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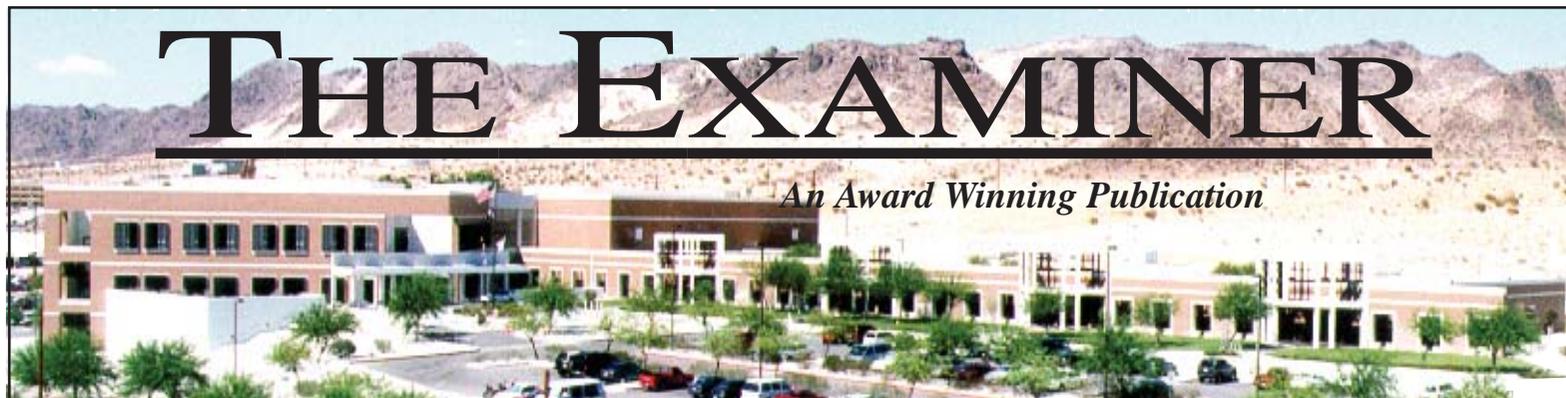
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## Lactation Consultant Assists New Moms

By Dave Marks, NHTP Public Affairs Officer

Naval Hospital Twentynine Palms is a great place to have a baby. It's a designated "Baby Friendly" hospital, only one of four Department of Defense facilities worldwide to attain that designation. And further sweetening the attraction for expectant families, it now boasts a Lactation Consultant.

Ms. Brianna Guthrie, lactation consultant, offers individualized consultations to new mothers that include instruction and counseling concerning:

- Breastfeeding Basics Class, a course of instruction on anatomy, how milk is made, breastfeeding benefits, breastfeeding positions, latch, and common questions and concerns. This class is offered the third Wednesday of every month from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. with sign-up at the OBGYN front desk.
- Prenatal Consultation--in which concerns are discussed; a plan is created, and questions are answered, before baby is born.
- In-Patient assistance.
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- Returning to Work.
- Weaning.
- Latch difficulties, sore/cracked nipples, insufficient milk supply, infant slow weight gain, breastfeeding multiples, mastitis and breastfeeding a premature baby.
- Breast Pump Education/referral to obtain a double electric

breast pump.

Guthrie is well qualified to assist new mothers. In 2010 she graduated from Copper Mountain College Vocational Nursing Program and has worked at NHTP (in what was formerly the Pediatric Clinic) since 2011 as a licensed vocational nurse.



Ms. Brianna Guthrie

In 2013 she earned Lactation Educator Counselor certification from the University of California, San Diego. In 2015 she passed the International Board of Lactation Examiners exam and is now an International Board Certified Lactation Consultant.

In addition to those qualifications, Ms. Guthrie had her own baby here nearly 10 years ago. "It was a good experience," she says. "But I think the hospital has come a long way since then."

Her husband is a U.S. Marine Staff Sgt. in the Reserves. Ms. Guthrie, skilled in the clinical management of breastfeeding, can also relate to the unique concerns of military families and assist in establishing a plan of action.

For questions or to schedule an appointment, call the Appointment Line (760) 830-2752 and select the option for the Gold Team.

## Capt. Bledsoe Champions NHTP Nursing Staff



Capt. Jeffrey Bledsoe, right, consults with Lt. Samina Wilson on the Multi-Service Ward.

