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Cuadros selected for National Image, Inc. Award

Lt. Jorge Cuadros, resident officer in charge of construction, Naval Station Mayport, was recently presented the 2004 National Image, Inc. Meritorious Service Award. This award was presented to Cuadros for demonstrating outstanding Equal Opportunity (EO) and civil rights accomplishments within and outside the Hispanic community. "He is a superb role model... a patriotic naturalized American who has made good on the American dream," said Engineering Field Activity (EFA SE) Commanding Officer Capt. Charlie Khan.

As a collateral duty, Cuadros was designated as the Command Managed EO Officer. Cuadros took this responsibility seriously and significantly increased command awareness regarding cultural diversity, fair-



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ness, and EO. Not only were his efforts extensive, they were far-reaching, as Cuadros not only represented the EFA SE, but also the public works community in Jacksonville, Panama City and Pensacola, Fla., plus Charleston, S.C. and Kings Bay, Ga.

Cuadros was creative and innovative in using all available resources, especially technology, to promote DoD programs and increase awareness through education, training and personally participating in various cultural committees. Additionally, as a volunteer grade school classroom reader, he purposely picked award-winning books that focused on diversity and were associated with the different cultural celebrations that occur throughout the year.

While in his role as a Navy Contracting Officer and Construction Manager, Cuadros fostered an innovative and creative environment between the military and civilian community of all race and ethnic backgrounds. One of the important facets of government contracting is the emphasis on utilization of small and disadvantaged businesses in the community. For two consecutive years, his office exceeded all small and disadvantaged business goals.

"Cuadros truly lives the Navy's core values of honor, courage, and commitment every day. Through his diligent efforts, he has made Facilities Team Southeast a better place to work," says Khan.

From the new PWO - Panama City Site

Being the “new guy” to FTSE, I was stumped as to what exactly I should write about when I sat down to begin my article for One Voice. After thinking about it a bit, I am not quite as new as I thought. I have recently taken over as PWO Naval Support Activity-Panama City (NSA-PC) and before that was the Engineering Officer at the Navy Experimental Diving Unit (NEDU). During my brief brainstorming I thought about mentioning the recent construction going on around the NSA-PC mainly the two MILCONs in progress, but decided to take a little different track.

What makes my transition a little more interesting is that I have changed from the customer to the service provider on the same base. In the few shorts weeks as PWO and trying to assimilate all the changes going on with regionalization, PWC reorganization, and BRAC, I now have a better appreciation of how difficult it can be to maintain the individual customer focus while all the inner workings of what we do and who we are changing rapidly. From my perspective, that is why we need to work that much harder as ser-

vice providers to let our internal changes be seamless to our customer. Additionally, we must continue to understand and embrace each of their unique mission requirements to better meet their needs.

For example, at NEDU in addition to my duties as a diving officer, I not only handled the building related facilities, but also was responsible for the maintenance and certification inspections of five hyperbaric chambers, an environmental chamber, a test pool, and a class 100,000 oxygen clean room. One of the chambers was the Ocean Simulation Facility, the world’s largest man-rated hyperbaric chamber capable of prolonged durations at depths up to 2250 feet of seawater. This is where we performed most of our testing and evaluation of diving equipment and many of the physiological related studies (see the June ‘04 issue of All Hands magazine to see a little of what goes on at NEDU). Additionally, critical electrical support was necessary in the case of an emergency during a tropical storm while NEDU was conducting a Deep Saturation Dive and couldn’t surface the divers where the power to the base was fluctuating and NEDU was having difficulty keeping their back-up generator up and running. Despite the fact that the base had been evacuated, the PW electricians were dispatched and worked with the NEDU personnel to resolve the problem and were able to keep the back-up generator running until shore power could be restored.

I say all of this to illustrate the unique and specialized capabilities that NEDU has that we as FTSE and as a whole NAVFAC family need to embrace and understand in order to meet their service needs. This is only one example aboard NSA-PC, but other unique commands are located here too such as the Naval Dive and Salvage Training Center where all divers in the DoD are trained and the Naval Surface Warfare Center where a variety of research and development takes places in areas from mine countermeasures and littoral warfare to remote and autonomous operated vehicles. This translates to a broad range of services and mission understanding on our part. As FTSE continues its transition, we must take the initiative to understand our new clients missions and requirements. If we do this effectively...we win and so do the customers. We must make our choices count.



