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NMCP Hits Major Milestone

300 Joint Replacements Performed in One Year

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Naval Medical Center Portsmouth announced June 8 that the Orthopedics Department reached the Navy Bureau of Medicine and Surgery's Performance-Based Budgeting goal of 300 major joint replacement surgeries in a 12-month period, thus qualifying for the one-time \$250,000 PBB payment.

PBB gives federal organizations financial incentives to improve the effectiveness and efficiency of their programs, which is a perpetual goal of Navy Medicine. For orthopedics, this is the only metric in the PBB program.

"Under the capable leadership of Cmdr. Ted Lambert and Cmdr. Geoff Wright, this is the only Orthopedics Department in the Navy to have ever achieved this milestone," said Rear Adm. Elaine C. Wagner, NMCP commander. "More important (than the monetary aspect), this award demonstrates tremendous success by the entire Orthopedics Department in all six Strategic Pillars – Quality Health, Readiness, Customer Service, Research, Professional Development and Medical Education."

"Joint replacement is one of those surgeries that show better patient outcomes with a higher volume," said Lambert, joint replacement team leader. "The more you do, the better you get. So the BUMED incentive program encouraged us



Cmdr. Geoff Wright, Orthopedics Department head, left, and Cmdr. Ted Lambert, joint replacement team leader, have spent several years buying equipment and building up the skills of the Joint Team, preparing NMCP to hit the 300-a-year joint replacement goal.

to get to the volume target number of 300. We've made a big deal of reaching that goal."

Just six years ago, NMCP's joint replacement team was completing around 200 per year, and has been steadily increasing since then due to investment in equipment and

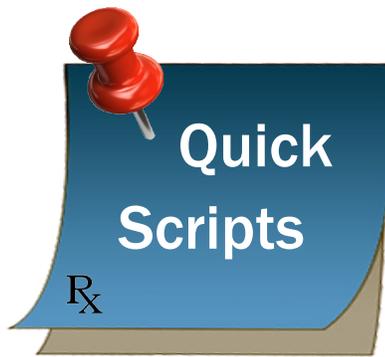
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NMCP Frocks 122 Sailors

The 122 Sailors who were frocked to 1st, 2nd and 3rd class petty officer are recognized during the frocking ceremony on June 8. NMCP deputy commander, Capt. James Hancock, and Deputy Command Master Chief Dana Goodwin presided over the ceremony.



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CONSEP Coming to NMCP

The Career Options and Navy Skills Evaluation Program class will be held Aug. 20 to 24 in the Ortho Lecture Room, Bldg 3, 5th floor.

CONSEP allows junior Sailors to take charge of their military career and plan for the future. Topics covered are personal planning, civilian and Navy career planning, and personal financial planning.

To attend, Sailors must have less than six years of service and route a chit through their chain of command. Email or bring signed chits to HM1 Tramaine Brown in the Operating Room Education Office.

Contact HM1 Natasha Mattocks or HM1 Tramaine Brown at 953-3282.

SAFE Team Needs Examiners

Attention all active-duty MDs, residents, interns, NPs, PAs, RNs, and IDCs:

The NMCP SAFE team is looking for new forensic examiners. The next class is

scheduled for Aug. 27 to 30.

The approval process for attending the class can be extensive, so those interested should inquire now. There is no minimum rank requirement, but candidates must have at least one year remaining at NMCP prior to PCS.

Contact Michelle Ortiz, Forensic Healthcare coordinator, at 953-0089 for information.

Christmas in July

Ms. Vici Hafley from Fleet and Family Support Center will facilitate the "How to Prepare and Survive the Holidays" workshop. This course will be held on July 23 from 8 to 9:30 a.m. and 2 to 3:30 p.m. in the back half of the auditorium.

Enlisted must have leading chief petty officer approval and should email HM3 Jonathan Calderon to register.

Officers must have chain of command approval and should register by emailing

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Civil Service and contract employees should register by email with SH3 Sherry Rudolph.

The subject of the registration email should be "Christmas in July! How to Prepare and Survive the Holidays."

Kings Dominion Free Admission to Military

Kings Dominion is offering free admission July 3 to 4 to active, retired and former military personnel. A valid military ID or discharge papers must be presented at Kings Dominion on one of the dates of the program. Discounted tickets are available for family members.

Oakleaf Club Open to New Members

The Oakleaf Club of Tidewater is open to medical, dental, nurse, and Medical Service Corps — active and retired — officers and their spouses in Hampton Roads. The club is a charitable organization servicing those who benefit the Hampton Roads naval medical community. We are always happy to welcome new members.

For membership information, email tidewater.oakleaf@gmail.com

NMCP Ombudsman Team Pre-Deployment Brief

The NMCP Ombudsman Team is here to help those attached to NMCP or its branch health clinics when you or a family member are preparing to deploy!

The monthly pre-deployment brief is held the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 9:30 a.m. in the chapel.

Email us to join our Ombudsman email tree and learn the latest news.

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Branch Health Clinic Oceana Receives New OIC

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Branch Health Clinic Oceana welcomed a new officer-in-charge during a change of charge ceremony at Naval Air Station Oceana June 11. Cmdr. Cyrus Rad relieved Cmdr. Martin Kerr of his duties as officer-in-charge.

Capt. Robert Geis, NAS Oceana commanding officer, gave welcoming remarks and Naval Medical Center Portsmouth Commander Rear Adm. Elaine Wagner was the guest speaker. Wagner spoke highly of Kerr and welcomed Rad to the command.

"We are here today to witness a change in leadership," Wagner said. "The Navy's success depends on the success of our leaders. Cmdr. Kerr has left you big shoes to fill, Cmdr. Rad, but I feel very confident you will do well. We are happy to have you here and excited to have you aboard. We know you will be a good part



Rear Adm. Elaine C. Wagner, NMCP commander, relieves Cmdr. Martin Kerr, left, as officer-in-charge and installs Cmdr. Cyrus Rad as the new OIC during the June 11 ceremony.

of the team."

Before Kerr gave his outgoing remarks, Wagner presented him with the Meritorious Service Medal for his achievements as OIC of BHC Oceana. Kerr's humor elicited laughs from the audience, as well as tears from those who were sad to see him go.

"I stand here today with a full sense of pride," Kerr said. "Not pride in myself, but pride in what we, as a team, have accomplished."

Kerr was sure to thank all those who had helped him in his career, and had a "Top 10" list of things he will miss about being the OIC – the number one on his list was the people.

"This is a bittersweet moment in my career, and words cannot express how honored I am to have served in this position," Kerr said.

After thanking staff, family and friends for all of the help and loyalty they had shown him while at BHC Oceana, Kerr went on to tell everyone how confident he was that Rad would do very well as his replacement.

"I know you will excel here, Cmdr. Rad," Kerr said. "When I sat in on your interview, I just knew that you were the right person to care for this team."

