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FRISCO, Texas – Sailors from NRD Dallas present the colors at a Frisco RoughRiders baseball game at Dr. Pepper Ballpark during the Dallas-Fort Worth Navy Week. Dallas-Fort Worth Navy Week is one of six signature Navy Weeks planned across America in 2014. Photo by MCCC Gary Ward, Navy Community Outreach



BACK...
NRD public affairs officers (PAO) work tirelessly behind the scenes to help tell our Navy story in support of our recruiting mission. PAOs produce news and feature articles and photos, coordinate news media engagements and community relations activities. NRD PAOs met in April at Navy Recruiting Command HQ to conduct training and plan for the year ahead. Let's keep the conversation going across the nation about America's Navy. Connect with your NRD PAO today!



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From the Regions



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Abbott: ...Well, let's see, we have on the bags, Who's on first, What's on second, I Don't Know is on third...

Costello: That's what I want to find out.

Abbott: I say Who's on first, What's on second, I Don't Know's on third.

Costello: Are you the manager?

Abbott: Yes.

Costello: You gonna be the coach, too?

Abbott: Yes.

Costello: And you don't know the fellows' names?

Abbott: Well, I should.

Costello: Well then, who's on first?

Abbott: Yes.

Costello: I mean the fellow's name.

Abbott: Who.

Costello: The guy on first.

Abbott: Who.

Costello: The first baseman.

Abbott: Who.

Costello: The guy playing...

Abbott: Who is on first!

Costello: I'm asking YOU who's on first!

Abbott: That's the man's name.

Costello: That's who's name?

Abbott: Yes.

Costello: Well go ahead and tell me.

Abbott: That's it.

Costello: That's who?

Abbot and Costello first performed this skit together in the late 1930s. It was their interpretation of similar sketches dating back to the turn of the century – into the 20th century – but we use it here to illustrate two important points.

First, it is July and that means our beloved sport of baseball is in full swing. Teams have shaken off the Spring jitters and are likely showing their ability, or lack of ability, to win as a team. Second, the play on words that Bud and Lou recite so well is indicative of the potential communication gaps that we, as leaders, can find ourselves falling victim to if we do not pay attention to what we actually hear and say during our many daily conversations.

Your Commodores want you to know that we are proud of you and the incredible work you perform out there in Navy Recruiting. You take our two-fold mission, Sailorization and Production, seriously and strive to improve your performance in both areas every day. We need you to continue that outstanding effort by focusing on teamwork and open communication. This may seem easy, but if you do not train to and talk about it often, what you assume are good practices in both areas may, in reality, be efforts that are working against each other. Ones that will eventually do harm to the command climate and your ability to meet our goals.

You have heard us talk about how we expect you to think and behave as leaders. Whether it is looking at it from the 20,000 foot view, or balancing family, work, life issues, the entire chain of command must take time, each day, to look ahead. This way we all can plan for success, avoid unintended obstacles to progress, and eventually look back during our October and congratulate ourselves on a great season. Then it is time to think about who's on first for the new season.

GO SOX!

Most respectfully,
Your Region West and Region East Commodores



Sailors help promote STEM to students in Houston

Story and photos by MC1 Jacob L. Dillon, NRD Houston Public Affairs

HOUSTON – NRD Houston Sailors participated in the Communication, Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (CSTEM) Challenge 2014, April 26, at the George R. Brown Convention Center in Houston.

The CSTEM Challenge is a highly motivating competition that engages students in multi-age groups to collaboratively solve six challenges that are designed by industry professionals and national standards-aligned project-based learning activities, thus demonstrating the impact of teacher training on student learning and student performance in a STEM competition environment.

Navy personnel volunteered as judges and mentored students as they competed in six different events. The CSTEM Challenge impacts more than 10,000 elementary through high school students throughout the United States.

The six challenges revolve around competitions in the creation and development of remote controlled robots, geosciences, creative writing, sculpture, film and photography.

For AB1 Juan Gonzalez it was an opportunity to interact and learn from these students. "These kids are the future of America and the Navy," he said. "Programs like CSTEM are important because it plants the seeds in these kids' minds to grow and become innovators in CSTEM fields. Growing up, I really wish my school had unique programs and competitions like the one today. I know my child would be really interested in these programs. It is really interesting to speak with all of the participants and see how much they know; they are teaching me new things."

"CSTEM is about opportunities," said Dr. Reagan Flowers, the founder and CEO of CSTEM.

While addressing the participants, Flowers said, "I'm proud to see you all out here, I have been waiting all year for this. Thank you for taking advantage of these opportunities and seizing what CSTEM can offer. You are all our future leaders and ensure our world is in good hands by taking advantage of these opportunities early on."



MT2 Alex West, AB1 Juan Gonzalez and EM1 Thomas Bosarge interact with participants of the CSTEM Challenge 2014.

AB1 Juan Gonzalez judges a display at the Houston CSTEM Challenge 2014, at the George R. Brown Convention Center in Houston.



Future Sailors swear in during 50th annual gala

Story and photo by MC2 Jonathan Vargas, NRD Dallas Public Affairs

ADDISON, Texas – Three future Sailors from NRD Dallas took the oath of enlistment during the 2014 Greater Dallas Military Foundation Gala on April 26. There were a total of 14 individuals from all branches of the military who took the oath to serve in our nation's armed forces.

Future Sailor Christopher Akeem Jackson, Future Sailor Sergio Alejandro Cazares Muniz and Future Sailor Joaquin Reza-Haro represented NRD Dallas during the ceremony.

"It is truly an honor to be part of this ceremony and to take the oath to join our nation's military in front of all the veterans in attendance is a special occasion," said Reza-Haro, who is a member of his high school's Navy Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (NJROTC).

Jackson, who is also a member of his high school's NJROTC said, "This has been a memorable day and it shows how much our community cares about our military."

Muniz mentioned how it was a great experience to be sworn in by an Army general. "I think it is cool to have a general administer the oath for our enlistment."

The Future Sailors were escorted by CS1 Daniel Dockery, a recruiter from NRS Carrollton.

"Being part of this ceremony makes you feel good with a sense of pride," said Dockery. "It is always



Future Sailor Christopher Akeem Jackson, Future Sailor Sergio Alejandro Cazares Muniz and Future Sailor Joaquin Reza-Haro, from NRD Dallas, recite the oath of enlistment.

great to be recognized for the opportunity to join our military."

The oath of enlistment was administered by Brig. Gen. Thomas Kula, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Southwestern Division.

"I want to thank each and every one of you who have volunteered to defend our beautiful country," said Kula. "Congratulations and good luck in your military careers."

"It means a lot to have the support for all the branches of the military displayed in this ceremony," said Lt. Sean Murphy, operations officer for NRD Dallas. "The Greater Dallas Military Foundation honors those who have already served, currently serving and those who will serve in the future and it is great to be a part of this wonderful event."