Lt.. Cmdr. Daniel “Dan” Stoddard, PWO, PWC JAX - Panama City Site

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- CO’s Fraud, Waste/Abuse Hot Line: (904) 542-5335
- DoD Hot Line: (800) 424-9098
- Navy Hot Line: (800) 522-3451
- NAVFAC Hot Line: COM (202) 685-1833, DSN 325-1833
- Navy Sexual Harassment Advice Line: (800) 253-0931
- NAS JAX Police: (904) 542-2661
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Civilian Employee Assistance Program (CEAP): Any FTSE teammate can request assistance by calling (800) 327-9757.

Change is underway at Navy Region Southeast

By Roberto Nelson, CNRSE Public Affairs

The Navy is changing the way it does business ashore. Think leaner, as the Navy is trimming excess costs wherever it can.

For installations within Commander, Navy Region Southeast (CNRSE), this means managing budgetary changes while providing adequate levels of service needed to Enable Warfighter Readiness at regional installations. Also, allocating the workforce needed to accomplish the required service levels is key.

The end goal is to create the most effective and efficient organization. "The CNO has outlined his plan for reshaping the Navy in his Seapower 21 vision, and CNRSE will be an integral part of supporting that vision as directed by CNO and Commander, Navy Installations (CNI)," said Rear Adm. Annette Brown, Commander, CNRSE.

Rear Adm. Christopher Weaver, Commander, CNI, recently said, "Anything more than you actually need to directly support mission output, to me, represents money tied up that could be used for something else - the recapitalization of the fleet, parts, improved services, and so forth...It's all about intelligent consumption."

Navy regions worldwide, including CNRSE, are currently prioritizing and shaping resources to best serve the customer - in this case, the Fleet.

"We're always looking for ways to do things better. If we're doing our jobs effectively and efficiently, we're eliminating redundancy, streamlining our business processes, and adopting a smarter, better way of conducting day to day operations," said Capt. Larry Cotton, CNRSE Chief of Staff.

According to CNI, the Navy's goal ashore is to operate more like a commercial business, with many factors influencing the decisions that need to be made regarding changes in services and how the CNRSE workforce of the future must be structured. Factors include cost of labor, cost of goods and services, and contracts, along with budget adjustments for the Navy's

share of investing for future military readiness.

"In order to buy new ships, submarines, aircraft and weapons, the Navy must find ways to conduct business with a leaner budget, within the resources and budget targets needed to get the mission done," said Cotton.

Some changes throughout the Southeast region will be more visible, and other changes, such as within individual departments at the installation level, may not be as noticeable. A few changes have already occurred at local levels, while more will be announced soon and implemented as they are approved.

Included in Seapower 21 is Sea Enterprise, the CNO's vision for resourcing tomorrow's Fleet.

"The goal of Sea Enterprise is to streamline current monies spent on salaries and infrastructure and reinvest them in the Fleet (ships and planes)," said CNRSE Executive Director, Galen Carver.

In cases where it is needed to restructure the workforce, some civilian employees will have changes in the workplace and in their scope of responsibilities. For others, it may mean that their job is no longer needed, resulting in reduction-in-force (RIF) actions.

Carver added, "We're still working out the details. Reduction-in-force actions are very hard decisions to make, considering we have very dedicated employees who have served the Navy well. We're already making plans to assist those who may be affected through the transition process."

Additionally, all military billets are being validated, and if they are not needed, they will be eliminated.

In operating like a commercial business, the aim is to ensure that processes are streamlined and nothing gets duplicated. The bottom line, the Navy and its people must get the most for their money.

"The CNRSE management team will not lose sight of the Southeast Region's mission and the possible impacts on our people while attaining our goals," Brown concluded.

