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Command of NMPDC Bethesda Changes as Capt. Carey Sill Relieves Capt. Lee Cornforth

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BETHESDA, Md. — Command of the Navy Medicine Professional Development Center (NMPDC) at Bethesda changed May 17 when Capt. Carey M. Sill, Medical Service Corps, relieved Capt. Lee L. Cornforth, Medical Service Corps, during a combined change of command and retirement ceremony at Memorial Auditorium at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center.

Capt. Cornforth “has taken us through the most ground breaking training and organizational change in Navy Medicine in enlisted training in the last 50 years,” said Rear Adm. Michael Mittelman, Medical Service Corps, the Navy’s deputy surgeon general.

During the past two years, Cornforth, who retired after 27 years of Navy service, led NMPDC through two major reorganizations, facilitated the arrival of Army staff following the last Base Realignment and Closure initiative and oversaw the remodel construction of the historic Building 1 Tower. NMPDC maintained high morale during these changes under Cornforth’s leadership as evidenced by the command receiving the 2012 Alfred P. Sloan Award for Excellence in Workplace Effectiveness and Flexibility in the When Work Works competition and earning consecutive Retention Excellence Awards.

Sill will command NMPDC during a period of federal budget uncertainty and sequestration, the draw-down of military activities in Afghanistan, and additional remodeling construction of dental clinic spaces for Navy Postgraduate Dental School. Arriving from Navy Personnel Command, Millington, Tenn., Sill said she is aware of NMPDC’s missions as she



BETHESDA, Md. — Retiring Capt. Lee Cornforth (left) addresses the crowd during the Navy Medicine Professional Development Center Change of Command Ceremony May 17 at the Memorial Auditorium at the Walter National Naval Medical Center while Deputy Surgeon General of the Navy Rear Admiral Michael Mittelman (left center), Commander, Navy Medicine Education and Training Command Capt. Gail Hathaway and NMPDC Commanding Officer Capt. Carey Sill look on.

witnessed first-hand the impact in developing health professionals, noting the number of certifications filed in personnel records with NMPDC involvement.

Quoting Chesley “Sully” Sullenberger, the airline captain who landed a jet in the Hudson River a few years ago, Sill said, “I spent many years making big deposits in the bank of experience so when the day came and I needed it, I could make a very large withdrawal. That is what NMPDC is all about – providing opportunity in making big deposits in the bank of experience for men and women in military medicine to build upon, so when they need to make their own withdrawal they can do so with confidence and skill.”



BETHESDA, Md. — Retiring Capt. Lee Cornforth (right) shakes hands with Deputy Surgeon General of the Navy Rear Admiral Michael Mittelman during the Navy Medicine Professional Development Center Change of Command Ceremony May 17.

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From the Commander...

Captain Gail L. Hathaway, MSC

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We recognized Sexual Assault Awareness Month in April, including this year's theme: "We own it...We'll solve it...Together." This statement sums up our approach and our responsibility to solving this problem, not just in April, but 365 days a year.

Sexual assault is a crime. It has no place in the Navy, and certainly not anywhere within the Navy Medicine Education and Training Command enterprise. It is a violation of everything for which we stand, and it is an affront to the values we defend.

Many sexual assault victims have come forward and filed a report, and hopefully they are getting the desired care. But as with every unit in our military, I know we probably have victims who have chosen to not report their sexual assault. I want to send a message to every victim reading this today. We are here to care for you and to support you. We are committed to showing you our solidarity as you heal and become a survivor.

Every person in the NMETC enterprise must be committed to eliminating sexual assault from our Navy. Together, our goal is to prevent and respond to this crime in order to enable military readiness, and to reduce — with our ultimate goal being to eliminate — sexual assault from the Navy.

We are fighting this crime from multiple

fronts. We aren't just relying on one tool or one program. Combating sexual assault requires strong prevention efforts, sustained progress, innovative approaches and a multi-pronged, multi-disciplinary strategy. The success of every program and initiative is dependent on the daily and continued commitment of every single one of us to foster a climate of mutual dignity and respect, where sexual assault is not tolerated, condoned or ignored.

We must work hard to prevent this crime. But, when it does occur, we need to be there for victims. Those who commit this crime — or think they can get away with it if they do commit it — will be held appropriately accountable.

