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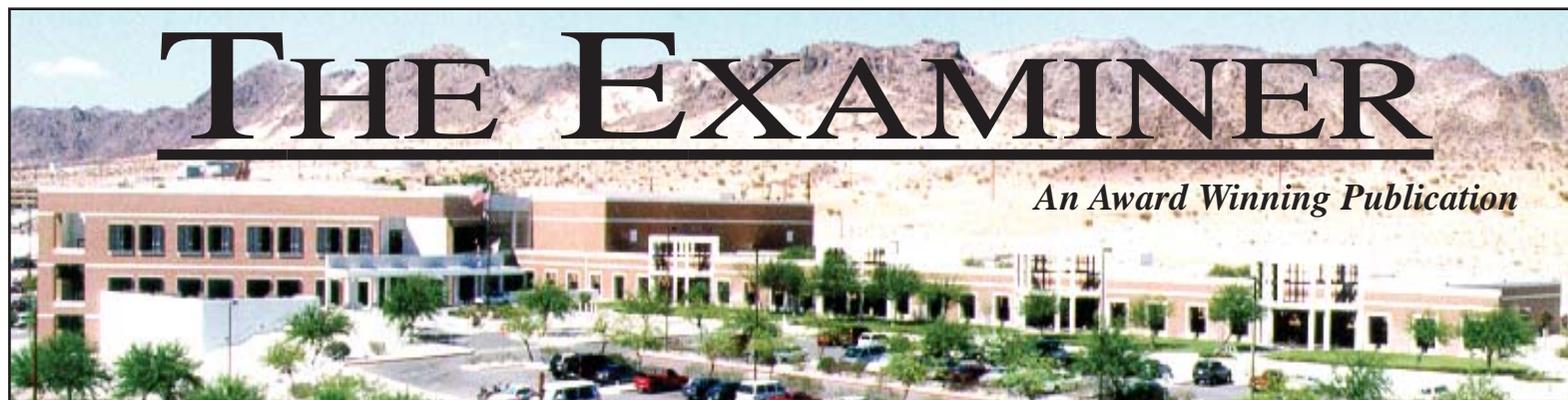
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Corpsmen Render Emergency Aid on Area Roads

By Dave Marks, NHTP Public Affairs Officer

Navy Corpsmen sign up to be first responders. They know they'll be assisting Marines in combat operations, ducking bullets and rendering aid in hot zones. On U.S. highways they sometimes find themselves at traffic crash sites; and when the call goes out: Does anyone have medical training? They rise to the occasion. This is the story of three Navy Corpsmen who were thrust into the role of first responders after encountering traffic crashes and realizing they were the only medical care available.

Hospitalman Trenton Justice

On December 31, 2014, Hospitalman Trenton Justice and his wife, Gabi, were on their way back from dropping off his mom at the Las Vegas airport. It was a little after noon. The day was

cold and they were driving through snow flurries when they crested a rise on Kelbaker Road and drove into the aftermath of a head-on collision. "A man was directing traffic. My wife rolled



Hospitalman Trenton Justice

down the window and asked if there was anything we could do," Justice recalled. The man

directing traffic, Lt. Col. Joe Karlage (ret.), USAF, Banning, Calif., replied that unless they were medical personnel, there was nothing they could do.

Gabi volunteered her husband.

"The wind was whipping. We had already driven through snow to get back. The driver of a small sedan "was shivering really bad," Justice recounted. "He couldn't tell me his name. So I just tried to assess the patient and get some vital signs. I made sure he had blood pressure to his extremities, made sure there wasn't any bleeding. I couldn't really get to his leg. I pulled the door open as much as I could and finally another guy and I got the door open. He had

bleeding profusely. "I got my wife to apply pressure and clean it up as much as she could. We got as many blankets out of people's cars as we could. The wind was whipping through and when someone loses blood you also have to protect against hypothermia."

Justice next went to the woman in the mini-van who had a compound femur fracture. Her leg was pinned under the dash.

"The dash had literally rolled on top of her. When I reached my hand down, you could feel the blood coming out. So I tried to apply as much pressure as I could to stop the bleeding. I had someone trying to keep her awake because she kept wanting



Hospitalman Gregory Yhap (Navy Service Uniform) was first to respond to a motorcycle-car collision Dec. 29 on Adobe Road. Photo by Kurt Schauppner, courtesy of the High Desert Trail.

a tib-fib (tibia, fibula) fracture to the left leg and it was completely at a 90-degree angle."

