Unit THREE Detachment China Lake gives members of Burroughs Navy Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps an overview of EOD equipment and capabilities during the static display portion of the EOD annual demonstration.

By Hannah Munoz
Editor

helping hands to the community in another way, this time through Explosive Ordnance Disposal Mobile Unit THREE Detachment

China Lake.

As of May 2010, EOD took Burroughs High School Navy Junior Reserve Officers Training

Corps (NJROTC) under its wing, adopting them with intentions to sponsor, teach and guide the students in a military path that will potentially benefit students toward a successful future.

"We want to help the students go in the right direction," said EODMU 3 DET Officer in Charge Lt. Jim Vandevort. "Helping the local youth achieve their goals by providing ourselves as role models is our priority with this program."

EOD will assist incoming NJROTC freshman with physical training and will also take part in the leadership appreciation for returning cadets.

Students are also pleased with the adoption.

"I think that EOD will help our unit become more like a family that goes out in public together and takes care of each other," said NJROTC Public Affairs Officer Lt. Jg. Cheryl Dempster. "I think this because of all the news about more field trips for the upcoming school year. I'm very excited about spending more time with EOD because the last EOD field trip was a blast."

The Burroughs High School JROTC leader retired Chief Steve Bergeron, requested EOD's sponsorship based on the Burroughs' JROTC and EOD Det. China Lake's relationship over the past years.

"It is only natural for the two units to merge in the adoption

process to form a mentoring group for the cadets," said Bergeron. "I have been interested in this idea for two years, and it is finally taking shape due to the hard work of Vandevort and YN2 Sandra Olmos."

The process to adopt the cadets began April 14, when Bergeron requested EOD to adopt the unit during EOD's annual demonstration.

Vandevort noted he was quick to begin the adoption process because he strongly believes in the importance of the ROTC program. After being enrolled in NJROTC while attending the University of Arizona, he noted that great officers are a result of the program. Vandevort also recommends high school students interested in joining the military to enroll in JROTC, as it provides solid guidance in the military career path.

EODMU THREE Detachment China Lake is comprised of five EOD technicians and one administrator.

"All of my guys take on a broad scope of tasks and strive to exceed the norm that is required from EOD Shore Detachments," said Vandevort. "If we didn't do that, we wouldn't be able to adopt a unit like this."

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Echo range employees honored for sacrifice, commitment



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Engineers and technicians working at the NAWCWD Electronic Combat Range and the Threat/Target Systems Department are honored with Test and Evaluation Awards for their work on a joint threat system integration program with the Air Force and Army. The program was a long-term assignment that required extended periods of time away from home for the last four years. "They all represented Echo Range, China Lake and the Navy very well with an unwavering work ethic and incredible dedication to the program," said Robert Grimes, head of the Threat Systems Division. Pictured in the front row from left are Randy Coffee, Arnold Valdez, Phil Bayarena, Chris Whitfield and Tom Wallis. In the back row from left are Rob Woods, Randall Webber, Pat Peterson, Steve Davis, Russ Hurst and Robert Grimes. Not pictured is Sean Litton.

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Safety Message

China Lake Mountain rescue group offers basic mountaineering safety course



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Would you like to explore the Sierras but not sure you have the skills? Would you like to try rock climbing without buying all the gear? A class like the Basic Mountaineering Safety course offered by the China Lake Mountain Rescue Group (CLMRG) may be for you.

Tuesday evening lectures start June 15, 6:30 to 8 p.m. at the Kerr McGee Center. Sessions involve lectures, slides, view graphs, show and tell and hands-on activities. Wednesday evening sessions are reserved to practice skills.

Starting June 16, the class will meet at Nickoletti's parking lot at 5 p.m. and carpool to nearby areas to practice rock climbing, rappelling and hiking skills. Guided day hikes and an overnight hike are also offered over two weekends in July.

Seven weeks of lectures, practices and field trips, however, DO NOT make mountaineers. Lectures provide the basic knowledge perspective mountaineers need, but due to time limitations and the breadth of topics mountaineering covers, it can only provide the basics. Fundamentals of rock climbing are taught because a large number of routes and peaks cannot be reached without the use of ropes and special equipment, and if this skill is not learned a large portion of what is called mountaineering will be denied to you. Mature rock climbing skills and techniques, however, cannot be attained in a few evenings. Day climbs and overnight climbs merely give the student a chance to sample, in the field, those basic skills in class.

