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Team Nashville,

Welcome Back and Happy 2015! We closed an impressive Fiscal Year 2015 first quarter, ensuring our mission to man the fleet was upheld among all other priorities. Our accelerated efforts on the Officer Mission and refined Enlisted Mission strategy will both keep Nashville ahead and facilitate our 'Year of the Leader' motto.

Returning from a well-earned standdown, I want to remind you to continue balancing your personal and professional lives. Both require a tremendous effort, but must go hand-in-hand. Finally, direct your efforts to achieve excellence in the workplace and at home. Your contributions are keeping us ahead of the pack and, as your CO, I feel privileged to stand on the shoulders of giants.

Very respectfully yours,
Skipper

TEAMWORK

STORY AND PHOTOS BY MC1(SW/AW) TIMOTHY WALTER

When people think of the Toys for Tots Program in the holiday season, most remember smiling children and dress uniforms of the U.S. Marine Corps. However this year, local residents of Murfreesboro, Tenn., may have a different uniform in their mind – Navy crackerjacks.

Wearing their traditional Navy dress blue uniform with the iconic white pinstripes, Sailors from the Navy Recruiting District Nashville joined local U.S. Army recruiters and members of the Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity to collect and distribute gifts to less fortunate children in the Murfreesboro area.

More than 100 children were able to receive gifts this season due to the combined efforts of the three organizations. Boys and girls lined up just before 9 a.m. on Dec. 20, at the Patterson Park Recreation Center gym to find rows of tables filled with medium and small gifts from which to choose. A few feet away sat specially picked gifts for families.

Even Santa Claus was on hand for photos. Personnel Specialist 1st Class Paul Burke, a Navy recruiter assigned to NRD Nashville, reprised the bearded gift-bearer for a second year in a row, much to the delight of children who ran to meet him.

Three of those children belonged to Casey Underwood, a single mother from Murfreesboro. During a raffle for scooters



Operations Specialist 2nd Class Horace Henry, assigned to Navy Recruiting District Nashville, gives a toy to a child at the Patterson Park Community Center Recreation Center as part of the annual Toys for Tots program. Sailors from Navy Recruiting District Nashville, local U.S. Army recruiters and members of the Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity joined together to collect gifts and distribute them to less fortunate children in the Murfreesboro area.

and mini-recliners, each of her children was lucky enough to pull a winning number.

“This means a lot. More than people know, especially for a single parent,” Underwood said. “I can’t describe it. It really helps that much.”

Operations Specialist 2nd Class Horace Henry, a native of Atlanta and recruiter stationed at NRD Nashville, was all smiles as he handed gifts to the children.

“I will definitely do this next year and I will bring my family and have them donate stuff too,” Henry said. “It is always good to receive but to give to someone who is less fortunate is the best thing.”

NRD Nashville is one of 13 districts which make up Navy Recruiting Region East. More than 100,000 square miles are assigned to NRD Nashville including counties in Tennessee, Arkansas, northern Alabama, northern Georgia, northern Mississippi, southern Kentucky and Southwestern Virginia.

For more information on NRD Nashville, visit us at <http://www.cnrc.navy.mil/nashville/> or on Facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/NRD.Nashville>



Aviation Electronics Technician 1st Class Jeremy Goodman, right, assigned to Navy Recruiting District Nashville, presents a scooter to a participant at the Patterson Park Community Center Recreation Center as part of the annual Toys for Tots program.





Personnel Specialist 1st Class Paul Burke smiles while dressed as Santa Claus at the Patterson Park Community Center Recreation Center as part of the annual Toys for Tots program.



Culinary Specialist 1st Class Antonio Morton takes a photo of Personnel Specialist 1st Class Paul Burke dressed as Santa Claus.

NRD OUTREACH



Sailors from Navy Recruiting District Nashville, local U.S. Army recruiters and members of the Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity pose for a photo at the Patterson Park Community Center Recreation Center as part of the annual Toys for Tots program. The organizations joined together to collect gifts and distribute them to less fortunate children in the Murfreesboro, Tenn., area.

LOOKING FORWARD

Aviation Structural Mechanic 2nd Class Mahota Johnson, assigned to Division Three of Navy Recruiting District Nashville, stands at attention during a personnel inspection at NRS Rivergate as part of the annual Division in the Spotlight.



XO Notes

Team Nashville,

I continue to be impressed by the professionalism throughout our district! The way you handle everything; from taking care of applicants to fiscal management to administrative matters... all of this is conducted routinely with great professionalism. This proves that our motto of “2015 - Year of the Leader” is engrained in every one of us in our daily endeavors.

Nashville continues to over-produce on a monthly basis, allowing for the stations and divisions to really focus on training. Training is essential to keep



our team working efficiently and effectively. Training is much more than a check-in-the-block, it is the opportunity to better ourselves in our core functions.

Never forget, integrity and upholding our Navy Core Values are always the right answer. We are to all leave a legacy - that legacy should be always doing the right thing. When we make mistakes, own it, learn from it, and move forward. This is how each of us contribute to making NRD Nashville the premier district to work in.

Thanks for all you do.

With much respect,
XO

NRD SPOTLIGHT

Division Three Completes Personnel Inspection



NRD ACHIEVEMENTS

GSE2 Robert Martin
passes Advanced Recruiter Board



LS2 Jonathan Lockett
passes Advanced Recruiter Board



NRD FROCKING



NCC Mark Whitten pins on new collar devices for GSE1 Ryan King at NRS Rogers.