Solving this is up to us. We own it. As commanders, as leaders, as fellow Sailors, as civilian employees and contractors, it is essential that we all live the core values of honor, courage and commitment, and treat each other with dignity and respect. Our victims and our fellow service members and employees are depending on us. And we all need to recognize this fact: They are watching us. They are paying attention to how we treat each other, how we support our victims, our efforts to hold perpetrators appropriately accountable, and whether we treat one an-



with dignity and respect.

We take care of our people on the battlefield better than anyone else. Our survival rate in battle in the highest it's ever been.

We must extend that same ethos of care to the sexual assault victims among us, and the same level of involvement and execution to preventing and combating sexual assault within our ranks.

I'm asking you to renew your commitment to owning this and solving this, together. We must and will eliminate sexual assault from within our midst. Your continued support in the coming months and years will help move us closer to a culture free of sexual assault.

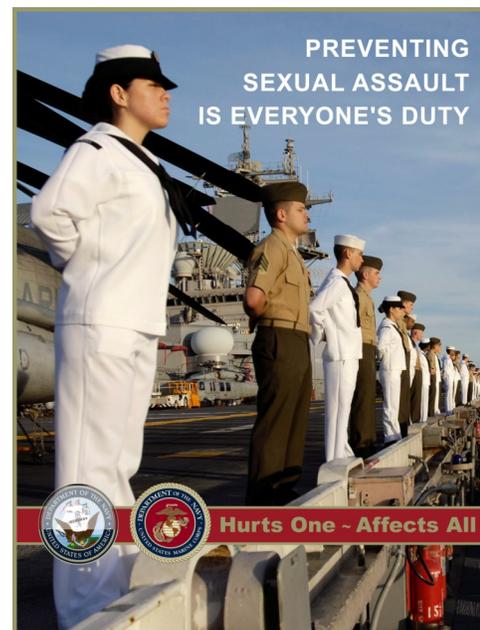
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San Antonio Sailors Participate In Local Middle School Career Day

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SAN ANTONIO – In an inner city school striving to introduce students to a research-based and data-driven curriculum, several Navy officers and civilian employees participated in the school’s annual career day event in a direct and personal way to show how far an education can take them.

Officers and civilians from Navy Medicine Education and Training Command (NMETC), Navy Medicine Training Support Center (NMTSC), Naval Medical Research Unit San Antonio (NAMRU-SA), Department of Defense (DoD) Pharmacoeconomic Center (PEC) and Navy Recruiting District San Antonio (NRD-SA) attended Career Day at the Joel C. Harris Academy.

Harris Academy focuses on a science, math and technology-based curriculum for the students. The Career Day gave the officers and civilian employees an opportunity to discuss those curriculum goals with the students and teachers.

The Navy volunteers spent three-plus hours in classrooms during either the morning or afternoon. Almost immediately, they began making their training, education and experiences in the Navy as relevant as possible for the young audience. Lt. Cmdr. Linh H. Quach, a PEC pharmacist, relayed how his past experiences and training help him perform his job, as well as see some of the humor in his daily job.

“I’m the link between a patient and their doctor as a pharmacist, helping to make sure they get the right medicines and exactly what the doctor prescribed,” he said. “Have you ever tried to read a doctor’s handwriting?”

The classroom of approximately 25 students immediately burst out laughing.

The teachers supporting the seven periods of interaction with the students agreed that the program met their expectations.

“This is my first Career Day here at Joel C. Harris Academy,” said Carol Barnes, a math teacher at the school. “It seems to really be opening the kids up to new opportunities they have not been exposed to before today. Some are very sheltered because of the inner city economy, so having Navy officers come in and talk to the students is a great thing for us.”

While the program was aimed at benefiting the students, the officers also came away rewarded from the experience.

“I represented my command as a part of the Science, Technology, Engineering and



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SAN ANTONIO — Navy Medicine Education and Training Command Occupational Therapist Lt. Daniel Houlihan (center) and Navy Medicine Training Support Center Nurse Lt. Vanita Williams speak with Joel C. Harris Academy students during the school’s Career Day. The community outreach effort was designed to expose students at the Joel C. Harris Academy — an educational institution striving to focus on a science, math and technology-based curriculum — to various STEM pursuits, something in which the San Antonio-based service members currently work.

(right) **SAN ANTONIO** — Pharmacoeconomic Center Pharmacist Lt. Cmdr. Linh H. Quach speaks with Joel C. Harris Academy students during the school’s Career Day. The community outreach effort was designed to expose students at the Joel C. Harris Academy — an educational institution striving to focus on a science, math and technology-based curriculum — to various STEM pursuits, something in which the San Antonio-based service members currently work.