For more information about the summer class see <http://www.clmrg.org> or contact Carol Burge at 760-446-7038, via email at carol.burge@clmrg.org, or Bill Stratton at bill.stratton@clmrg.org. To register, please send a check or money order for \$30 made out to CLMRG with your name, address,

phone number and email address (or self-addressed stamped envelope if you don't have email) to China Lake Mountain Rescue Group, Attn: Carol Burge, 1104 N Inyo, Ridgecrest, CA 93556.

CLMRG has offered the class to the community annually since the late '50's because

1. Mountaineering can be an immensely rewarding activity, and CLMRG is eager to help others discover the joys of the mountain experience and the satisfaction of physical fitness.

2. Many of the problems that people get into in the wilderness (that result in CLMRG being called) are due to ignorance, error, lack of experience, inadequate preparation or equipment. This class is a start toward building knowledge so anyone can begin enjoying the mountains safely.

3. A few may become sufficiently motivated to apply to the CLMRG for membership to assist in mountain search and rescue. This class has been the source of most of the group's new members.

CLMRG is an all-volunteer, non-profit organization that provides search and rescue (SAR) services on an on-call basis at no cost to the requesting agency. CLMRG is sponsored by the Naval Air Weapons Station at China Lake, is part of the volunteer services of the Kern County Sheriff Department, and is a member of the Mountain Rescue Association (MRA). The majority its members are current or retired base employees. The primary mission of CLMRG is search and rescue of lost or injured persons, any season of the year, in the mountains and desert or in any type of wilderness terrain. A secondary mission of CLMRG is to provide wilderness safety education to members of the Ridgecrest community. CLMRG is funded in part by United Way.

"Click it or Ticket" enforcement underway

By Jessica Armstrong
NAWS Public Affairs

On May 24, the enforcement period of the nationwide "Click It or Ticket" campaign began with the intention of cracking down on seat belt non-use and highway fatalities. Conducted annually by the National Highway Transportation Safety Administration, the campaign is a collaborative effort of the NHTSA, law enforcement agencies, State highway safety offices and traffic safety advocates.

Although buckling-up is necessary year-round, it becomes even more important at this time of year as more people take to the highway for summer travel. In 2008 alone, seat belts saved 13,250 lives nationwide. According to the NHTSA, research has found that the use of a lap/shoulder seat belts reduce the risk of fatal injury to front-seat passenger car occupants by 45 percent and the risk of moderate to-critical injury by 50 percent. Yet, despite seat belts having been proven the most effective safety feature available in vehicles today, nearly one in five Americans still fail to buckle-up.

California, which had a 95.7



Photo by Jessica Armstrong

China Lake Police Department vehicles sport decals to reenforce the nationwide "Click It or Ticket" mobilization period, going on now through June 6.

percent usage rate in 2008, has a strict mandatory seat belt law. All passengers, whether sat in the front or back of the vehicle, are required to wear a seat belt. The cost of an adult seat belt violation in California is \$142 and up to \$445 for not properly restraining a child under 16. If the parent is not in the car, the driver gets the ticket.

Conceived in North Carolina in 1993, the "Click It or Ticket" program was the first statewide occupant protection campaign in the United States. More than 58,000 citations were issued for seat belt violations that first year and, by the following year, state seat belt use

rates for drivers rose from 65 percent to 81 percent.

Since 1993, the campaign has slowly grown from yearly participation by a few states, to region-wide campaigns to the annual nationwide campaign deployed today. The NHTSA describes the "Click It or Ticket" campaign as "the most successful seat belt enforcement campaign ever, helping create the highest national seat belt usage rate of 84 percent."

The enforcement period of the 2010 "Click It or Ticket" campaign runs until June 6. For more information on the program, visit <http://www.nhtsa.gov/CIOT>.

Welcome aboard, new employees!

Kevin Ray recently joined the Police Department. Ray's hometown is Westminster, and he attended the University of Phoenix, majoring in psychology.

Jonathan Suager recently joined the NAWCWD Radar work area. Suager's hometown is Kentwood, Mich., and he attended Reedley College - Embry - Riddell, majoring in aviation maintenance management.

John Matthew Seelog recently joined NAWCWD's Frequency Management Office. Seelog's hometown is Port Huron, Mich., and he attended the Air Force Electronic Warfare Systems Specialist Course, majoring in electronic warfare systems.

Brian Armstrong recently joined the Police Department. Armstrong's hometown is Ridgecrest, and he attended the University of Phoenix, majoring in Business Management.

Jonathan Phillips recently joined the Police Department. Phillips's hometown is Los Gatos.

