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Louisville Honors Sailor with Purple Heart



On April 9, Sailors at NOSC Louisville had the distinct honor of presenting the Purple Heart to a Corpsman attached to the 4MD 4 TANK Unit during their drill weekend. HM1 Adam Kinney is also the Patriot Award recipient from the NOSC and will receive that award during the Louisville Armed Forces Day Dinner on May 20th.

The NOSC arranged for him to get his Purple Heart re-awarded by Admiral James A. Winnefeld, Jr., Commander, U.S. Northern Command and NORAD.

On July 30, 2010, Kinney was operating in Afghanistan on a two week extended mission with a Combined Anti-Armor Team from 3rd Batalion, 7th Marines operating in a moving coil formation. While moving through enemy ground, they

ran into a large Improvised Explosive Device, disabling the vehicle. As a result of the explosion, HM1 suffered a concussion. While dizzy and nauseous, HM1 provided on-scene treatment to the Marines of this damaged vehicle.

A Quick Reaction Force (QRF) was called for mobile transportation. It took approximately three to four hours for the arrival of the transport vehicle. While HM1 and two other Marines were being transported, a second IED was hit, causing him to suffer another concussion and multiple periods of unconsciousness. HM1 Kinney's actions reflected credit upon him and were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service.

Peoria Supports Local Memorial Ceremony in Bartonville

On April 9, 2011 the Quiet Pride motorcycle club, local Veterans, U.S. Army, and NOSC Peoria unveiled a memorial to three Peoria-based Army reservists who were killed seven years ago in a massive ambush outside Baghdad, Iraq.

A 5-foot-tall black granite memorial, a 30-foot-tall flag pole, and a 125-foot concrete walkway leading from the road in the park to the monument was placed in Alpha Park to offer a place for service members to come and reflect and allow the community to remember the sacrifices of the three men.

On April 9, 2004, soldiers with the 724th Transportation Co. were transporting fuel just west of Baghdad International Airport when they were attacked by an estimated 250 insurgents in what was described as one of the largest coordinated ambushes of the Iraq war.

The memorial was in honor of Spc. Gregory Goodrich, 37, of Bartonville; Sgt. Elmer Krause, 40, of Greensboro, N.C.; and Staff Sgt. Keith "Matt" Maupin who lost their lives, during the attack.

During the Ceremony, Navy Operational Support Center, Peoria provided the ringing of the bell for the memorial and was honored to present the laying of the reef for the Krause family.

RADM Little Visits Youngstown

On April 19, RADM Buzz Little visited NOSC Youngstown, speaking to Sailors, Marines & civilians.



RADM Little meets with BMSN Lindsey Mayle a recent new affiliate to the Navy Reserves assigned to CART Team II Det B assigned to NOSC Youngstown.



RADM Little discussing any day in the Navy with the Senior Enlisted Leader (SEL) of NOSC Youngstown, BMC(SW) Daniel Tiffie.

This Month in Naval History From the Navy News Service

May 4, 1942 - Battle of Coral Sea, first carrier vs. carrier battle, begins.

May 5, 1961 - CDR Alan Shepard Jr. makes first U.S. manned space flight. Flight of Freedom 7 (Mercury 3) which lasted 15 minutes and 28 seconds reached the altitude of 116.5 statute miles with a velocity of 5,134 mph.

May 8, 1911 - Navy orders its first plane, Curtiss A-1, marking the Birthday of Naval Aviation.

May 9, 1926 - LCDR Richard Byrd and Chief Machinist Mate Floyd Bennett make first flight over the North Pole; both received the Congressional Medal of Honor.

May 13, 1908 - Navy Nurse Corps established.

May 14, 1801 - Tripoli declares war against the United States.

May 18, 1775 - Benedict Arnold captures British sloop and renames her Enterprise, first of many famous ships of that name.

May 28, 1980 - 55 women become first women to graduate from the U.S. Naval Academy.

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Anchor Set as NOSC Tulsa Prepares for Transfer to New Facility



By Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Michelle Burnside, NOSC Tulsa Public Affairs

TULSA, Okla. – The Navy’s iconic symbol, the anchor, has greeted Sailors and their families for years in Tulsa and is now being moved a third time. On 20 April 2011, Navy Operational Support Center (NOSC) of Tulsa moved the anchor in preparation for the transfer of personnel to new operational facilities in Broken Arrow, Oklahoma.