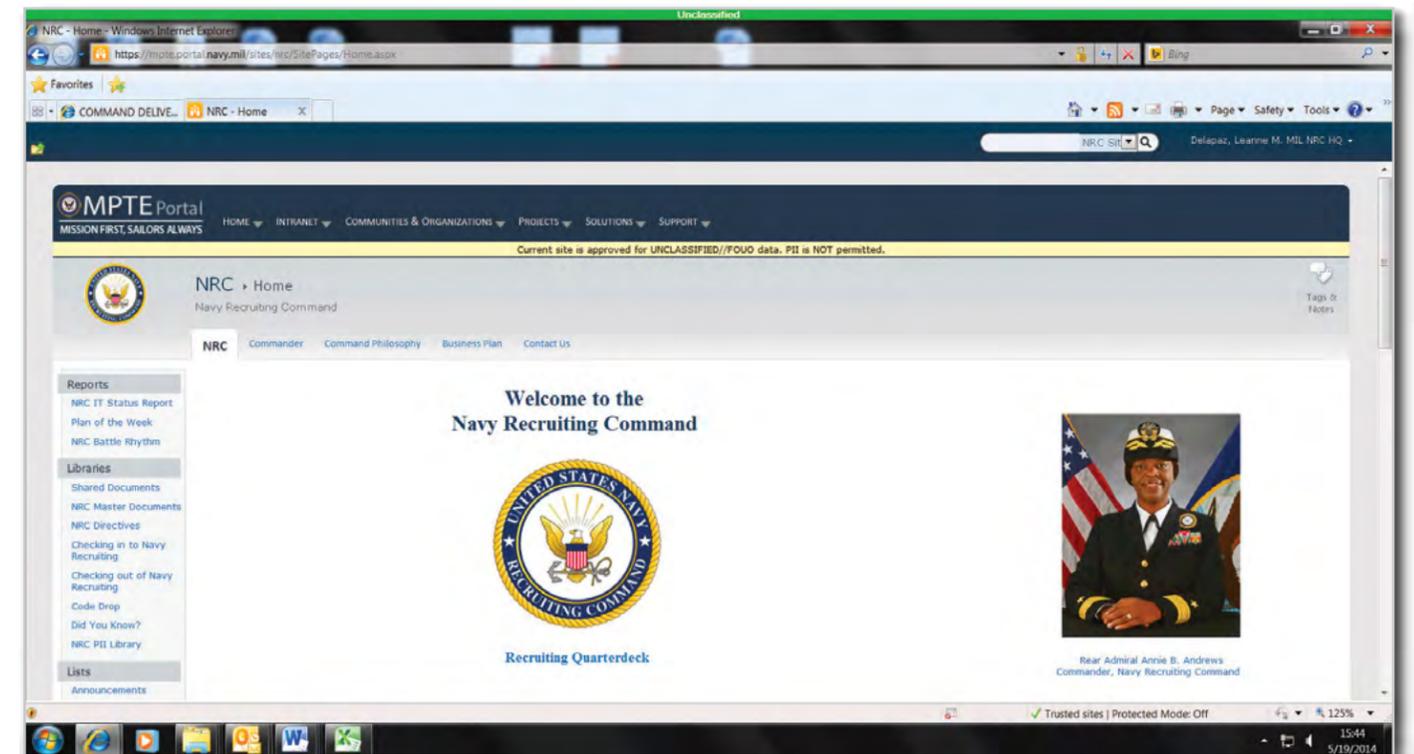
SharePoint

A new way to communicate

Story by MC3 James A. Griffin, NRC Public Affairs

MILLINGTON, Tenn. – With just a click of the mouse and a web browser, information may be shared worldwide. Some applications may be difficult to use and get cluttered with a variety of issues from old files to spam.

calendars, document libraries, and lists. Additionally, local NRDs can create more pages and platforms to use as a tool within their district for specific functions. "This program streamlines our ability to collaborate by putting information in one central location for



SharePoint, however, is a new way to combat these challenges making information easily accessible and sharable within the network.

"SharePoint is a tool which will help us perform our jobs more efficiently," said Kevin Sullivan, NRC's director of Information Technology and Communications department (N6).

Simple, and easy to use, SharePoint is a single controlled-access, intranet-based application that can host all business sites for an organization.

Sailors and recruiters within NRC can now use its existing functions to create and share trackers,

everyone to access," said Lt. Maria Batdorff, N6 knowledge management officer at NRC.

At NRC, each department has its own SharePoint site. For example, the command duty coordinator has set up a duty calendar for the Command Duty Officer (CDO) watchbill, and the Officer Candidate School and Reserve Officer Accessions (N311) division uses the personally identifiable information (PII) approved SharePoint site to provide information to selection boards.

SharePoint is not only for headquarters personnel. Navy Recruiting Districts are on board, too and are

converting over to this quick, new, and money- saving application.

“Our districts are moving forward with incorporating SharePoint into their routines including Dallas and Denver and several others from Region West,” said Sullivan. “Region East has been very proactive in getting their NRDs on board as well.”

Recruiters can use this same program to communicate effectively within their NRDs. This streamlines the flow of communication and directs recruiters in the right direction with minimal down time.

“For recruiters, SharePoint allows access to all forms and directives for quick access,” said Batdorff. “SharePoint has customizable document search features that make it easier to find documents. Recruiters can use the sites’ discussion capabilities to provide information to each other across all NRDs [in a page] called ‘Recruiters Corner.’”

“We are moving ahead with great progress. To date we have about 1,300 [personnel] across the NRC enterprise who have registered,” said Sullivan.

For years the Recruiter Quarterdeck (RQ), an intranet site available to those in the Navy recruiting domain, has been the host site for this kind of information and file access. But the RQ had limitations.

“SharePoint makes things simple,” said Batdorff. If someone needs to edit a document in SharePoint they can edit in a Microsoft (MS) Word format without having the program on the computer. Multiple people can collaborate on the same project because SharePoint is an interactive way personnel can receive and update assignments as they progress. SharePoint also has a PII site that can be used for projects involving PII, the old RQ does not have this function,” she said.

Below are a few common questions and answers from Lt. Batdorff which she would like NRC personnel to know.

What were some of the features of SharePoint?

SharePoint allows for more ease of navigation. If you have access to something on SharePoint you will see links to it, but if not, you won't see it so it won't clutter up your site. With SharePoint you have the ability to build surveys, lists, and calendars. You can exchange information with anyone in NRC and across all NRDs, securely. SharePoint has discussion board capability. If you want to edit a document in SharePoint, you can edit in an MS Word format without needing MS Office Suite on your computer. If multiple people are editing a document, SharePoint allows for versions with a new number depending on which is most recently updated.

When will SharePoint be fully functional and when will the access to RQ be cut off?

SharePoint is currently fully functional. It's just a matter of personnel signing up for accounts and using it for their business needs. There hasn't been a date set to cut off the RQ yet, but everyone is encouraged to start using this right away.

How can a recruiter use SharePoint to better communicate up and down the chain of command?

SharePoint can house directives that recruiters need access to. Documents that need editing can be placed in SharePoint, and then edited by various individuals through a check-in/check-out process that allows personnel to collaborate and work on the same project. The task function of SharePoint is an interactive way that personnel can receive and update assignments as they progress. Also the calendar function allows someone to place appointments, meetings, etc., onto SharePoint in a single place where anyone who needs to, and has access can view. The PII SharePoint site can be used for some functions that NRDs have been using SAFE for, of course, following all PII instructions, and allows for only personnel with a need-to-know to view PII or work on projects that include PII.

How can an NRD use SharePoint for their district information only?

Each NRD has its own SharePoint site (already created, but unless they are using it, may not have a lot of information on it yet). Since not every NRD does business the same way, they can choose which functions in SharePoint will help them the most. The sites have already been created, once all personnel at an NRD have requested and received an iNavy account, their Site Administrator just needs to give them the correct permissions to view and edit information as needed in their NRD's site.

All NRC, Region, NRD, and other DoD personnel can access the iNavy SharePoint portal. A DoD CAC card and an iNavy account are required to access most information and instructions for how to obtain access can be found on the recruiting Quarterdeck, or the following web address: https://mpte.portal.navy.mil/sites/NRC/PublicDocuments/Checkin_Checkout/CheckIn/NRC%20SharePoint%20Portal%20Account%20Request%20Process.doc

For the iNavy MPTe portal: <https://mpte.portal.navy.mil>

NRC's SharePoint site is at the following address: <https://mpte.portal.navy.mil/sites/nrc>

Each NRD and NRC department has its own site administrator who can answer questions pertaining to their respective SharePoint site.

NRD San Antonio earns gold with Retention Excellence Award

Story and photo by Burrell Parmer, NRD San Antonio Public Affairs

JOINT BASE SAN ANTONIO-FORT SAM

HOUSTON, Texas – Anchors of black were replaced with anchors of gold in front of NRD San Antonio's headquarters after the command was recently recognized as one of the winners of the Manpower, Personnel, Training and Education (MPT&E) Retention Excellence Award for Fiscal Year 2013.

Sailors and civilians took pride in the repainting of two large anchors situated in front of the headquarters, which is collated with the Military Enlisted Processing Station-San Antonio.

According to NRD Command Career Counselor, HM1 Jessica Hall, the award means taking care of Sailors and ensuring that their needs, such as reenlistments, officer packages, career development boards, retirements, and detailing issues are met.

“This allows our Sailors to not have to worry about their careers and allows them to focus more on their mission,” said Hall, a native of DeRidder, La. “And with 182 Sailors this is no easy task, but it was completed above Navy standards earning the retention award.”

NRD Commanding Officer, Cmdr. Corry

Juedeman was ecstatic when she heard the news.

“It is truly an honor for the entire command to win the Retention Excellence Award. And, it is validation of the successful command career counselor program

and the positive command climate we have that Sailors are choosing to stay Navy,” said Juedeman, who will be relinquishing command and commencing retirement in July. “We are very proud to have the now golden anchors outside our headquarters building for all to see!”



HM1 Jessica Hall, the command career counselor assigned to NRD San Antonio stands next to one of two anchors situated in front of the NRD headquarters.

The Retention Excellence Award, formerly known as the Golden Anchor Award, established by the United States Fleet Forces Command through the Fleet Retention Excellence Program, is annually awarded to U.S. Navy commands that sustain superior levels of military retention during the previous fiscal year.

Award-winning commands must pass the annual Career Information Program Review with a score of 85 points or higher while meeting set benchmarks for reenlistment and attrition rates during the fiscal year. Earning the FY13 award authorizes NRD San Antonio display gold-painted anchors near its headquarters.