Davia Burum recently joined the Police Department. Burum's hometown is Ridgecrest.

Ryan Klassen recently joined NAVFAC Public Works. Klassen's hometown is Ridgecrest.

Madeline Kooima recently joined 400000D. Kooima's hometown is Ridgecrest, and she attended Doldt College, majoring in chemistry.

Michael Levering recently joined the NAWCWD F-22 work area. Levering's hometown is Ridgecrest, and he attended Embry Riddle Aeronautical University, majoring in aeronautical science.

Kevin Gormish recently joined the Police Department. Gormish's hometown is Cleveland, Ohio, and he attended Bowling Green State University, majoring in communications.

Miles Ernst recently joined the NAWCWD airfield work area. Ernst's hometown is Ridgecrest.

James Saucedo recently joined NAWCWD as a software

engineer. Saucedo's hometown is Ridgecrest, and he attended San Diego State University, majoring in computer engineering.

Jairo Enriquez recently joined the NAWCWD weapons and energetics department. Enriquez's hometown is Phoenix, Ariz., and he attended Arizona State University, majoring in mechanical engineering.

Nicholas Rice recently joined NAVFAC. Rice's hometown is Barstow.

Vera Morgan recently joined NAWCWD's Threat / Target Systems Department. Morgan's hometown is San Jose, and she attended Washington State University, majoring in anthropology.

Lynn Roselle Wade recently joined NAWCWD's Total Force and Strategy Management Department. Wade's hometown is Ridgecrest, and she attended Cal State University Bakersfield, majoring in liberal studies.

News in Brief

Microsoft Office 2007 coming to all NMCI seats

Until June 29, NMCI will conduct a phased roll-out of Microsoft Office 2007 to all NMCI seats which will upgrade Outlook, Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Access and InfoPath.

Two days prior to their scheduled upgrade, users should receive a notification regarding the installation of Microsoft Office 2007 on their machine, which will be performed via the standard nightly maintenance window.

Eligible seats must currently run Microsoft Windows XP, have 1 gigabyte (GB) or more installed random access memory (RAM) and have at least 2.5GB available hard disk drive space on their C: drive.

For more information on preparing for installation, please refer to the NMCI Homeport at <https://homeport/> and click on the 'Upgrade to Office 2007 Topic Guide'.

First Aid / CPR Courses at China Lake

To register for any of these classes, please send an e-mail to the China Lake Help Desk at: CHLK_EDD_Help_Desk

Course Dates: June 8; June 9
Time: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Location: China Lake Training Center Bldg. 947

POC: Tammy Berry DSN 437 760-939-2451

This course teaches current First Aid instruction for the community through discussion, demonstration and practical experiences. It includes Emergency Action Steps; breathing and cardiac problem recognition and care; CPR for Adult, child, infant; Automated External Defibrillator for adult and child, and choking for conscious and unconscious person; wound care; bandaging; shock; poisoning; local poisonous plants and animals; burns; bone and joint injuries including splinting; diabetic emergencies; temperature extremes; and other sudden illnesses.

Margie Hannon retiring

After more than 36 years of federal service, Margie Hannon is retiring. There will be a dinner June 18 at Mulligan's, with a social at 6 p.m., a tri tip/chicken buffet at 6:30 and presentations and a roast at 7:30.

Contact Cherry Rivera, 939-2211, cherry.rivera@navy.mil; Karla Pierce, 939-1553, karla.pierce@navy.mil; or Ernesto Zaragoza, 939-2098, ernesto.zaragoza@navy.mil for more information.

Tickets are \$25 and may be purchased in the NAWS Wing of the Administration Building.

Deadline for purchasing tickets or scheduling a presentation is June 10.

EEO Diversity Series Training

Please "Save the Date" for the upcoming EEO Diversity Series Training Event, June 9 in the Michelson Lab Auditorium. The focus of the event will be hiring and accommodation for Individuals

with Targeted Disabilities (IWTD) presented by Dinah Cohen, director of DoD's Computer/Electronics Accommodation Program (CAP) at the Pentagon.

IWTD employees have a proven track record of performance and commitment to the success of the organizations where they work.

Cohen is a dynamic speaker and has successfully led the DoD CAP since 1990 to ensure that employees, beneficiaries, and members of the public with disabilities have equal access to federal services and employment.

Under her leadership, CAP has won numerous awards and has filled more than 45,000 requests for accommodations. Recently, Cohen initiated a program to provide assistive technology and accommodation support to wounded military service members returning to the workforce. Cohen received the 2009 Federal 100-Presidential Award and the 2007 Service to America Medal.