By Dave Marks, NHTP Public Affairs Officer

Capt. Jeffrey Bledsoe, NHTP Director for Nursing Services, reported to the command this past September and assumed the directorship in October. He arrived from Naval Hospital San Diego where he had been department head for Perioperative Services for the previous three years. Originally from Boise, Idaho, he and wife, MaryMartha ("Marty"), are enjoying the contrast from big city to the quiet of the high desert. "We're really enjoying the peace and quiet and lack of traffic jams," he said.

He's been in the military 31 years and started out as an enlisted Air Force surgical technician, a position he held for four years of active duty service and two years in the Air Force Reserves. Capt. Bledsoe came into the Navy in a degree-completion program that allowed him to finish nursing school. Upon completion of his Registered Nursing degree from the University of Texas,

Arlington, he earned his commission in 1993 and reported to Naval Hospital Bremerton as a newly minted ensign.

He was initially assigned to the medical/surgery floor where he worked for a year; but due to a shortage of operating-room staff, spent six weeks at Camp Pendleton for perioperative training, and then returned to Bremerton for another two and a half years.

He first experienced this area when he and his family were driving cross country to report for the first time at Naval Hospital San Diego. "We decided we should just get off Interstate 10 and drive through Joshua Tree. We came out on this side and were struck by how beautiful it is," he said. An avid outdoors enthusiast, Capt. Bledsoe says he embraced the opportunity to serve here. In addition to hiking and exploring the desert and mountains, he's a dedicated bicyclist. He complet-

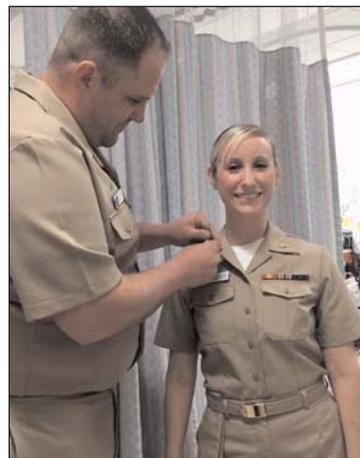
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ed the last three Tour de Palm Springs, an annual 100-mile ride.

Asked about his impressions of NHTP after being here several months, he says, "The people here are what make it the best. We have phenomenal people who know how to reach out when needed. NHTP has a feeling of family that you don't get in larger places."

He has already established respect from the nursing staff. "He's a real proponent for our nurses," said senior nurse, Cmdr. Wendy Stone, Director for Public Health. "He has established a Nursing Standards and Practices Committee and has taken the professional development and welfare of our nurses to heart."

Capt. Bledsoe is used to taking the lead and establishing command direction. "My last four assignments have been as a department head so I've always been taking over from somebody with each assignment," he said. "That's one of the strengths of the military because we get diversity, a different perspective and often new ways of doing things."



**Lt. Jessica Diaz-Fuentes is frocked to her current rank with the help of Lt. Thomas Williams during a ceremony in the NHTP Emergency Dept. Feb. 9.**

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# Town Hall Meeting Provides Opportunity to Air Concerns, Affect Change

**By Dave Marks, NHTP Public Affairs Officer**  
 Naval Hospital Twentynine Palms held a town hall meeting in Classroom 5 Feb. 12 with the theme, "Your medical home port, learn what it has to offer."

Hospital Commanding Officer, Capt. John Lamberton, opened the meeting with remarks noting "the forum of discovery town hall meetings provide" and noted that suggestions made at the September 2015 town hall meeting had already become policy. "We were asked about extending clinic hours," Capt. Lamberton remarked. "I was anticipating it would take at least six months. I have to recognize Cmdr. Gray Dawson, NHTP Director for Medical Services, and Lt. Cmdr. Michelle Evans for responding to our patient concerns in such a quick and efficient manner."

Clinic hours were officially extended to 6:00 p.m. on Wednesdays beginning Jan. 1.

"The point to take away," Capt. Lamberton said, "You provided the question and we were able to respond; and in doing so, you became a part of the decision-making in this organization."

Lt. Cmdr. Michelle Evans provided an overview of the expanded clinic hours and noted that Relay Health use has increased. "Relay Health allows direct communication with your provider without having to play phone tag," Evans said. Using Relay Health, allows beneficiaries to connect online to their provider. A nurse from the Medical Home Port Team will then either phone back with an answer or schedule an appointment. "You can even send a picture of a rash via Relay Health," Evans noted.