FTSE Telephone Directory

Please ensure that any changes made to your location, phone number and email address are forwarded to the FTSE Admin Officer so that we can ensure that the telephone directory is accurate. Email updated information to shelly.mclane.ctr@navy.mil.

NEADS program - updates required

A recent message to NAVFAC Community Managers described the need to update the NAVFAC Employee Development and Assessment System (NEADS) database. This article will provide each individual guidance to log on to the website and update their personal information. A direct link to the website is provided at the end of this article.

When you log on to the website, your **username** is your last name followed immediately by your first initial followed immediately by your middle initial. All letters are in lower case and there are no spaces. The **password** is your last name followed immediately by the last four digits of your social security number. Again, all letters are in lower case.

Upon initial entry, there will be a prompt to change your password. This is a security feature

of the system. The screen will say your password has expired. It will ask for your current password (your last name followed by the last four digits of your ssn). You are to then enter a new password that is both unique and memorable to you. The new password must be entered twice and you must click on the apply button.

As you browse the various screens within the system you are asked to update your email address, building location, and phone numbers and to provide updated emergency contact information.

Should you need assistance maneuvering within the system visit: https://cowpens.navfac.navy.mil/OA_HTML/US/helpfiles/needs.navigation.reminder.list.htm

For more information you may also contact the FTSE NEADs Program Manager, Danny McMullen at (904) 542-5140, ext. 2031.

Thornton turns over PWO responsibilities

On May 28, the Naval Support Activity (NSA), Panama City, underwent a change in Public Works Officers. Lt. Cmdr. (s) Michael Thornton turned over the position of Public Works Officer/Officer In Charge of Construction to Lt. Cmdr. Daniel Stoddard, who was serving with the Navy Experimental Diving Unit as the Engineering and Diving Officer. Thornton will be transferring to the SPAWAR Systems Center in San Diego, Calif. and heading up the Diving and Littoral Operations Branch.

Thornton only fulfilled nine months of his three-year tour of duty at NSA before being personally selected for the San Diego position. Noteworthy events during his time at NSA Panama City included the CNI Realignment that also included the stand up of the PWC Site; the procurement of 8.2 acres; and the awarding of more than \$20 million in MILCON Construction Projects. During his farewell luncheon, Thornton stated that as a native of Cullman, Ala., he and his family had hoped for a longer tour in Panama City but welcomes the challenges of the position ahead. He hopes to return to this area again in the future.



Lt. Cmdr. (s) Michael Thornton leaves for San Diego, Calif. where he will head up the SPAWAR Systems Center Diving and Littoral Operations Branch.

Navy Hotline

By Gary Hauff, command evaluator

Do you know how to report fraud, waste, mismanagement, Military Whistleblower Complaints and Improper Mental Health Referrals? Call your Navy Hotline at (904) 542-5335 or email PWCJAX_Hotline@navy.mil. The Navy Inspector General (IG) has just released a new and improved website at <http://www.ig.navy.mil/>. Refer to this website to report any of the aforementioned; see the "4-Step Hotline complaint Procedure." Peruse the website to gain additional information and to see what is going on in the Navy. New Navy Hotline Posters and the Navy IG 4-Step Hotline Complaint Procedure (trifold) have been distributed throughout the Command. Look for them on the "Official Bulletin Boards."

For more information, contact the FTSE Command Evaluator at (904) 542-5090, ext. 2998 or DSN 942.

EOD garage addition at Kings Bay

By Lt. Brian Nottingham, assistant resident officer in charge of construction, ROICC Kings Bay

ROICC Kings Bay is currently building a \$621,000 garage addition (picture at right) for Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) Mobile Unit SIX Detachment, Naval Submarine Base Kings Bay, Ga. The project consists of the design and construction of a double garage bay to accommodate EOD equipment and vehicles, tripling its current capacity.

Design began in October 2003 and construction followed in April. The contractor, BKM Architects of Jacksonville, Fla., will have the building completed this Fall.



FTSE employee changes her “look” for others

Smith donates over a foot of hair to help cancer patients



Smitty Smith, accounting technician, PWC JAX - Jacksonville Site pictured here after cutting over a foot of hair to donate to “Locks of love.”