Rad, who is reporting to BHC Oceana from Naval Health Clinic Quantico, thanked Kerr for all of his help and told him he knows



Rear Adm. Elaine C. Wagner, NMCP commander, reads Cmdr. Martin Kerr his Meritorious Service Medal during BHC Oceana's change of charge ceremony June 11 at NAS Oceana.

he will be missed and will be a tough act to follow. After thanking Kerr, Rad addressed his new staff.

"Thank you for this wonderful welcome; I'm grateful and humbled," Rad said. "This clinic's reputation for excellence precedes you. Everyone here is full of energy; there really is something different about this place. You, the people here, are the difference.

"As we step into this next chapter," he added, "let's continue to deliver consistent care that our members here have come to expect from the best branch clinic in Navy Medicine East."

Kerr's next assignment is in Japan. He will be the Director for Administration for U.S. Naval Hospital Okinawa.



New officer-in-charge, Cmdr. Cyrus Rad, speaks to the audience during the change-of-charge ceremony June 11 at NAS Oceana.

NMCP Named Initial Site for New Integrated Electronic Health Record

BY REBECCA A. PERRON
NMCP Public Affairs

On the heels of the Defense and Veterans Affairs departments' announcement that Naval Medical Center Portsmouth would be among the first military treatment facilities to roll out the Integrated Electronic Health Record, Dr. Barclay P. Butler, director of the DoD/VA Interagency Program Office, visited NMCP on June 1 to begin discussions about the pilot program.

It's the next step in making patients' medical records accessible electronically anytime, anywhere, so doctors can see a patient's complete history at a glance. But first, much preparation must be done.

During the visit, Butler met with NMCP's Command Executive Board, discussing with the command's leadership the steps necessary over the next two years to implement the record, which will be accessible by any DoD or VA medical facility.

"The meeting was the kickoff in terms of opening the discussion and us getting engaged and preparing for this," said Cmdr. Rick McCarthy, NMCP's chief information officer. "The joint DoD/VA initiative is the future for both of the organizations, and to be one of the first to be piloting it in 2014 is a big opportunity for us."

The record would include health data from what the interagency program office is calling service members' "first salute to their final honors" and is part of the president's Virtual Lifetime Electronic Record initiative. Once completed, the DoD/VA iEHR will be the largest integrated network in the world, and will combine 254 EHR systems, 153 from the VA and 101 from the DoD.

"The main thrust is the capable continuity of clinical care the patient receives, not only when they first raise their hand, but throughout their service and when they leave us," Butler explained. "This is a way to bring together that single record and provide the best care, a value-based proposition that is owed to the beneficiary."

According to Butler, NMCP and other nearby military treatment facilities were selected for the pilot program for a couple of reasons.

"This area is one of two sites selected; San Antonio is the other," Butler said. "The main reason we picked the area is it has a significant Navy concentration and Army, Air Force and Veterans Affairs concentration as well. We will be able to address all of the stakeholders because they are all represented in this area. The Richmond Polytrauma Rehabilitation Center is included as well."

NMCP was also selected because of its ambitious staff and

clinical capabilities.

"We've made the right choice because the command climate is tremendously forward leaning," Butler said. "The staff is engaged and excited, and it's a command that is not only capable of a higher degree of clinical capabilities, but is technically capable. When we bring those together, we can improve patient care."

The first phase of implementation is to determine the infrastructure that must be added to accommodate the new clinical capabilities.

"As soon as we can, we will bring in the clinician-facing products and solutions," Butler said. "It's been decided that the early users are the laboratory and pharmacy, as well as immunizations. This is a uniquely governmental business procedure. Over the next two years, we will implement the system with a series



Photo by MC3 (SW) Anna Arndt

Dr. Barclay Butler, director of the DoD/VA Interagency Program Office, discusses many aspects of the new integrated electronic health record with members of NMCP's Command Executive Board.

of releases, ending in all of the clinics having access."

"What this means is that we have to develop a comprehensive system," McCarthy said. "They are very much focused on this being a product for our staff, particularly our clinic staff and providers who provide our health care. This means developing it with the clinicians in mind. The clinical staff, from the techs to the nurses and the doctors, all of those who are the stakeholders, will have a part in its development."

By testing and implementing the system at the MTFs in southeastern Virginia and San Antonio, the agency will have time to test it and make adjustments based on experience in the field before it is set to go worldwide by 2017.

"The comprehensive system will be more than just what the person sees on the screen, but also the interoperability and broad architecture that supports not only the documentation of clinical care, but also the analytical capabilities and analysis of invaluable information to improve health care versus just health

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Quarterly FMSTC Meeting at NMCP

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The Federal Medical Simulation Training Consortium met at Naval Medical Center Portsmouth's Simulation Center June 4 to 5 for its quarterly meeting. This was the first time FMSTC members had met at NMCP. The consortium is made up of leaders from eight Department of Defense and Department of Veterans Affairs organizations.

Air Force Col. Patrick Storms, chief of medical modernization at the Air Education Training Command, led the meeting and was excited to be at NMCP.

"I'm ecstatic that we were able to have our meeting here this quarter," Storms said. "This is a spectacular facility. The simulation center that is set up here has the best technology, with the best use of space and is very innovative."



Capt. Jim Ritchie of NMCP's Simulation Center, center, talks to the FMSTC during their meeting at the medical center June 4.

While here, more than 20 people from the medical simulation community spent time discussing curriculums for simulation training, talked about research and development, and active-duty members also update the consortium about advances each branch has made in simulation technology.

This meeting was a unique opportunity for NMCP to show off its Simulation Center and talk to the consortium about how the hospital has tailored simulation technology to the Navy. The consortium toured the Simulation Center, and they had hands-on demonstrations with the medical mannequins.

"We were absolutely able to meet our mission for this meeting due to the outstanding support we were provided by NMCP," Storms added.



Capt. Jim Ritchie, left, of NMCP's Simulation Center, observes as Gilbert Vallejo, a Medical Simulation Education Program coordinator for Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences, experiments with a medical mannequin during the FMSTC meeting on June 4.

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 care," McCarthy said.

Patients will benefit because medical staff will be able to extract data from the new system to help predict who is at risk for developing chronic conditions, such as heart disease or diabetes. More population health and more broad spectrum analysis will be conducted to pick up on leading indicators and provide preventative health care, rather than just being reactive.

"The next step in the process is to

engage more with those involved with the system and to develop the details that will be needed for a successful deployment of the program," McCarthy said. "In Dr. Butler's discussion, he said they would be drafting soon the schedule and details of what will be done at what point to achieve specific milestones."

At the end of the visit, Butler said that his visits would be quarterly in the future, and he stressed the importance of the program's success.

"For the secretaries of both depart-

ments, they strongly support the efforts," Butler said. "They have developed a charter specific to the initial operating capabilities, and are the single point of accountability for deploying the Integrated Electronic Health Record."

"This significant enhancement of our DoD/VA health care is taking it to the next level," McCarthy added. "The broader theme is that we are one half of the pie, but we will serve to enhance our ability to provide greater health care to our beneficiaries. It's a new beginning."

