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RCC Sailors Run Half-Marathon



From Left: PS3 Emmanuel Colon-Rodriguez, PS3 Larry Bryant, HM1 Laura Peterson, CMC Steve Campos, YN1 Todd Harris.

On May 7, Sailors from Navy Region Midwest Reserve Component Command participated in the Wisconsin Half-Marathon in Kenosha, WI.

Participants were Personnelman 3rd Class Larry Bryant, Personnelman 3rd Class Emmanuel Colon-Rodriguez, Hospital Corpsman 1st Class Laura Peterson, Yeoman 1st Class Todd Harris and Command Master Chief Steve Campos.

The Wisconsin Half-Marathon wound through downtown Kenosha and residential areas of Pleasant Prairie, with a scenic finish along Lake Michigan.

Denim Day at Minneapolis

Staff members at Navy Operational Support Center in Minneapolis participated in Denim Day for Sexual Assault Awareness Month in April. In honor of Denim Day the staff worked to raise awareness and educate other Sailors about the issue of sexual assault.

Denim Day started as a reaction to an Italian Supreme Court ruling in 1999, in which a driving instructor was found not guilty of raping an 18-year-old girl under the grounds she was wearing very, very tight jeans. The head judge argued there was no way she could have participated in sex without consensually agreeing to take her jeans off. Enraged by the verdict, the women in the Italian Parliament launched into immediate action and protested by wearing jeans on the steps of the Italian Parliament building.



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DLA Joint Reserve Force Exercise Builds Confidence, Improves Needed Skills



PS3 Warden of DLA-LAT Columbus, OH fires a round down range at Ft. Eustis.



MM3 Guinipena (left) of DLA-LAT Columbus, OH assists LS3 Kontoleon of DLA Richmond, VA in assembling an M9 pistol.

More than 170 Defense Logistics Agency reservists, from all four military services participated in the fifth annual Joint Reserve Training Readiness Exercise at Fort Eustis, VA., April 4-10, including Sailors from the NOSC Columbus DLA-LAT unit. The objective of the exercise was to enhance total force readiness while completing service-required training and promoting teamwork.

“Our goal is to take every service and put them in a pseudo-deployment environment; increase the operations temp, increase their training, basically put them in an environment that is alien to them,” said Navy Lt. Cmdr. Onofrio Margioni, JRF deputy director of training and readiness and JRTRX director. “The JRTRX mirrors exactly what our reservists will be doing at the [Continental United States] Replacement Center and Navy Individual Augmentee Combat Training. The reason why we offer JRTRX is to enhance the training for our troops.”

Much like CRC and NIACT events, which deploying service members must complete prior to deploying, the JRTRX provides its attendees with theater-specific individual requirements training. This includes the Humvee Egress Assistance Trainer, the Engagement Skills Trainer 2000, the Leadership Reaction Course, weapon familiarization and firing range for M-4 and M-9 qualification, improvised explosive device identification and reaction, distribution service instruction, and joint physical training.

“We hit every milestone that we set out with the objective of ensuring our reservists get a taste, and sometimes a bit more than a taste, of what they’d be experiencing at CRC and NIACT, including an increase in

ops temp that would give familiarization of what to expect in theatre,” Margioni said.

Adding flavor to simulated deployment was the successful firing of more than 12,000 rounds of ammunition via M-4s and M-9s. The Sailors, Soldiers and Marines had an opportunity to qualify with the appropriate weapon for their rank. Of those who fired an M-9, 90 percent qualified, with 72 percent qualifying with an M-4. Airmen were given the opportunity to complete weapon familiarization fire, and all attendees had a hands-on opportunity to safely aim and fire a weapon.

Leading the way in qualification on the M-9 range was Navy Reserve Rear Adm. Raymond English, director of the DLA Joint Reserve Force, who reminded participants of the most important aspect of this exercise - taking care of each other.

“Of all the experience and training you gained, the most important thing I hope you’ve learned and keep with you when you deploy is we take care of each other,” English said. “If we take care of each other, everything else will turn out right.”

This concept was especially demonstrated on the Leadership Reaction Course and the Humvee Egress Assistance Training. The LRC challenges teams physically and mentally as they attempt to complete obstacles, such as maneuvering a wounded Soldier across a barrier. Much like the reaction course, HEAT recreates the physical sensation of a vehicle rollover to train personnel how to respond safely and quickly when exiting a compromised vehicle. Five service members must work as a team to safely exit the flipped vehicle.

The participants were intentionally divided into joint teams during the training to further demonstrate the nature of many deployed environments, especially those

DLA members find themselves in, DLA Joint Reserve Force officials said.

The JRF’s objective is to support the DLA mission worldwide. More than 110 reservists in the JRF are deployed for combat logistic support at any given time. To further improve on needed skills, DLA Joint Reserve Force members completed instruction on current activities by DLA Distribution. Members from this field activity’s headquarters in New Cumberland, Pa., completed multiple hours of instruction for all attendees.

“This is more opportunity to hone your skills and give you that confidence so that when you are that DLA representative in theater, you can do your best to provide that mission success, that difference helping the warfighter be successful,” Celia Adolphi, deputy director of JRF, said during the exercise in-brief. “You have the confidence in your combat skills to make your functional mission easier.”

Members had additional opportunities to demonstrate their confidence as this year’s event was two days longer than in previous years. The lengthened training schedule was a result of previous years’ surveys and allowed for an extra day on the firing ranges, six more hours in the EST 2000, a full day of HEAT, and a cookout to relax and celebrate all the participants had accomplished, officials said.