The male crash victim also had a hand laceration which was

to pass out; she wanted to go to sleep. She was very cold. We got her covered up as much as we could," Justice said.

"I was really impressed by his

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Patients seen in January -- 10,684

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In January we had an 7.6 percent no-show rate. We need to keep trending downward by keeping the appointments we make, or by canceling in enough time for someone else to use the slot...

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Ms. Cheryl Viau, registered nurse, Emergency Dept., is presented a Letter of Appreciation from NHTP Commander Capt. Jay Sourbeer for her "outstanding performance in Patient Services as a patient safety advocate, Emergency Department. You went above and beyond to help and appropriately treat a patient who, if not for your attention to detail and dedication to our beneficiaries, could have resulted in an adverse reaction to the patient's and unborn child's health. Your actions in the Emergency Department demonstrate your dedication to NHTP by ensuring patients are being treated safely. Your exemplary professionalism and outstanding performance of duty reflect great credit upon yourself and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service. I commend you for a job 'Well done!' and wish you continued success in your future endeavors."



Ms. Therese Weseman, Case Management Department, is presented a Letter of Commendation by NHTP Commanding Officer Capt. Jay Sourbeer for "your selection as Senior Civilian of the Year for FY 2014. Throughout this period you consistently performed your duties in an exemplary and highly professional manner. This prestigious recognition sets you apart as a true professional and personifies the reputation of high standards of performance and conduct expected of our staff. Your exemplary professionalism and outstanding performance of duty reflect great credit upon yourself and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service. I commend you for a job 'Well done!' and wish you continued success in your future endeavors."



Demetria Robertson, RN, (center, green sleeves), Vocational Nursing Clinical Instructor, stands with Copper Mountain Community College nursing students. The students, part of the Licensed Vocational Nursing (LVN) 12-month program spend six weeks at Naval Hospital Twentynine Palms rotating through the Multi-Service Ward, Labor & Delivery, Orthopedics, Immunology, Pediatrics, Family Practice, OBGYN, Emergency Department and the Adult Medical Care Clinic.



L-R: Hospitalman Tyler Hilborne, Hospitalman Cody Tolle, Lt. Cmdr. Virgilio Crescini, Pastor Norval Chilman, Donna Chilman, Reverend Brian Pratt, Susan Pratt, Capt. Jay Sourbeer, Chaplain Ron Cooley, Lt. Cmdr. Bridget Wise-San Antonio pose with a few of the 51 layettes donated by Peace Lutheran Church, Palm Desert, on Feb. 4. The layettes will be given to new mothers in the Maternal Infant and Nursing Department. Each package contains a hand-crocheted blanket, outfit and diapers. Reverend Pratt recently took over from Paster Chilman, who retired.

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Preventive Medicine Corner

Submit Questions/Concerns and Tanya Will Provide Answers



Tanya Stuckey

Dear Tanya,
I'm a Marine wife and I'm concerned my husband drinks too much. He says he's fine and only has a couple of beers to unwind. But I notice on weekends he drinks about a six-pack each day. He never seems particularly drunk and he's fine around the kids. I'm just interested in some guidance concerning drinking and what's considered too much. He brings up the fact that some alcohol consumption is good for you.

Signed,
Concerned Wife

Dear Concerned Wife,
Approaching such a sensitive topic can be hard within a family and often leads to defensive responses. Although not a

healthy coping tool, some people consume alcohol as a response to stress. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention defines heavy drinking as more than "two drinks per day on average for men and one drink per day for women." Binge drinking is defined as "five or more drinks in a single occasion for men and four or more drinks for women." Those weekend celebrations could be detrimental to his physical/medical and mental/emotional health.

The National Institutes of Health published research that moderate consumption of beer (no more than two 12 oz. servings per day for men and one serving for women) could reduce the risk of death from heart disease and may have other health benefits. However, they also stated that more than that amount could increase the risk for cardiovascular disease.