Staff Mourn the Passing of Two Shipmates in May

Cmdr. (sel) Marsha Ann Hanly

Cmdr. (sel) Marsha Ann Hanly, the division officer of Naval Medical Center Portsmouth's Critical Care Unit, passed away May 16.

She was remembered by her co-workers as an outstanding nurse and as someone who was very proud to serve in the Navy.



Photo by MC1 Brian A. Goyak

Associates said she enjoyed taking care of people and always made a point to get to know everyone she worked with personally. The prevailing theme at her memorial was her warmth, kindness and charming smile.

"Marsha was always the kind, welcoming face," said Lt. Trevor Carlson. "She reached out and was kind to everyone she crossed paths with."

Hanly joined the Navy in 1996 after earning her Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing from Midland Lutheran College in Fremont, Neb. Her first command was NMCP, where she worked in the Step Down Unit and Intensive Care Unit.

She was on the all Navy volleyball team and was twice chosen to compete in the All World Military Championship games.

From 2000 - 2002, Hanly was stationed at Naval Hospital Naples Italy. After Italy, she returned to NMCP, working as a clinic nurse at Sewells Point. She



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also deployed to Kuwait as an ICU nurse during this time.

She was picked up for duty under instruction and attended Duke University, obtaining her Master's of Science in Nursing with a dual degree for Critical Care Clinical Nurse Specialist and Acute Care Nurse Practitioner. She then returned to NMCP where she worked in the Critical Care Department as a Clinical Nurse Specialist and Division Officer. In 2010, Hanly deployed on the USNS Comfort and served as a Critical Care Nurse.

HN Tyler Dale Bieser

HN Tyler Dale Bieser passed away May 18 at the age of 21. Shipmates paused to remember him during a memorial service held in the Main Chapel May 31.

Bieser, a Lab Technician at Naval Medical Center Portsmouth, enlisted in 2010 and arrived at NMCP in November of that year. The Farmington, Mo., native immediately touched the hearts of many with his optimistic attitude, excellent work ethics and warm smile.

HM2 Evan Fitch, NMCP Laboratory Department student coordinator and Bieser's mentor, spoke during the service. He said Bieser was a caring and helpful person, constantly looking for opportunities to assist others. "As a mentor, you're supposed to be teaching and guiding Sailors, but there were multiple times when he taught or reinforced things that I have been taught by my mentor."

His main concerns were focused on others rather than himself. He dreamed of becoming a doctor, but wanted to be a Lab Technician first. Without hesitation, he put together a package to submit for Advanced Medical Laboratory Technician "C" school in Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

"He was very motivated getting everything he needed

together." Fitch said. "He always had study materials in his hands." Although he wasn't picked, Fitch said that didn't stop him from keeping a positive attitude.

From building people up to giving compliments, Bieser managed to take care of others and get the job done on a daily basis.

"If you can affect one person in your career, and make the Navy better, you've succeeded." Fitch said.

"Bieser affected hundreds of people, and if people remembered who he was, and learned from him, they'll affect thousands - that's the important thing."



Anderson, Cain Frocked to Master Chief Petty Officer

Congratulations to HMCM Bryan Anderson and HMCM Chris Cain who were frocked to master chief petty officer June 1. Anderson of Director for Surgical Services and Cain of Director for Professional Education were surrounded by family, friends and shipmates during the ceremony, where they were promoted to the highest enlisted rank.



Photos by MC3 (SW) Anna Arndt



HMCM Chris Cain is pinned by his wife, Sara, and his longtime friend and mentor, CMDCM Mick Ruiz, from U.S. Marine Corps Forces Command.

Left: HMCM Bryan Anderson receives his master chief anchors from his father, Harold Anderson, and his mentor and friend HMCM Ken Fulsom during the frocking ceremony June 1.

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less turnover of personnel.

“Five to six years ago, two replacements a day, maybe, was the most we could do,” said Wright, Orthopedics Department head. “Then we invested in equipment, such as special hip replacement tables, and other hip and knee replacement equipment.”

Besides the new equipment, the key to hitting the 300 mark was achieving consistency with the staff involved in the surgeries and being able to use the increased inpatients to develop and train those people.

“We’ve always had great people, but we’ve experienced a high turnover of people, and it takes a lot of time to learn what we do,” Wright said. “Now, more often, we do three (joint replacements) in a day. Just in terms of (operating room) efficiency, that speaks volumes.”

“The (joint) team got better and more involved, the clinic’s corpsmen and nurses and the operating room’s technicians and nurses, anesthesia providers, inpatient nurses, discharge planners – everyone involved has gotten more efficient,” Lambert said. “We’ve always concentrated on quality. Now the command is asking for quantity, so we’ve added that in. It’s helped that people are sticking around a little longer.”

That consistency lead to the staff understanding the procedures better, automatically knowing what to do, and anticipating what the surgeons need and the surgeons’ thought

process. The result is a smoother, more efficient procedure, one that takes time to master.

“The staff needs time and practice with this procedure, just like we did – both of us completed fellowships in arthroplasty reconstruction,” Wright said, “and both of us continue to advance our education in courses, expand our knowledge and capabilities.”

In addition to training and continuity of staff, word of mouth from satisfied patients helped bring in more patients.

“Our biggest advertisement is our own patients – patient satisfaction and the enjoyment of care and results they have seen here,” Wright said. “So we’ve been able to recoup people from the network through word of mouth.”

Now that they have hit the PBB goal, the department is still deciding what to do with the \$250,000.

“Our goal is to plug that award money back into the program,” Wright said. “The decision of exactly what to do with the money is in its infancy.”

The department plans to keep hitting the 300-a-year mark and continue to look for new patients.

“We are always actively seeking patients in the area, especially those who have arthritis in the knee,” Lambert added. “We would love to see them for a consult.”

TRICARE beneficiaries who believe they would be a candidate for knee or hip joint replacements should email nmcptotaljoints@med.navy.mil for more information.

NMCP Cancer Ward Acquires Two Stationary Bikes

STORY AND PHOTOS BY MC3 (SW) ANNA ARNDT
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Two stationary bikes were given to Naval Medical Center Portsmouth's cancer ward May 30 in memory of Brian Dougan, who died May 1, one day before the birth of his daughter.

The bikes were given to the ward by Joint Forces Staff College Fitness Center for use by cancer patients undergoing chemotherapy and who cannot leave the ward to exercise. Dougan, an avid cyclist came up with the idea and Cmdr. Mike Ansley carried out Brian's dream by coordinating the requisition. Ellon, Dougan's wife, and daughter attended the ceremony when the bikes were presented.

"I am proud to stand here and dedicate these bikes in Brian's name," said Ansley. "It was a conversation I had with Brian walking into the hospital that sparked the idea for getting the bikes in here."

"Brian had a special heart and mind for individuals, and he shared that with a love for cycling," said Lt. Cmdr. Karen Russell, Dougan's doctor. "Many hospitals have bikes and little gyms for patients that get stuck here and are getting chemotherapy or feeling bad or having complications and it was his and Mike's vision to put this together so that other patients would have something to do when they're stuck here. So I'm excited that they cared that much to make it happen."

