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MCPON sends Independence Day message

WASHINGTON -- Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy (MCPON)(SS/SW) Rick D. West released an Independence Day message to the Fleet, June 27.

Shipmates and Navy Families,

For 235 years, our great nation has celebrated our independence and reflected on those whose sacrifices continue to secure our nation's liberty. I am very proud of each and every one of you for the daily sacrifices that you and your families graciously make to keep America the Land of the Free and the Home of the Brave.

As many of us take some much deserved time off to celebrate the Fourth of July, please keep in mind that many of our Sailors are deployed and can't be with their loved ones, but they do so in order that our fellow citizens can spend it with their families and friends.

I also urge that you keep safety in mind during your holiday celebrations. We have already lost shipmates unnecessarily to motor vehicle accidents and recreational activities this year. We must look out for our Shipmates, families and friends as we take to the highways, waterways, and our backyards. As you know, many people will be on the road - if you decide to drink, don't drive and have a plan to get home.

I'm honored to serve among you and I'm thankful for your continued dedication to our nation and our great Navy.

Stay focused; stay alert; stay safe; and happy Independence Day!

Congressman McCarthy Visits China Lake



Photo by Peggy Shoaf

During his visit to Ridgecrest June 10, Congressman Kevin McCarthy takes time to visit with two outstanding Sailors from the Naval Air Weapons Station China Lake, ET2 Jordan Mooney (far left) and AC3 Anthony Gardner (third from left), along with Command Master Chief Charles Grandin (second from left) and NAWS Commanding Officer Capt. Jeffrey Dodson (far right). Mooney and Gardner were chosen to meet with the congressman due to their professionalism and dedication to the Navy, noted a Navy official.

Invention meets innovation at NAWCWD

By Dylan Riley

NAWCWD Research and Engineering

The following is the first in a series of articles featuring innovation. If you are involved in an innovative program or have thoughts about innovation in general, please contact Kelli Cutts (760) 939-0591 kelli.cutts@navy.mil for instructions on how to submit an article detailing your department's innovations.

Innovation is not a new concept to the Naval Air Warfare Center Weapons Division (NAWCWD), but recent development of the NAWCWD strategic plan has reenergized the organization's commitment to the subject. This renewed focus is surfacing in several components of NAWCWD business already. New procedures for patent protection and technology transfer activities are evidence of NAWCWD innovation in action.

NAWCWD has a rich history of invention and technology transfer
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AWS1 Anthony Michalski VX-31 Sailor of the Year

By Theresa Goldstrand
NAWCWD PAO

Air Test and Evaluation squadron THREE ONE (VX-31) Sailor of the Year is AWS1 Anthony Michalski, a native of Shawnee, Kan.

VX-31 has a Search and Rescue (SAR) team that operates like a well-oiled machine. In fact, over the past 18 months the squadron logged over 6,000 flight hours without a single Class A or B mishap. Part of this success comes from the work and leadership of Michalski.

In 2009, Michalski "checked in" to VX-31. As SAR Leading Petty Officer and safety instructor, he took charge of all aircrew qualifications, training and rescue equipment. He qualified as utility crewman, helicopter inland rescue air crewman, and rescue crew chief.

Continuing his college education between assignments, Michalski
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Photo by Theresa Goldstrand

AWS1 Anthony Michalski stands next to COSO 101, the F/A-18C Hornet that bears the Centennial of Naval Aviation retro-theme paint scheme. He was chosen as VX-31's Sailor of the Year (SOY), an honor that is proudly displayed on the nose landing gear access door of the jet.

CAL VET

Applications for residency being accepted at the Veterans Home of California in Barstow

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Excellent medical services are provided on-site with contract providers nearby, as well as the VA Loma Linda Healthcare System.

Nearby Barstow College offers many cultural and educational opportunities for

Home residents to enjoy.

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Military

Officer retirement board zones defined

Michalski, Front Page

WASHINGTON (NNS) - The Secretary of the Navy approved the convening of the Fiscal Year 2012 Selective Early Retirement Board for captains and commanders in the unrestricted line July 25.

NAVADMIN 187/11 provides the names, ranks and lineal numbers of the senior and junior officers whose records will be reviewed as part of this process.

The Selective Early Retirement Board (SER) was originally announced in NAVADMIN 006/11 and provided eligible captains and commanders time to submit retirement requests to avoid consideration.

Those who voluntarily retired could choose to leave active service anytime before Sept. 1, 2012, while those selected by the SER would be retired within seven months of the board results being approved by the secretary of the Navy, which is expected to be April 1, 2012.

Original projections for the

board were for 120 captains and 120 commanders to be selected for early retirement. By extending the deadline for submitting voluntary retirement requests, the SER board was able to reduce the final quotas to 63 captains and 63 commanders.