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Mathematics (STEM) initiative program,” said Lt. Saima Raza, a research psychologist with NAMRU-SA. “I hope my visit inspired the students to acquire higher education, to become responsible citizens and to take pride in service members who protect our soil.”

Also meeting and mentoring students were Lt. Vanita J. Williams, a nurse at NMTSC; Lt. Cmdr. Kathleen Caffrey, a Navy nurse and the Medical Officer Programs recruiter at NRD-SA, Lt. Daniel J. Houlihan, an occupational therapist with NMETC; and Larry Coffey, the NMETC public affairs officer and a retired senior chief journalist. They related their experiences in the Navy and answered multiple questions during their visit.

Originally opened in 1922, Joel C. Harris started with only six classrooms. Multiple expansions and renovations, with the last one

completed in 2004, have taken the school to its present size of nearly 130,000 square feet with more than 40 new or remodeled classrooms, two new gyms, a football/soccer field, cafeteria and library, and a Fine Arts building for band, orchestra, choir, and Mariachi.

NMETC Jacksonville Celebrates Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month in May

Navy Medicine Education and Training Command Jacksonville Public Affairs

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — Navy Medicine Education and Training Center (NMETC) and the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery (BUMED) Jacksonville celebrated Asian American & Pacific Islander (AAPI) Heritage Month with a luncheon, highlighting a traditional Filipino menu of pancit and lumpia.

The attendees were invited to participate in an interactive display presented by the Diversity/Multicultural Committee. The display encouraged attendees to determine the featured countries based on a list of facts and pictures.

“Celebrating different cultures enlightens NMETC staff to many customs of the world,” said Ms. Ella Horn, the Multicultural Committee chair. “The interactive displays and traditional AAPI food introduces the staff to cultural diversity they may have never experienced otherwise.”

The Defense Equal Opportunity Management Institute (DOEMI) designated the 2013 Asian American & Pacific Islander Heritage Month as a celebration focused on Building Leadership: Embracing Cultural Values and Inclusion.

According to DOEMI, AAPIs represent over 30 countries and ethnic groups that speak more than 100 different languages. Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders have had a deep impact on our society as leaders in all facets of American life, thriving as athletes, public servants, scientists and artists.

NMETC is the sole point of accountability for Navy Medicine education and training, and is part of the Navy Medicine team, a global health care network of Navy medical professionals around the world who provide high-quality health care to more than 1 million eligible beneficiaries. Navy Medicine personnel deploy with Sailors and Marines worldwide, providing critical mission support aboard ships, in the air, under the sea and on the battlefield.



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JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — Navy Medicine Education and Training Command (NMETC) and Bureau of Medicine and Surgery (BUMED) Jacksonville employees from left to right NMETC Administrative Officer Lt. Teniitha Ramsey, BUMED MI Zachary Feldman and NMETC Operations Dept. Head Pat Craddock look over an Asian American & Pacific Islander (AAPI) Heritage Month display at the NMETC Jacksonville Headquarters. The NMETC and BUMED Jacksonville Diversity Multicultural Committee sponsored a luncheon recognizing AAPI Heritage Month, which takes place annually in May.



Sailors Honored in America's Armed Forces River Parade

Master-at-Arms 1st Class
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SAN ANTONIO -- Sailors from the Naval Technical Training Center (NTTC), Joint Base San Antonio, were honored in the second annual "America's Armed Forces River Parade" May 18.

San Antonio, known as Military City USA, established "America's Armed Forces River Parade" to honor the men and women of the Armed Forces.

"It was a good experience," said Master-at-Arms Seaman Recruit J. D. Morris. "The support shown from the city of San Antonio and the Veterans of the U.S. military made me feel honored to serve."

San Antonio's historic River Walk was the basis of the parade route where hundreds of cheering spectators showed their appreciation for those who serve. The event featured live entertainment performed by both military and local artists to honor the service-members.

The parade aired nationwide on over 50 television markets, including The Pentagon Channel and the Armed Forces Radio and Television Service (AFRTS).