This does not mean that any organization is promoting the alcohol industry or suggesting that beer or wine should be used for medicinal purposes; and as with most topics that are addressed in general forums, every person is different. Circumstances and individual parameters differ.

Encourage your husband to discuss this with his physician and he or she will be better equipped to offer information specific to his medical health and well-being.

Just as important, is the impact our behaviors and practices have on the family as a whole. I am glad to hear that there are no safety concerns and apparently no negative incidents as a result of alcohol. This doesn't mean that there isn't a problem. Any concerns that create additional stress on a relationship need to be addressed. Some couples resolve such concerns without a third party; and others choose to seek out services where a trained professional can offer unbiased feedback.

I do want to point out that a trained professional is preferred to a friend or family member who may inadvertently offer advice that could trigger more stressors. Professional resources on base include MCCA Behavioral Health and the chaplains. There are also resources available through Military One-Source and TriCare. Whatever route you choose, please know that resources are available to assist.

Tanya

Hearing Conservation Technicians Combat Hearing Loss

By Lt. Kaley Gray, NHTP Audiologist

Naval Hospital Twentynine Palms (NHTP) hosted a five-day training course in February to certify nine Corpsmen and two civilians as occupational Hearing Conservation Technicians. Corpsman attended from NHTP, Camp Pendleton, and one Corpsman from NOSC Minneapolis. All eleven participants successfully completed the course and were praised by the training-course instructor, Lt. Cmdr. Richard Blair, NHTP Hearing Conservation Manager.

NHTP Audiologist, Lt. Kaley Gray, helped the students prepare for their examination and applauded the students as well. "I was encouraged by their attention to detail and commit-

ment to hearing healthcare from day one of training," Lt. Gray said.

Hearing Conservation Technicians are the face of Navy and Marine Corps' hearing conservation, being the first person they see within the program. Marines and Sailors are routinely exposed to hazardous noise, and as such are required to have their hearing screened annually. The role of the technician is critical for ensuring that testing is done accurately, and that any patient in need of further evaluation is appropriately triaged.

Tinnitus (ringing or other sounds heard in the ears or head when no external sound is actually present) and hearing loss

are the first and second health conditions reported in active duty and veterans. In the past decade, 840,000 service members have been diagnosed with tinnitus, and just over 700,000 have hearing loss according to the DOD Hearing Center of Excellence. The Department of Veterans Affairs has spent \$1.39 billion in calculated compensation for major auditory disabilities in Fiscal Year 2010.

Lt. Cmdr. Blair further explains, "A large number of jobs in the military involve periodic exposure to hazardous noise. There's no shortage of loud and dangerous jobs in the Navy and Marine Corps. That's one of the reasons we see so much hearing loss. Another reason is the long-

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standing culture in the military to not use hearing protection, or to use it incorrectly. This is why we need great technicians who are motivated and competent. In addition to running hearing tests, the technicians provide counseling on the results and training on the proper use of

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hearing protection. Here again, the role of the technician is critical because many Sailors and Marines have a mistrust of hearing protection, or disregard it altogether. A sharp technician can help change attitudes and provide the training to save hearing."



Lt. Kaley Gray, NHTP Audiologist (bottom center), stands before the nine Corpsmen and two civilians who successfully completed the five-day certification course to become occupational hearing technicians. Occupational hearing technicians are the front line in the war on hearing loss. In FY 2010, the VA spent \$1.39 billion for auditory disabilities.