Lt. Cmdr. Evans announced that board-certified Lactation Consultant, Brianna Guthrie, has established office hours and is available for one-hour appointments for new moms. Guthrie offers instruction on breast feeding, breast pumps, weight-gain issues and developing a plan of care in conjunction with the pediatric provider.

Cherie Lewis, a U.S. Marine Corps family member, attending

the Town Hall meeting, noted that when she gave birth in a military hospital, a lactation consultant appointment was automatic. "Having someone to touch base with was really nice," she said. "You really don't know you're going to have issues until you get home."

Another attendee at the Town Hall meeting wanted clarification on clinic hours on Thursday mornings. Lt.

Cmdr. Evans noted that staff training is scheduled from 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. on Thursdays and phone lines reopen at 9:00 a.m. "We will always accommodate someone who walks in," Evans said.



**Naval Hospital Twentynine Palms Commanding Officer, Capt. John A. Lamberton, addresses audience at Feb. 12 Town Hall Meeting.**

Cmdr. Kanti Ford offered an overview of the Marine Centered Medical Home, based in the new Adult Medical Care Clinic, scheduled to open in May of 2016. "The team

includes a general medical officer, an independent duty corpsman, a physician assistant and a hospital corpsman," she noted.

Appointments are scheduled at times convenient to the Marine or Sailor, not first-come, first-served. Service members have access to after-hours care or

may submit questions via Relay Health, emailing his/her medical team and receiving a prompt response. The Marine Centered Medical Home will offer a full complement of services, includ-

ing mental health, physical therapy, laboratory, radiology and pharmacy, all under one roof.

Cmdr. Wendy Stone, NHTP Director for Public Health, was the penultimate speaker at the Town Hall meeting and provided an overview of the Zika virus. "Navy medicine is working closely with the Centers for Disease Control to get the latest information," she said. "We can help you protect yourself, armed with the latest available information."

Ms. Jennifer Flores, NHTP Customer Relations Officer, made the final remarks, thanking everyone for their attendance and noting, "We really want to hear from you, whether it be complimentary or concerns. Please use the ICE system for submitting online comments, or the comment cards available throughout the hospital." Flores said the next Town Hall meeting is tentatively scheduled for June 24.

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# Preventive Medicine Corner

## Submit Questions/Concerns and Tanya Will Provide Answers



### Tanya Stuckey

Dear Tanya,

There is a lot of information on traumatic brain injury for veterans. Does that same information apply to those of us who have suffered a brain injury outside of combat?

Signed,

Looking for Answers

Dear Looking,

Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) is a generalized term that can be describe as several types of injuries, on different levels, and by many means. Since we are located on a military installation, we most often refer to TBI as a military-related injury; but brain injuries can occur through sports injuries, a bad fall, a vehicle accident or any other means where external force applied to the brain is significant enough to cause change in brain function.

There are a great number of resources for TBI that can assist anyone who has suffered a brain injury. I am including a few on-

line sources that address different areas of concern, such as fatigue, cognition, social interactions, memory and emotional responses, for people with a traumatic brain injury:

[www.brainline.org](http://www.brainline.org);

<http://www.cdc.gov/TraumaticBrainInjury/index.html>;

<http://www.dcoe.mil/>.

If you a looking for a NHTP face to face resource, check with your provider and request a referral to the MedHome Internal Behavioral Health Consultant (IBHC).

Wishing you luck in your search and positive results from the material!

Tanya



Representatives from the Peace Lutheran Church, Palm Desert, donated 44 layettes Jan. 27 to the Maternal Infant Nursing Department to be distributed to families with new babies. Approximately 15 people from the church participate in hand-crocheting blankets and putting together the layettes which contain a blanket, outfit, diapers, bib, hat and socks. Approximately 340 layettes have been donated since the church began these donations in 2009. Pictured L-R: Hospitalman Justin Depergola, Ms. Sherrill Allen, Ms. Donna Chilman, Chaplain Ron Cooley, Senior Chief Hospital Corpsman Kevin Bittinger (proudly displaying his favorite outfit), John Rockwood, Paster Norval Chilman and Hospital Corpsman Third Class Thomas Hanson.