The anchor was first staged at the former Reserve Center in downtown Tulsa and moved in 1979 to the current NOSC site in Broken Arrow, Okla. The latest transfer will put the Navy icon in place for the arrival of the Sailors once the construction is completed in early August 2011. Both the construction and movement of the anchor was facilitated by Hensel Phelps Construction Company with support from Marines from Tulsa Anti-Tank training Company.

“The staff and Sailors assigned to NOSC Tulsa look forward to the move into the new building scheduled for August,” said Cmdr. Rob Rafford, commanding officer, NOSC Tulsa. “The new building will vastly improve the services that NOSC Tulsa provides to all 212 sailors attached and to the local community.”

The community will have an extra layer of protec-

tion as the Navy will be able to step up their efforts in emergency situations.

“Additionally, as a Secondary Command Post for the Oklahoma National Guard the improvements in Command and Control Communications will enhance the ability for the Navy to coordinate with State and Federal agencies and assist with any federally declared emergencies,” said Rafford.

Although service members will be working in the new Armed Forces Reserve Center before the end of August, special ceremonies will be held at a later date.

“The ribbon cutting for the new facility will occur after all the commands are in place and are fully operational,” said Rafford. “This is not expected to be until the November/December time frame.” This will allow a turnover of the current building with the City of Broken Arrow on 15 Sept. 2011.

The larger work spaces will also provide a benefit to Sailors and the Navy’s staff as well as being environmentally friendly.

“The building will significantly increase training, administrative, and storage space for all units,” said Rafford. “The environmental and energy efficient design of the building will also decrease cost associated with running a Navy Operational Support Center.”



From Left: EMC (SS/DV) Mark Pan, HMC(FMF) John Jenkins, LNC(SCW/PJ) De Ann Louk, PFC DeVaughnte Askew and HMC Deidra Ervin (Command Chief) participated in the Glass City Marathon.

NOSC TOLEDO CHIEFS RUN RELAY MARATHON

NOSC Toledo Chief Petty Officers battled winds that gusted more than 30 miles-per-hour while running in the 35th Anniversary of the Glass City Marathon as a Relay team, 17 April 2011.

The race began and finished at the University of Toledo. There were over 4,501 runners signed up for the event, with 50 relay teams.

Proceeds from the event went towards several area charities including: The Great Lakes Center for Autism, Kids Unlimited which is an after-school tutoring/mentoring program operating in five central city locations, The Leukemia Lymphoma Society, Run over Cancer whose mission is increasing the public's awareness that there is no cure for brain cancer and raising funds for research.

"This is our second year running the Marathon as a relay team and we plan on continuing to participate in the years to come," said HMC Deidra Ervin, NOSC Toledo's Command Chief. "We are promoting the event in hopes that the junior Sailors will get a team together and compete next year."



Columbus Honors Employer Of Reservist

26 April, CDR Donald Ross, Commanding Officer, NOSC Columbus, Ohio, traveled to Findlay, Ohio to present an ESGR Patriotic Employer Award to Mr. Jerry Murray, President, RCM Architects.

LS2 Michael Tanner, the SELRES who nominated his employer for this award, was there for the presentation of the award to Mr. Murray.

LS2 Tanner departed on May 1 for a one year mobilization and had nothing but praise for the support given to him by his civilian employer, RCM Architects and his boss Jerry.



CIVILIAN RECEIVES CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION AT LOUISVILLE

On April 9, Shenitha Hayes received a Certificate of Appreciation at NOSC Louisville. This Certificate of Appreciation was due to her outstanding performance and achievements in the past month of working with NOSC Louisville.

Louisville was inspected by Reserve Force, and was graded "excellent" due to Shenitha's hard work and dedication to getting their PMS system working on NMCI.

Tulsa Sailors Gather Information, Celebrate

Story and Photos By Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Michelle Burnside, NOSC Tulsa Public Affairs

TULSA, Okla. -- Capt. Kevin Hempel, Commander, Navy Region Midwest, Reserve Component Command, and the region's Command Master Chief (AW) Steve Campos, shared information with Reserve Sailors during a question and answer session during NOSC Tulsa's March drill weekend.

Some of the topics presented were on the Sponsor and INDOC Programs, Perform to Serve, mentors and Career Development Boards (CDB).

In stating the importance of CDB's and having mentors, Capt. Hempel said that the boards are a chance for leadership to have eye to eye contact with the Sailor, to show them what they need to advance, and "find one and be one" in regard to mentors.

Eight Sailors were also presented with individual achievement awards by Capt. Hempel, who continued recognizing the contributions of Reserve Sailors by leading the NOSC in the 96th Navy Reserve birthday celebration. Following tradition, both the youngest and oldest Sailors present performed the cake-cutting honors during the ceremony.