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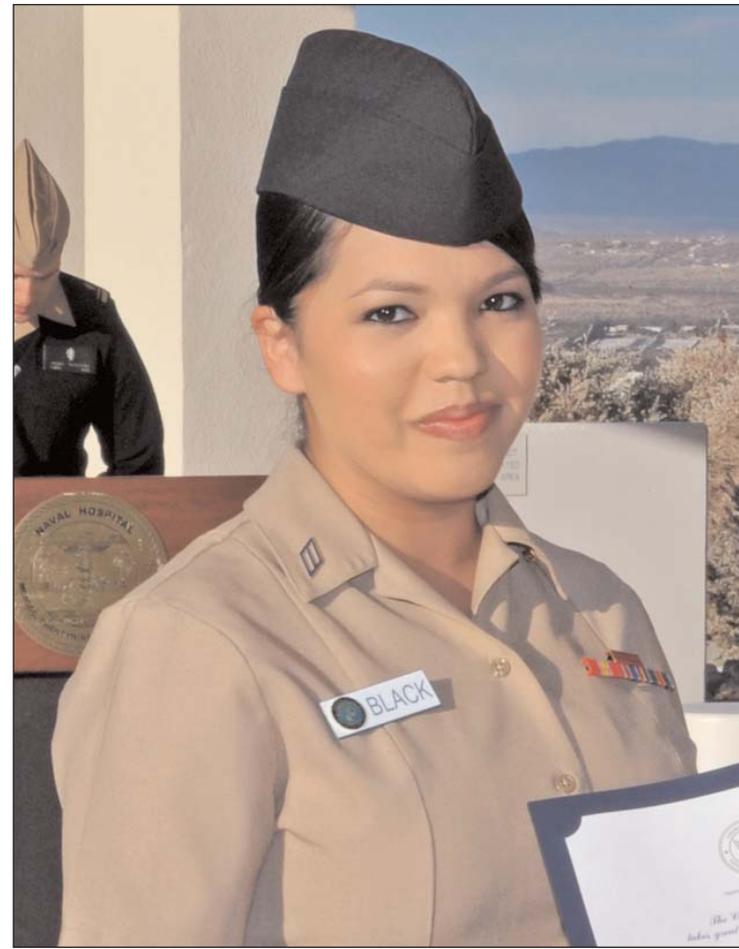
Super Stars...



Hospital Corpsman Third Class (Fleet Marine Force) receives a Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal (Gold Star in lieu of Second Award) for professional achievement in the superior performance of his duties while serving as Advanced Radiologic Technologist, Radiology Dept., NHTP, from Sept. 2011 to Feb. 2015. Petty Officer Abad demonstrated organizational skills during a process improvement initiative that restructured the fluoroscopy protocol and reduced exam turn-around time from 45 minutes to 15 minutes. Petty Officer Abad's personal initiative, perseverance, and unswerving devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service.



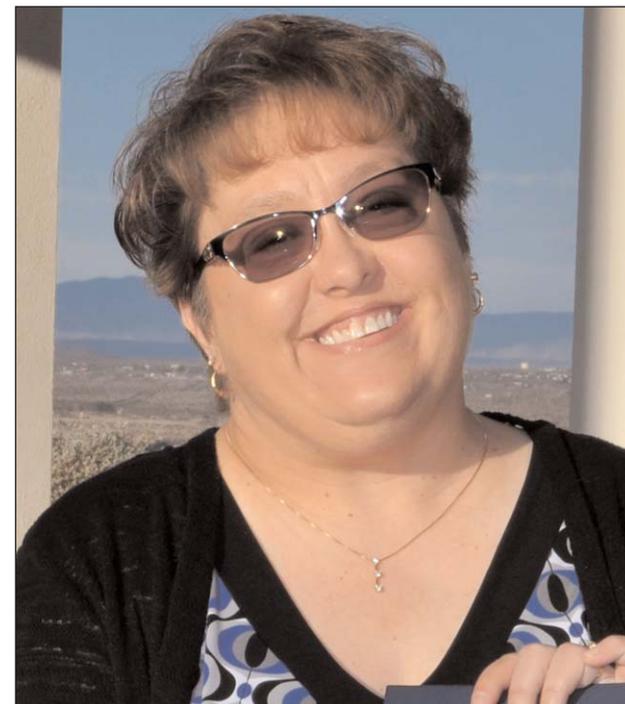
Ms. Maria Theresa C. Agustin receives a Letter of Appreciation for her "selfless devotion in supporting the Anesthesia Dept. by training a newly assigned registered nurse which required superior working knowledge of the nursing duties in the General Surgery/Orthopedic Surgery Clinics. Your dedication and work ethic, exemplary professionalism and outstanding performance of duty reflect great credit upon yourself and are in keeping with the highest tradition of the United States Naval Service."



