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Sailors from Division one and two of NRD Nashville and future submarine and medical officers participate in the bi-annual Physical Readiness Test at the Air National Guard base in Alcoa, Tenn. Photo by MC1 Timothy Walter.

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NCCS Matthew Enor, the Midwest Region City Outreach Senior Chief, helps students at Purdue University's Minorities in Engineering Summer Camp during the SeaPerch competition. SeaPerch is the Office of Naval Research's innovative, underwater robotics program. Photo by MC1(SW) Joseph R. Wax

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# From the Admiral

Recruiting Nation!

I hope everyone had a safe and enjoyable summer and had a chance to relax with family, friends, and Shipmates! Now it's time to put those recharged batteries to work.

As students head back to school, we need to take advantage of every opportunity to spend time with those potential recruits. Whether it's at a school visit, job fair, or STEM event, keep reaching out for chances to show the best and brightest what the Navy has to offer.

I also want to give a hearty congratulations to all of our new prospective Chief Petty Officers out there! Great job, Shipmates! You've worked hard to get this far and now are in a position to really help your fellow Sailors. Your experience and professionalism is paramount to keeping our recruiter force ready to bring in future Sailors. Continue to share your knowledge with your Shipmates, as we are all working toward a common goal, and the stronger our team, the more successful we will be.

Speaking of our team, always make sure you look out for your Shipmates as well. September is Suicide Prevention Month, so take some time to think about the stresses in your life. How do you handle stress? Do you go for a run when things get to be too much? Or do you need to just stop and take a deep breath and realize that everything will be okay? Recruiting is not an easy task, so make sure you and

your Shipmates are recognizing that it is a stressful job and that we're taking care of ourselves.

Remember to ACT:

**ASK** - Ask if someone is thinking of suicide

**CARE** - Listen, offer hope, and don't judge

**TREAT** - Take action, don't leave the person alone, and get assistance.

You know your Shipmates best. Wherever he or she may fall in your chain of command, don't let a problem go unnoticed in our Sailors. If you see something, say something.

Finally, the Navy will be celebrating its 239th birthday on October 13. The Navy has come a long way from its humble beginnings with the Continental Navy, established by the Continental Congress on Oct. 13, 1775, to our 290-ship Navy of today. Remember our naval heritage and share that with your Future Sailors. They are joining the best Navy in the world, filled with proud and professional Sailors really making a difference in the world. Be proud that you serve in the United States Navy!

As always, be well, be safe and BE READY!



Rear Admiral Annie B. Andrews  
Commander, Navy Recruiting Command

# Sailors return to science and art of recruiting

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

**ATLANTA** - Technology, social media, smart phones and computers are all aids recruiters use to do their job. Sailors at NRD Atlanta were reminded the art of recruiting is still getting out in public and talking to people.

Forty-five officer and enlisted recruiters with 18 months or less of recruiting experience spent two days refining and enhancing their skill sets, 10-11 June. The first day was spent in a classroom setting recapitulating and sharing experiences. They put those fundamental principles to work out in the field the second day.

NRD Atlanta's Chief Recruiter, NCCM(SW)

Dwayne Rosser said the purpose of this training is to help recruiters get back to the basics of the science and art of recruiting.

"The school house doesn't have the time to teach you everything you need to know. The school teaches you the theory of recruiting. This training is designed to take that theory, combine it with experiences of those who've been recruiting for a while and teach you the art of your job. That's the art of recruiting," said Rosser.

A basic understanding of applicant logs, leads, planner, and phone power were themes of the first day. Recruiters had an opportunity to listen and discuss different ways to make the science of recruiting more efficient.

Enlisted Assistant Chief Recruiter, NCCS(SW) Thomas Lawler said Sailors also learned that good recruiters remove barriers that prevent a person from joining the Navy and make the applicant feel at ease. These barriers include a lack of knowledge about the Navy and the opportunities one has in the military.

"When setting appointments with a hesitant

applicant, ask him/her to bring a friend or two," said Lawler. "Young people like to move around in groups, which makes them feel like they have you outnumbered. Now you got two for the price of one."

The second day provided Sailors a chance to apply that classroom knowledge to real-world situations. They spent the day working in teams setting appointments, talking to local business owners about Navy displays, conducting door knockers and sharing Navy opportunities with potential recruits.

Albany, Ga., native, OS1(SW) Casey Jacobs said the two-day training was beneficial and gave insight to make him a better recruiter.



NRD Atlanta, Commanding Officer, Cmdr. Axel Spens, addresses recruiters about the importance of knowing and doing their job well. Sailors took part in a two-day training designed for recruiters with 18 months or less recruiting experience.



GSM2 Jered Surber goes over different ways Future Sailors can be advanced to E-3 before going to recruit training during NRS Mission Viejo's monthly Delayed Entry Program. NRS Mission Viejo is one of 45 recruiting stations in NRD San Diego. Currently NRD San Diego has more than 1,000 future sailors waiting to go to recruit training. Photo by MCC Anastasia Puscian, NRD San Diego Public Affairs

Commanding Officer, Cmdr. Axel Spens, said the training the recruiters received is invaluable and was designed to give recruiters the means to excel.

“To be excellent in recruiting means getting and sharpening skills - whether in phone power, recruiting systems, or door knocking,” said Spens. “So our deckplate leaders developed in-the-field and classroom training to make our recruiters excellent.”

NRD Atlanta routinely makes goal and is one of the top recruiting districts in the Navy. One may question why training of this nature is even necessary. The district’s Chief Recruiter explains it is this type of training that keeps the district consistent. “It’s not about right now, today. It’s about next week, next month, next year, three years from now. It’s about teaching these young Sailors how to master their craft so the Navy can continue to prosper,” said Rosser. “They are the present and future of the Navy. Teaching them well today ensures we have a great Navy tomorrow.”



NRD Atlanta Enlisted Programs Assistant Chief Recruiter, NCCS Thomas J. Lawler (center) shares his experience on recruiting with OS1(SW) Casey Jacobs and IC1(SW/AW) Jimmy Rodriguez during the in-the-field phase of a special training session. Sailors took part in a two-day training designed for recruiters with 18 months or less recruiting experience.

# Future Sailor’s Fitness Passion Propels Him Toward Dream

Story and photo by Robin Sanz, NRD Portland Public Affairs

**RENO, Nev.** - Since the eighth grade, Nicholas Bartoli has wanted to be a Navy SEAL. A competitive swimmer since the age of eight, it seemed like a natural fit. But it was the introduction of another fitness program in middle school that turned out to be his true passion and inspired him to pursue Navy Special Warfare (NSW).

Bartoli is a 2014 graduate of Robert McQueen High School in Reno and is a Future Sailor, training to prepare for the NSW Preparatory School in hopes of becoming a SEAL. He spent countless hours in the pool growing up, training on a club team and competing at meets. When he was 14, his coach brought in a fitness instructor for dry land training. Bartoli says

when the trainer drove up, her car was so heavy with gear that it sat low to the ground, the back loaded with sandbags, kettle bells and other equipment. That was his first introduction to cross training.

Over the next few years, Bartoli transitioned away from swimming and almost completely to cross training, taking classes at Battle Born CrossFit in Reno, the gym run by the same trainer that introduced him to it, Alena Yancey. Bartoli says it has been Yancey’s mentorship and guidance over the years that has helped him stay focused on his goal.

“Alena has always been there for me and she’s like a second mom,” said Bartoli. “She has always supported me so this is a very healthy environment for me to be in.”

Bartoli says he’s now at the gym six days a week and coaches the beginner class five of those days.



Future Sailor Nic Bartoli pushes a weighted sled at Battle Born Crossfit in Reno, one of the exercises he does during crossfit training. Bartoli is a coach at the gym and hopes to become a Navy SEAL.

He enjoys the variety and class structure of cross training.

“In here, every day is different,” said Bartoli. “Very rarely have I done the same workout. The variety is awesome.

It’s more like personal training with the camaraderie of the class environment. For me, it’s just the best environment I could ask for.”

And it’s an environment that NRD Portland’s NSW Coordinator, AWH1 Matt Schmitt, says has helped Bartoli become very strong.