NRD San Antonio includes 46 Navy Recruiting Stations and Navy Officer Recruiting Stations spread throughout 140,000

square miles of Texas territory, spanning from Waco, west to Midland/Odessa, southwest towards El Paso, southeast along the Rio Grande Valley, and west of College Station.

NRD Ohio presents award to World War II veteran

Story by MC1(SW/AW) Phillip D. James, Jr., NRD Ohio Public Affairs

KENT, Ohio – NRD Ohio, Division Six Leading Chief Petty Officer, NCC(AW) Robert C. Miller, presented an award to World War II veteran James Simms at his home in Kent, Ohio. Miller presented the award on behalf of the We Honor Vets program, a collaboration of the Veterans Administration and the National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization, to thank our veterans for their service.



NCC(AW) Robert C. Miller shakes hands with WWII Veteran James Simms at his home after pinning him with an award. Photo by MC1(SW/AW) Phillip D. James, Jr.

Miller said, "I feel it is a great way to show our appreciation to our veterans. So many times they get forgotten. When I presented the award I could tell that this was a very emotional moment for him. I was very honored to have the chance to meet a walking, talking history book."

Miller stated that it was obvious that it meant a lot to Simms and that by the turnout it was apparent that he was well liked.

"To some people it may have looked like a plain pin. To him it showed that his service to this country did not go unnoticed," said Miller. "This was the first time I was ever asked to do such a thing and I would do it again."

Simms served on the Essex-class aircraft carrier USS *Franklin* (CV 13) as a Seaman 2nd Class (now seaman apprentice) when it was attacked by Japanese on March 19, 1945 while operating within 50 miles of the coast of Japan. He was trapped with about 125 other crew members for four hours in the mess decks after the ship was hit by two 500-pound bombs. Casualties from the attack totaled 724 killed and 265 wounded.

"I was not frightened," said Simms. "You don't have time to worry too much."

After getting rescued, Simms was transferred to the Cleveland-class light cruiser USS *Santa Fe* (CL 60) which dropped him off in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.

According to the Naval History and Heritage Command, *Franklin* was towed by the Baltimore-class

heavy cruiser USS *Pittsburgh* (CA 72) until its crew could restore power the next day. *Franklin* stopped first at Ulithi Naval Base in the Caroline Islands on March 25, 1945 for emergency repairs. On April 3 it arrived at Pearl Harbor where an inspection team surveyed the damage and ordered the ship to the Brooklyn Navy Yard for major repair.

Simms spent the next nine months in Hawaii working as a plane captain, inspecting aircraft prior to take off. Then he was shipped off to cook school and spent the remainder of his time assigned to Treasure Island Naval Base in San Francisco, Calif.

Dina Douglas, Social Work and Bereavement Coordinator, Robinson Visiting Nurse and Hospice said, "I love it and want to do more. I have a special place in my heart for veterans."

She indicated that this is a new program for her office and with more than a third of their patients being veterans she is sure that they will have many more pinning ceremonies.

The pin is in the shape of Ohio, with the American flag and a blue flag representing honored veterans.



NRD Jacksonville pins newest Master Chief

Story and photo by MC1 Brianna K. Dandridge, NRD Jacksonville Public Affairs

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. – One senior Sailor at NRD Jacksonville was frocked to the rank of master chief petty officer at a pinning ceremony on May 5.

The new master chief is NCCM(SW) James L. Whitter, a native of Clearwater, Fla., enlisted in the Navy in 1988.

Whitter currently serves as the NRD Jacksonville command assistant chief recruiter.

Following the frocking orders at the ceremony, Whitter acknowledged the departmental chief petty officers and recruiters of NRD Jacksonville for their hard work and dedication.

"First I would like to thank my Lord and savior and my family for supporting me and my career," said Whitter.

During the ceremony Whitter's wife and mother assisted with pinning him with his new rank.

According to NCCM Penny White, Chief Recruiter, NRD Jacksonville, hard work and dedication led to this milestone.

"His passion for the job is one of the traits that helped him to reach this career pinnacle," said White.

Whitter also credited the work and efforts of the recruiting team.

According to Whitter motivation and perseverance is the key to success for recruiting.

"Remember to stay the course and keep pushing," said Whitter. "The very reason you chose to come recruiting will be what motivates you to be successful in recruiting."

The chief petty officer rating was first established April 1, 1893, and the ranks of senior chief petty officer and master chief petty officer were established June 1, 1958, under a 1958 Amendment to the Career Compensation Act of 1949.

For more news from NRD Jacksonville, visit www.navy.mil/local/nrdjax.



EODC Ben Jones shows students how to operate the Man Transportable Robot, Talon, during the national Navy recruiting asset, Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics tour at Martin Luther King Jr. High School. NRD San Diego along with EODMU-11 partnered with the national tour to demonstrate how the Navy uses STEM to advance the Navy mission and how STEM skills students learn apply to the military. NRD San Diego encompasses 45 recruiting stations and 210,000 square miles within a tri-state area which includes portions of California, Arizona, and Nevada. Photo by MCC Anastasia Puscian.

NRD Nashville participates in National Society of Black Engineers convention

Story and photo by MC1(SW/AW) Timothy Walter, NRD Nashville Public Affairs

NASHVILLE – In a vast room filled with exhibits for Fortune 500 companies like General Electric, Dow Chemical, and Google, a steady stream of young students and qualified engineers filed under a tent marked with five simple words: A global force for good.



ETC Jonathan Wallace, right, stationed at NRD Nashville, speaks with a convention attendee during the 40th annual National Society of Black Engineers convention at Gaylord Opryland Resort and Convention Center in Nashville.

They came from across the country with some nearing the completion of one, and sometimes two, degrees in fields such as electrical and mechanical engineering. Others were still waiting to enter high school. But what connected them at the Gaylord Opryland Resort and Convention Center in Nashville on March 28 was a community of people who shared a common heritage and common goal - encouraging and assisting the country's next generation of African-American engineers.

At the 40th annual National Society of Black Engineers (NSBE) convention, hundreds of attendees sought out the tent marked with those five words and many met a Navy officer who embodied the goal and passion of the society. Dressed in his service dress blue uniform, Lt. Matuwo Olufokunbi was all smiles as wave after wave of students stopped to talk with him

and other recruiters at the Navy Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) exhibit. The young people could learn about undersea robotics or laparoscopic surgery with one of the Navy's hands-on simulations but most wanted to talk about their possible future in the military. And Olufokunbi, with his animated gestures, was visibly motivated to answer their questions.

"It's kind of like a dream come true to see black engineers out there trying to better themselves and make themselves competitive for the workplace," said Olufokunbi.

As an American born abroad in Nigeria, Olufokunbi was excited to mentor young African-American engineers to follow in his path. His journey began in the Navy when he was recruited out of Dallas, Texas, as an enlisted electronics technician. He was then selected for the Seaman-to-Admiral program, which enabled him to earn an electrical engineering degree at Old Dominion University in Norfolk and continue serving as a nuclear field officer. As such, he was entrusted with the responsibility to safely and effectively manage the

operation of a nuclear reactor on a Navy vessel.

"This event means a lot to me. There is a lot of talent here and to just see my people in this kind of environment is fulfilling," he said. "Being an engineer myself, I get the opportunity to mentor some of these students. They don't even have to join the Navy. It's all about their professional development. But it's important for them to know that there is a black engineer serving in the nuclear program and to let them know that this is available to them. I like to say that I am here to spread the good news."

Hundreds of young African-Americans heard that good news during the society's 40th annual convention titled, "Engineering and Leadership in Harmony."

Officer recruiters from NRD Nashville actively promoted the Navy's different career fields to the

attendees, particularly the nuclear field. HMC Kevin Campbell, medical officer recruiter for NRD Nashville, said he was encouraged to see so many highly qualified engineers and students from around the country who were interested in serving in the military.

"It's a great opportunity to be here to speak to people about opportunities in the Navy, specifically to African-American engineers," he said. "For those that are going into higher education, I let them know that we have officer positions that relate directly to what they want to do."

Campbell added that as an African-American, he was proud to participate in the Navy's effort to create a diverse workplace.

"I'm glad that the Navy is reaching out to this side of the overall American community. I think in the end it makes the Navy better by having diverse opinions and diverse experiences working in our field," he said.

For Lt. Robert Whitecotton, who works closely with the NSBE to coordinate awareness, the event was a true success. "The importance of being here at NSBE is continue the partnership that we have carried on for

nine years and continuing to recruit the best and the brightest that they have to offer," said Whitecotton.

He said the caliber of the students involved in the organization is easily summed up in the types of questions that they posed to the officer recruiters. "They are already talking about graduate school and the industry and not just what class they are taking next semester. That is huge for us," he said. "We need people to ask the right questions earlier on, so that when they do graduate, they are making an informed decision. We really would like them to have the goal of being in the Navy early on in their college experience."