Hospitalman Celeste Black, Patient Administration Dept., receives a Letter of Appreciation for "your courage and commitment. While standing watch you noticed a patient in distress. After assessing this patient and getting her definitive care at the Emergency Dept., you stayed and supported the patient during a major life-threatening medical crisis. Due to your act of kindness and empathy, this patient received the best medical care possible. Your exemplary professionalism and outstanding performance of duty reflect great credit upon yourself and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service. I commend you for a job 'Well Done' and wish you continued success in your future endeavors."
[signed]
J.C. SOURBEER
Captain, Medical Corps
United States Navy



Left: Mr. Beven Webb receives a Letter of Appreciation from NHTP Commanding Officer Capt. Jay Sourbeer, for "your selfless devotion during manning shortfalls in the front office was most vital to the success of the command's mission. You accurately tracked 1,002 pieces of correspondence, and completed 106 appointment letter and 16 Desert Rat Certificates in a timely manner. Your exemplary professionalism and outstanding performance of duty reflect great credit upon yourself and are in keeping with the highest tradition of the United States Naval Service."



Right: Ms. Lisa Aldridge, Executive Assistant to the NHTP commanding officer and executive officer, is recognized with a Federal Length of Service Award "in grateful recognition of your five years of faithful service to the federal government."

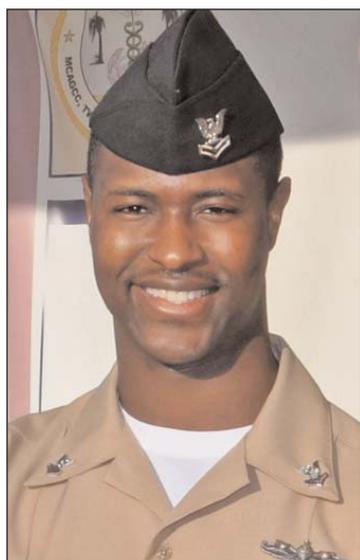
Best of the Best Award

Family Medicine Gold Team



Best of the Best is recognition for departments that have the most satisfaction surveys for the quarter. This honor is bestowed on two deserving departments who consistently sought feedback from their customers within FY 2015, second quarter, receiving the highest ratio of positive feedback. Accepting the award for the Family Medicine Gold Team: Lt. Cmdr. Michelle Evans. Accepting the award for the Combined Food Services Department: CS2 Stephen Fuqua.

Combined Food Service Dept.



Lt. j.g. Cassandra Gamel is awarded a Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal for "meritorious service while serving as division officer, Post Anesthesia Care Unit and General Surgery Clinic, NHTP, from Feb. 2012 to Feb. 2015. Lt. j.g. Gamel personally conducted 396 preoperative appointments and provided solo post anesthesia services recovering 526 postoperative patients with zero adverse outcomes. She improved staff readiness by training 229 staff on TeamSTEPPS and maternal and newborn resuscitation, performing 25 drills. Lt. j.g. Gamel's distinctive accomplishments, unrelenting perseverance, and steadfast devotion to duty reflect great credit upon herself and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."



Ms. Cindy Crockett, Material Management Dept., is presented a Letter of Commendation upon her selection as Junior Civilian of the Year for fiscal year 2014. "Throughout this period you consistently performed your duties in an exemplary and highly professional manner. This prestigious recognition sets you apart as a true professional and personifies the reputation of high standards of performance and conduct expected of our staff. Your exemplary professionalism and outstanding performance of duty reflect great credit upon yourself and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service. I commend you for a job 'Well done!' and wish you continued success in your future endeavors."



Hospital Corpsman Third Class Christopher Moran, Main Operating Room, is presented a Letter of Appreciation from NHTP Commanding Officer, Capt. Jay Sourbeier, "for your outstanding performance in Customer Services, General Surgery Dept., NHTP, for fiscal year 2015, first quarter. You demonstrated excellent customer service skills and a willingness to assist your team in all daily tasks without hesitation. Your team members nominated you for this award because you are a pleasure to work with and for your contributions to the department. Your exemplary professionalism and outstanding performance of duty reflect great credit upon yourself and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service. I commend you for a job 'Well done!' and wish you continued success in your future endeavors."

Senior Sailor of the Quarter



Congratulations to Hospital Corpsman First Class (FMF/AW) Danell Dumas for her selection as Senior Sailor of the Quarter, 4th Quarter, 2014.

Blue Jacket of the Quarter



Congratulations to Hospital Corpsman Third Class Justin Harrison for his selection as Blue Jacket of the Quarter, 4th Quarter, 2014.