More than 20 Sailors from NTTC received VIP seating, and two were among the 11 Sailors on the Navy float with



U.S. Navy Photo by Larry Coffey

SAN ANTONIO — Sailors representing area commands including Navy Medicine wave to crowds while aboard the Navy Float at the 2013 Armed Forces Day River Parade May 18, 2013, at the River Walk in downtown San Antonio.

the 11 Sailors on the Navy float with Rear Adm. Bill Roberts, commandant, Medical Education and Training Campus (METC).

"It was a great honor riding on the float representing the Navy," said Master-at-Arms 1st Class Mark Long, who was one of the two Sailors on the float with

Roberts.

NTTC Lackland, a component within the Center for Security Forces, provides specialized training to more than 28,000 students each year with 14 training locations across the U.S. and around the world.

Navy Still a Mainstay at All-American Canteen Event

SAN ANTONIO —Four Navy Medicine commands participated in 45 of more than 100 Fiesta San Antonio events in April as part of the annual Fiesta celebration – NMETC, Navy Medicine Training Support Center (NMTSC), Navy Medicine Information Systems Support Activity (NAVMISSA) and Naval Medical Research Unit San Antonio (NAMRU-SA).

The annual Fiesta events and Navy Medicine participation have become a mainstay for Navy Recruiting and Navy community outreach efforts, said Capt. Gail Hathaway, NMETC commander.

NMTSC Sailors led San Antonio military volunteer efforts, working side by side with San Antonio community leaders to support this formal evening dinner. All-American Canteen events and entertainment focused on the impact of WWII while honoring today's military men and women. A big band and singers performed throughout the evening as Canteen goes from the five military services and the local community participated in 1940s-style dancing. Hathaway said San Antonio Navy commands will take the lead in 2014 to help ensure continued success for the All-American Canteen event.



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SAN ANTONIO — San Antonio Navy Officers and enlisted Sailors at the All-American Canteen event during Fiesta San Antonio 2013.

NMOTC Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society Active Duty Fund Drive Highly Successful

From Navy Medicine Operational Training Center Public Affairs

PENSACOLA, Fla. – Representatives from the global leader in operational medicine and aviation survival training raised nearly \$10,000 more than previous Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society (NMCRS) fund drives in the northwest Florida region, NMCRS coordinators said May 29.

Navy Medicine Operational Training Center (NMOTC), one of the "Big Twelve" commands aboard Naval Air Station Pensacola, spearheaded the six-week NMCRS Fund Drive that involved commands from NAS Pensacola, Corry Station Whiting Field, Panama City and other elements in the Gulf Coast region and netted more than \$465,000 thousand, the most successful Pensacola-area NMCRS Active Duty Fund Drive in history.

According to NMOTC Commanding Officer and 2013 NAS Pensacola NMCRS chairman Capt. James Norton, MSC, this year's NMCRS Active Duty Fund Drive was successful through the efforts of the NMOTC and NMCRS staff, but most importantly through the donations of Sailors, Marines, retirees and Department of Defense civilian employees who contributed.

"We couldn't have had a successful NMCRS fund drive without the thousands of contributions Sailors and Marines throughout the area made," he said. "Each cent these shipmates generously gave is going to help a Sailor or Marine and their families during the next year. My hat's off to all those who participated in this – truly a Navy-Marine Corps team effort."

Each year one of the larger NAS Pensacola commands coordinates the NMCRS Fund Drive, with NMOTC awarded the honor of leading this year's campaign. The six-week drive began March 1 and concluded April 15, with numerous events including a charitable golf tournament and 5k Fun Run.

Donations toward last year's Pensacola-area NMCRS Active Duty Fund Drive totaled \$323,000, a number significantly trumped by the \$465,000



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PENSACOLA, Fla. — Navy Medicine Operational Training Center (NMOTC) Commanding Officer Capt. James Norton signs a "check" signifying the end of the 2013 Northwest Florida NMCRS Active Duty Fund Drive. NMOTC spearheaded the campaign, working with area commands in collecting more than \$465k, the most ever recorded in the Florida Northwest region during the NMCRS Active Duty Fund Drive.

raised during the 2013 campaign. Norton said this was indicative of both the willingness of service members to donate and the tireless efforts of NMOTC Administrative Officer and Navy and Marine Corps Relief Society 2013 NAS Pensacola coordinator Lt. Dawn Torrusio.

"Becoming involved in a tasking of this magnitude is always challenging," he said. "But Lt. Torrusio and her staff [Lt.j.g. Rachel Kozy and Lt.j.g. Macram Hassanieh] rose to the occasion and ensured the NMCRS will continue to provide the services to our men and women in uniform. Additionally, the phenomenal success and effort of command level coordinators cannot be understated."