## Eat Well to Live Well

By Tanya Stuckey

Choosing healthy foods does more than change your weight--it can change your life! Have you ever heard the saying, "Eat a Rainbow?" Think about what your plate looks like when you prepare a meal. Are all of the foods similar in color? Are you staring at a plate of brown and white or do you see the beautiful colors of a rainbow? The colors of your food often tell you what nutrients are being consumed.

For example, the following colors are associated with the corresponding nutrients:

Red = Lycopene;  
Yellow = Alpha and Beta-carotenes;  
Orange = Vitamin C;  
Green = Iron;  
Blue and Purple = Anthocyanins.

Increasing your intake of these heart-healthy, memory-boosting and immune-supportive nutrients through whole foods are essential for good health; and

they are not easily replaced by over-the-counter supplements.

No man-made product will have the same benefit for your body as real food. Eat a variety of foods, such as 100 percent whole grains, lean proteins, fruits, vegetables, and fat-free or low-fat dairy products. It's a good idea to limit processed or prepared foods because they contain the least amount of vitamins and minerals. If you are struggling to find the right balance of vitamins and nutrients to meet your body's demands, talk to a dietician and find out how you can increase your intake and start feeling better, NOW!

For Navy Marine Corps Public Health information on the function and sources of specific vitamins and minerals, go to:

[http://www.med.navy.mil/sites/nmcphc/Documents/health-promotion-wellness/healthy-eating/Nutri-Facts\\_Vitamins\\_and\\_Minerals.pdf](http://www.med.navy.mil/sites/nmcphc/Documents/health-promotion-wellness/healthy-eating/Nutri-Facts_Vitamins_and_Minerals.pdf).

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## Awardees...

*First Friday Colors are a celebration of NHTP staff, military, civilian and contract, who are recognized for their achievements. These photos are from the Feb. 5, 2016, award ceremony. Commanding Officer, Captain John A. Lamberton, is the presenter.*



Hospital Corpsman Second Class Mario Acosta-Morales is presented a Letter of Appreciation for his outstanding performance as 2015 Combined Federal Campaign command representative.



Hospitalman Kristen Blaul is presented a Letter of Appreciation for her outstanding performance as 2015 Combined Federal Campaign command representative.



Hospital Corpsman Third Class Jardine Barry is awarded a Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal "for professional achievement in the superior performance of her duties while serving as Leading Petty Officer, Family Medicine Blue Team, from Feb. 2014 to Feb. 2016.



Lt. Cmdr. Molly Cook is awarded the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal for professional achievement while serving as division officer, Pediatrics Ward, Directorate for Nursing Services on board medical treatment facility, USNS Mercy, from May 2015 to Sept. 2015.



Hospitalman Alexandar Sutton, Optometry Division for the Directorate for Surgical Services, is presented a Flag Letter of Commendation from Rear Adm. C. F. Williams for outstanding performance of his duties while serving on board Medical Treatment Facility USNS Mercy during Pacific Partnership 2015 from May 2015 to Sept. 2015.



Hospital Corpsman Third Class Tyler Hilborne is awarded the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal for professional achievement in the superior performance of his duties while serving as Leading Petty Officer and Supply Petty Officer, Directorate of Nursing Services, from Oct. 2014 to Feb. 2016.



Lt. Caroline Hine, Staff Education and Training Department, is presented a Letter of Commendation recognizing her selection as NHTP Officer of the Quarter for the period Oct. 1, 2015, to Dec. 31, 2015.



Culinary Specialist Second Class Lodeja Maiden, Food Service Division, Directorate for Supply on board Medical Treatment Facility USNS Mercy, is presented a Flag Letter of Commendation from Rear Adm. C. F. Williams for outstanding performance of her duties while serving on board Medical Treatment Facility USNS Mercy during Pacific Partnership 2015 from April 2015 to Sept. 2015.



Hospital Corpsman Third Class Wanda Lorde is presented a Letter of Appreciation for her outstanding performance as 2015 Combined Federal Campaign command representative.



Ms. Theresa Partin, Pharmacy Department, is presented a plaque recognizing her selection as Junior Civilian of the Year, NHTP, for the period Oct. 1, 2014, to Sept. 30, 2015.