Under her leadership, CAP received the Office of Personnel Management's 2008 President's Quality Award and the 2006 Freedom to Compete Award from the EEOC.

Police vs. Fire Softball Challenge to take place June 5

Local police and fire departments will go head to head in a round robin tournament June 5 in the Police vs. Fire Softball challenge held at Schoffel Field in China Lake. The first game between China Lake Police Department and Kern County Fire will begin at 9 a.m. Food and music will be available.

Rice King to hold customer appreciation promotion

Rice King China Lake will be offering a customer appreciation promotion starting from June 7 to June 11, offering 50 percent off of its entire menu (except drinks). The event will last only four days, giving everyone on base a chance to try out its food at a bargain price.

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Indian Wells Valley Council of the Navy League Scholarship holds awards dinner



Photo by Jessica Armstrong

Austin Blubaugh (left) receives the IWV Council of the Navy League Scholarship award from League President Capt. Jim Seaman, US Navy (Ret.) on May 18. Blubaugh, who will be attending University of California at Riverside in the Fall, was awarded the \$1000 scholarship for his essay based on the timely and relevant subject of information assurance and network security in the U.S. government. Seaman credited Blubaugh's essay as being "probably the best essay I have read since I've been involved with Navy League." Guest speaker Capt. Jeffrey Dodson, commanding officer of NAWS China Lake, commended Blubaugh for demonstrating accomplishment and aptitude in all four areas of the scholarship criteria - scholarship, leadership, service and character - based on his 4.0 cumulative high school grade point average, membership in the National Honor Society, community service and work as an engineering aide for the DOD at Michelson Laboratory. "While this award reflects what Austin did the last four years, he also represents the youth and future of our great country," said Dodson. "I hope that he, and young people like him, at least consider service to their country in the military. The country needs young folks with this kind of background and character and I think the military has something to offer in return." The IWV Council of the Navy League Scholarship Program was established to benefit and enhance the NJROTC program at Burroughs High School. The Scholarship Program was established to award one or more scholarships to a graduating senior who is active in the NJROTC program and has been accepted by an accredited college, university or trade school. After the budget cuts to the NJROTC program at Burroughs last year, the IWV Council revised their eligibility requirements and opened the scholarship up to all high schools in the area.

China Lake employee receives Matthew C. Kelly award

Sean Halpin, the Utility and Energy Management Branch Head for the Public Works Department at Naval Air Weapons Station China Lake was recently awarded with the Matthew C. Kelly Award.

"Sean exemplifies the spirit of Matt Kelly through his commitment, dedication and enthusiasm for the energy program," said Christopher Perry from the Utilities and Energies Department from NAVFAC Southwest.

"His energy leadership is focused in continuing to expand and improve his already successful energy program through innovation, application of new technologies, customer service and hard work. His activities outside of work reflect his dedication to family and the community."

Halpin has developed and implemented a plan that lead to water use reduction by 283-Mgals (39 percent). Under his leadership, China Lake has also made remarkable strides in energy conservation as evident by China Lake's receipt of its third SECNAV Gold Energy Award and the 2009 Energy Management Program (FEMP) award.

Halpin ensures that all projects delivered by NAVFAC at China Lake consider their energy footprint.

"This was most evident during the execution of the large BRAC program, Sean continues to play a critical role in ensuring all projects consider total life-cycle cost when it comes to energy saving enhancements," said Perry.

With the assistance of Halpin's efforts, China Lake is the leader in renewable energy. Halpin has led many renewable initiatives, to include ARRA renewable energy projects, Ground Source Heat Pumps, multiple PV systems, renewable



Photo by Jessica Armstrong

Sean Halpin

energy support of NAVAIR remote operations and support to the renewable team in the award for the Solar MACC.

The Matthew C. Kelly Award is presented by Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) Southwest annually to an individual who exemplifies the spirit of Matt Kelly in their commitment to the NAVFAC Southwest energy program and their efforts to lead by example, to implement and institutionalize efficient energy management and to achieve valuable savings while maintaining a balanced life, dedicated not only to their command, but to their family, friends and colleagues.

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U.S. Navy photo by Mike Johnson

Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Manpower and Reserve Affairs Juan M. Garcia III (right) congratulates CDR Tim Johnson after presenting Johnson with the Bronze Star award for meritorious service in support of OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM.

"During these missions," the citation states, "Johnson was placed at significant risk of hostile action during sustained periods on the ground and, throughout his deployment, he was exposed to indirect fire attacks on his forward operating base."

operating base."