Right: Lt. Ashley Robertson, Adult Medical Care Clinic, is awarded a Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal commemorating his selection as NHTP Officer of the Year for FY 2014. Lt. Robertson was also presented a Letter of Appreciation: "Your devotion to our active duty beneficiaries goes above and beyond promoting patient-centered health-care. You have increased access to care for our patients by implementing a 'Welcome Aboard Check-in System' to newly arriving Marines into Tricare, Relay Health, and facilitating assignment of a primary-care manager.... Your exemplary professionalism and outstanding performance of duty reflect great credit upon yourself and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."



Left: Hospital Corpsman Third Class Jacob Schmidt is awarded the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal for "professional achievement in the superior performance of his duties while serving as general-duty corpsman, Multi-Service Ward, NHTP, from Mar. 2013 to Feb. 2015. Petty Officer Schmidt constructed, organized and maintained the Command's wound-care cart with essential supplies valued at \$5,000. He effectively executed an annual budget of \$150,000 and submitted equipment procurement packages for vital equipment valued at \$256,000. Petty Officer Schmidt's personal initiative, perseverance and unswerving devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

Introducing New Staff -- Welcome Aboard!



Mr. Daniel Aldridge

Mr. Daniel Aldridge is NHTP's new data analyst in the Tricare Operations Department. A retired Marine Corps active-duty Career Planner, he studied computer programming following retirement, took advantage of his own advice, added new skills to his resume, and stepped into a new career. "I love it," he said. "I never knew coming to work could be this fun." Hometown is Longmont, Colo. Aldridge is married to Lisa Aldridge, Executive Assistant in the Command Suite. "We get to carpool together, spend lunchtime together. I'm digging it," he said. For leisure activities, Aldridge says he's a computer nerd and can often be found playing computer games. Mr. Aldridge also enjoys working on cars and is looking for his next project. Mr. Aldridge hopes his influence in the Command will make everyone "business smarter."



Lt. Cmdr. Michael Lanker

Lt. Cmdr. Michael Lanker arrived from Naval Medical Center Portsmouth where he transitioned from Emergency Department resident to staff physician. He attended medical school at Pikeville College School of Osteopathic Medicine, Pikeville, Ky. He was commissioned in 2004 and finished medical school in 2007. He is here with his wife, Tracy, a registered nurse, and daughter, Addison, 7, and son, Eli, 16 months. Originally from Mansfield, Ohio, the Lankers are new to the high desert and are reserving judgement. "This duty station probably wouldn't be our first choice, but as a family, we like to hike and do outdoor activities so this area might work out well." They also like to travel and explore the environs. His personal favorite activity is watching college football. Lt. Cmdr. Lanker is a staff physician in the Emergency Dept.



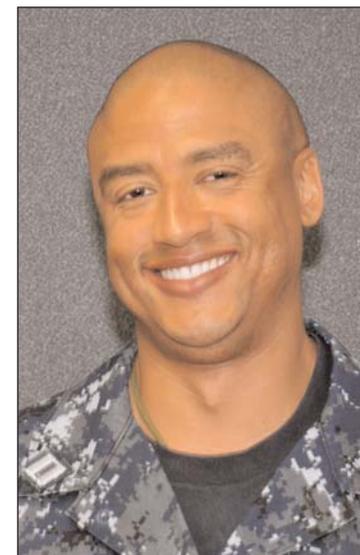
Lt. Cmdr. Christine McDonald

Lt. Cmdr. Christine McDonald is freshly arrived from Naval Medical Center San Diego where she recently completed her residency in Radiology. In 2006 she graduated from the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences in Bethesda, Md. She was in a internship in 2007 and worked as an aviation medical examiner in Pensacola, Fla. At NHTP, McDonald will be a staff radiologist and eventually department head. Hometown is Annapolis, Md. Lt. Cmdr. McDonald earned her undergraduate degree (Biology and Sociology) from Stonehill College in Easton, Mass. She's on an unaccompanied tour and has found a house in Twentynine Palms. For hobbies she enjoys running and traveling. McDonald visited this area in 2011 to visit a friend and finds the area "beautiful."