“CrossFit is good strength and flexibility training to prepare a candidate for the NSW pipeline,” said Schmitt. “Some people we’ve found in the CrossFit community turn out to be strong candidates.”

Bartoli will be 19 when he ships to boot camp in early December. He will spend the next few months working to improve the scores of his Physical Screening Test. He hesitated when asked if he thinks he’s ready for the challenge, knowing that SEAL candidates are put through some of the most mentally challenging and physically demanding training in the world, and believes no one can be 100 percent prepared for what they will encounter.

“Functional fitness is the goal of CrossFit - and that aspect is what can help prepare someone for special warfare,” said Bartoli. “You never know what life is going to throw at you and CrossFit is something that can prepare you for the unexpected.”

He says he’s nervous, but also, after five years of dreaming about becoming a SEAL, is excited and ready to finally start the process.



NRD San Diego Assistant Chief Recruiter, NCCS Kim Cruz, tells a joke about how women get their hair cut in boot camp during NRD San Diego’s first all-female mentoring session for Future Sailors preparing to go to recruit training. More than 20 female Future Sailors from around the San Diego area attended the session to discuss specific issues women face while serving in the Navy. NRD San Diego encompasses 210,000 square miles within a tri-state area which includes portions of Arizona and Nevada. Photo by MCC Anastasia Puscian

# Navy Week visits the Steel City

Story by MCC(SW/AW) George Kusner III, NRD Pittsburgh Public Affairs  
 Photos by MCC(SW/AW) George Kusner III and MC1 Theodore Green

**PITTSBURGH** - NRD Pittsburgh successfully completed Navy Week 2014. The five-day event was designed to educate the public and raise awareness about the Navy in areas that do not typically have a strong naval presence.

“Showing the city of Pittsburgh a few of the incredible assets their Navy possesses was an honor,” said Cmdr. John J. Calvert Jr., Executive Officer, NRD Pittsburgh. “Pittsburgh Navy Week was a great success as the week showcased Pittsburgh’s hometown Sailors.”

The week’s events kicked off with a ribbon cutting and dedication of the new Navy Operational Support Center (NOSC) in Moon Township, Penn. The ribbon cutting was attended by Vice Adm. Robin Braun who was also a featured speaker at the World Affairs Council of Pittsburgh.

Throughout the week, Sailors from the Pittsburgh area, Explosive Ordnance Disposal Mobile Unit 2 (EODMU-2), USS *Constitution*, USS *Dwight D. Eisenhower* (CVN 69), and USS *Pittsburgh* (SSN 720) participated in numerous community relations projects and outreach programs.

The Sailors visited local schools, volunteered at area food banks and the Boys and Girls Club. They also partnered with Habitat for Humanity to help revitalize a home of a local veteran.

“Having the opportunity to contribute back to the community and help those less fortunate while increasing Navy awareness was incredibly rewarding,” said LSC Don Broyard.

Sailors from EODMU-2 visited the Pittsburgh Zoo and the Carnegie Science Center to demonstrate their war fighting capabilities to local residents. They showcased robots used in disarming bombs, explained their gear and even gave some children the chance to try on their equipment.

Music lovers were not overlooked during Navy Week 2014. They were treated to several concerts by Navy



Vice Adm. Robin R. Braun, Chief of Navy Reserve, and members of the Pittsburgh City Council proclaim Navy Week in Pittsburgh from the chambers of City Hall June 3, 2014.



Band Northeast. The band performed at local schools, Market Square, Steel Plaza and the air show later in the week.

“I was extremely honored to have had our band participate in all the Pittsburgh Navy Week events,” said Gerhard. “At each performance, we were so warmly welcomed by the general public as well as the hundreds of high school students we played for.”

Rear Adm. C.J. Jaynes closed out the week’s events by kicking off the STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) Expo at the Carnegie Science Center. Jaynes, a Pittsburgh native and graduate of Indiana University of Pittsburgh, also met with local CEOs and delivered remarks at the Women’s Veterans Symposium.

“I cannot over emphasize the importance the support of Flag Officers, like Rear Adm. Jaynes, who have ties to the Pittsburgh area,” said Cmdr. Ron R. Harding, Jr., Commanding Officer, NRD Pittsburgh. “It’s a prime example of how you can become someone of importance in a great organization like the U.S. Navy.”



# America's Navy makes impact at 2014 Summer X-Games

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

**AUSTIN, Texas** – Sailors from NRD San Antonio, Navy Information Operations Command-Texas, Navy Special Operations teams, Navy STEM tour, and a social media team made their presence known at the Summer X-Games held at the Circuit of the Americas, June 5-8.

The Navy, supported by its advertising agency, Lowe Campbell-Ewald, targeted young athletes and attendees with location-based social media efforts, while increasing Navy awareness.

Additional participants included Sailors from NRC's Warrior Challenge, Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) Training and Evaluation Unit-2, Special Boat Unit-22, and the Navy Parachute Team, the "Leapfrogs".

Thousands of attendees visited America's Navy's area and took the opportunity to man a special operations craft, pose with the Navy's chalk art, don an EOD suit and accept the Warrior Challenge, along with many other activities.

Everarvo Galvez of We Talk Chalk, Inc., maker of the Navy's 3-D street painting traveled from Los Angeles to install the chalk art.



▶ Lt. Kalen Hickey, a division officer, and NCC Orlando Bullock, a division leading chief petty officer with NRD San Antonio pose with the Navy's chalk art created by We Talk Chalk, Inc., during the 2014 Summer X-Games held at the Circuit of the Americas.

▼ Elliot Sloan, 2013 Skateboard Big Air Gold Medalist was on-hand at the Navy's display for autograph signings and photos during the 2014 Summer X-Games held at the Circuit of the Americas.



"Seems that everyone is enjoying it," said Galvez. "Not only is it fun for the family, but helps promote Navy awareness of one of the Navy's special programs."

One of the major events was the Warrior Challenge, where hundreds of men, women and children signed up to demonstrate their strength and endurance by performing maximum pull-ups.

"With more than 450 participants in this year's Warrior Challenge at Summer X-Games, the pull-up contest has led to more than 100 qualified leads into any one of the five Warrior Challenge programs," said N Joe Cannon, Center for EOD and Diving liaison for NRC. "This year's numbers have proven to mean money well spent here in Austin."

In addition to the pull-up competition, 2013 BMX Big Air Gold Medalist, Morgan Wade and 2013 Skateboard Big Air Gold Medalist, Elliot Sloan were on-hand for autograph signings and photos at the Navy's booth.

During X-Games, the Leapfrogs took to the air and provided a patriotic parachute jump into the MOTO X area. Additionally, they performed a combined jump with the GoPro Skydive Team.

As part of X-Games, NCC Orlando Bullock, a division leading chief petty officer with the NRD, presented medals to the winners of Men's Enduro X and Cannon awarded medals to the winners of Skateboard Big Air.

▶ A young visitor admires a 50-caliber heavy machine gun attached to a special operations craft located at the America's Navy display during the 2014 Summer X-Games.



◀ America's Navy was one of the major sponsors of the 2014 Summer X-Games held at the Circuit of the Americas.

▶ NCC Orlando Bullock, a division leading chief petty officer with NRD San Antonio, presents the Men's Enduro X Gold Medal to Taddy Blazusiak.



"X-Games Austin was a dynamic way to communicate about today's Navy through national and social media," said Cmdr. Corry Juedeman, NRD San Antonio's commanding officer. "Our presence significantly increased Navy awareness and provided thousands with information about our programs."

According to Cmdr. Brent Phillips, NRC marketing and advertising director, the Navy's presence at the X-Games has been very successful in reaching young adults interested in opportunities with the Navy.

"This was the Navy's 14th year in partnering with the X-Games," said Phillips. "It was our intent to showcase America's Navy at one of the top athletic events of the summer."

# Beyond Recruiting... it's mentorship

Story and photos by MCC Anastasia Puscian, NRD San Diego Public Affairs

**GARDEN GROVE, Calif.** - "Mentorship is getting to know you. Not necessarily what I can do for you," said MN2 Niles Kelly, as he talks with cadets of Sunburst Youth Academy.