The SER board was required due to high retention, reduction in officer billets and low attrition among active component senior officers in the unrestricted line.

The board will be conducted to balance the force, reduce senior officer excess, and ensure sufficient senior officers are available at the right time in their careers to serve in critical fleet billets.

To learn more about the SER board, visit the Navy Personnel Command website at www.npc.navy.mil.

To read more articles from the Chief of Naval Personnel, visit www.navy.mil/cnp.

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is working toward an engineering technology associate's degree. He was chosen as VX-31's 2010 Sailor of the Year.

His superiors describe him as a quiet, confident leader and a proven performer in one of the Navy's most demanding mission specialties. Michalski leads a team of 11 enlisted personnel. He mentored a junior, inexperienced crew and turned them into a highly efficient team, achieving maximum results. The squadron's SAR mission availability increased under Michalski's influence.

Like many sailors, Michalski has traveled around the globe to places like Guam, Puerto Rico, Singapore, Bahrain, Dubai, Australia and Hawaii, which has led to many entertaining memories.

"In Guam (I) was teaching a CPR class and demonstrating the Heimlich maneuver on a CPR mannequin. This mannequin was really cheap and poorly made and when I was applying pressure, its head fell off. The whole class was laughing. I was so embarrassed, my face turned red. Someone from the back yelled, 'Are you sure that's the way to do it?'"

While overseas, Michalski stayed busy and earned the Enlisted Surface Warfare Specialist designation, completed three college classes, and earned a fourth and fifth Navy Achievement Medal.

Since January 2010, VX-31's SAR crew completed over 15 successful missions in some of the most challenging terrain in Southern California and rescued 16 civilians.

Michalski has personally flown over 400 mishap-free flight hours. His devotion to the SAR motto "That Others May Live" was recently highlighted by a successful rescue in the western region of Death Valley National Park.

In January, Michalski took the lead as crew chief on a Death Valley National Park Service mission after three adults traveling with a toddler failed to return the previous day from the Deadhorse Canyon area.

Michalski recalled:

"When we found them, three adult men and a 17-month old baby, they were all severely dehydrated, hungry and cold. They spent the night without water, food or shelter. We noticed the water bottles they carried had twigs, dirt and debris

in them from snow they had melted to drink."

In addition to his SAR responsibilities, Michalski streamlined VX-31's SH-60F Training and Personnel Qualifications Standards Instruction guidelines. He even led VX-31's all-hands physical training sessions.

Michalski stated, "What your body looks like has no bearing on what it is capable of or how it performs. Endurance, perseverance and agility are some of the most effective attributes that I strive for." His leadership paid off with over 70 sailors reaching a 100 percent pass rate on the spring 2011 physical readiness assessment cycle.

Mirroring his dedication to duty, Michalski devoted numerous off-duty hours supporting the community by helping frame a single family home through the Habitat for Humanity program in Ridgecrest and volunteering as a timekeeper for the Desert Sky League track finals.

"Leading others has been the most challenging, and the most rewarding, experience in my naval career," said Michalski.



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Military
RAF Air Vice Marshal Phil Osborn visits China Lake


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Air Vice Marshal Phil Osborn, Air Officer Commanding 2 Group of the British Royal Air Force (far right) and his aides recently visited NAWCWD for a tour of the Range Control Center at China Lake. Osborn stated, "Exercise Crown Pinnacle provides essential training for the Royal Air Force's ongoing efforts in support of global operations. The location here at China Lake enables our C130 Hercules Fleet to conduct essential training in an area which almost identically replicates the conditions experienced on current operations in Afghanistan." Reflecting on the exercise that was conducted at China Lake, Osborn continued, "The reception from our American partners is always extremely welcoming and the facilities offer us a world class training environment. May I take this opportunity to thank those involved with this exercise at China Lake who are a credit to the professionalism of the United States military."

Lt. Cmdr. David Noland receives Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal


Photo by Michael Roach

Lt. Cmdr. Richard Stacey, officer in charge, Branch Health Clinic China Lake (right), presents Lt. Cmdr. David Noland, senior nurse executive, Branch Health Clinic China Lake, with the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal for his outstanding service. Noland has been stationed at China Lake for three and a half years. "You all have been the best crew I have ever worked with and I've been in this for 21 years," said Noland to the Sailors at the clinic's morning muster.

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Military/News

NAWCWD environmental operating model sets a new standard



Photo by Theresa Goldstrand
Rear Adm. Mat Winter (left) congratulates Tony Parisi and Robin Hoffman with a certificate and award for their extraordinary accomplishments in the development of the Environmental Memorandum of Agreement between Navy Region Southwest (NRSW) and the Naval Air Warfare Center Weapons Division (NAWCWD), according to the citation. By clearly identifying the individual roles and responsibilities between NRSW and NAWCWD, this NAWCWD environmental operating model has become the national standard for the Commander, Naval Installations Command to deploy to all shore stations with environmental staff supporting both the mission and installation.