Smitty Smith, accounting technician, PWC JAX – Jacksonville Site, contemplated for months to figure out what she could do to help others. She is all too familiar with the challenges that are placed on someone when they are faced with battling cancer. She has family members who have died from cancer, known many women who have been stricken with various types of cancer and through her own strength continues to help other cancer patients.

On June 17, Smith headed to a local salon and told the stylist that she wanted to donate her hair to cancer patients. She asked the stylist if he was familiar with the “Locks of love” program and he said, “ yes, but you will need at least 12 inches of hair to donate.” She smiled and took her hair out of a ponytail. The stylist was shocked to see that she had over one foot of hair to donate!

Smith had been growing her hair for five years and decided that it was time to get it cut. Now that she has cut it, she has decided to let it grow out again so that she can continue to donate her hair to other cancer patients.

For more information go to http://www.locksoflove.org/participating_salons.php or contact Smitty Smith at (904) 542-5128, ext. 2162.

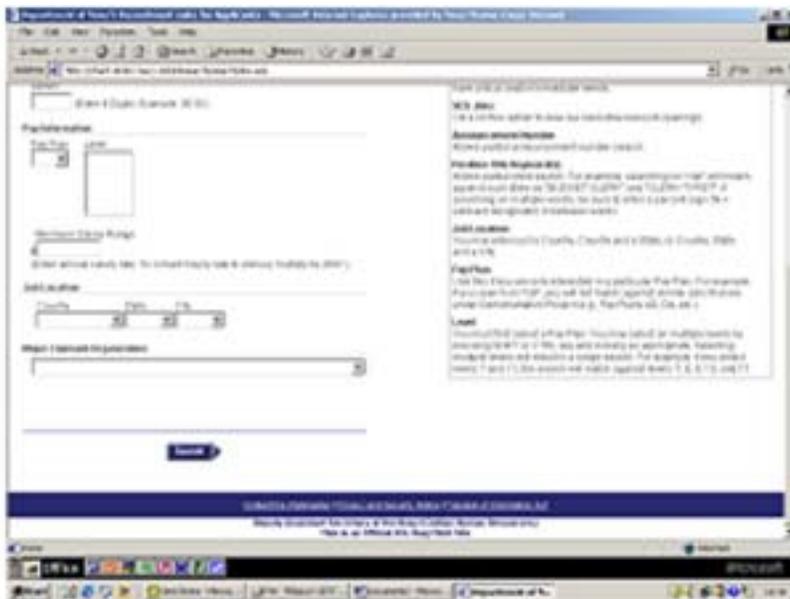
Resumix Tips - Job searching in CHARTS

George Nelson, management analyst, PWC JAX - Charleston Site

The resumix tip for this month discusses job searches. You no longer need to select a particular region to do a job search in CHARTS (<http://chart.donhr.navy.mil/>). If you have a particular occupational series in mind or the announcement number, if you know it, just plug it into the boxes indicated. Your next step is to scroll down and click on the search button.

Although this will give you greater flexibility, it may give you an overabundance of announcements. This may be beneficial for those who are willing to travel for jobs.

If you are not sure about what occupations you want to nominate, you may just select a particular region or pay plan and



grade. Just remember, if only selecting a pay plan and grade you may get several pages of occupations from all of the Navy regions. Announcements may be Continuous Open positions or for a particular occupation that has a closing date. Each announcement shown will indicate whether it is an Open Continuous announcement or not.

As a reminder, the more data you input into the Job Search, the lower the number of announcements available to you. However, the less data the greater number of announcements and the more time spent filtering out the announcements you may not wish to see.

Travel news

Starting June 21, all travel orders for PWC employees at FTSE will be processed through the travel coordinator at PWC JAX - Charleston Site. The only change employees should notice is that the travel request form will now go to Ms. Aggie Ricks, travel coordinator, PWC JAX - Charleston Site. If you are currently utilizing the electronic travel request form you can continue to send that form to the travel mail box at PWCJAX_travel@navy.mil or fax the request to DSN 794-7834. Claims forms can be mailed to PWC JAX, Bldg. 902, Code 122, P.O. Box 30, Jacksonville, FL 32212-0030 or dropped off at the travel lock box located in Bldg. 902 for processing.