Kelly, a Navy recruiter, is passionate about the Navy and being a Sailor, which not only drives his ambition to recruit the best qualified applicants, but help cadets succeed during their time at the academy and after they graduate. Every week he coordinates with teachers or counselors to tutor students struggling in class.

"I'd rather help an individual through a math class than get them to join the Navy," said Kelly.

Located at Joint Force Training Base Los Alamitos, the academy is a five and half month long residential "military style" academy for students 16 to 18 year olds at risk of dropping out of high school or are credit deficient. The academy is structured to promote an academic environment where students earn 55 high school credits, develop leadership, job skills, and academic skills, while improving self-esteem, pride, and confidence.

His passion for the Navy helps drive his motivation in guiding cadets be productive citizens.



MN2 Niles Kelly talks with Sunburst Youth Academy during a career day at Joint Force Training Base Los Alamitos. The Academy is a five and half month residential program to help at-risk students stay on track to graduate high school. Kelly, a Navy recruiter, mentors and tutor cadets weekly to help cadets succeed during their time at the academy and after they graduate.

"The uniform is a tool," said Kelly. "It speaks louder than any other civilian work uniform. It touches people, inspires them, so it's our [servicemembers'] duty to help our youth be productive."

Besides his weekly tutoring and mentoring sessions, he speaks at the academy's bi-annual career day. Kelly has been involved in the last three career days and uses it as an additional mentoring opportunity.

"I like when the light goes off, creating that spark," said Kelly when talking about his favorite part of mentoring cadets. "When they understand that someone else has walked in their shoes. Then you give them direction and they take the next step. It's gratifying."

Sunburst Academy graduate, Alexis Vallejo, never thought about military service before Kelly showed up to the academy during the last career day. When he started talking to her and her fellow cadets about the life and the Navy and all the opportunities it sparked her interest.

"The day he showed up was the day I decided to join the Navy," said Vallejo. "I liked that he was straight forward and did what he said he is going to do. He helped me see that the Navy is a great opportunity to do something."

Vallejo joined the delayed entry program in December 2013 as a Hospital Corpsman and will report to recruiting training in September.

Kelly is currently assigned to NRD San Diego and is assigned to NRS Garden Grove. He joined the Navy in 2005 as a SEAL, but nine days before SEAL graduation he hurt himself and was dropped from the program. He then was assigned to the USS *Peleliu* (LHA 5) as an undesignated seaman. In 2009, he changed job specialties to be a Mineman (technicians trained to detect and neutralize underwater mines)

and completed tours aboard the mine countermeasure ships USS *Sentry* (MCM 3), USS *Champion* (MCM 4) and USS *Devastator* (MCM 6). In 2012, while completing an assignment in Bahrain, he was up for orders. He was talking with his senior leadership on what his next step should be and they suggested recruiting.

"I thought it fit my personality," said Kelly. "Looking ahead at the precepts to become a chief, my senior enlisted leader thought recruiting would be a good way to stay on that track."

His recruiting tour will end in 2015 and he hopes to transfer to another challenging and rewarding job assignment such as an explosive ordnance command or an assault craft unit.

"Only way to change the world is one person at a time. It goes beyond recruiting, it's mentorship," said Kelly.

For more information on NRD San Diego, visit:  
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[www.facebook.com/nrdsandiego](http://www.facebook.com/nrdsandiego)



NRD San Diego, Commanding Officer, Cmdr. Todd Hofstedt presents a letter of appreciation to Future Sailor Chaney Bryant for his quick action in saving a 6-year-old boy from drowning during NRS Mission Viejo's monthly Delayed Entry meeting. Bryant was staying at the San Diego Marriott June 18 waiting to enter the Delayed Entry Program the next morning. While relaxing at the hotel pool he heard a mother frantic that her son was at the bottom of the pool and unresponsive. The mother jumped in the pool trying to save her child, but she was unable to swim and started to panic even more. Hearing the commotion and seeing what was happening, Bryant reacted quickly by diving into the pool helping the mother to the shallow end. He then swam to the boy and pulled him out of the water and started to perform CPR. First responders arrived minutes later and took the boy to a nearby hospital where he made a complete recovery that evening. Photo by MCC Anastasia Puscian, NRD San Diego Public Affairs

# Crossing Paths: Blue Angels and Navy Recruiters

Story and photo by MC1 Timothy Walter, NRD Nashville Public Affairs

**NASHVILLE, Tenn. –** They call it the Opposing Knife Edge.

For the U.S. Navy's flight demonstration team, the Blue Angels, it is one of more than 30 tricks they regularly perform during their shows at air fields across the country. At their appearance in Smyrna, Tenn., this June as part of the Great Tennessee Air Show, the audience gasped and then cheered at what appeared at first to onlookers as a near collision. Two solo pilots speed from opposite sides of a show toward a center point. Just milliseconds before impact seems imminent, they roll their F/A-18 Hornets 90 degrees and accelerate past one another -- just inches apart

-- and continue on the exhaust trail of their opposite. Two Sailors from Kentucky pulled off a similar trick without ever taking flight. It all started with a question. "How do I join the Blue Angels?" And it was quickly followed by another, "Would you ever be interested in recruiting?"

At the time, AME1 T.J. Coots was touring with the Blue Angels, which are based out of Pensacola, Fla., when an opportunity came for him to visit his hometown of Bowling Green, Ky. The Blue Angels were set to unveil a jet at the town's Aviation Heritage Park and Coots was able to attend due to his hometown status.

Bowling Green became the center point of their trick.

"I was out there working on the jets and Petty Officer Hamilton came out and introduced himself. We kind of just hit it off," Coots said. "He was asking



AO2 Joshua Collins, a Navy Recruiter assigned to NRD Nashville, hands out brochures during a crowd line visit by Navy Flight Demonstration Squadron, the Blue Angels, during the Great Tennessee Air Show.

questions about how to be in the Blues and he asked me if I would ever think about being in recruiting."

At the time, AME1 Bryan Hamilton was a recruiter assigned to a station in Bowling Green that is part of NRD Nashville.

It didn't take long for each of the Kentucky natives to start their 90 degree roll. Coots assisted Hamilton with the Blue Angels application process and he was present when Hamilton performed a week-long interview with the squadron.

"He was a strong candidate," said Coots. "I was the [leading petty officer] of the shop at the time. He came in and hit the ground running. He was a hard worker and had good personal skills, which he probably got from recruiting. So that helped and he got hired."

Hamilton contributed much of his success in the application process and beyond to his days as a recruiter.

"It intertwines quite a bit. Being a recruiter before I came here, helped a lot as far as all the school that we go to and the public speaking. That played a big part in it," Hamilton said.

He added that having the specific knowledge of the needs of recruiters allows him to be a better asset in the Blue Angels since they work closely with local stations at the performances.

"Whenever we go to these shows, it helps to know all the lingo that they are talking about as far as what they need from us. It helps us help them."

And Hamilton helped his counterpart make a strong start in recruiting by setting up a meeting with his chain of command during one of Coots' visits home to Bowling Green so that he had their endorsement before he ever reported.

"If you ask me we were just fortunate that it all lined up," Coots said.

Now that Coots and Hamilton have moved past the center point, they have accelerated in the former tracks of their peer.

Hamilton said he has loved his time in the Blue Angels and fulfilled a bucket list item this past winter when he broke the sound barrier in the number seven

jet. Now he is excited about his next chapter in the Navy. He just received orders to transfer from the Blue Angels to work at Naval Air Station Fallon, Nev., with the United States Navy Strike Fighter Tactics Instructor program, commonly known as Top Gun.

Meanwhile, as part of NRD Nashville for a little more than two years, Coots has helped recruit more than 50 new Future Sailors. And though he misses aspects of the squadron, such as the special Friday shows they performed for children of the Make-A-Wish Foundation, he has found a different kind of reward in recruiting.

"They are both great and they both represent the Navy well. But on recruiting duty you get to know people a lot more. You start to become their friend at first, talking to them, getting them engaged about the Navy and keeping them engaged," Coots said. "Once they do end up joining the Navy - and this is the part the Blue Angels don't get to see - I have Future Sailors who are now in the Navy that keep in contact with me. They tell me how much they like it and thank me for everything I've done for them. It always makes you feel good because you have been a great mentor to that person."