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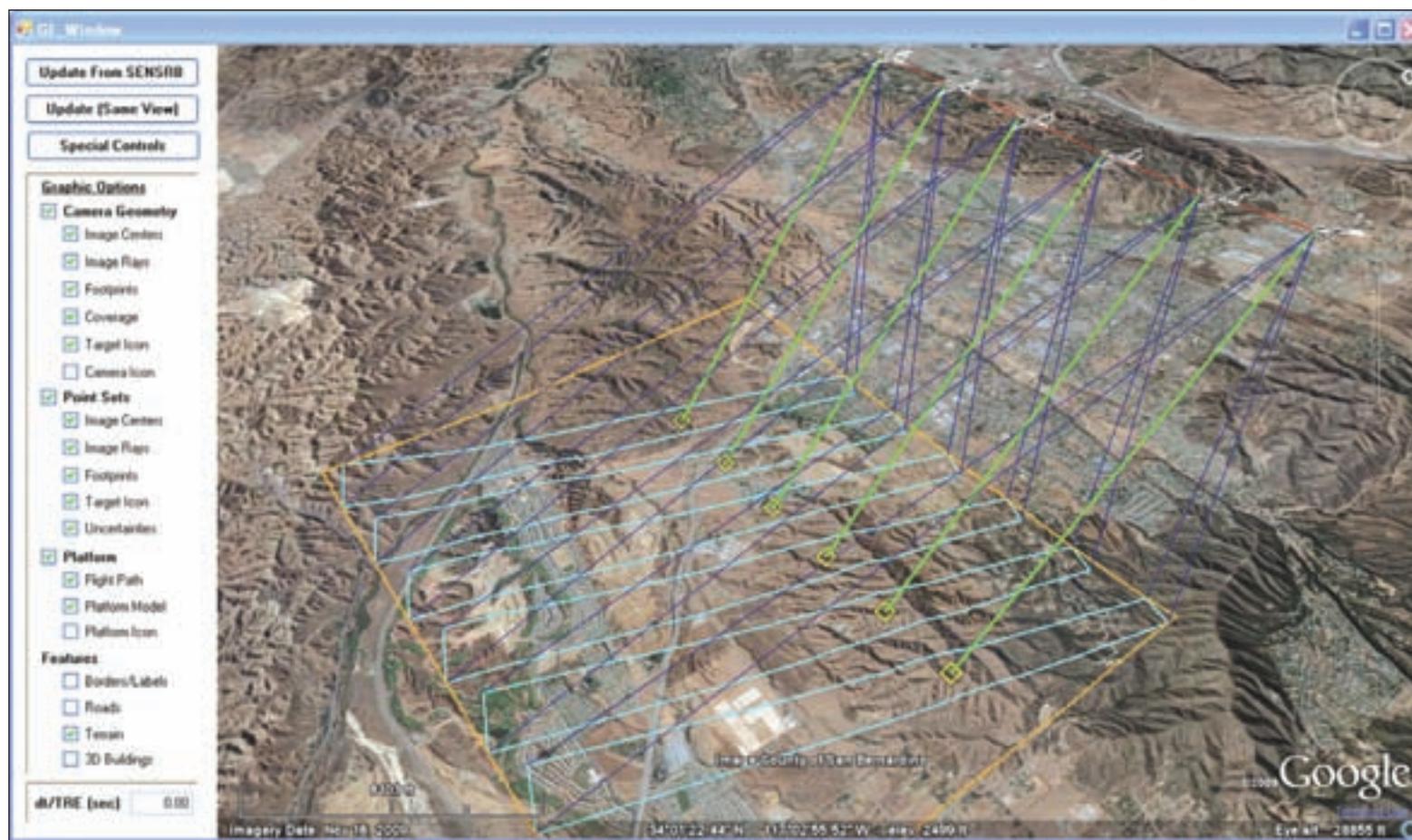
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All scientists and engineers interested in expanding their understanding of imaging sensors, or of systems that use geospatial information, are invited to attend a series of workshops, panels, and courses to be presented starting in early July. These courses are being presented as part of an internal Strategic Training Initiative.

The series will kick off with three successive events at China Lake.

- July 12, 8 a.m. to noon, Michelson Lab conference room B/C. A workshop will be conducted on the use of the newly established standard for EO/IR sensor metadata—called “SENSRB.” SENSRB will soon be required for all new airborne optical imagery sources implementing the National Imagery Transmission Format, or NITF. The standard’s developer and author, Mark Wonnacott, will use presentations and interactive exercises to demonstrate how to properly use the standard for increased utility and interoperability.