Ms. Dinah Olivera, Obstetrics and Gynecology Department, is presented a plaque recognizing her selection as Contractor of the Year, NHTP, for the period Oct. 1, 2014, to Sept. 30, 2015.



Lt. Karen Sanchez, representing the Obstetrics and Gynecology Department, accepts a *Best of the Best Award* for first quarter, FY 2016. The award is determined after tabulating patient satisfaction surveys, interactive customer evaluation surveys, TRICARE outpatient satisfaction surveys and TRICARE inpatient satisfaction surveys.



Ms. Moriah Thompson, Directorate for Medical Services, is presented a Letter of Commendation for her selection as Senior Civilian of the Quarter for the period Oct. 1, 2015, to Dec. 31, 2015.



Ms. Danielle Vasquez, Directorate for Public Health, is presented a Letter of Commendation for being selected Junior Civilian of the Quarter, NHTP, for the period Oct. 1, 2015, to Dec. 31, 2015.



Hospital Corpsman Third Class Balofoma Wembakpete is presented a Letter of Appreciation for his outstanding performance as 2015 Combined Federal Campaign command representative.



Hospital Corpsman Second Class Nicholas Kirsch is presented a Letter of Appreciation for his outstanding performance as 2015 Combined Federal Campaign command representative.



Hospitalman Mariah Donahue is presented a Letter of Appreciation for her outstanding performance as 2015 Combined Federal Campaign command representative.



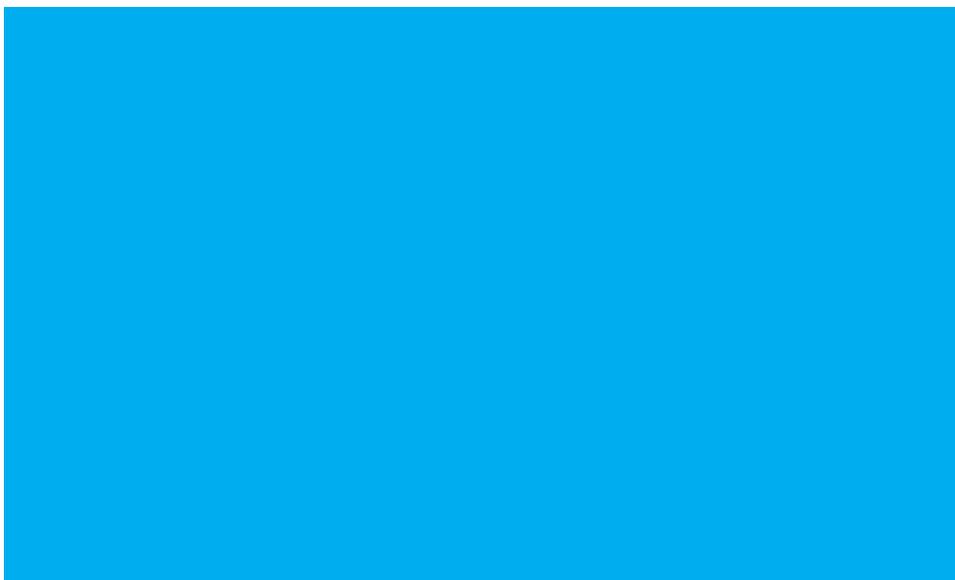
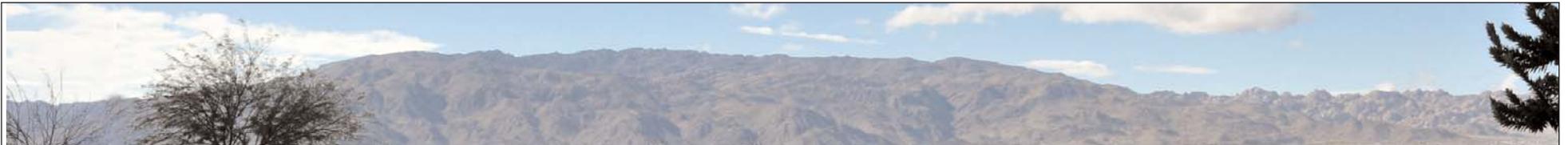
Ms. Teresa Turbyfill, Directorate for Public Health, is presented a plaque recognizing her selection as Senior Civilian of the Year, NHTP, for the period of Oct. 1, 2014, to Sept. 30, 2015.