Navy Band Northwest's rock group, Passage, performed on one of the stages during the Portland Rock 'n Roll Half Marathon on May 18, 2014. NRD Portland recruiter NC1 Justin Short was among the recruiters supporting the event. Photo by Robin Sanz, NRD Portland Public Affairs

# Eye on the Fleet



▲ Divers from Mobile Diving and Salvage Unit (MDSU) 1 assist U.S. Coast Guard divers following a scuba dive during Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC) Exercise 2014. Twenty-two nations, more than 40 ships and submarines, more than 200 aircraft and 25,000 personnel are participating in RIMPAC exercise from June 26 to Aug. 1, in and around the Hawaiian Islands. Photo by MC2 Taylor Smith



▲ Sailors practice hose handling in the hangar bay of the aircraft carrier USS *Harry S. Truman* (CVN 75) during a general quarters (GQ) drill. GQ drills prepare Sailors for the highest state of readiness in the event of actual casualties. Photo by MC3 John Harris

▶ BMC Donald Ham, left, assigned to the *Arleigh Burke*-class guided-missile destroyer USS *Kidd* (DDG 100), works with Lt. Kwak Jaewoong, Republic of Korea Navy, in the bridge during a bilateral exercise. *Kidd* is on patrol in the U.S. 7th Fleet area of responsibility supporting regional security and stability in the Indo-Asia Pacific region. Photo by MC2 Declan Barnes



▲ Sailors practice hose handling in the hangar bay of the aircraft carrier USS *Harry S. Truman* (CVN 75) during a general quarters (GQ) drill. GQ drills prepare Sailors for the highest state of readiness in the event of actual casualties. Photo by MC3 John Harris



▲ Navy medical personnel treat a patient with a mock injury during emergency disaster training at Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC) Exercise 2014 aboard the Military Sealift Command hospital ship USNS *Mercy* (T-AH 19). Twenty-two nations, 49 ships and submarines, more than 200 aircraft and 25,000 personnel are participating in RIMPAC exercise from June 26 to Aug. 1, in and around the Hawaiian Islands. Photo by MC3 Pyoung K. Yi



▲ Sailors adjust the aircraft barricade on the flight deck of the aircraft carrier USS *Harry S. Truman* (CVN 75) during a general quarters (GQ) drill. GQ drills prepare Sailors for the highest state of readiness in the event of actual casualties. Photo by MC3 Karl Anderson



▲ A half-scale ultra heavy-lift amphibious connector (UHAC), an amphibious connector prototype created by Navatek Ltd. and the Office of Naval Research, embarks the amphibious dock landing ship USS *Rushmore* (LSD 47) for the first time. The Marine Corps Warfighting Lab sponsored this UHAC demonstration during the at-sea phase of Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC) exercise 2014. Photo by MC2 Amanda R. Gray



▲ AM3 Austin Moore, from Noble, Okla., washes an E-2C Hawkeye assigned to the Bear Aces of Carrier Airborne Early Warning Squadron (VAW) 124 on the flight deck of the aircraft carrier USS *George H.W. Bush* (CVN 77). *George H.W. Bush* is supporting maritime security operations and theater security cooperation efforts in the U.S. 5th Fleet area of responsibility. Photo by MC3 Joshua Card



▲ Sailors adjust the aircraft barricade on the flight deck of the aircraft carrier USS *Harry S. Truman* (CVN 75) during a general quarters (GQ) drill. GQ drills prepare Sailors for the highest state of readiness in the event of actual casualties. Photo by MC3 Karl Anderson



▲ EOD2 Brent Draper, assigned to the Explosive Ordnance Disposal Mobile Unit (EODMU) 3, dives at Belize's famous Blue Hole with Navy divers assigned to Mobile Diving and Salvage Unit (MDSU) 2 and Belize Coast Guard divers. The Sailors are working together with their Belizean Coast Guard counterparts as part of 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 in Central and South America and the Caribbean. Photo by MC1 Brett Cote



▲ Patrol boats assigned to Coastal Riverine Squadron (CORIVON) 11 practice maneuvering techniques during Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC) Exercise 2014. Photo by MC2 Bryan M. Ilyankoff

# Local recruiters help ‘Sow the Seeds for Life’

Story and photos by MCC(AW/SW) Joseph Reynoso, NRD Los Angeles Public Affairs Officer

**LOS ANGELES** - Tucked in the foothills of the beautiful San Gabriel mountains of Southern California lies a little secret that means so much to so many in the Los Angeles area. The recruiters of NRD Los Angeles’ Foothill Division are helping to lift spirits there.

The secret is a program called ‘Sowing the Seeds for Life.’ Linda Brown, owner and CEO of DPI Labs Inc., created this program and food bank for those in need. The food bank started as a challenge from her local pastor at her church who gave her \$100 and told her to use it toward making the community better. Trying to figure out what to do with the money, she was talking with a group of children and one of the children asked what are vegetables and fruit because there was not an abundance of them in their household. The light bulb went on in Linda’s head. This was a perfect opportunity to capitalize on something that she knew would better the community. She started a garden on a small plot of land in her back yard where she personally grew and harvested an abundance of fruits and vegetables and brought them back to her company, DPI Labs, to give away for free. Once she started, word traveled like wildfire, bringing many more families from all over the Los Angeles area for this produce. The demand was so overwhelming that she had to venture out, aside from her own business. The operation has grown much larger over a period of four years with large food chains donating what they can give and hundreds of volunteers attending to separate gardens and distributing boxes of much needed items.

Leading this big undertaking is Yvette Carreon who has been a receptionist at DPI Labs for four years and is also the event/volunteer coordinator of ‘Sowing the Seeds for Life.’

“I find it quite rewarding. I don’t mind helping out and I find it more rewarding than my paying job,” says Yvette. The event is held every first and third Wednesday of the month in which approximately 50 to 100 dollars of groceries are given out to each family that applies. In total, over one million pounds of food are distributed annually.

OS2 Calvin Gomez of NRS Azusa in the Foothills Division of NRD Los Angeles spearheaded the



Foothill Division recruiters separate canned and perishable items for distribution early before the food drive.

volunteer opportunity for his fellow recruiters. He discovered the ‘Sowing the Seeds for Life’ program through one of his Future Sailor’s mother.

“We were having a conversation and I had mentioned how I liked to be of service to my community. She had told me that she volunteered at a food bank in La Verne, Calif. So I got the information from her and from there I set up dates and times with the event coordinator, Yvette Carreon. I felt this is where the Navy can show its presence and put our mantra, ‘A Global Force for Good,’ into action as volunteers.”

The event has turned into a Foothills Division monthly event and has brought an interest with half of

the divisions recruiters participating. The division has been with the program for three months and is developing a relationship with the community that will continue long after most of these Sailors head back the Fleet.

“When we are out there in uniform showing the community that the Navy cares, in turn, they provide us with names of relatives who show interest in what we do for the Navy. It has generated marketing through word of mouth. I hope that other divisions follow in Foothills’ footsteps and help us change the world by paying it forward one community at a time,” said Gomez.

Like they have many times before, the recruiters from NRD Los Angeles have stepped in once again to make a difference. Their pride in upholding the Navy’s rich tradition and promoting professionalism do not go unnoticed and are deeply appreciated by this community.



STG2(SW) Colette Javner loads boxes of itemized canned goods ready for distribution.



## NRD San Francisco helps school district receive award

Story by Ensign Rhonda Van Hasselt, NRD San Francisco Public Affairs

**SAN FRANCISCO** - Up to \$6 million has been awarded to Elk Grove Unified School District (EGUSD) over the next three years, thanks in part to the efforts of NRD San Francisco.

Competition for grant money was fierce, but NRD San Francisco helped facilitate award of the grant. The funds come from the California Career Pathways Trust Grants and will be used to develop programs that emphasize real world, hands-on learning for students, to prepare them for employment.

The Navy has become one of the most competitive employers, seeking the very top students for recruitment by emphasizing STEM: Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics. By 2020, 30% of science and technology professionals are expected to retire from the Department of Defense, (Seng, Institute for Defense Analysis, 2009) leaving a worrisome void for top talent.