Norton also said that individual commands – including Aviation Maintenance Squadron 2, Helicopter Training Squadron 18, Naval Air Technical Training Center, Naval Education and Training Security Assistance Field Activity, Naval Recruiting Orientation Unit, and Training Squadron 3 – boasted marked achievements in donations, ranging from the highest dollar amount per contributor to the highest dollar amount

contributed by command.

The Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society is designed to provide financial, educational and other various forms of assistance to members of the Naval Services of the United States, eligible family members and survivors in need. Founded in 1904, the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society is a private non-profit charitable organization, sponsored by the Department of the Navy and operating in nearly 250 offices ashore and afloat at Navy and Marine Corps bases throughout the world.

According to NAS Pensacola NMCRS Director Mark Harden, NMCRS programs are funded solely through charitable contributions, with the bulk of its working capital coming through the Secretary of the Navy-supported annual fund drive. Harden said nearly \$1 million in financial assistance was provided to roughly 2,400 financial cases in the Pensacola area in 2011, a clear indicator of both the NMCRS's reach as well as

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PENSACOLA, Fla. — Navy Medicine Operational Training Center (NMOTC) Commanding Officer Capt. James Norton (right) and Naval Air Station Pensacola Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society Director Mark Harden hold a "check" signifying the end of the 2013 Northwest Florida NMCRS Active Duty Fund Drive. NMOTC spearheaded the campaign, working with area commands in collecting more than \$465k, the most ever recorded in the Florida Northwest region during the NMCRS Active Duty Fund Drive.

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the organization's willingness to help those in need.

Torrusio said that along with raising money during this year's fund drive, the goal of ensuring each and every service member remained aware of how important the NMCRS is to Sailors and Marines each and every day remained at the forefront.

"The NMCRS has been part of our culture for quite a long time," she said. "Most of us have known someone who has used the NMCRS' services at some point, and making sure individuals serving in the Pensacola-area were aware of the various services the NMCRS offers was a goal of this year's fund drive."

Torrusio said the NMCRS is commit-

ted to ensuring all available resources are used to assist Naval Services personnel - active, retired, and their eligible family members - to achieve financial self-sufficiency and find solutions to emergency needs.

In addition to the interest-free loans and grants, the NMCRS offers assistance in times of financial need, scholarships and interest-free loans for education, financial counseling, Budget for Baby Workshops, Thrift Shops and visiting nurse services.

NMOTC, the recognized global leader in operational medical and aviation survival training, reports to Navy Medicine Education and Training Command (NMETC), which manages Navy Medi-

cine's formal enlisted and officer education and training programs, medical operational training for medical and medical support personnel deploying worldwide, and training that prepares aviators and flight crews to survive in land and water mishaps.

NMOTC and NMETC are all part of the Navy Medicine team, a global health care network of Navy medical professionals around the world who provide high-quality health care to more than 1 million eligible beneficiaries. Navy Medicine personnel deploy with Sailors and Marines worldwide, providing critical mission support aboard ships, in the air, under the sea and on the battlefield.

Navy leads San Antonio Missions Pregame Activities

Larry Coffey
Navy Medicine Education and Training
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SAN ANTONIO – San Antonio-area Sailors highlighted pregame activities May 22 when the San Antonio Missions, farm team for the San Diego Padres, defeated the Arkansas Travelers, farm team for the Los Angeles Angels, 4-2 in a Texas League Class AA minor league baseball game at Wolff stadium in San Antonio.

Construction Mechanic Kyle Rose threw out the first pitch, and the Navy Operational Support Center San Antonio (NOSC SA) presented the colors as Personnel Specialist 1st Class Zachery East-erling sang the national anthem.

“The San Antonio Missions were extremely excited and honored to host our May 22 Military Appreciation Event at Wolff Stadium, featuring the United States Navy,” said David Gasaway, San Antonio Missions general manager. “With our pre-game ceremonies, including presentation of the colors, national anthem performance and throwing out our ceremonial first pitch, all being conducted by members of the Navy, it served as a huge inspiration for both our fans and for our players, coaches and front office.”