Ms. Shelley Vasquez, Obstetrics and Gynecology Department, is presented a Letter of Commendation recognizing her selection as Senior Contractor of the Quarter, NHTP, for the period Oct. 1, 2015 to Dec. 31, 2015.



Ms. Catherine Winsor, Quality Management Department, is presented a Letter of Commendation recognizing her selection as Junior Contractor of the Quarter, NHTP, for the period Oct. 1, 2015 to Dec. 31, 2015.



# Introducing New Staff -- Welcome Aboard!



**CSC Elvin Manzanarez**

Chief Culinary Specialist Elvin Manzanarez is freshly arrived from Norfolk, Va., where he stood up the new galley on the USS Gerald R. Ford (CVN-78), lead ship in her class of U.S. supercarriers. "It was the new concept galley," Manzanarez recounts. "There are only two galleys aboard the entire ship. It was learning a whole different work environment compared to other ship's galleys." Manzanarez supervised 68 culinary specialists and 101 food-service assistants for a ship's crew of 2,400. This assignment is the Chief Culinary Specialist's first tour in a hospital. "It seems different, but I'm ready for the challenge," he said. Originally from Los Angeles, he's glad to be close to his family. Manzanarez is currently working on his Bachelor's degree in business administration from St. Leo University. Hobbies include watching soccer, listening to music and watching movies. A bachelor, Manzanarez is house hunting in the local area.



**Ms. Laura Stewart**

Ms. Laura Stewart is the OBGYN Department's new medical support assistant. She arrived from Oceanside, Calif., where she worked in a facility for children with autism. "I loved it," she said. No stranger to the high desert, Ms. Stewart graduated from Twentynine Palms High School and has previously worked, about five years ago for five years, in the NHTP Immunization Clinic and Call Center. Her husband, Hospital Corpsman Second Class Elston Stewart, is currently assigned to Field Medical Battalion, Camp Pendleton. "He picks up orders next month," Ms. Stewart remarked, hoping to be reunited in assignments with her husband. In the meantime, her mother and sisters live in Twentynine Palms, "So I'm okay with being back." She's also a massage therapist. Hobbies include hiking, the shooting range and taking her daughters, Elannah, age two and, Ella, age four, to the beach, mostly preferring Huntington Beach.



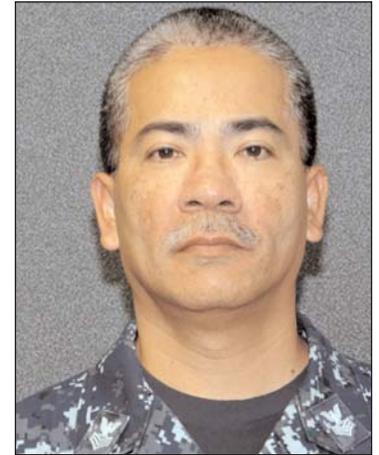
**Mr. David Lynch**

Mr. David Lynch recently retired from the U.S. Marine Corps as a Gunnery Sgt. He worked in the MCAGCC G-6 shop, Communications and Information Systems. He's our new CHCS administrator. Prior to working for G-6, Lynch was in charge of tactical communications for MCAGCC's Tactical Training Exercise Control Group (TTECG). His MOS was cybernetworks systems chief. He's lived in the high desert (Yucca Valley) for the past six years and finds it agreeable. "My kids (17-year-old son, 15-year-old son and 13-year-old daughter) really enjoy being up here," he said. His wife, a teacher's aide for the school district, prefers more of an urban environment. "We're close to home (San Diego), so that's always a plus." Hobbies include coaching youth sports and volunteer activities. His favorite assignment in his 20-year U.S. Marine career? Recruiting duty in Fort Smith, Ark., and Lawton, Okla., because that's where his wife is from.



**HM3 Kevin Escobar**

HM3 Kevin Escobar arrived from MCAGCC's 1st Tanks Battalion where he spent the previous three years as Senior Line Corpsman and Preventive Medicine Coordinator. Hometown is Queens, N.Y., however; he moved from the Philippines (Subic Bay area) when he was 14. He's been in the Navy seven years and considers Naval Hospital Okinawa his favorite assignment, where he worked in Pediatrics, Immunizations and Patient Records. Pediatrics was best, he said, "because it molded me into the corpsman I am today." While the high desert isn't his first choice, he appreciates being close to Las Vegas, Los Angeles and San Diego. This single Sailor says he's rarely here on the weekends. He rents a home in Joshua Tree and for hobbies enjoys competitive power lifting. His last competition was two years ago in a Reaching-1000 Competition, in which one repetition each of squat, dead lift and bench press must equal 1000 pounds.