If you have any questions or would like the electronic form sent to you, contact the travel coordinator at DSN 794-7400, ext. 114.

SAME learns about CNI

Pensacola members meet with CNI Deputy Commander

By Butch Antone, PWC Pensacola

While he was in town for the recent Regional Commander's Conference, the Pensacola Post of the Society of American Military Engineers (SAME) was pleased to have Rear Adm. Robert L. Phillips, CEC, USN as the guest speaker for its last general membership luncheon meeting. Rear Adm. Phillips is the Deputy Director, Ashore Readiness Division on the staff of the Chief of Naval Operations and serves as a Deputy to the Commander, Navy Installations (CNI).

As part of his presentation, Rear Adm. Phillips discussed the matrix organization that has been established for CNI and the over-arching principles that govern its operation. This recently created organization is now the single responsible office, claimant, and honest broker for shore installation management for all Navy activities. CNI is striving toward the elimination of layering and duplication, program-centric resourcing and execution, establishing capabilities-based service levels, and integrated facilities recapitalization. CNI expects future shore installation management to better link resources to output, establish a link between mission requirements, known capabilities and performance, and better align product and service delivery with warfighter/customer expectations.

Rear Adm. Phillips also had a chance to meet with Vice Adm. Harms, Commander, Naval Education and Training Command to discuss shore installation issues within Navy Region Gulf Coast. He heard about specific issues pertaining to NAS Whiting Field from its Commanding Officer (CO), Capt. Brian Watkins, and had a chance to tour NAS Pensacola with the CO, Capt. John Pruitt. It was a great opportunity to showcase the range of activities taking place on the Gulf Coast.

SAME is a forum which brings together military and civilian engineers, government and contractor, to discuss items of mutual interest. As shore installation management in the Navy continues to undergo significant transformation, it is important to keep abreast of the changes and to learn more about the critical organizations that will shape the future. Thanks to this presentation, SAME members now know much more about where CNI is leading the Navy and continue to support the vision that has been established.

New Boot for FTSE JAX area Wardroom



PWC JAX/EFA SE Commanding Officer Capt. Charlie Khan (picture on the left) recently appointed Ensign Charity Anderson, assistant resident officer in charge of construction, ROICC JAX, as the JAX Area CEC Wardroom Boot Ensign. It is tradition that the most junior Civil Engineer Corps (CEC) Officer be appointed as Boot Ensign. "We bestow upon you the prestigious honor of keeper of the "hallowed high-top." This symbol of your position among the rest of our esteemed group has not been passed down from hand-to-hand, as in

any ordinary organization, but from boot to boot," commented Khan.

Ensign Crystine Lesniak gladly relinquishes the boot and all of its responsibilities to Anderson (picture on the right). Anderson is now charged with ensuring safekeeping, care, love and feeding of the "hallowed high-top." She must enshrine it as a sacred symbol in an area commensurate with its prestige, where all may view and be properly awed by its splendor.



Newlywed spends first year in Iraq

Spouse of FTSE teammate remains on active duty during first year of marriage

Most couples find the first year of marriage the most enlightening, sharing new experiences together as a couple, going to new places together, and now introducing your partner as your spouse. Everyone recognizes newlyweds as they glow with love and the newness of marriage! Well, not for one newlywed couple at PWC JAX, as one Jacksonville Site employee shares the joys of getting married with her co-workers, her new husband has been in Iraq over the past year.

CM3 Richard Walker has been a reservist with the Naval Mobile Construction Battalion FOURTEEN (NMCB 14) for over two years and had previously spent 11 years on active duty in the Navy. Walker is now serving with NMCB 14, a Seabee Unit headquartered in Jacksonville. "It was actually through the reserves that I met my wife," said Walker.