Rose, a Brownsboro, Texas, native, kicked off the pregame events when he threw out the first pitch. Rose is a Navy wounded warrior from the Naval Health Clinic Corpus Christi San Antonio Detachment (NHCCC SA DET) who deployed to Afghanistan with Navy Mobile Construction Battalion 11 (NMCB-11) from Gulfport, Miss., in February 2012 and was “medevaced” back to the U.S. in March 2012.

“There was a large group of Navy personnel, military personnel from the other services and fans of the Navy,” said Rose, who played left field and shortstop on his high school baseball team. “I enjoyed seeing the appreciation from the military and the fans. They were yelling, ‘Go Navy.’”

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SAN ANTONIO– Constructionman Kyle Rose throws out the first pitch. Rose is a Navy wounded warrior from the Naval Health Clinic Corpus Christi San Antonio Detachment (NHCCC SA DET) who deployed to Afghanistan with Navy Mobile Construction Battalion 11 (NMCB-11) from Gulfport, Miss., in February 2012 and was “medevaced” back to the U.S. in March 2012.

NMETC To Host Joint Simulation Training

Navy Medicine Education and Training Command Jacksonville Public Affairs

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. – The Navy Medicine Education and Training Command (NMETC) Modeling and Simulation Program Management Office (PMO) will host training for simulation technicians from nine Navy Medicine commands at the Air Education and Training Center (AETC), Joint Base San Antonio - Randolph June 24-28 June 2013.

The simulation technicians were contracted by NMETC to support ongoing simulation training efforts across the Navy Medicine enterprise and to assist in the standardization of training and simulation processes and procedures, said Pat Craddock, NMETC operations director.

“In addition to the Navy simulation technicians, personnel from AETC as well as the U.S. Army Medical Department Center and School will participate in the collaborative classroom and hands on instruction ranging from basic medical task trainers to high fidelity human simulators,” Craddock said. “The training will focus on identification of training requirements and measures, developing and sharing standard operating procedures, and simulation scenario development and validation, all augmented by practical application on a range of state of the art simulation technologies.”

The joint training opportunity brings together many of the military leaders in the use of simulation in medical education and training; a group whose collaborative efforts have been ongoing as

part of the Federal Medical Simulation and Training Consortium,” said Cmdr. Frank Axelsen, head of the Modeling and Simulation Program Management Office in Jacksonville.

“We are excited about this opportunity to advance the state of simulation in Navy Medicine education and training and are extremely appreciative of the level of support from NMETC, the Air Force and the Army,” Axelsen said.

More information about the simulation program or simulation training is available from Axelsen at frank.axelsen@med.navy.mil or 904-542-7200 ext. 8222. (DSN prefix 942).

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The NOSC color guard came onto the field following Rose’s first pitch. Hospital Recruit Stephen McGruder and Aviation Machinist Mate 2nd Class Shane Eslick were the riflemen. Logistic Specialist 2nd Class Diana Francis carried the Navy flag, and Boatswains Mate 2nd Class Jeremy Hernandez carried the American flag. It was the first time the color guard had participated in a professional baseball game.

“NOSC San Antonio Sailors take a lot of pride in their service, including their volunteer time outside their regular work with the Navy reserves,” said Command Master Chief Terry Hill, NOSC CMC. “They serve the local community on color guards, they serve the community and our fellow military service members in funerals, and they serve by participating in a multitude of other ceremonies.”

Easterling, a personnel support specialist at the Navy Recruiting District San Antonio (NRD-SA), said it was his second time singing the national anthem at a Missions home game, having performed at the 2012 Military Appreciation Night.

“It makes me want to pinch myself to make sure it’s real,” Easterling said. “To think that I get to serve my country, defend my country, sing for my country – it humbles me and gives me extra purpose as to why I’m here.”



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SAN ANTONIO — The Navy Operational Support Center San Antonio (NOSC SA) color guard presents the colors. (from l-r) Aviation Machinist’s mate 2nd Class Shane Eslick, Logistics Specialist 2nd Class Diana Francis, Boatswain’s Mate 2nd Jeremy Hernandez and Hospitalman Stephen McGruder.

For Capt. Denise Smith who watched from the bleachers, it was her first Missions game, having reported to San Antonio in November.

“It was great to see our Navy so well represented, both on the field during the pregame events, and in the stands cheering on the Missions,” said Smith, the

deputy commander for the Navy Medicine Education and Training Command (NMETC). “The Missions demonstrated why they are such a good organization. I can’t thank them enough for giving such a warm welcome to the Navy and all the service members in attendance. It was a fun evening.”