Dougan was a member of NMCP's cancer support group Warriors Vs. Cancer.

"The W in Warriors is capitalized to symbolize that the Warrior actively fights against the cancer," said Sandra Whittaker Hill, from Internal Medicine. "Warriors don't give up. Warriors not only survive, they thrive while going through this journey."

The Warriors vs. Cancer support group was started by, and is sustained as a joint effort between the Hematology Oncology and Pastoral Care departments. The first meeting took place on March 30. The group is designed to support the needs of active duty, dependents and or retirees that need support during difficult times.

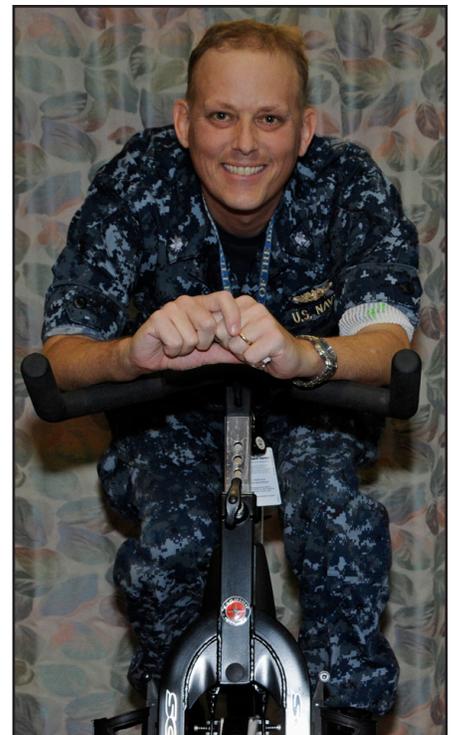


Cmdr. Mike Ansley tells family, friends and staff about the friendship he had with Dougan and the love for biking they shared that led to the idea of using stationary bikes in the ward.



Ellon and Flannery Dougan, center, and Cmdr. Mike Ansley, center right, along with members and facilitators of the Warriors vs. Cancer Support Group.

Right: Cmdr. Mike Ansley tries out the ward's new bike.



JEA Shows Support for Deployed Staff with Care Packages

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Naval Medical Center Portsmouth's Junior Enlisted Association gathered in the Radiation Oncology Conference Room May 30 to assemble care packages for the 15 staff deployed to Afghanistan and Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

The association's first effort to make the packages resulted in boxes filled with snacks, personal hygiene products, toys and other items to give the deployed staff members a taste of home and boost their morale.

"We just wanted to provide a little bit of home out there



HN Tavonta Conaway, left, and other members of the Junior Enlisted Association put together care packages for deployed staff.



HM2 Davitri Marshall and HM3 Christopher Ryals fill care packages for deployed staff members May 30.

for them," said Hospital Corpsman 3rd Class Chris Ryals, JEA secretary. "We want them to know they might be out of sight, but not out of mind."

In the future, the JEA plans to send care packages to deployed staff every quarter. The goods were donated by different departments throughout the hospital, churches in the community and by JEA members. JEA members will spread the word throughout their departments when they are ready to gather items for the next packages.

Many of the members know firsthand how important these packages can be to those deployed.

"Some of us have been deployed before, so we know how it feels," said Hospital Corpsman 2nd Class (SW) Davitri Marshall, JEA vice president. "It means a lot to get support from home when you're out there."

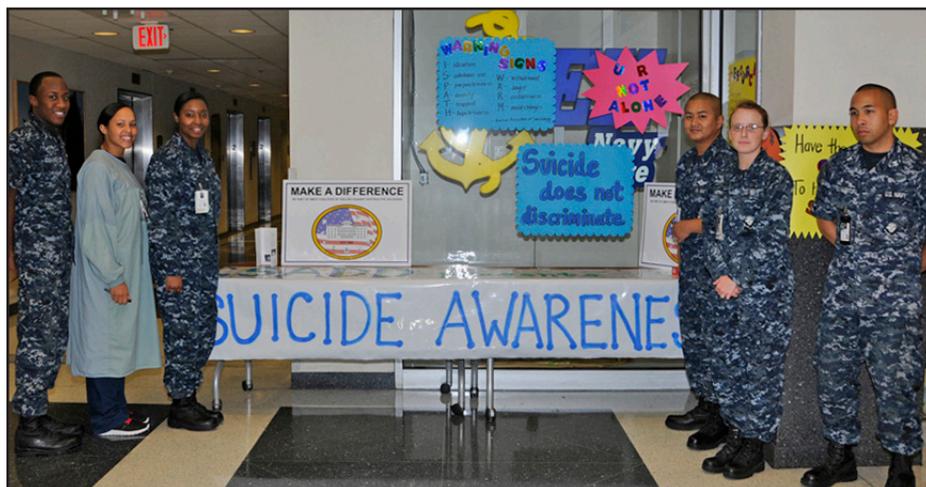


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CSADD Sailors Pledge Support to Prevent Suicide

More than 300 NMCP staff and patients signed a banner May 24 pledging their support for suicide prevention, part of the Coalition of Sailors Against Destructive Decisions' efforts to raise awareness for suicide prevention. The banner will be displayed at the hospital.

2nd Annual PACT Trains Junior Corpsmen

STORY AND PHOTO BY MC2 NIKKI SMITH
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Physician's assistants at Branch Health Clinic Oceana held the 2nd Annual Physician's Assistant Corpsman Tribute June 6 and 7, an opportunity to train junior corpsmen about clinical medical topics and to expose them to information and techniques they may not experience routinely.

Cecil Gandia, a PA at Oceana's Primary Care Clinic, organized the event both years, with the goal to treat the corpsmen to a fun conference where they could learn different aspects of medical care – some they may need to use during a deployment to a combat zone or national disaster setting.

"The corpsmen here at the clinic have so many duties, which means they don't always get to work with the patients in a clinical setting," Gandia said. "It's important to make sure they stay trained, because in the field and on ships, they are the doc. I want to ensure they are trained to the best of their ability."

Thirty-five corpsmen spent the two days with PAs from two military treatment facilities and the local community. To keep them intrigued and engaged, Gandia organized hands-on training and interactive lecturing, and showed videos from actual surgeries and experiences of other corpsmen while treating patients.



Brad Boyette, a general surgery physician's assistant at Norfolk Surgery Group, talks to Sailors about proper suturing techniques during the 2nd Annual Physician's Assistant Corpsman Training at BHC Oceana June 6-7.

Each subject matter expert taught a different topic and gave hands-on training. The training included subjects ranging from the clinical setting to combat zone casualty care. The corpsmen learned about the history of PAs, how to take proper patient histories, orthopedic trauma of musculoskeletal systems and traumatic brain injuries.

Civilian PAs were encouraged to show the corpsmen what

they do outside of the military setting. Tara Guide, from Virginia Beach Surgery, taught how to insert chest tubes and performed a chest tube demonstration on a medical mannequin. After a lecture about proper suturing techniques from Brad Boyette, Norfolk Surgical Group, each corpsman practiced suturing injuries.