- July 13, 8 a.m. to noon, Michelson Lab conference room B/C. Training will be provided on the use of the SENSRB Data Conversion Tool. This tool serves as a companion to, and a government-owned reference for, the SENSRB standard. The tool is an interactive, graphics-based application. SENSRB Data Conversion Tool developer, Lou Crain, will demonstrate how the



This image from the SENSRB Data Conversion Tool’s embedded Google Earth display shows the path of an unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) taking photographs using a “pushbroom” camera.

tool can be used for data input, representations, data conversions, consistency and verification. Crain will also demonstrate how to use the embedded Google Earth capability to display the geomatic information contained in SENSRB metadata.

- July 14, 9 to 11 a.m.,

McLean Lab, room 1116. A panel of local experts will discuss disparate-sensor fusion. This will be an interactive, moderated panel discussion on the topic of data fusion as applied to intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance. Six panelists will discuss their views of what

sensor fusion is all about, why it is important, why it should be an area of interest for China Lake, and the various means by which this field of research may evolve.

The sensor series will continue with a set of 20 one-hour lunch-time lectures on various topics

in geomatics beginning Oct. 4 and continuing twice per week through December. Seating for these events is limited so plan to arrive early. Contact louis.crain@navy.mil (760) 939-1665 with any questions.

Messages from Tri-Care:

Meals and moves: together counts!

“For the first time in our history, American children may face a shorter expected lifespan than their parents.”

That quote, taken directly from the Partnership for a Healthier America’s website, explains the essence of a growing obesity problem across the U.S. The partnership—which is headed by First Lady Michelle Obama—says that obesity rates have tripled in the past 30 years.

Obese and overweight children are more likely to suffer academic, social and financial burdens throughout life. So, what can you do, to prevent this from happening to your children?

Together Counts!

TriWest Healthcare Alliance, the company which administers TRICARE in 21 western states, believes that together, we can make a difference. That’s why TriWest

joined forces with Together Counts, a nationwide program that inspires active and healthy living. As part of Together Counts, we challenge you to:

Eat at least one healthy meal each week.

Do at least one family activity each week.

That’s it – Just one! It can be as simple as cooking dinner together, then going for a walk. Or if you have kids, let them choose a fun activity. A picnic and a game of Frisbee at the park? A barbeque followed by a few hours in the pool?

Because, what it all boils down to is, we are a nation that needs to move again.

What causes obesity?

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), obesity now affects 17 percent of all U.S. children and teenagers.

The CDC listed these as the most common causes of obesity:

- Energy imbalance. This means eating too many calories and not getting enough physical activity to burn them off.

- Genetics, which also affects metabolism (how fast one digests food), behavior (staying up late and sleeping in), environment (nowhere and no time to exercise), culture, and socioeconomic status.

- One’s behaviors and environment play the largest roles in causing obesity. These also represent the best areas for prevention and treatment.

Want more information?

Learn more about Together Counts and how you can help, by visiting www.TogetherCounts.com. Find more healthy living tips on TriWest’s Healthy Living Portal, at www.triwest.com/HealthyLiving.

TRICARE program for dependents to age 26

What are the TRICARE choices for a college student who turns 23? What about for 21-year-olds who lost their eligibility due to age? They now have an option for TRICARE coverage.

TRICARE Young Adult is medical and pharmacy coverage for dependents. An eligible enrollee has a TRICARE-eligible sponsor, is unmarried, is not yet 26 years old and is not eligible for their own employer-sponsored healthcare coverage. Each enrollee pays a monthly premium (\$186). Eligibility, coverage, cost and enrollment information is at trivest.com/TYA.

Coverage: TRICARE Young Adult currently provides the same coverage as TRICARE Standard. The sponsor’s status will determine the catastrophic cap, deductible and cost shares. Dental coverage is not included.

Cost: A payment covering the first three monthly premiums (\$558 total) is required with the initial enrollment. Automatic recurring monthly payments by credit/debit card or electronic fund transfer are required. You can set up recurring payments on the enrollment application.

Premiums may not be paid via sponsor’s allotment. TRICARE Young Adult Premiums cannot be combined or paid with the sponsor’s other TRICARE premium or fee. Bill payments set up and made through a bank will not be accepted.

In October 2011, a TRICARE Young Adult Prime option will be available. Enrollment into this option will also require a monthly premium.

Want to stay updated with TRICARE Young Adult information? Follow us at facebook.com/TriWest for all things TRICARE—including the Young Adult program.



News

Deputy Director tours NAWCWD operations

Courtesy photo

Arthur "Trip" Barber III, deputy director, Assessment Division Chief of Naval Operations (right), toured NAWCWD operations and visited with Executive Director Scott O'Neil June 10. After a Weapons Miniaturization and Irregular Warfare Technology Development brief by Greg Wheelock, head of the Unrestricted Warfare Project Office, O'Neil and Barber continued the discussion using a full sized model replica of the Global Positioning System Guided Miniature Munition (G2M).