Ms. Shannel Matthews

Ms. Shannel Matthews was a staff obstetrics nurse in Hawaii at the Kauai Veterans Memorial Hospital where she worked for the previous 18 months. At NHTP, she will be Breast-Care Coordinator under the Directorate for Surgical Services. Ms. Matthews says she's looking forward to sharing her experience working with women in an obstetrics environment, educating the population about women's health and breast issues. Hometown is El Paso, Texas. Matthews earned her registered nursing degree from New Mexico State University. She is here with her husband, Burt, who works in agriculture. They have two sons, 4 and 2, and are currently living in Yucca Valley. "I like it," Matthews said. "It reminds me of home. Matthews says she likes having ready access to the low desert but enjoys being able to escape back to the high desert."



Lt. Tony Henry

Lt. Tony Henry is originally from Beaumont, Texas. He wants the emphasis on TEXAS. He started out as a 91B, Army Field Medic. On 9/11 he was in a PhD program and joined the Navy Reserves shortly there after. At NHTP he is the new Human Resources Department Head. He arrives from Camp Lejeune where he worked for the Group Surgeon, 2nd Marine Logistics Group. For hobbies, Henry says, "I must like drama, because I watch the Dallas Cowboys and there's always drama." He's also a gun enthusiast. He enjoys basketball, and the outdoors, depending on how his knees feel. Henry has an undergraduate Biology Degree and a Master's of Science (Biology) Degree both from Texas Southern University, and a Master's in Healthcare Administration from the University of Houston, Clear Lake.

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professionalism,” Karlage said. “He didn’t have a lot of equipment that he could work with. But he went around and checked everybody, making sure they were okay. And of course that one woman, the one who was injured seriously, she was pinned in the wreck. It was impossible to get her out. In fact it took the fire department over an hour to cut her out of there.”

Justice recalled that the California Highway Patrol were the first to respond. “CHP asked who I was and what I do. The police officer just looked at me and asked, well, what do we have? I told him we had two urgent cases.”

The man was transported by ambulance to Barstow and the woman was transported by helicopter to Palm Springs.

Hospitalman Trenton Justice is originally from Douglasville, Ga. He is currently assigned to the 1st Tanks, 1st Marine Division, Battalion Aid Station, Marine Air Ground Combat Center, Twentynine Palms, Calif.

Hospitalman Gregory Yhap

On December 29, 2014, Hospitalman Gregory Yhap was returning to the Adult Medical Care Clinic from lunch when he passed a motorcycle-car collision.

“I looked back to see what was going on and I could see the motorcycle on the ground and the rider partially underneath the car,” Yhap said. HN Yhap checked the victim for broken limbs, checked his airway and stabilized his neck. “Once I confirmed that he was okay, he sort of pushed himself out from underneath the car and then I maintained stabilization of his neck. That was my main concern at the time,” Yhap said.

“They know trauma,” said Emergency Medical Services Captain Marc Ryan, Combat Center Fire House, referring to Navy Corpsmen. “They go overseas, they go to Afghanistan; they’ve been to Iraq. Actually stabilizing, holding c-spine, calming the patient down and doing all of that stuff prior to us getting on the scene, they do a great job,” Ryan said.

Like so many Corpsmen before him, Hospitalman Yhap receded into the background once the emergency responders arrived.

Originally from San Diego, Calif., HN Yhap has been in the Navy less than two years. He is currently assigned to the Adult Medical Care Clinic on the



Hospital Corpsman Third Class Christopher Moran

Marine Air Ground Combat Center, Twentynine Palms, Calif.

Hospital Corpsman Third Class Christopher Moran

On November 2, 2013, HM3 Moran was on Interstate 15 with his fiancée and grandmother travelling to his sister’s wedding rehearsal in Las Vegas. “We were one car behind the actual accident,” he recounted. “I saw a red car to the left of me speed by at over 100 mph. He passed us in the far left lane, hit the median and shot across the lanes of traffic cutting off these bikers.” While cars were still coming to a stop, Moran was running up to crash victims. “The first guy had head trauma,” Moran said.

Moran’s training took over and he checked for DCAP-BTLS (Deformities, contusions, abrasions, punctures, bleeding, lacerations and scratches).