He added that talented engineers with initiative and positive energy are key to the future of the Navy and its missions. "With all the technologies that we have, we need people to help us develop it, maintain it and evolve it to keep us at the forefront of the world, to make us a better organization and to help us protect the interests of the United States."

The NSBE was founded in 1975 and has nearly 30,000 members, making it one of the largest student-governed organizations in the country.



Karen Smith, Navy Recruiting Command comptroller, discusses policy with logistic support personnel from across the nation who attended the logistics support planning meeting on March 14, 2014. Photo by MC3 James A. Griffin, NRC Public Affairs

Deputy Commander NRC honors fallen service members in Michigan

Story and photos by MC1 Joseph R. Wax, NRD Michigan Public Affairs

BELLEVILLE, Mich. – Rear Adm. Thomas Marotta, the Deputy Commander of NRC, took part in the General Motors (GM) Veteran's Affinity Group Field of Flags ceremony, an event hosted at the GM Customer Care and After Sales facility in Belleville, Mich., May 9, 2014, to honor all of the fallen service members from the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Marotta served as a guest speaker at the third annual event, which featured a "field" of more than 6,700 flags, one for every service member killed during Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom.

"Events like today, the Field of Flags, are important reminders about why we serve and what service to our country means," said Marotta. "As you view the flags that are so prominently displayed around us, be proud of what they represent, our freedom. And never forget the irreplaceable lives that have been sacrificed while defending and preserving that freedom."

The ceremony included a fly over by a WWII era B-17 bomber, a video presentation, speeches by Marotta and Steve Hill, GM vice president of U.S. sales and service, the ceremonial raising and lowering of an American flag that was flown in Afghanistan, and the placement of ceremonial wreaths to honor the fallen.



Rear Adm. Thomas Marotta delivers a speech during the Field of Flags ceremony held at General Motors Customer Care and After Sales facility in Belleville, Mich.

MA3 Jonathan Leask, HM2 Daniel Brown, LS1 Scott Corpe, and HM2 Edwin Gomez post the colors at the conclusion of the Field of Flags ceremony.



"The sacrifices willingly assumed by service members are rooted in an unwavering commitment and desire to serve something greater than themselves," said Marotta. "Today we honor that desire and that commitment. We honor the families who supported

them. Who, no doubt, are celebrating their legacy while grieving their absence."

For Marotta, the event was also an opportunity to thank GM for its commitment to the U.S. military now and throughout history.

"For General Motors, a company with great industrial might, your contributions to supporting our troops and our veterans is tremendous," he said. "During WWII, you were the largest provider of military vehicles in history.

Today, you support the Achilles Freedom Team of Wounded Veterans and offer the Cell Phones for Soldiers program. Both examples of embracing history and all that it means to looking ahead into the future."

The ceremony was attended by members of GM's Veteran's Affinity Group, GM employees, local military from NRD Michigan, Navy Operational Support Center Detroit, and Marine Corps Reserve Center at Selfridge Air National Guard Base.

NRC hosts "Fight Sexual Assault" event

Story and photo by MC3 Tyler Fraser, NRC Public Affairs

MILLINGTON, Tenn. – Sexual Assault Prevention and Response (SAPR) victim advocates (VA) from NRC hosted a crossfit workout called "fight sexual assault" April 25 at the NRC warehouse to raise awareness of SAPR and to ensure that all Sailors, dependents, retirees and civilians are fully aware of what they might experience when dealing with sexual assault.

The crossfit workout was used as a way to demonstrate how someone might physically respond if fighting off an attacker but also showed individuals how to overcome the frame of mind of wanting to quit when faced with a struggle.

"Much like the voice that tempts you to quit pushing yourself during PT, this same voice can tempt you to give up when fighting off an attacker," said NCC James Flaherty, command liaison and SAPR VA for NRC.

Additionally, the workout taught participants how to fight through a stressful situation. "In the same spirit which overwhelms you to fight during a life changing event, crossfit workouts push you to the point of wanting to quit," said Flaherty. "You just have to keep pushing forward and complete the mission."

The workout was broken down into three five-minute rounds with a one-minute break between rounds. Participants moved between five stations in one-minute intervals with each station comprised of different exercises.



GM2 Christine Cooke, a cyberspace recruiter from NRC, performs a sumo deadlift high-pull during a crossfit workout called "fight sexual assault" April 25 at the NRC warehouse while MC1 Sonja Chambers, a sexual assault prevention and response (SAPR) victim advocate, counts her repetitions. NRC hosted the workout to raise awareness of SAPR and to ensure that all Sailors, dependents, retirees and civilians are fully aware of what they might experience when dealing with sexual assault.

Approximately 25 individuals came out to participate in the workout and said that it really did hit home how easy it is to let up when exhaustion kicks in.

"The workout was intense," said AT2 Ya Zhao, a cyberspace recruiter for NRC. "It definitely made me feel empowered and gave me mental strength and courage."

For more information on SAPR, go to at www.myduty.mil and www.SAPR.mil.

Eye on the Fleet



▲ Annapolis, Md. – May 23, 2014 – Newly commissioned officers of the U.S. Navy and Marine Corps toss their Midshipmen covers in the air at the end of the Class of 2014 graduation ceremony. The Class of 2014 graduated 784 ensigns and 265 Marine Corps 2nd lieutenants at Navy-Marine Corps Memorial Stadium in Annapolis, Md. Photo by Gin Kai



▲ BA'A, Indonesia – May 31, 2014 – Cmdr. Sandra Su, an optometrist from Chicago assigned to Sewell's Point Branch Medical Clinic in Norfolk, Va., gives a patient a visual acuity test during an optometry subject matter expert exchange during Pacific Partnership 2014. Pacific Partnership is in its ninth iteration and is the largest annual multilateral humanitarian assistance and disaster relief preparedness mission conducted in the Asia-Pacific region. Photo by MC1 Dustin Q. Diaz



▲ Pacific Ocean – May 30, 2014 – Sailors prepare to run to safety after attaching cargo legs to an MH-60S Sea Hawk helicopter from the Island Knights of Helicopter Sea Combat Squadron (HSC) 25 during a replenishment-at-sea aboard the aircraft carrier USS *George Washington* (CVN 73). Photo by MC3 Chris Cavagnaro

▲ Pacific Ocean – June 3, 2014 – Shooters launch an F/A-18F Super Hornet from the Diamondbacks of Strike Fighter Squadron (VFA) 102 from the waist catapult control bubble on the flight deck of the U.S. Navy's forward-deployed aircraft carrier USS *George Washington* (CVN 73). Photo by MC3 Chris Cavagnaro

▲ Pacific Ocean – May 31, 2014 – CS3 Albert Gambon, left, from San Jose, Calif., and CSSN Jiahao Wang, from Seattle, prepare vegetables and fruit in the galley of the aircraft carrier USS *Carl Vinson* (CVN 70). *Carl Vinson* is underway conducting a composite training unit exercise off the coast of Southern California. Photo by MC3 Giovanni Squadrilo



▲ Punta Gorda, Belize – June 2, 2014 – CMCN James Carney and CMCN Rose Rafal, assigned to Construction Battalion Maintenance Unit (CBMU) 202, cut a piece of wood for a deck frame during Southern Partnership Station 2014. Southern Partnership Station is a U.S. Navy deployment focused on subject matter expert exchanges with partner nation militaries and security forces. Photo by MC3 Andrew Schneider



▲ Pacific Ocean – June 4, 2014 – Aviation Ordnancemen aboard the aircraft carrier USS *George Washington* (CVN 73) remove a AIM-9X Sidewinder missile off an F/A-18F Super Hornet from the Diamondbacks of Strike Fighter Squadron (VFA) 102. *George Washington* and its embarked air wing, Carrier Air Wing (CVW) 5, provide a combat ready force that protects and defends the collective maritime interest of the U.S. and its allies in the Indo-Asia-Pacific region. Photo by MC3 Beverly J. Lesonik



▲ Pacific Ocean – June 2, 2014 – Hose team members conduct firefighting training during a flight deck drill aboard the aircraft carrier USS *Carl Vinson* (CVN 70). *Carl Vinson* is underway conducting a composite training unit exercise off the coast of Southern California. Photo by MC2 John P. Wagner, Jr.



▲ Yokosuka, Japan – May 31, 2014 – Capt. Mil Yi, Navy Region Japan chaplain, baptizes the son of Lt. Cmdr. Maryann Stampfli and Lt. Nick Stampfli aboard the Arleigh Burke-class guided-missile destroyer USS *Stethem* (DDG 63). *Stethem* is forward deployed to the U.S. 7th Fleet area or responsibility supporting security and stability in the Indo-Asia-Pacific region. Photo by Ensign Rebecca Speer

Our community salutes Future Sailors

Story by Robin Sanz, NRD Portland Public Affairs

VANCOUVER, Wash. – About two dozen Future Sailors of NRD Portland were thanked, honored and saluted April 26 in Vancouver, Wash., as part of an all-branch ceremony recognizing high school seniors who have committed to joining the military after graduation.