Dorothy Courville receives letter of thanks

Photo by Joy Lewis

NAWCWD Commander Rear Adm. Mat Winter attended the recent contracts team meeting to congratulate Dorothy Courville, a procurement analyst in the Business Systems Office of NAWCWD Contracts, who received a note of thanks and recognition for her exceptional support from LeAntha Sumpter, special assistant to the director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy (DPAP). Courville provided assistance to DPAP that allowed them to develop an enterprise contract clause logic capability.

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CLFD repairs loose lanyard



Photo by Michael Roach

China Lake Federal Fire Department (CLFD) performs maintenance on the flagpole in front of the administration building at China Lake last week. During high winds the buckle on the lanyard used to hoist the flag can come loose allowing the lanyard itself to flail, requiring the use of CLFD's ladder truck.

Bullard construction comes to an early close



Photo by Michael Roach

Bullard Road, which closed for construction May 23, is now open, a week earlier than expected. The road was widened, a dedicated right turn lane installed in the southbound lane, along with new bicycle lanes for easy two-wheeled access.

“A young man who does not have what it takes to perform military service is not likely to have what it takes to make a living.” ***-John F. Kennedy***

NEXCOM gives \$48.4 million to MWR

The Navy Exchange Service Command (NEXCOM) released its FY10 audited financials report which showed a \$48.4 million contribution to Navy Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR).

This contribution is in keeping with the NEXCOM mission to provide customers with quality goods and services at a savings and to provide quality of life support to Navy MWR.

“NEX gives 70 percent of its profits to Navy MWR each year for quality of life programs,” said Rear Adm. (Sel) Glenn C. Robillard, commander, NEXCOM. “Thanks to our loyal customers who faithfully shopped their NEX last year, we were able to provide a significant contribution to support Navy MWR.”

Navy MWR uses the dividends from the NEX in a variety of ways. Installations receive part of the funds for specific installation level MWR efforts. The remaining funds are used for MWR capital projects to improve facilities.

Recent MWR capital projects include project improvements at golf courses, marinas, and recreational lodging and vehicle

parks.

With greater NEX dividends, MWR has the ability to make improvements to more of its facilities.

“Since NEXCOM has reached this level of NEX profits, installation and regional MWR Funds will receive a greater local NEX dividend, thereby enhancing local recreational programming opportunities for Sailors and their families,” said Larry Warnken, commander, Navy Installations Command, N92 head of Fleet Readiness Programs.

“Additionally, the MWR Central Fund also receives a greater central dividend, allowing the MWR/NEX board of directors to approve more non-appropriated fund MWR projects, greatly improving MWR recapitalization. By purchasing products and services from the Navy Exchange, Sailors and family members not only take advantage of discounted shopping but also directly contribute to exchange profits that generate an annual NEX dividend for MWR programs across the Navy.”

NEXCOM operates on the retail fiscal year calendar, which in 2010 was January 31, 2010 – January 29, 2011.

State of California to change vehicle registration renewal policies

The state of California has announced changes to vehicle registration renewal fees due July 1 and later.

State law is now requiring the DMV to mail registration renewal notices out close to or on the expiration date. This is in contrast to the previous policy of mailing them out 60 days before the expiration date.

However, no money will

be collected until the renewal notices are issued. Law enforcement officials have been made aware of the new mailing period and are not supposed to cite drivers until the first day of the second month after the vehicle registration expires.

For example: A vehicle with a registration expiration date of July 10 would not be cited for delinquent registration prior to Sept. 1.

Local Independence Day celebrations

This Fourth of July local celebrations will include:

- Hot Dog 5k on Monday, July 4, 8 a.m. (sign-up by 6/29), five years old and up. Bring your pup out for a morning walk around the China Lake Golf Course. Hot dogs and soda will be available at the finish line. There is no cost for this event.
- Fourth of July Celebration at the Oasis Pool Monday, July 4 from Noon-2

pm Free hot dog, chips and water to the 1st 100 guests. There will be pool games abounding from 1-2 p.m. for all ages.

- As always, cap off the day by watching the fireworks display at Desert Empire Fairgrounds

Remember to be safe while celebrating this weekend, whether locally or elsewhere. Local police will be enforcing checkpoints during the holiday.