While checking his first patient,

elevating his legs, and applying blankets to ward off shock, Moran saw another victim who bystanders were attempting to help by removing his helmet. “I started yelling at them to stop because that gets rid of the c-spine that the helmet is creating,” Moran said. In all, there were seven motorcyclists injured as well as the two in the car.

At one point, Moran found himself calming down a motorcyclist who was threatening violence against the driver of the car. “I just wanted everyone to calm down, more than anything,” he said.

After about 35 minutes the paramedics got there. “I did a quick triage--just, hey, he sustained the most (injuries), this is what happened neurologically; you have chest injuries; these guys just need to be quick seen-- no broken bones, lacerations, bleeding. They gave me the green flag to get out of there.”

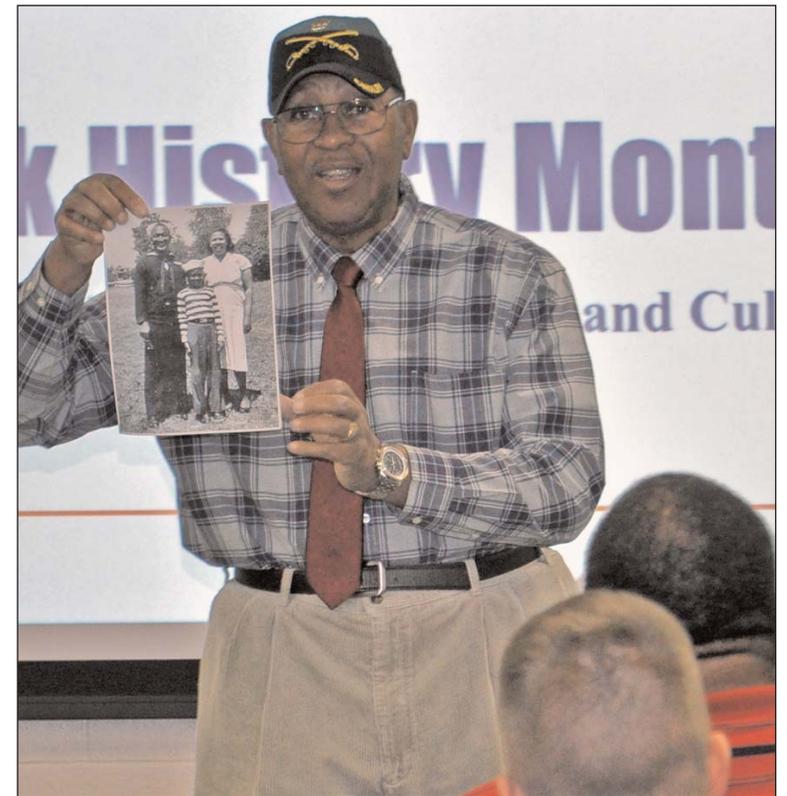
Moran told of how the motorcyclists stopped traffic on Interstate 15 to allow his car to merge back into traffic, but not before hugging him profusely.

“I had to get to my sister’s wedding rehearsal. I was already running late and I didn’t want a homicide that day. She would have killed me,” Moran said.

Navy Corpsman Third Class Christopher Moran’s hometown is Las Vegas. He is assigned to the Post-Anesthesia Care Unit (PACU), Naval Hospital Twentynine Palms, Marine Air Ground Combat Center, Twentynine Palms, Calif.

“Navy Corpsmen have training in emergency medical treatment and can quickly assess, triage and help stabilize life threatening injuries,” said Lt. Cmdr. Nathaniel Rial, Department Head, Medical Home Port Gold Team, Navy Hospital Twentynine Palms. “Crash victims across a wide range in age and chronic medical conditions should be relieved and heartened knowing that a Navy Corpsman is on scene to help initiate medical care.”

Black History Month



Black History Month was celebrated at NHTP Feb. 26. Top: Keynote speaker, Master Sgt. Horton G. Johnson (ret.), shares historic photos of his family. Johnson served over 44 years of continuous government service. He retired from the MCAGCC G-6 Directorate in 2005. Center: Sgt. 1st Class H.G. Johnson receives the Meritorious Service Medal from Col. C.A. Trowbridge. Bottom: Hospitalman Samuel Ortiz, Patient Administration, plays an extended set while NHTP Commanding Officer, Capt. J. Sourbeer, enjoys the audience participation.