“STEM is essential to hiring the best of the best for our national security. Now we must not just look

for top talent. We must mold it,” explained Cmdr. Raymond Stromberger, Executive Officer, NRD San Francisco.

EGUSD covers schools K-12 in a semi-rural area outside of Sacramento, Calif., and includes cities such as Elk Grove, Douglas, and Dillard. The residents in that community have been slammed by the effects of the economic downturn, and their schools have likewise been hit by declining revenues and slashed state budgets. With diminished resources, students struggle to find opportunities to maximize their potential, and are at risk for dropping out of school.

This problem affects what the Navy, and other top employers, need in their workforces. Teachers, students, administrators, and employers from both the private and government sectors, participated in round-table discussions where they candidly expressed what sort of young people they wanted to hire. Qualities such as emotional maturity, physical fitness, and excellence in STEM were the most desired.



# NRD Dallas receives NOFFS training

Story and photos by MC2 Jonathan Vargas, NRD Public Affairs

**COPPELL, Texas** - Sailors assigned to NRD Dallas received extensive training on the Navy Operational Fitness and Fueling System (NOFFS) program, July 8. NOFFS provides Sailors with a “best in class” physical fitness and nutrition information program. NOFFS allows the Navy to maintain peak physical readiness, which is a top priority of the 21st century Sailor.

Retired SOCM(SEAL) Victor Licause, who is the physical fitness and readiness program manager for NRC, provided training for Sailors at a local YMCA. “The training went well and the participation from the recruiters was outstanding,” said Licause.

Licause mentioned that NOFFS is a modern day physical fitness and readiness system that was developed by experts and science performance coaches. This program is Navy recommended, NRC endorsed and it is a proven safe and effective program.

It is very important for recruiters to use the NOFFS program. Once they model it and understand it, they can teach it to the next generation of Sailors.

“I think this program is very helpful and effective for recruiters since we are always on the go,” said BM2 Rolando Rodriguez, a recruiter with NRD Dallas. “We don’t need to go to a gym to work out, we can do these exercises at our station with our Future Sailors.”

NRD Dallas Command Fitness Leader, BMCS Michael Warren, mentioned that this program better prepares the Sailors to get their body in shape.

“The program allows recruiters to work out in a less strenuous way and it builds extreme camaraderie in the command when they work out in a group setting,” said Warren. “It makes getting into shape fun.”

Recruiters can go on-line to get the proper resources for NOFFS and once they follow the program step by step, they will get the results they want and it will improve their overall performance.

For more information about NOFFS, fitness, nutrition, and other great resources, visit the Navy Fitness website at: [www.navyfitness.org](http://www.navyfitness.org).



Recruiters participate in running drills during Navy Operational Fitness and Fueling System (NOFFS) training.

SOCM (ret.) Victor Licause, NRC’s physical fitness and readiness program manager, teaches recruiters attached to NRD Dallas proper stretching techniques during Navy Operational Fitness and Fueling System (NOFFS) training. NRD Dallas encompasses 220,000 square miles that includes Northwest Texas and Oklahoma.



# NRD Houston Sailors give back to their communities

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

**HOUSTON** - NRD Houston Sailors donated their time June 13, as part of the command’s community service day where Sailors participated in different community service projects across the Houston area, southeast Texas and southwest Arkansas.

Sailors participated in 11 different projects ranging from Habitat for Humanity construction projects, food bank donation sorting, assisting at summer reading programs, animal shelters, landscaping and donation sorting for a Houston-based homeless shelter.

For NCC Adrian Quito, who volunteered at Houston’s Star of Hope donation center, which assists homeless men, women and children, the community service day was more than about volunteering.

“The goal of the community service is for us [Sailors] to give back the communities which support us,” Quito said. “We serve in communities where there are no Naval bases, so community service is a chance to get our faces out there and make people more aware of the things the Navy does and opportunities the Navy provides.”

Quito said the community service day was also about team building. “Volunteering is a great opportunity for all of us to build camaraderie outside of the workplace and recruiting environment,” he said. “We can all come out and forget about work for a few hours and together we can help improve other people’s lives.”

Scott Arthur, the director of public relations for Star of Hope, said it was excellent to see that the Sailors took time to volunteer, not only at Star of Hope, but at other locations across the area as well.

“I have much respect for these Sailors to see that they not only serve their country but their communities as well,” Arthur said.

Arthur said Star of Hope has a great history with the Navy. “For the last 10 years we have established a relationship with Sailors in Houston,” he said. “It is wonderful to have these Sailors as role models at our centers. People at our centers see purpose, discipline and love of country in them. They send a great message to those at our centers.”

BM2 Jarmarcus Collins, who volunteered at a Goodwill donation center, said it is important to him personally



CTO1 Andres Martinez, SH1 Rodney Goins and GSM1 Serena Ruiz, attached to NRD Houston, sort donations at the Star of Hope Donation and Distribution Center June 13, in Houston. Sailors were at the Star of Hope as part of NRD Houston’s community service day where Sailors from all of NRD Houston volunteered their time at 11 different sites throughout southeast Texas and southwest Arkansas. The day was a chance for Sailors to give back to the communities where they work and live.

to volunteer. “I think volunteering and giving back to the community is very important,” Collins said. “We live and work in these communities so we must show that we have a vested interest in giving back. We are America’s Navy and people need to know we serve everywhere from our communities to around the globe.”

At the end of the day, Sailors built houses, beautified landscapes, organized and distributed donations and, lastly, improved their communities and the lives of the people in those communities.

# Local hero and recruiter honored at NHL playoff hockey game

Story and photos by MCC(AW/SW) Joseph Reynoso, NRD Los Angeles Public Affairs

**LOS ANGELES** - ET1(SW) Eric Baglio came to recruiting to make a difference and serve his country. Now serving in Navy Recruiting, his city and country are honoring him.

Baglio was NRD Los Angeles's Senior Sailor of the Quarter for the second quarter FY14. As NRD Los Angeles's Nuclear Programs Coordinator, he was responsible for a staggering number of enlistments with over 100 Nuclear Field Future Sailors.

Local area professional teams within a stone's throw away from NRD Los Angeles have programs that recognize service members and their families for their sacrifices and dedication. It was only fitting that Baglio be recognized for his accomplishments in front of a supporting team and audience. What better venue than a professional playoff hockey game between two of Los Angeles's premier hockey teams, the Los Angeles Kings and Anaheim Ducks? Also known as the "freeway series" the Kings and Ducks play each other in interleague play during the regular season.

The Northrop Grumman Hero of the Game program is a season-long commitment made by the Kings to pay tribute to local military personnel and their families. The Kings host one military family at each home game to show their gratitude for our continued commitment and sacrifice. The Hero of the Game honorees are treated to dinner prior to the game and are recognized on ice during the National Anthem and again during the second period.



▲ ET1(SW) Eric Baglio stands at attention and salutes during the singing of the National Anthem for opening ceremonies at the Los Angeles Kings and Anaheim Ducks Hockey first second-round playoff series.



opening ceremonies, I wish my brother could see me. He has been a LA Kings fan since we were very young. I'm not going to tell him that I was selected until the game airs, I think it would be a great surprise for him."

The program was designed for the general public to go online to the Los Angeles Kings official website and nominate a military member of their choice, or in some cases, the military member will nominate themselves. A form is filled out where a biography is requested describing the military member and their accomplishments. A very fair selective process is incorporated by the Kings to ensure that every branch of the military has a chance to have one of their own highlighted.

When told about his nomination and selection, Baglio was stunned and humbled. "This is an amazing opportunity and I can't wait to be part of the



# NRD New Orleans promotes STEM to Girl Scouts

Story and photos by NC1 Marta Martin, NRD New Orleans Public Affairs

**NEW ORLEANS, La.** - Recruiters from NRD New Orleans attended the Girl Scouts of Louisiana East STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) Extravaganza on the campus of Dillard University in New Orleans on June 21.

The event introduced young girls to inspiring role models, subject matter experts in STEM career fields and created a sense of enthusiasm and awareness amongst inspiring young women.