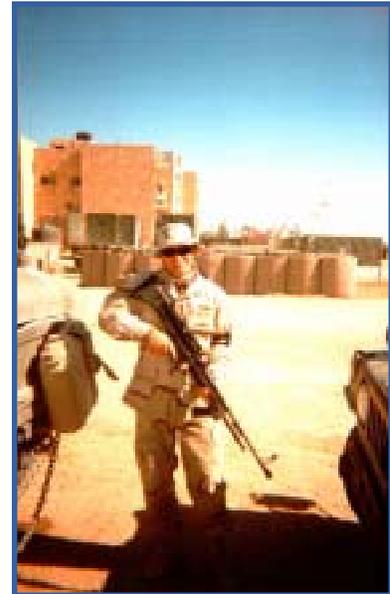
Walker's unit has recently been near the Al Anbar province of Iraq

which is west of Baghdad. Walker claims, "It is not friendly here and certainly not tops on my list of vacation get aways!"

The Seabee Unit Walker is with is currently taking on force protection projects to protect them while they are executing border patrol projects and constructing camps for the new Iraqi government. The projects are especially critical because they help to stem the flow of insurgents from neighboring countries entering into Iraq. They are also providing convoy escort for personnel and materials to and from the job sites. Our motto is "We build-we fight" so we also have to provide our own security at each of these project sites

Walker is looking forward to returning to Jacksonville when his tour is complete. Upon returning, he will return home to his new wife and continuing his education, which has been put on hold.

When asked if he thought his Unit



Newlywed CM3 Richard Walker is pictured here in Iraq. He is an active duty reservist with NMCB 14 out of Jacksonville, Fla.

would like to receive email from his co-workers, Walker stated, "Absolutely, you can never have too many friends helping you along in this place!"

Employee Spotlight

Employee's name: Ensign Charity Anderson

Position: Assistant Resident Officer in Charge of Construction, ROICC Jacksonville

Career highlights and responsibilities: Working for the Industrial Assessment Center and being involved with the Formula SAE racecar while going to Colorado State University. Not many highlights with the Navy yet as she has only been at the ROICC office for two months!

Work location: Bldg. 13, ROICC Jacksonville, NAS JAX

Years with FTSE: First Year!

Hobbies/Interest: Any outdoor activity or home improvement project.

Significant Accomplishments: Graduated from college, planned a wedding, got married, and went to Officer Candidate School (OCS) all within four months.

Family: Married. No kids, however they have a five month old black lab named Belle.



Paying tribute to former commander in chief, Ronald Reagan

- Message from Secretary of the Navy Gordon England

WASHINGTON (NNS) — Last week, our nation paid tribute to a revered President, a great man and our former commander in chief, Ronald Wilson Reagan. He began life in humble surroundings in our nation's heartland, but his energy, faith, optimism and vision of our nation as the guardian of freedom led him to the highest office in the land at a critical time in the history of the world. Under his leadership, the free world overcame the oppression and threat of communism, and he brought a new dawn not only to America, but also to the nations behind the Iron Curtain. We have all been blessed by his service to mankind.

The world watched as the United States paid solemn tribute to one of our greatest leaders. They saw the unmatched professionalism of the men and women who wear the cloth of our nation. From bands and firing squads, to honor guard, pallbearers and color guard, the precise, dignified and impressive way you conducted yourselves brought honor to the naval services and to our nation. All of you made your countrymen proud, and made President Reagan's family and friends grateful for your outstanding service.

The men and women of USS Ronald Reagan (CVN 76), his namesake ship, will carry his legacy forward in defense of freedom. Whether in public or behind the scenes, you can all be proud of your role in this historic moment in our history. Well done to all.

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Ceremonial Honor Guardsmen depart the stage during a sunset interment service held in honor of former President Ronald Reagan at the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library in Simi Valley, Calif.