Our Community Salutes is non-profit national organization launched in 2009 by a New Jersey educator who realized the absence of recognizing military-bound seniors. A northwest chapter was created in 2011 and has grown exponentially over the past few years. It's a cooperative effort led by the Community Military Appreciation Committee (CMAC) of Clark County, Wash., in conjunction with representatives of local recruiting branches. CMAC's Co-Chairman, Dan Tarbell, has been heading up the ceremony since its inception.

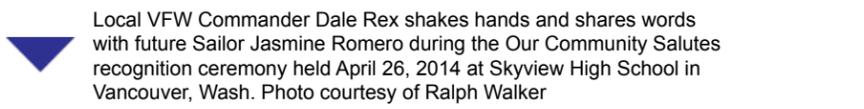
"We are finally recognizing and honoring the young men and women that will be protecting our country," said Tarbell. "They will become respectable citizens of our community and country and many will become our future leaders."

The event was truly an all-community effort. Local businesses sponsored the cost of the auditorium rental, programs, supplies and reception; a local VFW group served as the color guard; and local dignitaries served as guest speakers, including the city's mayor, a school superintendent and the governor's regional representative. The ceremony wrapped up with a vocal performance by Vancouver Police Officer Rey Reynolds, who has four sons all serving in different branches as well as a fifth who is considering military service. His powerful performance of "God Bless the USA" had many in the auditorium tearing up.

Each Future Sailor received a Challenge Coin and certificate from NRD Portland's Commanding Officer, Cmdr. Todd Bode. There were about 150 future service members recognized during the



NRD Portland Future Sailors stand during the playing of the Navy fight song during the Our Community Salutes recognition ceremony held April 26, 2014 at Skyview High School in Vancouver, Wash. Photo by Robin Sanz, NRD Portland Public Affairs



Local VFW Commander Dale Rex shakes hands and shares words with future Sailor Jasmine Romero during the Our Community Salutes recognition ceremony held April 26, 2014 at Skyview High School in Vancouver, Wash. Photo courtesy of Ralph Walker



ceremony with several hundred family members, friends, veterans and supporters in attendance. NRD Portland recruiters in attendance said the event really made their Future Sailors feel special and their families very proud.



NRD Dallas conducts annual inspection for Nimitz NJROTC

Story and photos by MC2 Jonathan Vargas, NRD Dallas Public Affairs

IRVING, Texas – Cmdr. Ed Morales, commanding officer of NRD Dallas, served as the inspection officer for Nimitz High School's Navy Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (NJROTC) during its annual military inspection on April 15.

Morales, along with a few local Sailors, conducted a uniform inspection and observed cadets conducting drill and a pass-in-review.

"The cadets did an outstanding job and I was fascinated by their drill team performances," said Morales. "Nimitz is definitely one of the best programs that I have inspected."

The purpose of the NJROTC program is to instill young high school students with the values of citizenship, service to the United States, personal responsibility and a sense of accomplishment.

The Nimitz NJROTC is led by retired Navy Lt. Cmdr. Calvin L. Durst, senior naval science instructor. Durst is responsible for the 211 cadets in the program.

"I think the cadets performed admirably during the whole inspection," said Durst. "I am extremely proud of each of them."

The Nimitz NJROTC armed and unarmed drill teams will be competing in the national competition in Daytona Beach, Fla. later this year.

"Our drill teams did an excellent job and they will be competing in nationals next month," said Durst.

Durst mentioned that the inspection is a big deal for the cadets. They have been working hard in preparation for this inspection. He said that it is a rare opportunity to have all the cadets together in one place and the cadets took advantage of this opportunity to shine as a group.



Commanding Officer, Cmdr. Ed Morales, NRD Dallas, conducts an inventory spot check with cadets from Nimitz High School's NJROTC. Morales served as the guest inspection officer for Nimitz NJROTC annual inspection.



JEA Volunteers “Feed the Need” at local Food Bank

Story and photos by MC3 James A. Griffin, NRC Public Affairs

MILLINGTON, Tenn. – Junior Enlisted Association (JEA) volunteers assigned to NRC sorted and stocked crates of donated canned and dry goods at the Mid-South Food Bank on May 1.

The Mid-South Food Bank serves 31 counties in three states, 18 of those counties are in northern Mississippi. The Bank provides assistance for more than 416,000 people from low-income families who use the food bank on a regular basis to moderate-income families who require food assistance less frequently.

“Volunteering at the Mid-South Food Bank is an opportunity for us to help meet the needs of our community,” said PS2 Vanessa Ortiz, JEA community relations organizer. “Good community relations are also a great way to boost morale and connect our shipmates to shipmates and the Navy to the community.”

The Food Bank is associated with a number of programs including Mobile Pantry, Senior Grocery Program, and the Backpack program, which allows unfortunate children six meals per week for lunches. The Food Bank is the central location where food is brought and then distributed to the organizations where food is made available for those in need.

“Children rely on meals the Food Bank provides and the JEA was proud to help contribute to the backpack program,” said Ortiz.

All the meals associated with the Backpack program are designed to be easy to prepare for young children and do not require a microwave, stove, or can opener. This allows them to prepare a lunch when a caretaker may not be present.

“Volunteering at the Food Bank is a good reminder on the unfortunate situation people in our community are facing,” said PS3 Jaime Sarna, Mid-South Food Bank volunteer. “It is our duty as Sailors to not only protect our country, but to serve it, too.”

“I am so looking forward to working with you and the Navy again,” said Paula Rushing, volunteer coordinator, Mid-South Food Bank. “When you told me I reached some of the guys’ hearts it made my day to know that I was doing something right.”

Rushing added that volunteers are the heart and soul of shaping the community.

“This is why I think it is important to take the time to educate volunteers,” said Rushing. “I want to reach their hearts so they will share with others and get them involved as well.”

The JEA’s mission to provide leadership opportunities for Junior Enlisted Personnel at Navy Recruiting Command through morale, recreational, volunteer and social activities for the NRC community and families.



Key influencers ride with the Blue Angels

Story and photos by MC2 Jonathan Vargas, NRD Dallas Public Affairs

FORT WORTH, Texas – Three key influencers from NRD Dallas were selected to ride with the Navy’s flight demonstration squadron, the Blue Angels, during the 2014 Fort Worth Air Power Expo, April 26-27.

The three gentlemen selected to ride with the Blue Angels were Mike Stokic, athletic director at L.D. Bell High School, Mark Smith, head football coach at L.D. Bell High School and John Mendenhall, German language teacher at L.D. Bell High School.

There are not many people who get the opportunity to ride with the Blue Angels. These three individuals were

“The most memorable part was the initial take-off and I’m amazed at how smooth the aircraft travels at really high speeds,” said Stokic. “This was definitely an experience of a lifetime.”



Cmdr. Ed Morales (center), commanding officer of NRD Dallas, takes a photograph with Mike Stokic (left), and Mark Smith, head football coach, from L.D. Bell High School, prior to riding with the Navy’s flight demonstration squadron, the Blue Angels.



Mark Smith waves to his family prior to riding with the Navy’s flight demonstration squadron, the Blue Angels. Smith was nominated as a key influencer by NRD Dallas.

selected to ride due to their helpful hand in recruiting for the district in Dallas.

“We nominated these educators who have been helpful in our recruiting efforts,” said Cmdr. Ed Morales, commanding officer of NRD Dallas. “This is our way to show them our appreciation and now they can go back to their school and talk to the students about their experience.”

Stokic and Smith both got a ride in the Blue Angels #7, an F/A-18 Hornet.

Both educators mentioned that they enjoyed the take-off and how they just went straight up into the air.

“My favorite part was taking off and going straight up into the air, nothing can prepare you for that,” said Smith. “It was just simply incredible and I will never forget the memories that I have made here, flying with the Blue Angels is a thrill of a lifetime.”

Mendenhall was able to ride in the Blue Angels’ Fat Albert, a C-130 Hercules.

“It was a wild ride and I had a blast,” said Mendenhall. “It was just flat out awesome!”

All three key influencers would like to thank NRD Dallas, the Blue Angels and the Navy for the opportunity to experience this once in a lifetime event to ride with the Navy’s Blue Angels.

NRD Ohio CO Secretary: 44 years of service and counting

Story by MC1(SW/AW) Phillip D. James, Jr., NRD Ohio Public Affairs

COLUMBUS, Ohio – On March 25, 1974, 22 year-old Barbara Sadvary began working as a receptionist at then NRD Columbus. Forty years, 23 Commanding Officers, a marriage, and a district name-change later, Barbara Sadvary (now Davis) is still working at now NRD Ohio as an executive assistant.