NRD New Orleans recruiters assisted in the event by providing tours of the Navy STEM display. The display included a laparoscopic surgery demonstration, a model of the new Electromagnetic Aircraft Launch System, and interactive experiences that allow interactive personnel to virtually engage with remotely operative vehicles, submarines, divers, and undersea technologies.

Lt. Mersha Coney, NRD New Orleans' Division 1 Division Officer, and NCC Tara Concepcionvalls, NRD New Orleans' Division 2 Leading Chief Petty Officer, assisted in exposing our future young females to the Navy STEM programs and diverse Navy leadership tracks.

For Madison Warner, a 6th grader and two-year Girl Scout from Slidell, La., the Navy STEM tour was a unique experience that showed a different aspect on what the Navy encompasses.

"I was really glad to have this event and to be able to talk to recruiters. I am very interested in joining the Navy one day and was so happy to get a lot of my questions answered," said Warner.

"The STEM program is a very important stepping

stone for young women which teaches them that learning can be fun. It is increasingly important for them to learn how to apply these skills to everyday life and hopefully, one day join our fine Navy and use those skills to better it," said Lt. Mersha Coney.

"I truly enjoyed talking to several very interested young ladies and helping them maneuver through



our Navy virtual remote operated vehicle displays. I had the pleasure of talking to a young lady named Madison Warner, who was very mature and had such a good head on her shoulders. Speaking to young ladies like her definitely made the event a success," said Concepcionvalls.

The Navy offers highly technical careers with advanced training for bright and qualified men and women in areas such as nuclear propulsion engineering, aviation, health care, information technology, robotics, and more.

To learn more about Navy STEM opportunities visit [www.navy.com/stem](http://www.navy.com/stem) For more news from NRD New Orleans, visit [www.facebook.com/nrdneworleans](http://www.facebook.com/nrdneworleans).



# NRD New York Home-From civilian to DEP meeting host

Story by Vincent Sheppard, Financial Management Analyst, NRD New York

First installment in a series...

When I joined the U.S. Navy, Capt. Richard Allen Stratton was assigned as Commanding Officer, NRD New York, located in East Meadow, Long Island, New York in 1975. On January 5, 1967, Capt. Stratton was forced to eject from his plane when debris was ingested into the engine.

It was November 1976 when I walked into the recruiting station in Jamaica, Queens, New York at a mere 116 pounds, looking for a U.S. Coast Guard Recruiter. As destiny prevailed, the Coast Guard Recruiter wasn't there and the U.S. Navy was open for business. Sitting in the office was Cryptologic Technician First Class (CTT1) Smallwood, the hefty Recruiter-In-Charge with a full and tapered beard. What immediately captured my attention when talking with Petty Officer Smallwood was how he prepared me for a rewarding Naval career within the span of an hour. Specifically I remember him saying two things that stuck with me throughout my career: "You're going to start off at the bottom and will hate life from time-to-time; and as you move up you will understand that all of those things that you learned and did from day one were necessary."

Growing up in a community with many World War II and Vietnam veterans, it seemed that the majority of the WWII vets had regretted not staying in the armed forces and retiring after 20 years of service. I proposed enlisting in the U.S. Navy for 20 years to my recruiter who laughed and said, "Your terms of enlistment will have to be four, five or six years at a time. So take advantage of the enlistment breaks that will allow you to reassess your goals and negotiate as you go."

I don't know if Petty Officer Smallwood trusted me or not, or if my school was considered a money maker for him, but at least once a week he was there offering me a ride home or to stop at Burger King for something to eat.

Basic training in the late 1970s was much different than it is today. There were sensitivity issues with regard to race relations, we wore "Johnny Cashes" and combination covers, and grooming standards

took a back seat to training. Then there was Aviation Machinist's Mate (Jet) First Class (ADJ1) McManus, the meanest little company commander on the planet! He gave us our orders, assignments and informed us that we would not be promoted beyond the rank of E-6 in our Navy career.

My greatest memory of Petty Officer McManus was the night the company decided to stay up a couple of hours beyond Taps at 2200 and act like gremlins. We tore that compartment up! By 0100 everyone was asleep, and all of a sudden the doors flew open, and a trash can tumbled from the front to the rear of the compartment. The sound was audible and in the shadows was ADJ1 "Madman" McManus and he wasn't happy! Because of our actions, the Duty Battalion Commander ordered Petty Officer McManus to return to the compartment and discipline his crew. We were mashed (participating a series of core exercises) until 0400 that morning, worked and went to classes the entire day before retiring at Taps that night.

Through it all, it took us almost the entire 13 weeks to work together and become the team we needed to be, and in the end, Company 030 graduated as a "Color Company."

The station Delayed Entry Program meetings were always interesting and always overcrowded. When I returned home after graduating from Recruit Training Command in Great Lakes, Ill., (there was also San Diego, Calif., and Orlando, Fla., at the time), Petty Officer Smallwood called me at my family's home before I could set my seabag down. It was customary during my period of enlistment under NRD New York that the newest Sailors return home from basic training and pay their respects to their home stations while on leave and pass along what they had learned during their 13 weeks of transitioning from civilian to military life.

Both CTT1 Smallwood and ADJ1 McManus were promoted to Chief Petty Officer during my first year of service.

Next issue: NRD New York Home - From Meritorious Promotion to Navy Recruiter



# NRD Houston conducts a DEP Olympics

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

**HOUSTON** - NRD Houston's Division 5 conducted Delayed Entry Program (DEP) Olympics for Future Sailors, July 17, at Bear Creek Park in Houston.

The DEP Olympics provided nearly 100 Future Sailors and their recruiters the chance to conduct Navy training and compete in friendly competitions.

The DEP Olympics consisted of a soccer game, general Navy knowledge, a water balloon toss, push-up and sit-up contests, tug-of-war and military facing movements.

"This event was organized to bring all of the Future Sailors and Division 5 recruiters together," said NC1 Robert Aranda. "This was an opportunity for all of us to relax and build camaraderie and teamwork skills, which are necessary to succeed in the Navy."

The spirit of competition and motivation was evident to NCC Cherokee Broadwater, the leading chief petty officer for Division 5.

"I am so proud of all of you [Future Sailors]," said Broadwater as she addressed the group. "You all came out here and competed with each other. I could see the motivation in all of you. It is this motivation that will make you succeed in the Navy and in life."

After the all of the events were completed and the scores were tabulated, Aranda's Future Sailors from NRS Katy triumphed in victory and were awarded a travelling trophy which goes to the winning NRS until the next event is held.



Future Sailors attached to NRD Houston compete in a tug-of-war competition during a Delayed Entry Program (DEP) Olympics, July 17, in Houston. The DEP Olympics provided Future Sailors and recruiters the chance to conduct Navy training and compete in friendly competitions.

MM2 Kevin Lainez, attached to NRD Houston quizzes a Future Sailor on the General Orders during a Delayed Entry Program (DEP) Olympics.



# The Navy is Changing

Story and photos by MCC(SW/AW) George R. Kusner III, NRD Pittsburgh Public Affairs

**SAN DIEGO** - Seven educators from Pennsylvania and New York converged on the San Diego area May 6-7 as part of an Education Orientation Visit (EOV).

The EOV is an NRC program with a main focus of showing educators the various facets of the Navy and the many career paths available to students.

"EOV is an extraordinary adventure made available to educators across our country on behalf of recruiting districts," said Cherie Rullo, NRD Pittsburgh Education Specialist. She goes on to say that the experiences the educators are exposed to during the EOV changes their attitudes and views on military opportunities available to the youth under their leadership.

During the tour the educators were given a glimpse of life in the Navy. They toured USS *Ronald Reagan* (CVN 76), Helicopter Sea Combat Squadron (HSC 85) Firehawks, and Assault Craft Unit 1 (ACU 1) where they were able to interact with Sailors and hear their personal stories of growth.

"As a prior military veteran, I had forgotten the amount of responsibility that you are given at such a young age," said Barry J. Balaski, Principal Moon Township High School. "To think of being 27 years old and flying your own 27 million dollar helicopter with the responsibility of so many people's lives was amazing."