The observance concluded the weeklong state funeral services for Ronald Reagan, 40th President of the United States who passed away on June 5, 2004. (U.S. Navy photo by Photographer's Mate 1st Class David A. Levy)

Employee awards - *On-the-Spot awards*

PWC JAX – Charleston Site

Charles Huggins
Bill Lewis
Jerry Smalls
John Yates

PWC JAX – Jacksonville Site

Gino Andreoletti
Robert Bass
William Bazemore
Audrey Briggs
Judy Creamer
Edgardo Cruz
Teresa Culp
Linda Dailey
Brian Delumeau
Ellen Dickerson

Scott Dombrosky
Anna Edwards
Eric Ernest
Soly Fernandez
Robert Johnson
Tomas Klaneckey
Thomas McNerney
Geroge Ninni
Margaret Northrop
Rolando Ortiz
Catherine Procter
Bruce Reynolds
Trudie Rhodes
Celestino Rivera
Daniel Roberts
Kathryn Smith
Michele Smith

Smitty Smith
Floyd Warren
Katherine Washington
Michelle Williams

PWC JAX – Mayport Site

Patrick Evans
Ronald Harback
Robert Kirkenmeier

PWC Pensacola

Douglas Chastang

ROICC JAX

Alberto Feliciano

EFA SE employee recognized for NMCI efforts

With only a few buildings left at the Mayport Site, the entire FTSE will have transitioned to NMCI. We have come a long way in coordinating the PWC JAX sites, EFA SE and the ROICCs. It has been a challenge for many employees overcoming the ups and downs with the internet connectivity, locating documents on your new computer, remembering where to store documents, meeting the space limits for the hard drive and email, and now finding that emails you receive may now come without the attachment.

Commander, Southern Division (SOUTHDIV) Naval Facilities Engineering Command recently sent a letter of appreciation to Capt. Khan acknowledging the successful transition to NMCI. Capt. Paul McMahon Jr., Commander, SOUTHDIV, expressed his appreciation to Mrs. Shelly McLane for her assistance in transitioning EFA SE associates to NMCI. "Her spirit and commitment allowed the conversion to occur with minimal adverse impact to operations," said McMahon.

There were many obstacles to overcome during this transition. The entire FTSE IT team and all of the NMCI representatives provided outstanding service during this transition. Thank you for your commitment and dedication to this endeavor.

As changes continue to take place, people are relocating, new employees arrive, and glitches may occur in the NMCI system, remember that it is new for all of us. If problems arise, please continue to communicate with your NMCI representative and call the NMCI help desk at (866) 843-6624 for assistance.



Shelly McLane is presented a letter of appreciationn by PWC JAX/EFA SE Executive Officer Cmdr. Van Dobson.

EBA serves lunch to raise money

On June 9, the Jacksonville area FTSE Employee Benefit Association (EBA) held a Salad Bar fundraiser and sold raffle tickets for a chance to win a 20-inch t.v. The salad bar helped to raise \$160.00 for upcoming EBA events and the EBA thanks everyone who participated in this event.

If you missed this one, look for the Ice Cream Sundae sale on July 28. The annual Anniversary Picnic is scheduled for October 21 and the annual Holiday Luncheon on December 7.



Ensign Cort Stringham (left), Frances Brown (above) and other FTSE teammates prepare lunch at the EBA salad bar set up in Bldg. 902, in Jacksonville.

Military awards

On May 28, PWC JAX/EFA SE Commanding Officer Capt. Charlie Khan presented Lt. Jorge Cuadros, ROICC Mayport, with the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (gold star in lieu of second award). Cuadros was recognized for his outstanding leadership from December 2001 to June 2004. His efforts greatly contributed to mission accomplishment through the provision of \$110 million in critical facility construction and modernization projects. With emphasis on partnering and innovation, his focused civilian, military and contractor team provided timely, high quality and safe projects including a \$10 million Harbor Operations facility and small craft basin, \$5 million Nuclear-capable Carrier Pier, new \$17 million state-of-the-art Medical and Dental Clinic, new homes and Bachelor Quarters, all of which greatly improved the quality of NS Mayport. Additionally, his efforts as Command Managed Equal Opportunity Officer and the mentoring he provided both within the command and in the community were exceptional.



Lt. Jorge Cuadros (left) was recently presented the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal by PWC JAX/EFA SE Commanding Officer Capt. Charlie Khan.