Davis began her career as a civil servant on July 1, 1970 as a clerk stenographer at the U.S. Department of Labor. She was also featured in the October 2004

Davis said, “I knew I would stay until I was able to retire, but not this long - I used to have that date scrolling across my computer screen - and those who remember remind me, ‘you could have been retired by now!’”

As an executive assistant her primary tasks are to assist the CO and XO, keep their calendars up to date, and ensure all command correspondence flows smoothly.

NRD Ohio executive officer, Cmdr. Eric Shafer said, “Having an employee in the same organization for 40 years truly demonstrates loyalty, dedication, and commitment.”

Other higher-paying civilian job opportunities have arisen for Mrs. Davis, but she doesn't want to leave Team Ohio because she believes that if you are happy with what you do, then more money doesn't mean that you'll be happier somewhere else.”

Shafer joked about “ordering” Davis not to retire until he relinquishes command in March 2016. Then he became more serious stating that when she leaves it will leave a huge void in the district.



Shafer said, “Barb has such a vast amount of experience with the district that I learn something new from her almost every day. She has been with the command through over 20 commanding officers and has seen the effect of practically every policy change and procedure on the district. I respect and value her input on a wide range of topics, as have many COs and XOs before me.”

Shafer commented on her dedication by stating that he practically has to order her to take leave and gave accolades on her unparalleled performance.



NRD Ohio Executive Officer Cmdr. Eric Shafer presents Barbara Davis with a certificate of recognition for her 40 years of service at NRD Ohio. Davis has spent 44 years in government service, 40 of which have been with NRD Ohio. Photo by YNC(EXW/SW) Anthony Norris

Barbara Sadvary days after she began work at NRD Columbus, now NRD Ohio. Courtesy photograph provided by Barbara Davis

issue of Navy Recruiter Magazine, after celebrating her 30th anniversary with the NRD.

Davis said, “I like what I do. Many years ago, there was a lot of opportunity to transfer to other agencies and apply for positions that pay more, but the higher salary doesn't always mean you will be happy. You have to like what you do.”

Davis was eligible to retire on March 22, 2007, but will hit her 44 year mark on July 1, 2014 and according to her she has no intention of retiring in the near future.

NRD Atlanta visits Walton Village

Story and photo by MC1 Michael J. Scott I, NRD Atlanta Public Affairs

ATLANTA – The U.S. Navy, courtesy of NRD Atlanta, took a moment to bring hope and enlightenment to a group of kids at the Walton Village Adventure Center in Marietta, Ga., who have never experienced a personal touch from the U.S. Armed Forces.

Cmdr. David D. Neal, commanding officer, NRD Atlanta, and EMC(SW/AW) Danny James, nuclear programs coordinator, spent about an hour talking about their experiences in the Navy and sharing pictures and videos of ships and aircraft.

The kids, ranging in grades from kindergarten through fifth grade, sat on the floor to listened and ask questions about Navy life and what it takes to be a Sailor.

“It's fun to see the interest and excitement of young kids. They asked a lot of great questions,” said Neal.

Center Supervisor LaTonya Gates-Boston said the kids are generally from low-income, single-parent homes and may not have been exposed to opportunities our nation's military has to offer.

“We are honored to have the U.S. Navy here with us. It's especially great to have these men come and talk to our kids. Our kids need to see and hear positive role models so they know they have choices,” said Gates-Boston.

Walton Village Adventure Centers are created just for children and include libraries, computer labs and classrooms that provide a wonderful atmosphere for the children in these communities. The centers have their own unique curriculum that has been custom designed just for them. They often celebrate the children's achievements with report card recognition awards, rewards for exhibiting good behavior and good character and reading awards.



NRD Atlanta's Nuke coordinator, EMC(SW/AW) Danny James shows a picture of an F/A-18 Hornet taking off from the flight deck of an aircraft carrier to kindergarten through fifth grade students at the Walton Village Adventure Center in Marietta, Ga. The centers provide quality after-school enrichment and summer camp programs to children that live in Walton communities throughout the Atlanta-metro area.

James said outreach opportunities like these are very important because you never know what young mind you're shaping for future leadership and greatness.

“A subtle fact about this type of outreach is that we may have been mentoring a future chief of naval operations or even a possible commander in chief. This makes every opportunity and every child important,” said James.

Neal said this was a fine chance to stress the importance of staying in school, staying out of trouble and doing your best.

“This was a great opportunity to meet some underprivileged youth and show them a little about what the Navy does,” said Neal. “They need to know that there are more options for them if they are willing to put forth the effort.”

NRD Nashville works with local Habitat For Humanity

Story and photo by MC1(SW/AW) Timothy Walter, NRD Nashville Public Affairs

LA VERGNE, Tenn. – Most people don't wear a hard hat to paint a wall. But he proudly did with an anchor in the front. His combat boots and camouflage pants didn't give him away, but his shirt, which celebrated a deployment of Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 74, certainly did. EOC Mike Moretti loves being a member of the Navy Construction Battalion (CB), commonly referred to as "Seabees." And he loves to help out those in need. So even though the house he was painting belongs to someone else, for a few hours on April 16, he was at home on the construction site.



EOC Mike Moretti patches holes in a wall inside a Habitat for Humanity home in La Vergne, Tenn. Four Sailors from NRD Nashville volunteered to help with the ongoing project.

That is why Moretti responded when one of his Sailors requested volunteers for a Habitat for Humanity project in La Vergne, Tenn.

"You can count the Seabee in for construction jobs," said Moretti, a native of Jacksonville, Fla.

Admittedly, he would have preferred to dig a foundation or build a wall from cut timber, but he was just as happy to be on a construction site again after being away from his beloved battalion for the past six months. Currently serving as a recruiter for NRD Nashville, he now helps to bring in the next generation of Seabees and Sailors from the area around his station in Murfreesboro, Tenn. But on this day, he could be a Seabee again. And whether it was patching holes or pushing a roller, the glow in his eyes was hard to miss.

"Getting a chance to go back into construction, whether it be painting or groundwork, is always good and being able to give back to someone in need is what Habitat for Humanity is all about," Moretti said.

But he wasn't the only Sailor from NRD Nashville to put in time at the yellow house on Miles Street. Three other Navy recruiters joined him and a small team of local volunteers. Lively banter echoed off the bare walls just as easily as the paint rolled on them. The smell of drywall and fresh wood competed against the second coat of paint as they joked about how many projects they needed to finish in their own homes. Yet each admitted how rewarding it was to give their time for the sake of someone else.

"I am helping out this family that is established in this community and wants to stay here and could use a little bit of extra help in their life. These are good people and I'm sure they will do their part to pay it forward," said AT1 Jeremy Goodman, a native of Charleston, S.C., who is currently serving as a Navy recruiter assigned to NRS Murfreesboro.

Just a few weeks before the Sailors arrived at the construction site, Goodman was driving through Murfreesboro, when he saw a Habitat for Humanity store and decided to ask if there were any projects going on in the area. The volunteer coordinator informed him of the current builds and Goodman set out to do what he does best – recruit Sailors. Except this time, he was searching for Sailors already in the Navy. When he requested volunteers, he had a slight problem. He had too many for the number of available openings at the project. The solution for Goodman was as simple as it was practical – make volunteering about more than just one opportunity. He said he is already helping to organize Sailors for future projects.

"I want this to be a regular thing," Goodman said. "I want my Murfreesboro recruiting station to be involved with the Rutherford County Habitat for Humanity," he said.

He has plans to encourage participation not only from his fellow recruiters but also the Future Sailors that are preparing to join the Navy. He said efforts like this help inform the opinions of the community as well as develop Sailors into the examples and leaders they need to be. "We can show the community that we have local roots while still managing to be America's global force for good," he said.

Habitat for Humanity International was founded in 1976 and has helped build or repair more than 800,000 houses around the world.

Learn more about NRD Nashville on Facebook at www.facebook.com/NRD.Nashville or on the web at <http://www.cnrc.navy.mil/nashville/>.



Navy League honors top Sailors

Story and photo by MC2 Jonathan Vargas, NRD Dallas Public Affairs



Sailors from the Fort Worth area, including NRD Dallas, pose for a group photo after receiving awards from the Navy League during a Sailor of the Year recognition dinner. NRD Dallas encompasses 220,000 square miles that includes Northwest Texas and Oklahoma.

FORT WORTH, Texas – The Dallas and Fort Worth Navy League Councils of the United States hosted a Sailor of the Year recognition dinner recently. The Navy League presented awards to the top Sailors in nine local commands in the area that included NRD Dallas.

"It is a special evening and it is a pleasure to be here to honor all the awardees," said Jeffrey Klote, president of the Fort Worth Navy League Council. SH1 Heather Mitchell and BM2 Rolando Rodriguez, NRD Dallas' Senior and Junior Sailors of the Year, were two of the 24 recipients at the recognition dinner.