ISR & Targeting projects answers fleet distress call and delivers a whopper

By Theresa Goldstrand
NAWCWD PAO

When Capt. Stephen Roberts, staff intelligence officer (N2) at the Naval Strike and Air Warfare Center (NSAWC), Fallon, Nev., learned that during rehabilitation of the Carrier Intelligence Center (CVIC) spaces aboard the USS Carl Vinson (CVN-70) that everything had been stripped out, he sounded the alarm. Roberts phoned his NAWCWD targeting resource Barry O'Neal, technical lead of ISR & Targeting Projects. The intelligence processing and exploitation systems needed to support CVW-17 mission planning had not been updated with the latest Distributed Common Ground System – Navy (DCGS-N) equipment. Instead, the ship would now have to rely on the ten-year old Joint Service Image Processing System – Navy (JSIPS-N) and the, even older Precision Targeting Workstation (PTW) systems, which only had one terabyte (1 TB) of storage available for imagery and targeting products.

The mission planning process afloat is dependent upon overhead imagery and digital targeting products that the Navy receives from the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency (NGA). These



Photo by Joy Lewis

Information technology (IT) developer Erik van Bronkhorst (left) and Barry W. O'Neal, technical lead of ISR & Targeting Projects, stand by the Portable Geospatial Products Library (PGPL).

data products are used to plan strike missions with Joint Direct Attack Munition (JDAM), Joint Stand Off Weapon (JSOW) and Standoff Land Attack Missile-Expanded Response (SLAM-ER) weapons.

In addition, they are needed on a daily basis for F/A-18 SHARP reconnaissance mission route planning, threat avoidance, target area analysis and ground-truth reference for intelligence. Because

these products are so detailed, they are also quite large in terms of data volume; several terabytes of files are needed to cover a typical F/A-18 mission area. CVW-17 would need about 35TB of storage.

NAWCWD employees scrambled to assist. Information Technology (IT) engineer, Spencer Hall, defined the hardware solution and initiated the IT approval process. IT developer Erik van Bronkhorst designed transit cases and procured power supplies with battery backup. Rick Toal sent blank 2TB drives to NGA with an urgent request to have them filled with the needed data. They had eight weeks to pull something together and about a 50-50 chance at making the deadline.

Data loading began in early November 2010. Hall loaded both Linux and Windows software on the server. One of the two Redundant Array of Independent Discs (RAID) racks was in place and its lights were blinking, indicating data transfer.

The transit cases had arrived but needed to be modified to keep the equipment from falling out. Using limited resources, van Bronkhorst designed and applied the modifications. By the end of November, he completed the final modifications that would “keep things from flopping around.” Even though there were still a lot of pieces and stuff lying around the laboratory, van Bronkhorst assured O'Neal, “We can slap this baby together in no time.”

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to industry. One of the earliest examples occurred in the 1960s with the invention of a technique for explosive forming and welding of metals. The technology was later transferred out of Department of Defense where it helped to revolutionize the metal-forming industry.

The most well-known technology to transfer from NAWCWD started with the invention of a device intended to provide emergency lighting for life rafts. The chemiluminescent light stick was patented in 1986 and now has far reaching commercial applications including safety illumination for children. Other NAWCWD technology spin-outs include stop-action video, logarithmic amplifiers, and weather modification.

Although major successes such as the light stick and stop-action video are now widely used in commercial markets, the financial return to NAWCWD and its inventors was limited. This situation had NAWCWD Executive Director Scott O'Neil concerned. At a consortium meeting recently held at Massachusetts Institute of Technology, O'Neil asked, “Are we realizing the full benefit of WD's intellectual capital or,

are we leaving something on the table?” O'Neil continued, “Our commercially viable patents represent real revenue that can be reinvested to further the core mission. By leaving money on the table we miss opportunities to deliver more capability to our warfighters.” O'Neil has since focused on developing innovative technology transfer practices.

Through a teaming effort between Research and Engineering Dept., the Technology Transfer Office, the Office of General Counsel, and the China Lake High Tech Consortium, several initiatives are moving forward. Promoting and incentivizing use of the Center's patenting process has become a high priority and cash awards have been added or increased at each stage of the process. Inventors can now receive \$250 for disclosing an invention of merit. If the disclosure leads to the filing of a patent application, the inventor receives another \$500. When the patent is issued, the inventor will receive a final \$500. Though patenting for the protection of military technologies remains a top priority, these awards also apply to inventions with commercial application. In those cases, inventors could receive royalties of up to \$150,000 annually. The NAWCWD team has alerted

employees to the value of protecting and using all intellectual property.

While exploring innovative technology transfer practices, the same NAWCWD team was led to New Jersey-based non-profit corporation InSitech. InSitech used its vast network of commercial partners and private equity to transfer technology to and from Army labs. Discussions with InSitech have grown into the formation of a subsidiary called China Lake Technologies (CLT) and the signing of a Partnership Intermediary Agreement with NAWCWD.

CLT evaluated the NAWCWD patent portfolio looking for multi-use technologies with the potential to address problems beyond the scope originally intended. These technologies can be made available to other government agencies or to commercial industry through a licensing agreement. Over the past several months, CLT reviewed over 500 patents, interviewed NAWCWD inventors, and marketed the findings to perspective licensees.