Lt. Mary Lou Dickson, PWC JAX – Charleston Site, recently received the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal (gold star in lieu of second award). Dickson was recognized for professional achievement while serving as Public Works Operations Officer at the Charleston Site from September 2001 to May 2004. Displaying exceptional leadership, resourcefulness, and unusual professional skill, Dickson spearheaded PWC operations, leading the public works team in achieving unparalleled levels of success during her tour. She expertly led the Station’s efforts in supporting the critical \$15 million annual Department of Energy spent nuclear fuel shipment program and ensured timely completion of 30 local specific projects valued at \$11 million. Her tremendous skill as a manager came into sharp focus as she filled the gapped transportation manager’s billet without hesitation, adeptly leading 34 civilian employees and managing transportation’s \$4.5 million annual budget. During her tour she garnered a well-earned reputation as being the Station’s facilities subject matter expert. Her technical expertise was well respected and relied upon by the most demanding of customers, such as the Naval Nuclear Power Training Command and the Nuclear Power Training Unit.

Congratulations to both CEC officers.

Employee gains/losses

Gains:

PWC JAX - Mayport Site
Richard Baggett

EFA SE
William Waller

Losses:

PWC JAX – Jacksonville Site
Fred Burns

PWC JAX – Charleston Site
Lynda Jenkins

Condolences

Last month, one of our teammates, Howard Crosby, PWC JAX - Charleston Site, lost his son when he was struck by lightning. Many of you know Howard and have sent him words of encouragement and faith. His family sends their thanks and asks that everyone please keep them in your prayers during this time of loss.

OPM Director Kay Coles James announces first Open Season for FEGLI in five years

Federal Employees' Group Life Insurance (FEGLI) Program turns 50 and celebrates with open season

Washington, DC - U.S. Office of Personnel Management (OPM) Director Kay Coles James today announced the first open season for the Federal Employees' Group Life Insurance Program (FEGLI) since 1999. The FEGLI 2004 Open Season will be held from September 1 through September 30, 2004, to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the program.

"The Federal Employees' Group Life Insurance Program is just one of the Federal benefits that employees can use to plan for the future and to anticipate the fulfillment of essential responsibility to their families," said James. "This open season will give Federal employees the opportunity to make any adjustments they need to better plan for the future."

The FEGLI program consists of basic life insurance coverage and three options that include coverage for up to five times an employee's base salary plus coverage for family members. In most cases, a new Federal employee is automatically covered by basic life

insurance. The types and amounts of coverages available are not changing.

During the open season, Federal and Postal employees in eligible positions will be able to enroll in the FEGLI program or increase or change current coverage without having a physical or answering any questions about their health. **The earliest that newly elected coverage will be effective is *September 1, 2005*.**

OPM will have a special FEGLI 2004 open season website set up prior to the start of the open season which will contain an election form and more information about the program.

The Federal government established the FEGLI program on August 29, 1954. It is the largest group life insurance program in the world, covering over 4 million Federal employees and retirees, as well as many of their family members.

Volunteer opportunities

Recycling for PE

The Chimney Lakes Elementary School Physical Education teacher recently sent her thanks for the volunteers who assisted with the President's Annual Physical Fitness Testing. To further assist the PE program they are accepting donations to recycle aluminum cans and newspapers. Anyone wishing to participate can bring clean aluminum cans or old newspapers to be recycled. Cans and newspapers must be placed in separate bags. Items will be collected on Thursdays. Please make arrangements to deliver aluminum cans and newspapers to:

Phone #	Point of Contact	Drop off day	Location
(904) 542-5140, ext. 2129	Milli Noel	Thursdays	Bldg. 902 (NAS JAX) call first

NFL experience

The Jacksonville Super Bowl host committee is looking at having active duty service members, DoD civilians, military retirees and families from the local area as volunteers for next year's Super Bowl.

"Navy Day at the NFL Experience," has been set for Feb. 5, 2005 and is looking for 800 Navy ambassadors to assist with interactive football games and displays for the event. For more information and to sign up to volunteer you can log on to www.JacksonvilleSuperBowl.com and click on "Get Involved" or obtain an application form from the NAS JAX Base Fleet and Family Support Service Center.