"This training has been extremely helpful and gave me a lot of very good information," said Hospital Corpsman 3rd Class (FMF/SW) Josue Castillo, from the Primary Care Clinic at BHC Boone at Joint Expeditionary Base-Little Creek. "Some of the information is a refresher, but there's been a lot of information taught that I wouldn't have been able to learn while working in Primary Care."

"Even though I've deployed and have been aboard a ship, there's a lot of stuff I have been able to learn," Castillo added. "I'm glad I volunteered to come, and happy to see the junior guys here being exposed to such good subject matter."

Cmdr. Martin Kerr, BHC Oceana officer in charge, has supported PACT since Gandia introduced the idea last year.

"I want the Sailors who are stationed here to be better corpsmen when they leave than when they first got here," Kerr said. "I think it's great that the PAs are getting involved. Many PAs are prior corpsmen, so they know what (the corpsmen) are going through. These PAs give them a lot of knowledge with

the added benefit of showing them something they can aspire to and giving them a role model."

Gandia said that she is eager to continue the event, and hopes that she can expand it to a weeklong conference that would host a larger number of corpsmen. She also wants the conference to be part of the Hospital Corps birthday celebration.

"Other medical professionals have conferences that they go to, so they can keep up with their respective fields and make contacts," Gandia said. "I would like to make this the corpsman version of those conferences. They need a fun event that they can look forward to, where they can expand their skills and keep up on training. I'm very excited to continue to

expand this and for the possibilities it has."

"The corpsmen are an invaluable asset, and they help make our jobs as PAs easier," Gandia added. "They're a huge support for us. They have so much potential, and I want to foster that. We as PAs want to take care of our corpsmen and show our appreciation of them. This training is our chance to show them how much we care."

Materiel Management Department Wins BUMED's Best Practice Award

Saenz Gets Individual Achievement Award

STORY AND PHOTO
BY MC1 ELIZABETH ST JOHN
NMCP Public Affairs

Naval Medical Center Portsmouth's Materiel Management Department received the Best Business Process Team Achievement Award June 6 during the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery Annual Logistics Awards. This is the first time the department has won the award.

Jesus Saenz, MMD deputy department head, was also selected for the Federal Government Civilian Individual Achievement Award. Saenz received the award for serving as acting department head from February to November 2011. Previously, he received the Equipment Manager of the Year Award.

"The entire Materiel Management Department can be proud of the unfailing support they provide to the staff and our patients," said Rear Adm. Elaine C. Wagner, NMCP commander.

The best practice award recognizes a team whose outstanding performance resulted in improvements across the board – from more efficient staffing and acquisition planning to advanced inventory procedures and management of equipment.

"My department works cohesively together as a team," said Lt. Cmdr. Mark Edwards, MMD department head. "We are customer focused and willing to go above and beyond to meet their needs."

MMD provides medical and dental support to NMCP and its branch clinics, Navy Medicine East and the Navy-Marine Corps Public Health Center. MMD purchases, tracks, delivers and provides security for all

equipment in their custody. Even flow-ers delivered to a patient at the medical center go through MMD.

"MMD is always willing and ready to meet the demands of the hospital by ensuring logistical services are provided in a timely manner to support patient care," Edwards said.

Though there are several divisions within the department, Jesus Saenz, deputy department head, said their success is owed to their camaraderie, cohesiveness and customer service.

customers the products they need," said Saenz.

MMD averages 800 to 1,000 repair jobs per year on medical equipment. The department also repairs the biomedical equipment used by the Mobile Medical Augmentation Readiness Team.

As for receiving the individual award, Saenz said he was "proud to have won the award, but I'm more proud of the team award."

Saenz received the individual award for managing the department of 160 personnel while the billet was gapped. He describes himself as "the glue that holds them together," and emphasizes that the credit goes to the entire team.

"Without my staff there is no way



MMD staff gather next to the loading dock June 15 to proudly display their Best Business Process Team Achievement Award. Holding the award are Deputy Department Head Jesus Saenz and Department Head Lt. Cmdr. Mark Edwards.

"We're unique because we have several divisions, but we all interact," he said. "We each have a piece to the puzzle; our team works like a finished puzzle."

"We're really proud that we got recognized as a group," Saenz continued. "We work very closely together. It's not one person, it's the entire team, from the most junior person to the most senior."

MMD is staffed day and night to handle the approximately 1,000 boxes that come through their doors every day.

"We look for good ways to get our

I could have won this award. I'm just a representative for the department," he added.

MMD has set the standard for others to follow. NMCP has been chosen as one of the first sites to have real-time locating systems on medical equipment. The unit is also the only MMD in the Navy that manages the crash cart program.

Saenz pointed out that MMD's government travel card program averages \$18 million a year in expenditures. He proudly added that they accrue zero interest charges.



The NMCP Diversity Committee serves pancit and lumpia during the Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month celebration.

Right: Cmdr. Maria Norbeck, chairman of the Diversity Committee, and retired SKCM Ron Copon cut the ceremonial cake shaped like a Japanese temple.



NMCP Celebrates Asian-Pacific Heritage Month

STORY AND PHOTOS
BY MC3 (SW) ANNA ARNDT
NMCP Public Affairs

The Naval Medical Center Portsmouth diversity committee educated staff about Asian-Pacific culture during the Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month celebration in the auditorium May 31. Capt. Darin Via gave the opening remarks and retired Master Chief Storekeeper Ron Copon was the guest speaker.

Copon spoke about his experiences in the U.S. Navy as a Filipino citizen, stressing how a combination of cultures makes the Navy stronger.

“We started as a cook, we started as a steward; that was all we could do, but we persevered to get to the place we are now,” Copon said. “It is good to have the power of one, but the power

of many is better. What I can contribute as a Filipino is different from what Chinese or Japanese or American can contribute. I have a different perspective, but when you put us all together, you can see we have a greater and better United States Navy.”

Before finishing his speech with a recitation of “Old Glory,” Copon said, “Always remember to celebrate diversity, not just today, not just tomorrow, but every day.”

After Copon’s speech, two staff members, Hospitalman Jardine Puno, Oncology Ward, and Hospitalman Andrew Barri, Sleep Laboratory, demonstrated the Tinikling dance, a traditional dance from the Philippines. They then invited audience members onstage to give it a try. Four people took them up on the offer, including Capt. Darin Via on his last day as deputy commander. Via received a standing ovation for his enthusiastic performance.

Following the celebration, Cmdr. Maria Norbeck, chairman of the diversity committee, and Copon cut the ceremonial cake shaped like a Japanese temple. Cake was then served along with a lunch of pancit and lumpia.



On his last day as deputy commander, Capt Darin Via, along with another staff member, performs the Tinikling dance with the help of HN Jardine Puno and HN Andrew Barri. Via received a standing ovation for his enthusiastic performance.