Educators were also treated to a presentation by Naval Special Warfare forces. They toured their



training facility, took part in a weapons presentation and received a briefing on the requirements for becoming a SEAL and Special Warfare Combatant-craft Crewmen (SWCC).

The two day event concluded with a visit to the Coastal Riverines where crew members demonstrated the capabilities of their crafts during a boat ride through

the San Diego Bay.

"The Navy is changing," said Alvin Gipson, Principal of Aliquippa High School in Aliquippa, Penn. "It is skill-based and STEM related. It made me proud as a citizen to know that our freedoms are being protected by the brightest and best young men and women available."

NRD Pittsburgh is responsible for more than 80,000 square miles, encompassing portions of Pennsylvania, New York, West Virginia and Maryland. More than 200 officers, enlisted, and civilian staff operate 39 enlisted recruiting stations, seven Navy officer recruiting stations and the headquarters.

For more news and information from NRD Pittsburgh, visit [www.cnrc.navy.mil/pittsburgh](http://www.cnrc.navy.mil/pittsburgh).

# Houston-area educators live the Navy life in San Diego

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

**SAN DIEGO** - A group of Houston-area educators packed their sea bags and spent the week of June 23-27 experiencing Navy life in San Diego.

Seven educators, along with personnel from NRD Houston, spent the week touring various ships, submarines, special warfare programs and other Navy instillations. The visit was part of a program called Educator Orientation Visit (EOV).

"The purpose of an EOV is to show educators the different jobs and opportunities the Navy provides so the educators can then relay that information to their students," said Lt. Cmdr. Kiera Vernon, the operations officer at NRD Houston. "Many people think Navy and immediately think ships. The Navy has ships, but there are many other opportunities for Sailors. There are special warfare programs such as the Navy SEALs and explosive ordnance disposal units. There are aviation fields and there are opportunities in medical fields as well."

The EOV also provided a chance for the educators to interact with active-duty Sailors, which is important because the educators take this information and experience home to better educate their students.

"As a parent and educator, I am interested in learning more about the armed services, especially the Navy," said Bertha Fournier, a counselor at Willowridge High School. "Working with students, I needed to be reassured that I was comfortable enough to answer questions and concerns students may have when discussing post-high school careers."

The tour also allowed the educators to change their perspective of the Navy.

"I really enjoyed the aircraft carrier [USS *Carl Vinson* (CVN 70)]," said Tonyika Forbes-Deese, the lead counselor at Mayde Creek High School. "We got the opportunity to see the Sailors in their element. I never thought of a ship as a community before."

This sentiment was echoed by Fournier.

"I enjoyed all parts of this trip, no one area outshined the other because each area supports one another," she said. "I liked the team support that was displayed from the top person to the person on the bottom."

For George Long, an assistant principal at Stephen F. Austin High School, his view of the Navy changed.

"My perception of the Navy has changed to more favorable," he said. "I was not aware of all of the opportunities the Navy provides. These EOV trips should continue so educators can continue to see what the Navy has to offer to students who are leaving high

school to prepare them for adulthood."

One theme that continued along all stops of the trip was the importance of the areas of study of science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM).

"We are looking for the athletes and the smarts to meet the demands of our difficult program," said Cmdr. David Blauser, the executive officer of Explosive Ordnance Disposal Mobile Unit Eleven (EODMU11). "We are looking for highly qualified individuals who excel in STEM classes."

STEM programs are also important to set students ahead in the Navy Reserve Officer Training Corps (NROTC) scholarship applications said Lt. Andrew Long, an NROTC instructor at the University of San Diego.

"Programs such as EOV benefit the students," Long said. "Educators can be made aware of opportunities in the Navy, especially NROTC for college-bound students. These educators play an extremely valuable role in the lives of students by advising them on opportunities they may not be aware of and the importance of STEM.

These educators can find the qualified students who shine in STEM classes and promote NROTC as a way to go to college."

Stressing the importance of STEM was not lost on the educators.

"I learned about so many programs the Navy offers," said Forbes-Deese. "The NROTC scholarship requirements only give me confirmation that my ideals in STEM classes are accurate and correct."

After the trip, the educators now have a new tool in their box to better inform their students.

"I will share all of these experiences with my students," said Deloris Golden, a counselor at Eisenhower High School. "I will tell my students not to be afraid to venture outside of their current surroundings, and there are a lot of opportunities out there. They should start learning discipline now and take STEM classes and the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery [ASVAB, the test developed to predict future academic and occupational success in the military] test seriously."

"This trip exceeded all of my expectations," said Casey Nall, a counselor at the Dickinson High School college and career center. "We saw and did so much - it was a great experience. I am going to make a board of all the pictures to show students the unique opportunities in the Navy. If I had to do it all over again, I would have seriously looked into the Navy after I graduated high school."

# NRD San Antonio CO inspires Texas youth

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

**SAN ANTONIO** - Leadership, citizenship, and free enterprise were the themes stressed during the annual Military Order of the World Wars Youth Leadership Conference held on the campus of St. Mary's University, June 22 - 26.

Forty-nine high school students from throughout the state of Texas were sponsored to attend the conference said Wendy Weller, an Army veteran and co-director of the conference.

"We do patriotic education classes and we have them all over the world where there is a chapter," said Weller. "The students ranging from freshmen to juniors were sponsored by numerous organizations after being vetted by the local chapters and recommended by their Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps (JROTC) instructors and/or guidance counselors."

During the conference banquet, held June 25, Cmdr. Corry Juedeman, Commanding Officer, NRD San Antonio spoke on leadership and shared her experience in the Navy.

"I felt honored to have had the opportunity to speak before the students," said Juedeman. "They should be proud to have been selected to attend such a program."

Juedeman, a native of Craig, Mont., and naval aviator, shared with the students some of her lessons-learned from her 21-year career in the Navy.

"Leadership is not only about the leader, it is also about the team or the group of individuals the leader leads," said Juedeman. "I would argue that the team is more important than that of the leader and this is in keeping with the motto of The Military Order of World Wars, it is nobler to serve than to be served."

Juedeman continued, "It's not about you. Any one individual will not have all the answers. A team with its collective experiences, knowledge and personalities can formulate a much better answer than one single person on their own. To be an effective leader and achieve the best results, you must create an environment or a culture where everyone can express their opinions. Once those opinions are expressed, the leader has to be decisive and make the decision."



▲ Cmdr. Corry Juedeman, Commanding Officer, NRD San Antonio, speaks to attendees of the annual Military Order of the World Wars Youth Leadership Conference banquet held on the campus of St. Mary's University, June 25, 2014. Forty-nine high school students from throughout the state of Texas attended the week-long conference of patriotic education classes, June 22 - 26, 2014.

Those being led need to support that decision as if it was their own."

Marine Corps JROTC Cadet Cheyenne Soto, a junior from Allen High School in Allen, Texas, enjoyed the conference, especially the banquet speaker.

"I think the conference was a wonderful experience and we learned a lot," said Soto. "Cmdr. Juedeman was very inspirational and I think it is awesome that she is serving and proud of it. It is so inspiring to see a female who has worked hard and accomplished so much. It was an honor to meet her."

Soto, one of Allen High School's first Marine Corps JROTC cadets, was recognized as the top attendee of the conference by her peers and conference counselors.



# Navy Parade Float Gets Crowd Rockin'

Story and photos by Robin Sanz, NRD Portland Public Affairs

**PORTLAND, Ore.** - Those who walked alongside NRD Portland's float in the Starlight Parade on May 31 had an extra bounce in their step this year. In the past, the NRD's entry included its carrier float, a scale model of USS *Enterprise* (CVN 65), illuminated with lights.

This year, it was set apart by the addition of Passage, Navy Band Northwest's popular music ensemble from Silverdale, Wash.

The band got the crowd rockin' as the entry wound its way through city streets, an estimated quarter million spectators in attendance.

Several Sailors from NRD Portland marched alongside the float accompanied by 10 Future Sailors from nearby stations. This was the 11th year that NRD Portland has participated in the Starlight Parade, one of the city's most popular Rose Festival events.



▲ Sailors from Navy Band Northwest and NRD Portland pose with future Sailors in front of the NRD Portland entry for the 2014 Starlight Parade in Portland, Ore.