In the early stages of the partnership, CLT was headquartered with parent company InSitech at Picatinny Arsenal, N.J. The company has since established a local office in Ridgecrest and enlisted retired NAWCWD physicist Dr. Dave

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Courtesy photo

A serviceman uses the light of a glow stick to orient himself with a map and compass.

Announcements/Human Resources
**Protect yourself this summer,
a two minute read**
By Shari Lopatin

TriWest Healthcare Alliance

More Americans are diagnosed with skin cancer each year than cancers of the prostate, breast, lung, colon, uterus, ovaries and pancreas—combined.

All together, says the American Cancer Society, that equals 2 million new cases of skin cancer a year, making it more common than any other cancer. The majority of skin cancers are caused from too many UV rays—which can come from the sun, or tanning beds.

With summer here, now is a great time to get educated on skin cancer and learn how to prevent it.

The 3 types of skin cancer

According to the National Cancer Institute (NCI), three types of skin cancer are the most common:

1. Basal Cell Skin Cancer: These cancer cells rarely spread to other parts of the body, so they are the least deadly.

2. Melanoma: The deadliest type of skin cancer, melanoma begins in skin pigment cells and is most likely to spread to other parts of the body.

3. Squamous Cell Skin Cancer: These cancer cells sometimes spread to other parts of the body, but not as much as melanoma.

More information on these three skin cancers can be found from the NCI here: <http://1.usa.gov/SkinCancer>.

How to protect yourself:

The American Cancer Society says if caught early enough, skin cancer can usually be treated effectively.

“Finding possible skin cancers doesn’t require any x-rays or blood tests—just your eyes and a mirror,” the society says on its website. Individuals can check their own skin, preferably once a month, for any suspicious growths or changing moles.

People should also limit their exposure to the sun. Besides wearing sunscreen, the Cancer Society suggests slipping on a T-shirt, wearing a hat and sporting some sunglasses. Also, stay away from tanning beds and sunlamps.

For more healthy living tips, visit TriWest’s Healthy Living Portal at www.triwest.com/healthyliving

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: Madonna Archibeque, or you can fax to 939-1423. For more information regarding the Leave Transfer Program, please call Madonna Archibeque at 939-8103 or DSN 437-8103. The 2011 leave year ends on 1 January 2012.

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This week is U.S. Naval History

June 30:

1815 - USS Peacock takes HMS Nautilus, last action of the War of 1812.

1943 - 3rd Fleet Amphibious Force lands troops on Rendova Island while naval gunfire silences Japanese artillery.

July 1:

1797 - Naval Regulations passed by Congress.

1914 - Prohibition of alcohol begins in the Navy.

July 2:

1937 - Amelia Earhart disappears in the Pacific. Navy conducts extensive, but unsuccessful search.

1945 - USS Barb (SS 220) bombards Japanese installations on Kaihyo Island, Japan; first successful use of rockets against shore positions.

1946 - Establishment of VX-3 to evaluate adaptability of helicopters to naval purposes.

July 3:

1898 - At Battle of Santiago, Cuba, Rear Adm. Sampson's squadron destroys Spanish fleet.

1950 - USS Valley Forge (CV 45) and HMS Triumph participate in first carrier action of Korean Conflict.

VF-51 aircraft (Valley Forge) shoot down two North Korean aircraft. The action is first combat test of F9F Panther and AD Skyraider.

July 4:

1776 - American colonies declare their independence from Great Britain.

1777 - John Paul Jones hoists first Stars and Stripes flag on Ranger at Portsmouth, N.H.

1842 - First test of electrically operated underwater torpedo sinks gunboat Boxer.

July 5:

1814 - Sloop-of-war Peacock captures British Stranger, Venus, Adiona and Fortitude.

1815 - Commodore Stephen Decatur's squadron arrives at Tripoli to collect reparations for seizure of American merchant ships in violation of Treaty of 1805.

July 6

1911 - First naval aviation base established at Annapolis, Md.

1943 - Night Battle of Kula Gulf results in loss of two Japanese destroyers and USS Helena (CL 50).

1976 - First women enter U.S. Naval Academy.

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Burdick to head-up the west coast operation. With the full support of the Picatinny-based CLT team, Burdick intends to expand capability and work with the NAWCWD team to make CLT an integral part of ongoing and future tech transfer efforts. The partnership with CLT is expected to result in licensing deals as early as this fiscal year. What's next for tech transfer at NAWCWD?

According to Andy Corzine, deputy director for Research and Engineering, "the IP innovation initiative is still young and we have kinks to work out. Ultimately, our goal is to get to a point where every scientist and engineer at China Lake and Point Mugu is asking the question: what else can this technology do? Emphasizing multi-use technologies, we want to provide NAWCWD with the ability to leverage the vast markets and resources available outside of DoD and bring that value back to the warfighter."