DMH Staff Enjoy Annual Picnic, Wish Shipmates Farewell

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It was a gorgeous day for the Department of Mental Health annual picnic. Hospital Point was the setting for hot dogs, hamburgers, ribs, music and friendly competitions – tug of war, a water balloon toss and a sack race. The event was also a farewell to Capt. Kevin Kennedy and HMCS (SW/AW) Marsell Brown. Kennedy will transfer to Bahrain and Brown is heading to USS Harry S. Truman.



HMCS (SW/AW) Marsell Brown, left, and Capt. Kevin Kennedy said farewell to their shipmates during the picnic. Kennedy will transfer to Bahrain and Brown is heading to USS Harry S. Truman.



HM2 Jahleel Brown gets an apple pie to the face just for fun during the DMH picnic at Hospital Point. Other picnic goers took turns throwing cream pies at each other.



DMH staff compete in a game of tug of war during the picnic on Hospital Point May 18.

BHC Boone Pharmacy Dons Purple for Lupus Awareness



Boone BHC Pharmacy Staff presented a united and purple front when they donned the regal color on May 18 to show their support for those living with lupus during Lupus Awareness Month. Lupus is a chronic inflammatory disease that can affect various parts of the body including skin, joints, blood and kidneys.

Photo Courtesy of Debra Gardner

Preventive Medicine Informs Staff, Patients about Lyme Disease Dangers

STORY AND PHOTO BY MC3 (SW) ANNA ARNDT
NMCP Public Affairs

It's nearly summer; longer days plus warmer weather equal more time spent outdoors. And it also means it's tick season.

Naval Medical Center Portsmouth's Preventive Medicine team focused on educating staff and patients on the dangers of Lyme disease in May, which is Lyme Disease Awareness Month. A display containing information on Lyme disease symptoms, treatment and prevention was staffed by Hospitalman Dariana Torres Tossas, the display's organizer, from May 14 through 18.

"This is the time of year that cases of Lyme disease start rising," said Torres Tossas, who answered questions for staff and patients during the week. "Virginia is one of the top 10 states with the highest incidence. We want to inform people, so they can take preventative measures."

Lyme disease is spread through the bite of infected ticks, and usually the tick must be attached for at least 36 to 48 hours before the disease can be transmitted. Most people are infected through the bites of nymphs, which are immature ticks. Nymphs are very small and difficult to see, increasing their chance of transmitting the disease. Although ticks can attach to any part of the human body, they are usually found in hard-to-see areas such as the armpits, groin and scalp.

"At first when you get bit, you won't have any symptoms, because there is an incubation period of 28 days," said Torres Tossas. "So once the 28 days have passed and you have been infected, you start seeing a rash and then you will have flulike

symptoms until you get treated for it. Fortunately, it can be treated with antibiotics."

One of the many people who stopped by the display for information about the disease said he wasn't aware of all the symptoms of the disease.

"I've never seen that red spot with the circle around it before," said Jesse Pruden, a volunteer with the Red Cross. "So if I see that and I have a tick bite, I'll know to head to the doctor!"

There are two types of symptoms: first and late. First symptoms often include fatigue, tiredness, headache, joint and muscle pain, fever, chills and swollen lymph nodes. Late symptoms can take much longer to develop, sometimes weeks, months or even years. Late symptoms may include fatigue, mental health issues, arthritis and chronic encephalomyelitis, which is inflammation of the brain and spinal cord.

"You might see a rash called an 'EM' rash that looks like a bullseye," Torres Tossas said. "It's a big red circle with another circle outside of it, around two inches in diameter."

Some people get a small bump or redness at the site of a tick bite that goes away in one to two days, similar to a mosquito bite. This is not a sign that someone has contracted Lyme disease. Laboratory blood tests are helpful if used correctly and performed with validated methods, but are not recommended for patients who do not have symptoms typical of Lyme disease.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, it is as important to avoid misdiagnosis and treatment of Lyme disease when the true cause of the illness is something else, as it is to correctly diagnose Lyme disease.

When left untreated, it is possible for the infection to spread to other parts of the body. When this happens, symptoms may include pain and swelling in the large joints, Facial (Bell's) Palsy, shooting pains, numbness or tingling in the hands or feet and heart palpitations.

Lyme disease can also affect pets. Pets that are infected might be sensitive to touch, have a stiff walk with an arched back and experience difficulty breathing. Other signs might include fever, lack of appetite and depression.

"Always check yourself (for ticks) when you return from outdoor activities, and also remember to check your pets as well," said Torres Tossas. "If your dog plays out in the yard every day, check your dog (for ticks) every day."

Those who need further information on signs and symptoms or who have health concerns about Lyme disease should contact their health care provider or Preventive Medicine at 953-5211.



Jesse Pruden, a Red Cross volunteer, learns about Lyme disease from Preventive Medicine staff member, HN Dariana Torres Tossas, during Lyme Disease Awareness Month.

Kurtz Wins Award from Naval Association of Physician Assistants

STORY AND PHOTO BY MCI ELIZABETH ST JOHN
NMCP Public Affairs

The Naval Association of Physician Assistants announced recently that Capt. Christopher Kurtz, Naval Medical Center Portsmouth department head of Orthopedic Surgery, has won the Admiral Zimble Award (surgery).

NAPA gives the award each year to the physician who best supports the PA profession and the PA/Physician Team approach to medicine delivery. Awardees are chosen based on their contributions to PA professional growth, leadership qualities, professionalism and dedication to quality care.

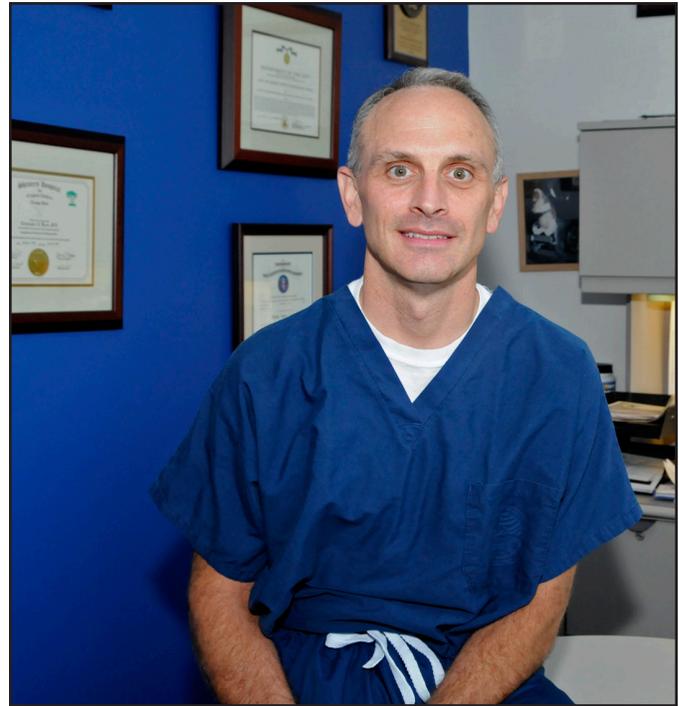
"It kind of took me by surprise," Kurtz said. "I didn't even know that I had been nominated. I was very flattered. It's one thing to get an award from above, but when you get it from below, that's way better. I'm honored."