# Reno Navy Night Highlights Opportunities

Story and photos by Robin Sanz, Navy Recruiting District Portland Public Affairs

**RENO, Nev.** - Navy Night, July 10, in Reno was much more than a night of recognition at the Aces baseball game. The evening events coincided with the 100th anniversary of the launch date of USS *Nevada* (BB 36). In addition to on-field activities centered around Sailors and Future Sailors, NRD Portland educated local key influencers about Navy opportunities.

At a dinner prior to the game, NRD Portland commanding officer, Cmdr. Todd Bode, briefly talked to educators about the role of recruiters, the needs of the Navy and the opportunities available. But he spent much of his presentation providing information about the Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps (NROTC) scholarships, explaining to educators what type of students the Navy is looking for, the criteria they must meet and how they play an important role in identifying quality applicants.

The dinner was held in partnership with the Reno Council Navy League who hosted two blue crewmembers of USS *Nevada* (SSBN 733) as part of the centennial celebration. They presented awards to Chief of the Boat, Master Chief David Stephenson, and *Nevada's* 2013 Sailor of the Year and Torpedo Division Leading Petty Officer, MM1 Keith Kaiser.

At the game, the Navy scholarship opportunity was reinforced to the NRD's guests, when Cmdr. Bode presented an NROTC check to Hemere Mosqueda-Ramirez, a 2014 graduate of Carson High School in Carson City, Nev. During high school, Mosqueda-Ramirez maintained a 3.87 GPA, trained in mixed martial arts, and participated all four years in the Naval Junior ROTC, where he served as the executive officer during his senior year. Mosqueda-Ramirez will attend Oregon State University this fall and plans to pursue a degree in Nuclear Engineering. He will be the first person in his family to attend college.

Between the second and third inning, Cmdr. Bode conducted the Oath of Enlistment for 10 Future Sailors from the area. And to wrap up Navy Night, NRD Portland CMDCM Stacey McClain and Lt. Kenneth Dalton, a recruiter from Reno's Officer Recruiting Station, squared off in a golf challenge. Both stood atop different dugouts and tried to chip balls into a bucket placed on the field. In the end, both of them got one ball in their buckets to win a free year of golf at a Reno area course.



Future Sailors recite the Oath of Enlistment between the second and third inning of the Reno Aces baseball game July 10 as part of Navy Night at the ballpark.

Cmdr. Todd Bode, Commanding Officer, NRD Portland, presents an NROTC check to Hemere Mosqueda-Ramirez before the Reno Aces baseball game July 10 as part of Navy Night at the ballpark. Pictured from left: Archie, Lt. Kenneth Dalton, Cmdr. Todd Bode and Hemere Mosqueda-Ramirez.



## Admiral's Five-Star Recruiters

June 2014

- NRD Atlanta – ABH2 Nekita Patrick
- NRD Chicago – MM2(SW/AW) Keven Hairston
- NRD Dallas – MM1 Alex Soto, Jr.
- NRD Denver – ET2 Stacey Frazee
- NRD Houston – AM2(AW) Julius Thomas
- NRD Jacksonville – EM1 Joshua White
- NRD Los Angeles – DC1 Sandra Kimball
- NRD Miami – CS2(SS) Larry Risher
- NRD Michigan – AWF1(NAC/AW) David Lollar
- NRD Minneapolis – EN1(EXW/SW/AW) Justin Ness
- NRD Nashville – HM2 Matthew Kidd
- NRD New England – CS2(SW) Jonathon Labinski
- NRD New Orleans – GSM2 Jamell Guidry
- NRD New York – BU2(SCW/AW) Jermaine Blake
- NRD Ohio – DC1 Andrew Lausten
- NRD Philadelphia – SH2 Roshawn Stephenson
- NRD Phoenix – BM2(SW/AW) Damian Carrell
- NRD Pittsburgh – STG2 Mary Glover
- NRD Portland – FC2(SW) Matthew Dean
- NRD Raleigh – CE2 Edward Hutton
- NRD San Antonio – FC2 Edward Miller
- NRD San Diego – ABF1(AW) Jamal Mitchell
- NRD San Francisco – ABH2(SW) Mark Thornton
- NRD Seattle – ET2 Paul Wallace
- NRD St. Louis – ET2 Charles Bradshaw

July 2014

- NRD Atlanta – ABH2 Nekita Patrick
- NRD Chicago – MM2(SW/AW) Kevin Hairston
- NRD Dallas – OS2 Jamar Campbell
- NRD Denver – OS2 Jonathan Hohmann
- NRD Houston – IT2(SW) Robert Austin
- NRD Jacksonville – AWW1 Douglas Renwick
- NRD Los Angeles – ABE2 Terance Chase
- NRD Miami – NC2 Yvette Anderson
- NRD Michigan – LS2 Rebecca Cobb-Brown
- NRD Minneapolis – HT2(SW) Joshua Lieffring
- NRD Nashville – MM2 George Collins
- NRD New England – OS2 Ryane Sipes
- NRD New Orleans – DC1 Jason Bourgoyne
- NRD New York – BU2 Jermaine Blake
- NRD Ohio – MA1 Craig Palmer
- NRD Philadelphia – EO1(EXW) Curtis Wilson
- NRD Phoenix – ABE2(AW) Michael Hunter
- NRD Pittsburgh – ABH1 Nicole Banks
- NRD Portland – FC2(SW) Matthew Dean
- NRD Raleigh – PS1(SW/AW) Rebecca Wilson
- NRD Richmond –
- NRD San Antonio – MN1 Joseph Cooper
- NRD San Diego – MN2(SW/AW) Niles Kelly
- NRD San Francisco – GM1(EXW/AW) Dane McVann
- NRD Seattle – EM1(SW/AW) Christopher Stevens
- NRD St. Louis – MA2 Rebecca Woofler

## The District's Top Stations

June 2014

- NRD Atlanta – NRS South Dekalb
- NRD Chicago – NRS Appleton
- NRD Dallas – NRS Keller
- NRD Denver – NRS Littleton
- NRD Houston – NRS The Woodlands
- NRD Jacksonville – NRS Leesburg
- NRD Los Angeles – NRS East Bakersfield
- NRD Miami – NRS Plantation
- NRD Michigan – NRS Port Huron
- NRD Minneapolis – NRS Southridge
- NRD Nashville – NRS Huntsville
- NRD New England – NRS Brockton
- NRD New Orleans – NRS Lafayette
- NRD New York – NRS Harlem
- NRD Ohio – NRS North College Hill
- NRD Philadelphia – NRS Towson
- NRD Phoenix – NRS Mission Park
- NRD Pittsburgh – NRS Tonawanda
- NRD Portland – NRS Sparks
- NRD Raleigh – NRS Greenville
- NRD San Antonio – NRS Southeast
- NRD San Diego – NRS Riverside
- NRD San Francisco – NRS Chico
- NRD Seattle – NRS University of Washington
- NRD St. Louis – NRS Bloomington

July 2014

- NRD Atlanta – NRS Jonesboro
- NRD Chicago – NRS Milwaukee
- NRD Dallas – NRS Plano
- NRD Denver – NRS Scottsbluff
- NRD Houston – NRS The Woodlands
- NRD Jacksonville – NRS East Jacksonville
- NRD Los Angeles – NRS Downey
- NRD Miami – NRS Mayaguez
- NRD Michigan – NRS Bloomington
- NRD Minneapolis – NRS Bellevue
- NRD Nashville – NRS Chattanooga
- NRD New England – NRS Schenectady
- NRD New Orleans – NRS Fort Walton Beach
- NRD New York – NRS Bay Shore
- NRD Ohio – NRS Florence
- NRD Philadelphia – NRS Frederick
- NRD Phoenix – NRS Superstition
- NRD Pittsburgh – NRS Mechanicsburg
- NRD Portland – NRS Sparks
- NRD Raleigh – NRS N. Charleston
- NRD Richmond – NRS
- NRD San Antonio – NRS Kerrville
- NRD San Diego – NRS Riverside
- NRD San Francisco – NRS Fremont
- NRD Seattle – NRS Tri-Cities
- NRD St. Louis – NRS Collinsville