Corzine expects to see more NAWCWD innovations over the next several months, each with an underlying theme—providing our warfighters the decisive advantage.

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On Nov. 28, production ended. Hall and van Bronkhorst packed up the system they named the Portable Geospatial Products Library (PGPL) and headed to NAS North Island for the USS Carl Vinson to meet Lt. Cmdr. James Brennan and his CVW-17 team.

O'Neal stated, "The PGPL consisted of two 200-plus pound transit cases, but Brennan had promised to 'get the beast aboard the boat' if we got it there. I later heard it took eight people to push those cases up three ladders and through the bulkheads into the CVIC spaces."

When they powered it up, Hall and van Bronkhorst only had a few hours to show the CVW-17 N2-types how to use it before the NGA rep showed up to inspect and certify their mission planning and targeting capability. The USS Carl Vinson sailed on schedule and the PGPL was now a "deployed" system. The PGPL contained almost all of the maps, charts, controlled image base (CIB) and Digital Point Positioning Database (DPPDB) products needed for the missions CVW-17 would

conduct in both the 5th and 7th Fleet areas of responsibility (AORs) during the cruise. The total data load was about 30TB -- more than any previous air wing has had access to while on cruise.

NAWCWD reservist Capt. Patrick Mulcahy flew out to the ship and delivered a laptop loaded with Common Geo-positioning Services (CGS) targeting software. Mulcahy reported that the CGS training went very well and that the "WOPR" (pronounced whop-per -- their call sign for the PGPL, based on a super duper computer in the old sci-fi movie, "War Games") was a big hit with the air wing and all the folks in CVIC.

Summarizing the monumental task O'Neal said, "We all felt good about helping our warfighters when they called upon us. Hall and van Bronkhorst created the PGPL; Toal secured the data; Sandy Gamble and Diane Tilley handled the security paperwork; James Dack got the best computer gear in record time, and Mulcahy trained the crew. Without this incredible team effort, the PGPL system would not have been aboard the USS Carl Vinson as it sailed and its aircraft flew in harm's way."



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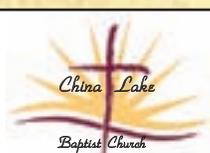


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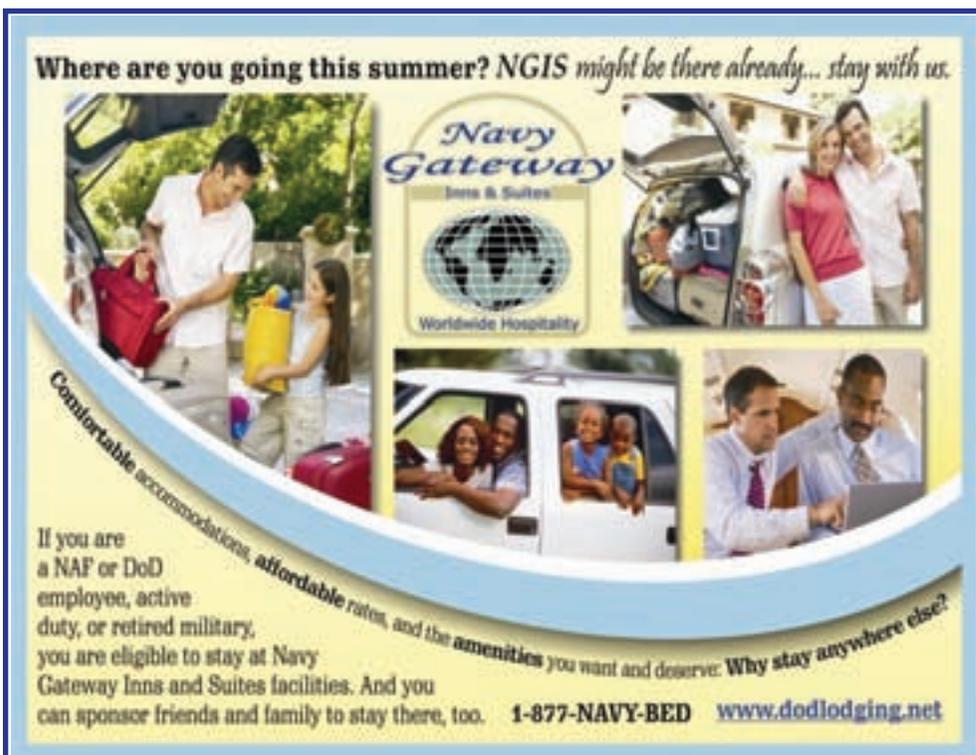
9 a.m.	WOW - Women's Bible Study
11:00 a.m.	Adult Bible Study
6:15 p.m.	Caravan 4 years - 6th grade
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