"It is a big honor to be recognized in the presence of the guests in attendance," said Mitchell. "It makes me proud and this award represents what sailorization is all about."

"Being selected for this prestigious award is a tremendous honor," said Rodriguez. "I really couldn't

have accomplished this without the support of my wife and family. I am truly blessed to be given this opportunity to express my gratitude for those Sailors who have gone before me and paved the path for which I follow today."

Cmdr. Ed Morales, commanding officer of NRD Dallas, couldn't be more proud of his Sailors.

"I am really proud of my Sailors' accomplishments and I am glad they are being recognized for what they stand for," said Morales.

In attendance was the Honorable Gordon England, the 72nd and 73rd Secretary of the Navy. He congratulated the Sailors on their hard earned success.

"These Sailors are the individuals to emulate and I am proud to be here for their recognition," commented England.



Sailors perform, mentor, offer students life lessons

Story by MCC(SCW) L.A. Shively, Navy Medicine Education and Training Command Public Affairs
 Photos by Burrell Parmer, NRD San Antonio Public Affairs

SAN ANTONIO – Students at Southwest High School spent their lunch hour clapping, shouting, listening and dancing to Top-40 hits, jazz, and rap music performed by members of Navy Band New Orleans on April 23. The Crescent City Krewe was in San Antonio supporting Navy recruiting efforts and awareness programs during Fiesta San Antonio 2014, promoting

But only the Navy recruiter was willing to take the time to work with him to research the answer to his question about the Hazlewood Act. The Hazlewood Act exempts qualified veterans and dependent children of certain disabled or deceased veterans from specific tuition and fee charges at public institutions of higher education in the state of Texas.



Sailors of Crescent City Krewe assigned to Navy Band New Orleans perform before hundreds of students at Southwest High School on April 23. The band was in San Antonio supporting Navy recruiting efforts and awareness programs during Fiesta San Antonio 2014, promoting opportunities for leadership and careers with the Navy at local schools.

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MN1 Joseph Cooper, a recruiter at NRS Mercado of NRD San Antonio, tossed blue foam baseballs to students, rallying them to get excited and ask questions. He also offered Navy pencils, pens and bags to groups of students who could cheer the loudest.

Cooper said he really enjoyed working with students, especially if he could show them how to create a promising future just as the Navy had done for him.

“It’s rewarding – especially when you get somebody who has no direction or doesn’t know what he or she is going to do after high school,” Cooper said. “You can actually point them in the right direction so they can make something of themselves.”

Cooper recalled, “I was working at a dead-end job with no future, no college, nothing,” which, he said, led him to explore possibilities with the military services at that time in his life.

“That impressed me,” Cooper said. “I got a life lesson out of that, and I hope to carry life lessons to others.”

Oscar Cazares, a junior at Southwest, said he was thinking about becoming a pilot and was talking to Cooper because he wanted to see what the Navy could offer him.

“I want to see if I have what it takes. I want to fly,” Cazares said.

“I am looking at engineering,” said Nicholas Rhodes, a senior. Rhodes said he loved having Navy Band New Orleans play at his school because he, too, is a musician. “I love instrumental music – the old school classics like this,” he said, adding that he played the trumpet for three years.

The students at Southwest especially benefit from Navy presence because of a resident junior NJROTC at the school, explained Cmdr. Corry Juedeman, NRD San Antonio commanding officer.

“They get exposure not typical at other schools,” she said. “They already have an impression of the Navy,

but to see the Navy band gives them a whole new perspective of how fun the Navy can be and the different jobs available.”

After the band finished performing, several members spent time tutoring a class of music students, offering them tips on improving rhythm and technique.

Band members first played a song. Then students filled the room with lively, brassy notes as they tuned instruments and warmed up. Richard Flores, Southwest band director, took the floor, and students offered three jazz tunes they had been working on, with Navy Band members listening or playing along.

MU3 Jason Jackson sat among the students with saxophones listening intently. Jackson plays saxophone with Navy Band New Orleans. After the students played, he took the time to speak to each.

“I remember the struggles I had when I was at that level and think back on what I did to get myself to the next level,” he said, adding that he eagerly shares whatever he can with students.

MU2 Jonathan McLeran coached two students on drums, his main instrument with the Navy band.

“The basic idea behind drumming is time, and I was trying to instill the importance of timing for drummers,” McLeran said. “I gave them some ideas on filling the space and making the charts come alive off the page – making it more exciting.”

Students said they found the help valuable.

“He showed me how to stay in the groove more. It was very helpful,” said Jonathan Gomez, a sophomore and drummer for the high school band.

“I try to give them opportunities like this where students can interact with strong players and learn from them,” Flores said. “It’s nice to see a performance and hear professionals play, but it’s a whole other thing to get a one-on-one lesson with them.”



MU2 Jonathan McLeran, a member of Navy Band New Orleans coaches a young percussionist during a music clinic sponsor by the band’s Crescent City Krewe held at Southwest High School.

MN1 Joseph Cooper, a recruiter assigned to NRS Mercado, NRD San Antonio, speaks with students of Southwest High School about opportunities in the Navy.



“That’s invaluable. You can’t replace that with just watching a performance.”

Fiesta San Antonio is celebrating its 124th anniversary, making it the third longest running festival in the U.S. behind Mardi Gras in New Orleans and the Festival of Roses in Southern California. Fiesta is also the 10th largest annual event in the nation, now averaging more than 3.5 million participants per year.

Navy Day at the Alamo is an All-Hands event

Story and photos by MCC(SCW) L.A. Shively, Navy Medicine Education and Training Command Public Affairs

SAN ANTONIO – It was an all-hands “Navy Day at the Alamo” with Sailors from San Antonio-area commands demonstrating U.S. Navy power and capability, and give an audience of military of all ranks and services, family members, and civilians a close-up look at Navy heritage and traditions on April 24.

Led by the Navy Technical Training Center (Master at Arms “A” School) based at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, the event at the historic Alamo mission in downtown San Antonio is part of the annual Fiesta San Antonio and encourages interest in naval presence in the area.

Sideboys were posted on either side of a red carpet, and the arrival of Rear Adm. William M. Roberts, commandant of the Medical Education and Training Campus (METC), was announced with six bells. Roberts was then piped aboard Alamo Plaza by the boatswain’s mate as he walked across the red carpet.

Members of Navy Information Operations Command (NIOC) Texas paraded the colors while CTN2 Nathan Mushynski sang the national anthem and was followed by the invocation.

During his remarks Roberts noted the importance of the Navy presence throughout the world using three numbers that, he joked, even he could remember: 70, 80 and 90.

“Seventy percent of the earth is covered by water, 80 percent of the global population lives near the ocean and 90 percent of international trade occurs by sea,” Roberts explained, adding that all of human endeavor revolves around sea power and that the Navy is the authority safeguarding the global marketplace.

Roberts also stressed the significance of Sailors and the weightiness of their duties.

“Around the world and around the clock, a Sailor stands the watch,” Roberts said. “When disaster strikes, the Navy is there.”

The admiral then administered the oath of enlistment to several NRD San Antonio Future Sailors enrolled in the Navy’s Delayed Entry Program. He



San Antonio native QM1 Rudi Delgado (right), a recruiter assigned to NRS Ingram in NRD San Antonio, reenlists along with other San Antonio-based Sailors during “Navy Day at The Alamo.”

Adm. William M. Roberts, commandant of the Medical Education and Training Campus, administered the oath of enlistment to several Future Sailors enrolled in the Navy’s Delayed Entry Program during “Navy Day at The Alamo.”



reenlisted several active duty Sailors and awarded HM3 Ana Pulido from the Navy Medicine Training Support Center (NMTSC) the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation medal.

Roberts then acknowledged the importance of the Coalition of Sailors Against Destructive Decisions (CSADD) program and congratulated Sailors and leadership from JBSA Fort Sam Houston-based NMTSC for earning the Navy’s CSADD Training Command Chapter of the Year award.

Seven Navy Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps cadets were each presented a \$180,000 scholarship check by Cmdr. Corry Juedeman, NRD San Antonio commanding officer.

After the formal ceremonies, Sailors from the Navy Operational Support Center (NOSC) demonstrated proper flag folding technique, since the funeral honors detail is housed at the NOSC, and then presentation to the next of kin.

An emotional reenactment of the recovery of a wounded Sailor on patrol and his passing was presented by NMTSC hospital corpsmen.

NTTC Sailors demonstrated training and safeguard techniques they employ to protect military assets and personnel.