Kurtz, whose passion is teaching, was chosen for his outstanding work as a PA preceptor (instructor) and for his support of the physician assistant community.

Kurtz was nominated by Physician Assistant Lt. Cmdr. Kerri L. Browne, program director, Orthopedic PA fellowship.

"I nominated Dr. Kurtz for the award because he is a strong advocate for the Physician Assistant/Physician team concept," Browne said. "He has dedicated countless hours of education for both physicians and physician assistants."

Kurtz is double board-certified in both Orthopedic Surgery



and Sports Medicine. In addition to his work at NMCP, Kurtz has also served as an assistant professor of surgery at the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences since 2003.

Kurtz, who came to NMCP as a staff orthopedic surgeon in 2001, has been a strong advocate for the expansion of PA practice, all while being in charge of a department treating 77,000 patients per year. The PA fellowship at NMCP is the only one of its kind in the Navy for orthopedic PAs.

Kurtz will be presented his award during a ceremony in May 2013 in Washington, D.C.

Lyme Disease Prevention Tips

- Avoid areas that are likely to be infested with ticks, particularly in spring and summer when nymphal ticks feed.
- Wear light-colored clothing so that ticks can be spotted more easily and removed before becoming attached.



- Wear long-sleeved shirts and tuck pants into socks. Consider wearing high rubber boots (since ticks are usually located close to the ground).

- Application of insect repellents containing DEET to clothes and exposed skin, and permethrin (which kills ticks on contact) to clothes should also help reduce the risk of tick attachment. DEET can be used safely on children and adults, but should be applied according to Environmental Protection Agency guidelines to reduce the possibility of toxicity.

- Since transmission of the bacteria that causes



Lyme disease from an infected tick is unlikely to occur before 36 hours of tick attachment, check for ticks daily and remove them promptly. Areas to check include:

- Under the arms
- In and around the ears
- Inside belly button
- Back of the knees
- In and around all head and body hair
- Between the legs
- Around the waist



- Embedded ticks should be removed by using fine-tipped tweezers. Cleanse the area with an antiseptic. Kill the tick.

- Reduce ticks around the home by removing leaf litter and brush. Move firewood to the edge of the yard.

- Prevent family pets from bringing ticks into the home. Maintain your family pet under a veterinarian's care. Two of the ways to get rid of ticks on dogs and cats are putting on tick medicine or using a tick collar. Be sure to use these products according to the package instructions.

SAILOR OF THE QUARTER

As leading petty officer and clinic manager for the Deployment Health Clinic, Hospital Corpsman 1st Class (FMF) Norris K. Cason demonstrated exceptional leadership skills while managing 13 Sailors and one contractor, resulting in increased command readiness from 75 to 80 percent. This included all branch clinics in support of NMCP's strategic plan of medical readiness, quality healthcare and exceptional customer service. During the most recent Medical Inspector General inspection, his team was praised for having one of the best periodic health assessment processes in the Navy. Cason's selection for this highly competitive award sets him apart as a true professional. His accomplishments and contributions epitomized the Navy Medicine's motto "steaming to assist" and provided tangible evidence of the vital role the enlisted community plays in today's Navy.



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JUNIOR SAILOR OF THE QUARTER

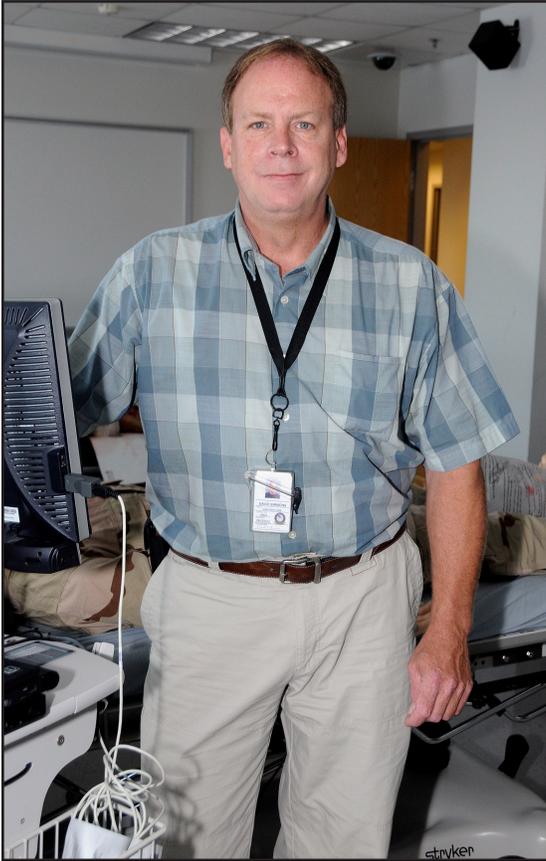
As assistant leading petty officer for the Emergency Department, Hospital Corpsman 2nd Class Stephanie A. Trossbach led the day-to-day operations of deckplate medicine, maintaining a 90 percent customer service satisfaction rate for more than 18,000 patients seen during the quarter. As a career development board team member, Trossbach conducted 35 CDBs, enhancing her Sailors' personal and professional growth. She was an instrumental member of the Medical Inspector General team and diligently worked with 52 command level programs in accordance with BUMED standards. Additionally, as a VIP escort, she consistently displayed maturity and superb military bearing while interacting with high ranking officials. Trossbach ensured hospitality and professionalism throughout the process, directly supporting the command's customer service strategic pillar.



BLUE JACKET OF THE QUARTER

As senior corpsman, Hospital Corpsman 3rd Class (SW) Jerel Darvey D. David effectively led and mentored 47 Sailors on a fast-paced, 36-bed unit. David's outstanding commitment and professional competence supported the command's pillar of quality healthcare for 400 beneficiaries. David assisted in leading 10 Sailors in Field Medical Training Battalion physical fitness training. His efforts ensured they maintained physical readiness standards as well as provided the knowledge, skills and abilities necessary to serve and support the Marine Corps. David can be proud of his selection, outstanding achievements and the high respect that he enjoys throughout the command.





Civilian in the Spotlight

David L. Simmons

Hometown: Winchester, Va.

Years of Service: 5 years at NMCP as a contractor

Job: Simulation Center IT Specialist

What do you like most about your job? The constant challenge of learning something different, something new. My back ground is IT, so I feel like every day there's a door that needs opened or at least knocked on.

What do you do in your off duty time/hobbies? Kayaking, bay fishing, deep sea fishing, the whole water theme here. Volley ball, bike riding.

Favorite movie: Tom Clancy movies, Star Wars Trilogy, basically action movies.

Favorite food: Fish, smoked brisket, beer-butt chicken, all the garden vegetables.

Why is he nominated as Civilian in the Spotlight? "Mr. Simmons is our Information Technology specialist in the Simulation Center," said Jon Lorenz, Simulation Center senior technical advisor. "You can imagine the number of computers and devices that he must manage in a place with more than half a million dollars in simulators. Despite no medical background, he runs medical simulations, conducts daily code drills throughout the hospital, and handles it all with a positive attitude and cheery spirit."