NRD Nashville Commanding Officer Cmdr. Jaime Hernandez shows off HT1 Brandon Callow's new collar devices at NRS Huntsville.





CMC SPEAKS

Greetings Shipmates,

I hope this newsletter finds you and your families doing well!

Thank you for all that you do every day and Happy New Year to each of you.

What a great start to the new FY this has been.

During the month of December the Skipper, Chief Recruiter and I were able to travel the district and do one of our favorite things, frock new Petty Officers. We were able to frock the following Sailors: FC1 Carroll, HT1 Callow, IT2 Purser, GSE1 King, OS1 Miller and DC1 Goforth. Well done Shipmates! For those that did not make it this time, continue to study. Your number one plan for advancement must be to study for your exam!

The CPO exam will be held on January 15. Best of luck to all who are taking the exam. Now is a good time to review your OMPF. If you need any assistance please do not hesitate to contact me.

I am looking forward to the January All Hands training and awards presentation. It will be great to see you all and to recognize you for your exceptional performance.

As we look forward to the spring, please start now to prepare for the upcoming PFA. Being active now and exercising will pay dividends in a few months. EMC(SW) Jeremy Smith is our new CFL and will be able to provide you with healthy living/exercising tips.

As always, I sincerely appreciate your hard work and dedication to our Navy and NRD Nashville. You are all "Great Americans"!

I will see you about the deckplates!

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NRD DEPARTING

STS2 Leland Reed



NCC Keisha Franklin



MMI Mayra Hudgens



QMI Ernest McIver



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FC1 Steven Johndrow



NC1 James Betz



OS2 Cornelius Mitchell



MM1 John Goodman



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Memphis
Air Show



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STEM Tour at Music City Center in Nashville

Attendees of the "My Future. My Way. Career Exploration Fair," presented by the Metropolitan Nashville Public Schools, visit the Navy Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics display with Sailors from Navy Recruiting District Nashville.



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Providence Christian Academy Fall Festival



Culinary Specialist 1st Class Antonio Morton, assigned to Navy Recruiting Station Murfreesboro of Navy Recruiting District Nashville, speaks about opportunities in the Navy with attendees of the Providence Christian Academy Fall Festival.



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Military pride runs deep in Middle Tennessee and when students at Coffee County Middle School in Manchester, Tenn., were challenged to make a difference for deployed military members, the response was overwhelming. The seventh and eighth grade classes squared off to see who could bring in more items for care packages, knowing that the winner would earn the right to keep the Red Raider Spirit Stick. In a few short weeks, the seventh grade students collected 2,223 items that included chapstick, hard candy, snacks, and personalized letters of gratitude. However, the eighth grade students bested them with 3,147 items and won the right to carry the stick. Once collected, the items were placed into 448 care packages and boxed for delivery. Electronics Technician 2nd Class Joshua Thacker, the local recruiter stationed at Navy Recruiting Station Manchester, help to accept the gift on behalf of the deployed Sailors during a ceremony at the school in October. Navy Recruiting District Nashville then helped to deliver those boxes to organizations that send the packages out to deployed crews.



NRD REENLISTMENT

EMC Jeremy Smith, NRD Headquarters

When Chief Electrician's Mate Jeremy Smith chose to reenlist, he didn't pick one just monument or memory to stand by with his hand held high. Instead, he picked three and spent the final day of his contract remembering the moments that helped make him the man he is today. For someone else, the local **Waffle House**, a simple **front yard** and two parking spaces at the **Tennessee State Fairgrounds** may not mean much. But for Smith, they meant everything and he enlisted his family to help say a third of the Oath at each location before completing the official ceremony at NRD Nashville Headquarters - a building which sits just a few minutes away from where he used to sell concrete statues with his family at the fairgrounds.



Chief Electrician's Mate Jeremy Smith, right, a native of Mt. Juliet, Tenn., and nuclear field coordinator for Navy Recruiting District Nashville, speaks with an employee of the Waffle House in Lebanon, Tenn., during a three-stop tour of significant childhood places that represented his favorite memories of his hometown prior to conducting his official reenlistment ceremony at NRD Nashville Headquarters. The employee Ronnie Harris, who is now the district manager, was the cook who made breakfast for the then 10-year-old Jeremy Smith and his father Denny Smith during morning visits.

Waffle House in Lebanon, Tenn.



Chief Electrician's Mate Jeremy Smith, left, a native of Mt. Juliet, Tenn., and nuclear field programs coordinator for Navy Recruiting District Nashville, performs a portion of the Oath of Enlistment with his father Denny Smith at a Waffle House in Lebanon, Tenn.

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Quarry Road in Mt. Juliet, Tenn.



Chief Electrician's Mate Jeremy Smith, right, a native of Mt. Juliet, Tenn., and nuclear field coordinator for Navy Recruiting District Nashville performs a portion of the Oath of Enlistment with his brother, Damon Smith, in front of his childhood home.

Tennessee State Fairground in Nashville, Tenn.



Chief Electrician's Mate Jeremy Smith, a native of Mt. Juliet, Tenn., and nuclear field coordinator for Navy Recruiting District Nashville, performs a portion of the Oath of Enlistment with his mother, Lora Smith, in front of a building where he used to help sell goods with his family at the Tennessee State Fairgrounds.

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STS2 Leland Reed, MEPS Knoxville





VETERANS DAY

Cmdr. Todd Sullivan, executive officer of Navy Recruiting District Nashville, speaks to attendees of a Veterans Day ceremony held by the city of La Vergne, Tenn.



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