Eight Sailors at NOSC Tulsa received individual awards during the March drill weekend. The awards were presented by Capt. Kevin Hempel, Commander, Navy Region Midwest, Reserve Component Command. Also present during the awards were CDR Rob Rafford, commanding officer of NOSC Tulsa, and Navy Region Midwest Command Master Chief (AW) Steve Campos.

Green Bay Staff Tours USS Fort Worth

Story by LCDR Karen Muntean, Commanding Officer, NOSC Green Bay

On April 29, the staff of NOSC Green Bay toured the USS Fort Worth (LCS-3) in Marinette, WI.

USS Fort Worth will be a Freedom Class Littoral Combat Ship. Her keel was laid on July 11, 2009 at Marinette Marine Shipyard, only 45-minutes north of Green Bay, WI. NOSC Green Bay staff also attended the launched of the vessel on December 7, 2010. Trials begin this summer, and its delivery to the US Navy is set for 2012.



From Left: HM2 Jenny Kuehl, PS3 James Light, HMC(AW) Joel Stewart (SEL NOSC Green Bay), BM1(SW) Matthew Neil, PS1 Shayan Skinner, YN1(SW) Christopher Sams and LCDR Karen Muntean (CO NOSC Green Bay).

NOSC Nashville Places 2nd in 2011 Navy SEAL Extreme Off-Road Challenge

Story by MA2 (AW/NAC) Jody Lemmonds

On Saturday, 16 April, members of the NOSC Nashville team along with approximately 140 other tough-minded, brave-bodied individuals willfully competed in the 2011 Navy SEAL Extreme Off-Road Challenge.

This bi-annual event was conceived by retired United States Navy Senior Chief (SEAL) Dan Schreder and this time, NOSC Nashville served as one of the sponsors for the race by providing race monitors, time keepers, barbecue masters and runners.

Senior Chief Schreder has been hosting this event for the past three years as an opportunity to further the value of "teamwork." With the focus on "team," this is not an event where one would just show up to run 3.5 miles. The Navy Seal Extreme Off-Road Challenge is an event that climbs 3500 feet in elevation amidst an obstacle course. Running a 5k race is not a feat by any means, but running a 5k race on this terrain has been likened to running a full marathon.

The race encompasses over 65 acres of 30-45 degree slopes, pond crossings, obstacles, and rope climbs. The uphill will challenge your calves, quads and lungs, while the downhill will burn your knees, shins and hamstrings.

Senior Chief Schreder's obvious sense of humor is revealed in his placement of obstacles throughout the course. An obstacle not placed by Senior this year was the weather. It was a race to try to outrun several waves of thunderstorms which dumped no less than 3 inches of rain on the course the day prior to the race and continued up until the race's start. Mud-slinging made the event all the more entertaining for the race monitors.

I personally enjoyed the near vertical 400 foot climb followed by "Cardiac Hill," a muddy .75 mile climb up a 40 degree incline. I never knew what asthma felt like but I sure felt as if I suffered from it by the time I fin-

ished that climb. Unfortunately, that climb only ended the first mile of the race ... there was countless more hills and slides yet to come.

The NOSC Nashville support team was comprised of members of the LPD-17 Nashville Sea Cadet/Navy League Corps (Cadet Morgan Smith, Cadet Jacob Tannahill, Cadet Trey Mason and Navy League Cadet Noah Tannahill), reserve component Sailors (AMC Matt Hanson, AD2 Braton Machleit) and LCDR Jim Tannahill, USN, retired.



MA2 Lemmonds, CDR Tannahill, AD3 Graham, MA2 Henderson race for the finish line in the 2011 Navy SEAL Extreme Off-Road Challenge.

The representation of the Navy was huge. Past, present and future Sailors in the community set the example of our basic core values of honor, courage and commitment. The NOSC Nashville racing team consisted of the NOSC Commanding Officer, CDR Sheryl Tannahill, and NR Operations Support 1353 members MA2 (AW/NAC) Jody Lemmonds, AD3 Mark Graham and MA2 Scott Henderson.

While the team wasn't the youngest among the participants, they did muster a second place finish only to an Army ROTC team whose oldest participant was a mere 24 years old. The second place time was 1 hour and 27 minutes.

Now that the challenge has been set, the team is planning to return for the October 1st event and hope to bring more United States Navy participation to compete in the Navy SEAL extreme off-road Challenge.