Upon completion of the JRTRX, members completed surveys about the training. A common theme among the comments was the high quality of training and that they wished it was longer.

“In the end this was all about bringing people together and teaching them how to work together,” Margioni said. “In the joint world, if you can achieve that, you’ve done your job.”



PS1 Lynne Lutz Awarded 2010 GEICO Military Service Award

PS1 (AW) Lynne Lutz, who just recently transferred from NRMW RCC, was awarded the 2010 GEICO Military Service Award for National Guard and Reserve. He's what had to say about the experience.

"It is an incredible honor to have been awarded the 2010 GEICO Military Service Award for National Guard and Reserve because of my work with drug and alcohol abuse prevention. It is also a very humbling experience because I never experienced any thing like that and there's many other Sailors along the way that worked with me on Campaign Drug Free and DEFY.

"I can't even begin to explain what a fantastic experience my huband and I were treated to in Washington D.C. We stayed at Keybridge Marriott with the other award recipients and their spouses and all expenses were paid by GEICO. We were given a tour of the guard shack at Arlington National Cemetary and were included in a wreath-laying ceremony for the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

"We were given a special tour of the White House and the Pentagon and treated to lunch and a tour of the Navy spaces at the Pentagon by Force Master Chief Ronnie Wright. One of the most special memories was having my picture taken sitting at the MCPON's desk.

"I shook hands with the Secretary of Reserve Affairs, Secretary McCarthy and the Chief of Navy Reserve, VADM Debbink. VADM Debbink explained the significance of the Pentagon Memorial for the victims of 9/11 which he views from his office window and it is just breathtaking.

"I also met with Mr. Tony Nicely the CEO of GEICO and he presented me with a plaque and check for \$2,500 at the awards ceremony on the 18th of April.

My parents and my best friend NC1 (AW) Lauren Fyfe were also in attendance."



NOSC Battle Creek Breaks Ground on New Facility

On May 17, Sailors from NOSC Battle Creek broke ground on a new facility at Fort Custer in Michigan.

Present were Brigadier General Mike Stone, Director of the Joint Staff, Michigan Air National Guard; Lieutenant Colonel Stephen J. Ward, director of the Construction and Facilities Management Office, Michigan Air National Guard; Lieutenant Colonel Peter Hill, commanding officer of Fort Custer, Lieutenant Commander Matthew Campbell, commanding officer of NOSC Grand Rapids; Commander Jerald Rushing, commanding officer of NOSC Lansing; Lieutenant Commander Leticia Soto, PWO Central, Navy Facilities Midwest; Captain Kevin Hempel, commander, Navy Region Midwest Reserve Component Command, and various other Sailors and civilians.

The proposed facility will be a 29,206 square-foot building situated near the gates of Fort Custer.

"As we break ground, we look forward to a new facility where we will be consolidating three older facilities into one modern one," said Hempel," and where our Navy Reservists will continue to train to be ready to answer our country's call to duty."

The facility will consolidate NOSC's Grand Rapids, Lansing and Battle Creek into one command.

"The facility will serve our current and future Navy Reservists as well as retirees and members of all services."

NOSC Peoria In Action



NOSC Peoria Selected Reservists monitored the athletic portion of the competition.

Peoria Supports local Annual JROTC program Academic Decathlon

On May 14, 2011, Navy Operational Support Center Peoria's Sailors volunteered at Peoria's Annual Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (JROTC) program Academic Decathlon. The event was held at Peoria High School and consisted of 5 different area school JROTC high school programs. The Academic Decathlon consisted of a scholastic bowl with teams buzzing in to answer ten different military questions and an athletic portion consisting of each school competing in set ups, push ups, shuttle run and a relay. NOSC Peoria's Sailors were readers, score keepers, and monitors for the event.



Peoria Reservist MA1 Courtney Hoyer and NOSC Peoria FTS member YN1(SW) Amy Schnauber participating in the Peoria Komen Race for the Cure event.

Peoria Supports the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure

On May 7, 2011 the city of Peoria had its annual Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure event which is an event in honor of Mrs. Komen's fight with breast cancer and is the global leader of the breast cancer movement, having invested more than \$1 billion since its inception in 1982. Proceeds from the Komen Race for the Cure Series fund both national research efforts and local breast health education/awareness and breast cancer out-reach programs. Navy Operational Support Center Peoria had a number of Sailors volunteer their time to participate in the race, supporting breast cancer awareness and the community.

Columbus Special Warfare Members Display Equipment



On 23APR11 the members of Naval Special Warfare (NSW), Detachment Ohio, set up a static display at the Ohio State University Stadium during the OSU Spring Football Game. Present were: ENS Wortkoetter - OIC, YNC Pearson, SB1 Murphy, MA1 Nelson, MA1 Steinbrook, MA1 Hartzell, SO2 Hay, MA2 Godwin, and MA2 Brockway. The static display included various pieces of NSW gear, picture boards, an NSW video, recruiting handouts, a Zodiac boat on display and a pull-up bar competition. The static display was a huge hit and was received very positively by the public. We estimate that between 2000 and 3000 people cycled through the NSW display area, asking questions and speaking with Detachment Ohio personnel.

Congresswoman Hosts Military Academy Information Night

On May 17, Congresswoman Jean Schmidt of the 2nd Congressional district of Ohio hosted a Military Academy Information Night at Ripley Union Lewis High School in Ripley, OH. Supporting her were members of NOSC Cincinnati, including Lt. Cdr. Motale Efimba, Commanding Officer, NOSC Cincinnati.