Serving his country is a two-fold mission for Johnson.

In addition to his Reserve status, he is the civilian lead for the Advanced Systems Integrated Product Team (IPT) at the Naval Air Warfare Center Weapons Division, China Lake. As a civil servant and a Naval Reservist, Johnson has much more than just a full-time job.

To be deployed in theater meant stressful time away from the office and a busy family. Johnson expressed thanks to his wife and four children for easing the burden and "taking the reins".

Johnson was also appreciative

of the time Garcia spent with detachment personnel during his visit.

"He's personable and very interested in all of the Navy, but especially the Reserves whose issues he is responsible for," Johnson said of Garcia.

"As a Reservist himself, he understands supporting the warfighter and the Fleet. This was an opportune time for Assistant Secretary Garcia to see what we do when we deploy to OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM, and I felt honored to have him formally present me with this special award."

China lake celebrates NAWCWD Commander Capt. Mark Storch's retirement

Storch was especially appreciative of his wife and children's support over the years. Storch also expressed gratitude to audience members for their effort in maintaining a professional commitment to China Lake, because without any support, China lake's numerous accomplishments would be impossible.



“Some might say this ceremony is all about me; after all I’m the one who’s retiring. But I wonder if you’d share this view: it’s all about us. We’ve been collaborating for a number of years, all of us who make Weapons Division, NAWS China Lake, Naval Base Ventura County, NAVFAC, the land and sea ranges, the scientists, engineers, the business professionals, office managers, public works, our communities, our counties and our cities. All that those relationships entail to get done what is necessary to do to fulfill our mission — that’s the big ‘We.’ It takes all of us and we’ve really done some tremendous things.”

- Capt. Storch

Top left photo: Rear Admiral W. Mark Skinner pins the Legion of Merit award on Storch during the retirement ceremony.

Bottom left photo: Capt. Storch's son, Philipp Storch (left) escorts his sister Perrin Storch while entering the ceremony.

Bottom middle photo: Storch is presented with a key to the city by Ridgecrest Mayor Steve Morgan. Morgan then expressed his appreciation for Storch's commitment not only to the Navy, but also to the City of Ridgecrest and his current church. Following Morgan's speech, Storch said he was fond of the city and plans to become a permanent Ridgecrest resident.

Bottom right photo: Flowers were presented to Storch's wife Deb, his mother Nancy, his sister Martha and his daughter Perrin during the retirement ceremony. Storch expressed his gratitude for the women in his life, and stated that his accomplishments would not have been possible without their continuous support.

Photos by Joy Lewis, Dan O'Connor and Mike Johnson



Human Resources/News

NAVAIR accepts 30,000th ARC-210 radio



Photo courtesy of Rockwell Collins

NAVAIR accepts 30,000th ARC-210 radio. The fifth generation ARC-210 radio shown here.

NAVAIR's Air Combat Electronics program office accepted the 30,000th ARC-210 radio in a ceremony held in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, Apr. 29.

"I'm proud to be here representing the Navy and our sister Services to accept delivery of

the 30,000th ARC-210 radio," said Capt. Ralph Portnoy, Air Combat Electronics program manager, PMA-209. "The ARC-210 radio is being used on a daily basis by aircrews around the globe for their critical communications."

The ARC-210 program began in

1990 and is now fielded on more than 180 platforms worldwide and is operating in more than 40 countries.

Domestically, ARC-210s, manufactured by Rockwell Collins, are installed in a wide range of aircraft and helicopters across all the U.S. military services and the U.S. Coast Guard.

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 939-1173. For more information regarding the Leave Transfer Program, please call Susan Haynes at 939-3892 or DSN 437-3892. The 2010 leave year ends on Jan. 1, 2011.

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Can you identify this young man?



His first job on center was a firefighter for the China Lake Federal Fire Department in 1987.

He has had the same best friend since he was 12 years old and has worn the same size shoe since the 8th grade.

A few of his unusual hobbies are collecting comic books and model rocket buildings. He loves the outdoors and spending time with his family and dogs.

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 !

Julie Gervais, Lisa Jaramillo, Jason Zehendner, Karen Rae, Valyn Baker, Ann Zedek, Leslie Haugen correctly identified Susie Raglin in the May 20 issue.

NAWCWD shows appreciation to China Lake teammates



Photo by Joy Lewis

About 600 people attended NAVAIR's annual teammate appreciation event on May 19 at China Lake on the lawn in front of the Administration Building.

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