MAC Delilah Clymer received a dose of level-one direct contamination spray, Oleoresin Capsicum, to her eyes and face. The spray is one of several non-lethal deterrents used by Navy security forces as crowd control, to defuse a hostile situation, or subdue aggressive suspects. She was given five seconds to recover and then identify a situation and respond. Clymer subdued and arrested a hostile suspect and defended herself against two aggressors.

The final demonstration involved the NTTC Military Working Dog (MWD) program with MWDs and their

handlers conducting controlled aggression techniques such as search, the field interview and escort.

After the adult dogs and their handlers concluded their presentations, two puppies made their appearance to the delight of the crowd. MA1 Justin Trembl guided a puppy – mouth firmly clenched around a toy – to Roberts and his wife, Patricia, seated in the audience.

Trembl said he brought the puppies to encourage interest in the MWD foster program, where a puppy is



HM1 Jason Smith, a Basic Medical Technician Corpsman Program instructor with Navy Medicine Training Support Command, along with fellow Sailors, pays tribute to a fallen Sailor after a contact reenactment held during “Navy Day at The Alamo,” April 24, 2014. The event was held during Fiesta San Antonio 2014, the 10th largest annual event in the nation, now averaging more than 3.5 million participants per year.

adopted out during its early months for socialization. He said fostering a puppy - a future hero dog - is a great way to contribute.

“It gives people an opportunity to invest back into the military, especially if they have no other means,” Trembl said, adding that all expenses are taken care of by the program. All a foster has to provide is playtime and friendship to the puppy.

San Antonio Mayor Pro-Tem Chris Medina read a proclamation declaring this day as Navy Day, which concluded the event.

Fiesta San Antonio 2014 celebrated its 124th anniversary, making it the third longest running festival in the U.S. behind Mardi Gras in New Orleans and the Festival of Roses in Southern California. Fiesta is also the 10th largest annual event in the nation, now averaging more than 3.5 million participants per year.

Ensure your record is current with NSIPS

From Navy Personnel Command (NPC) Public Affairs

MILLINGTON, Tenn. – The summer months often bring changes, so Sailors are reminded to review their Electronic Service Record (ESR) for accuracy.

A Common Access Card on a Navy/Marine Corps Internet (NMCI) workstation is required to set up and access ESR on the Navy Standard Integrated Personnel System (NSIPS) website at shore commands, but not to access NSIPS afloat.

To establish an ESR account ashore, visit <https://nsips.nmci.navy.mil>, click on “ESR Self Service (New Users)” and follow the instructions. If afloat, go to <http://nsipswebafloat>, select “New Users (ESR Self-Service)” and follow the instructions. Once an account is set up, simply visit the same sites for access.

Within NSIPS, click on “Employee Self Service” then “Electronic Service Record” to access the ESR home page. Within the ESR, click “Tasks” and “Personal Information Links” to access the various links to view and update personal information. There will be some information you can update online, such as your emergency contact information, but some changes, such as a change in religious preference, will have to be handled through your servicing Personnel Office or Personnel Support Detachment.



▲ HTC Alicia L. Hutton, left, assigned to Reserve Unit USS *Emory S. Land* (AS 39), verifies field service records pulled for elimination by SN Lynette M. Sessoms, assigned to Navy Operational Support Center (NOSC) Support Unit. Hutton and Sessoms are assisting the NOSC Fort Worth personnel department to purge nearly 1,000 reserve component field service records as the Navy transitions to electronic service records. Photo by MCC Maria R. Escamilla

Ensuring a service record is current is particularly challenging for field recruiters but this eases the task.

For a complete description of all Navy human resource records or detailed instructions on how to update records, visit the records management and policy web page on the NPC website at <http://www.public.navy.mil/bupers-npc/career/recordsmanagement/militarypersonnelrecords/Pages/default2.aspx>.

Also check out the easy to understand guides for record review in the Career Toolbox at <http://www.public.navy.mil/bupers-npc/career/toolbox/Pages/default2.aspx>.

For more news from Navy Personnel Command, visit www.navy.mil/local/npc/.



Admiral's Five-Star Recruiters

April 2014

- NRD Atlanta – ABH2 Nekita Patrick
- NRD Chicago – AT2(AW) Jimmie Carter
- NRD Denver – EO2 Devin Patton
- NRD Houston – MT2(SS) Alex West
- NRD Jacksonville – YN2 Thomas Miller
- NRD Los Angeles – OS2 Mathew Reinoso
- NRD Miami – CS1(SW/AW) Francine Rodriguez
- NRD Michigan – AWF1(AW) David Lollar
- NRD Minneapolis – HT2(SW) Levi Malone
- NRD Nashville – LS1(SW) James McCullough
- NRD New England – GMC Christian Soloniewicz
- NRD New Orleans – DC2 Justin Bourgoyne
- NRD New York – SH2 Jeffery Norville
- NRD Ohio – DC1 Andrew Lausten
- NRD Philadelphia – CS1 Nathan Fanning
- NRD Phoenix – EN2 Charlie Lopez
- NRD Portland – FC2(SW) Matthew Dean
- NRD Raleigh – AE1(AW) Robert Biles
- NRD Richmond – OS2 Christopher Burrell
- NRD San Antonio – OS2 Andrew Gomez
- NRD San Diego – LS2 Jomel Orpilla
- NRD San Francisco – GM1(EXW/AW) Dane McVann
- NRD Seattle – DC1 Emmanuel Santos
- NRD St. Louis – ET2 Gilbert Ramirez

May 2014

- NRD Atlanta – LS2 Prince Walker
- NRD Chicago – MM2(SW/AW) Keven Hairston
- NRD Denver – ET1 Steven Frickell
- NRD Houston – BM1(SW/EXW) Robert Walton
- NRD Jacksonville – AWW1 Douglas Renwick
- NRD Los Angeles – DC1 Sandra Kimball
- NRD Miami – OS1 Arnaldo Romero
- NRD Michigan – AC2(AW/SW) Jayson Madill
- NRD Minneapolis – HT2(SW) Levi Malone
- NRD New England – DC2 Michelle Gonzales
- NRD New Orleans – DC2 Justin Bourgoyne
- NRD New York – MM2 Gordon Lalonde
- NRD Ohio – DC1 Andrew Lausten
- NRD Philadelphia – ET1 James Kearley
- NRD Phoenix – ABE2(AW) Michael Hunter
- NRD Portland – MM2(SW) Derrick Wolf
- NRD Raleigh – BM1 James Grier
- NRD Richmond – AO1 Mario Cottingham
- NRD San Antonio – GM1 Derek J. Benedict
- NRD San Diego – ABF1 Jamal Mitchell
- NRD San Francisco – LS1(AW) Michael Umphress
- NRD Seattle – AZ2 Steven Elf
- NRD St. Louis – EMC Jeffery Peterson

The District's Top Stations

April 2014

- NRD Atlanta – NRS Jonesboro
- NRD Chicago – NRS Evergreen Park
- NRD Denver – NRS Powers
- NRD Houston – NRS Huntsville
- NRD Jacksonville – NRS Tallahassee
- NRD Los Angeles – NRS Oxnard
- NRD Miami – NRS Winter Haven
- NRD Michigan – NRS Indy West
- NRD Minneapolis – NRS Brainerd
- NRD Nashville – NRS Kingsport
- NRD New England – NRS Manchester
- NRD New Orleans – NRS Pace
- NRD New York – NRS Newton
- NRD Ohio – NRS Huntington
- NRD Philadelphia – NRS Columbia
- NRD Phoenix – NRS Chandler
- NRD Portland – NORS Reno
- NRD Raleigh – NRS Spartanburg
- NRD Richmond – NRS Danville
- NRD San Antonio – NRS Marble Falls
- NRD San Diego – NRS Chula Vista
- NRD San Francisco – NRS Stockton
- NRD Seattle – NRS Wenatchee
- NRD St. Louis – NRS Champaign

May 2014

- NRD Atlanta – NRS Jonesboro
- NRD Chicago – NRS East Dundee
- NRD Denver – NRS Arvada
- NRD Houston – NRS The Woodlands
- NRD Jacksonville – NRS Leesburg
- NRD Los Angeles – NRS Diamond Bar
- NRD Miami – NRS Kendall
- NRD Michigan – NRS Lansing
- NRD Minneapolis – NRS Bellevue
- NRD New England – NRS Portsmouth
- NRD New Orleans – NRS Fort Walton Beach
- NRD New York – NRS Crown Heights
- NRD Ohio – NRS North College Hill
- NRD Philadelphia – NRS Hagerstown
- NRD Phoenix – NRS El Paso East
- NRD Portland – NRS East Vancouver
- NRD Raleigh – NRS New Bern
- NRD Richmond – NRS Chesterfield
- NRD San Antonio – NRS Mercado
- NRD San Diego – NRS Riverside
- NRD San Francisco – NRS Stockton
- NRD Seattle – NRS Skagit Valley
- NRD St. Louis – NRS St. Ann



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