**LS1 Richard Gasmen**

A native of Hawaii, it doesn't seem intuitive that LS1 Richard Gasmen would consider the high desert his vacation spot, but that's exactly how he views his assignment here. His Navy corpsman brother-in-law brought his older sister here in the 2000-2002 timeframe and he's enjoyed visiting her home, just outside the base, ever since. In his 19-year Navy career, Gasmen counts an assignment in Hawaii as his favorite posting, "because it's where I picked up First Class." The fact he was surrounded by family also played into his preference. His wife, Susan, and 12-year-old son, Noah, still live in Hawaii. Gasmen finds this area "less hectic" than Hawaii. He counts running and hiking as his favorite leisure activities. LS1 Gasmen is the new LPO for the Material Management Department. He plans to restart his college pursuits and find a secondary career "in something medical," because this is where he plans to settle for his retirement years.



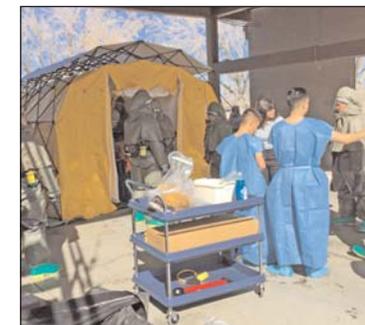
## CPO 365 Training Instills Professionalism, Leadership and Sense of Navy Heritage



*Chief Petty Officers (CPOs) and First Class Petty Officers (FCPOs) from Naval Hospital Twentynine Palms, 1st Marine Division and 1st Marine Logistics Group, pose together after covering a topic per the CPO 365 guidance, with a focus on team building and physical fitness.*

*By HMI Raul Cervantes*

The Chief Petty Officer (CPO) 365 Phase program is in full swing for Sailors assigned to Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center (MCAGCC), Twentynine Palms. During this training session, 44 CPOs and FCPOs tolerated the chilling 30-degree weather with a dynamic warm up followed by a 1.5 mile run on the newly renovated Tank Trail. CPO 365 is a year-round training program that prepares First Class Petty Officers to be future Chief Petty Officers. Sailors receive training and learn, in greater depth, the importance of Navy policies, Naval heritage, physical fitness and community service/involvement. CPO 365 is a valuable tool to communicate (the good and bad) experiences of leadership, professionalism, and relationship building; and, how experiences as a whole can affect one's ability to influence others. The program provides an obligation for one generation to the next as they prepare for future challenges for the 21st Century Sailor. The MCAGCC Chief and First Class Petty Officers will continue to support their unique missions and complete CPO 365 training with Navy pride!



*Branch Health Clinic China Lake had highly successful First Receiver Operations Training (FROT) Feb. 9-11.*



*Left: Leslie Belt, NHTP Internal Behavioral Health Consultant, helps pin new USMC Master Sgt. rank on husband, Master Sgt. Aaron Belt, with son, William, 7. The Belts chose to have the promotion ceremony in the NHTP Clinic area on Feb. 1; and the chain of command at the Marine Corps Tactics and Operations Group (MCTOG) agreed. Leslie and Aaron Belt met when in high school in Lathrop, Mo. This was the first promotion ceremony Leslie has had the opportunity to attend since Aaron was a lance corporal.*



*Left: The NHTP OBGYN Clinic wins Best of the Best NHTP department for FY 2016 First Quarter. This award is a testament to excellence in customer service, and is calculated from patient satisfaction surveys, TRICARE outpatient satisfaction surveys and/or TRICARE in-patient satisfaction surveys.*



*HMI Bryankent Tullao and Ms. Alicia Armenta cut the cake during the MRI ribbon-cutting ceremony Jan. 26. Tullao, assigned to Camp Pendleton, has orders for NHTP. Both Tullao and Armenta are MRI technicians. The high-end MRI scanner will save beneficiaries from having to travel for MRI referrals. The NHTP Radiology Dept. expects to begin scheduling patient scans mid April 2016.*