Sailor in the Spotlight

HM2 Chelsea Genae Allen

Hometown: Detroit

Years of Naval Service: 5 years (1 year at NMCP)

Job: Orientation Division Work Center Supervisor

What do you like most about your job? I enjoy interacting with Sailors, mentorship, career counseling, and customer service.

What do you do in your off duty time/hobbies? College classes, reading, traveling/sightseeing.

Favorite movie: Jerry McGuire

Favorite food: Salmon

Why was she nominated as Sailor in the Spotlight? "During an unforeseen personnel loss, HM2 Allen not only maintained her duties as Orientation Division Work Center Supervisor and HMSB Coordinator, but she also accepted additional duties as the Command Advancement Coordinator," said Hospital Corpsman 1st Class Sajata Taylor, Professional Education leading petty officer. "During this time, she was responsible for the facilitation of six petty officer leadership courses for 54 Sailors with seven separate ratings. She flawlessly coordinated 21 instructors and distributed 54 course graduation certificates. She prepared 187 frocking letters and ensured proper planning of the command frocking ceremony for the June 2012 advancement cycle."



Civilian of the Quarter



Trisha Richardson Category I Administrative

Patricia Richardson, executive assistant for the directors of Primary Care and Branch Health Clinics, helped develop, staff and implement a unique three directorate triad at NMCP. This one-of-a-kind partnership streamlined administrative functions, eliminated duplicative services and provide unprecedented administrative support to more than 200 providers and 2,000 hospital staff. She has made the directorates more efficient due to her knowledge, willingness to assist with tasks and her implementation of process improvements.

Richardson single-handedly ensured the success of the triad's pilot program of NMCP's electronic online awards process. She organized and corrected more than 1,200 fitness reports and is the administrative adjunct for the Medical Corps ranking board.



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William Douglas Category II Clinical

William Douglas, the supervisory nurse specialist in the Pain Clinic, successfully implemented compressed client scheduling for 8,000 clients, allowing the clinic to exceed previous years' encounters by 10 percent. He helped the medical director of the Oceana Triad implement narcotic risk management contracts and a urine screening program, increasing patient safety.

Douglas developed a plan with Special Operations to accelerate access to care for 120 warfighters. He directed ACLS/ PALS courses outside working hours for 26 rapidly deploying health care providers. Being cited for Excellence in Customer Service, Douglas continues to provide policy and product line clinical information, sedation documentation, clinic blueprints and PACS storage options, which will enhance care beyond NMCP.



Sharon Dunn Category II Administrative

Sharon Dunn, a financial management analyst in the Budget Department, handles the budget for many special programs: the Overseas Contingency Operations, Wounded Ill and Injured, Traumatic Brain Injury/Psychological Health, Post Deployment Health Reassessment, Navy Mobile Processing Site and Directorate for Mental Health programs. She manages an annual budget in excess of \$42 million.

Dunn is the subject matter expert for the analysis and execution of funds for these Congressionally mandated programs. She collaborates with senior program managers, directors and department heads, providing guidance to ensure funds are available and executed. During the Medical Inspector General inspection, her work with the special programs was recognized for its superior quality and possible consideration as a "Best Practice."

JUNE AWARDS

DEFENSE MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL

Capt. Andrew Spencer

MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL

Cmdr. Joseph Sposato
Cmdr. Deborah Roy
Cmdr. Blair Miles
Lt. Cmdr. Kenneth Dubowski

NAVY & MARINE CORPS COMMENDATION MEDAL

Cmdr. David Labrie
Cmdr. James Callan
Lt. Cmdr. Megan McGavern
Lt. Cmdr. Craig Schranz
HM2 Luis Medinareyes

NAVY & MARINE CORPS ACHIEVEMENT MEDAL

Lt. Cmdr. Lorena Griffin
Lt. Cmdr. Angela Bailey
Lt. Gretchen Coady
Lt. j.g. Christina Carter
Lt. j.g. Keith West
ET2 Michael Tech
CS3 Daniel Hammerstone
HM2 Martha Madrigal
HM1 Elizabeth Malone

NAVY MERITORIOUS CIVILIAN SERVICE AWARD

Patricia Quinones
Lisa Price

MENTOR OF THE MONTH

Hospital Corpsman 1st Class James Frymire reported to Naval Medical Center Portsmouth in June 2010. He



is the leading petty officer of Radiation Oncology, where he manages and develops professional Sailors within the clinic and the cross sectional areas of Radiology.

Frymire's responsibilities include assigning daily tasks, preparing performance evaluations, being active in the clinic and maintaining a safe environment for patients and staff.

His contribution to the mentorship program includes bringing experiences from his previous command and a passion for mentoring young Sailors, whether enlisted or officer. He has recently matched 30 mentors to protégés within the Clinical Support Services Directorate. He is motivated by

helping others succeed. He wants to be able to give back, mentor and see others accomplish their goals.

Frymire advises other mentors to open all doors to junior Sailors and help them excel in their personal and professional lives. He said the Sailors who are coming into the Navy today will replace us one day and they are the future of our organizations and we need them ready to assume the watch.

Would you like to become a mentor or find a mentor? Check out the Mentor Program on the Intranet to find valuable information about mentoring at NMCP. Go to the directory website map and look under "M" to learn more and join the Mentor Program today. Everyone is welcome.

Have you completed the annual command GMT?

There are only a few dates remaining: **July 10, 18, 24, 31.**

Morning sessions begin at 7 a.m. and afternoon sessions begin at noon in the Bldg. 3 auditorium.

All attendees must sign an attendance roster and remain for the entire session to receive credit.

Please contact HM2 Chelsea Allen (Chelsea.allen@med.navy.mil and 953-5403) or the Staff, Education and Training department at 953-5623 for further details.

SHIPMATE OF THE MONTH



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 HM2 (SW) MAGAN A. DELUSSEY, DQM
 HA KIRSTIN L. GEARY, DNS
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 HN MARVINA SABALLOS, DPE
 HM3 DORIN D. MATHIS, DSS

HN (SW) CHERIE D. DOTTIN, DCSS
 HM3 MICHELLE M. WILLIAMS, DPHS
 HM2 KEVIN J. BURKES, DMH
 HN BRUCE W. BINNS, DMS
 HM2 TANYA M. CARR, DFA

OFFICER OF THE QUARTER FOR 1ST QUARTER AWARDED



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NMCP's Officers of the Quarter were recognized May 30 by Rear Adm. Elaine C. Wagner, NMCP commander, during a ceremony in Bldg. 1.

They are front, from left: Ensign Lisa O'Driscoll, Lt. Cmdr. Sandra Myers, Lt. Robin Bennett and Lt. Cmdr. Roger Bunch. Back row, from left: Air Force Maj. Jacob Wessler, Cmdr. Carl Petersen and Cmdr. David Craig. Not pictured are Lt. Jesse Schmidt and Lt. Luke Krispinsky.