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2003 Transportation Manager of the Year Award announced

On August 5, 2003, Commander, Navy Region Southeast Rear Admiral Annette Brown presented Navy Public Works Center Jacksonville (PWC JAX) Transportation Director John Joneikis with the 2003 Navy Transportation Fleet Manager of the Year in the Large Fleet category.

As the regional transportation expert for the Commander, Navy Region Southeast, Joneikis manages various elements of the transportation program in an effort to standardize programs within the Southeast Region. Joneikis is responsible for a workforce of 246 government and contracted personnel, an annual budget of over \$21 million and the operations and maintenance of 2,658 Civil Engineering Support Equipment valued at \$400 million across Navy Region Southeast. He serves as the Contracting Officer's Technical Representative for two contracts valued at \$10 million annually for maintenance and operation of the



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transportation assets at the Fleet Concentration Area and manages the in-house maintenance and operation program at Naval Weapons Station Charleston, S.C.

Joneikis has lead many accomplishments over the past year. In support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, he provided Basin and Rail Operations support that included over 25 percent of the equipment and 80 percent of the munitions used in the war against Iraq. He also developed a plan and contract specification in one week for the transportation of over 1,000 contractor and 300 government employees involved in the overhaul of various ships at Naval Station Mayport, Fla. On short notice, Joneikis prepared 26 pieces of support equipment (buses, vans, sedans, etc.) and staged them at the United States Marine Corps Blount Island Command, Jacksonville, Fla., for further shipment to Guantanamo Bay, Cuba in direct support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

Other accomplishments included partnering with a local gas company to develop a natural gas infrastructure for use with Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) vehicles that serves as a model for other Navy installations. In

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From the PWC JAX Executive Officer



**Cmdr. Van Dobson,
PWC JAX Executive Officer**

I want to tell you all how happy I am to be back in my hometown, Jacksonville, after being away for 24 years. Jacksonville has changed tremendously, but thankfully, the people are still as nice as ever. I asked to come to Facilities Team Southeast (FTSE) to serve with you and I have truly enjoyed my first two months onboard. It is so refreshing to see how well the entire team is working together and I will do whatever I can to continue our success. We are all in the same facilities business and should all be focused on the goal of enabling warfighter readiness in everything we do. Having all the parts of FTSE led by one Captain certainly helps, but it is up to each of us to help make the team concept succeed.

As Cmdr. Soares discussed in his farewell article, we are facing many changes in the near future. The Navy is reorganizing the way it manages its facilities and we will very likely be driven to change as well. While it is important that we actively participate in planning for change and how it will impact our future, it is just as important, if not more so, that we remain focused on our mission of supporting the warfighter. We all have plenty of work to do, especially with year-end fast approaching, and it is critical that we execute our programs to meet our customer's needs. We all hear the rumors and it seems that they change daily. It is too easy for us to be so concerned with the changes that are taking place or worrying about the future that we stop performing our real work. So the challenge for us all is to be aware of the activities that are influencing our future while keeping our energy directed at our mission. We are an incredibly capable team and cannot afford to be distracted from success.

Again, I am excited about my tour here and look forward to the continued growth and success of Facilities Team Southeast.

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Important Numbers

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
Fire/Rescue: 911
Employee Assistance Program (EAP): (800) 327-9757 or 1-800-677-5327

Ombudsmen

The CNO has set aside September 12th to recognize the sacrifices and accomplishments Ombudsmen make to the Navy. During the past year, many sailors have been deployed, and still are, to support Operations Noble Eagle and Iraqi Freedom and the Global War on Terror. During this time the Ombudsmen have provided critical support ensuring the Navy's success and have provided families support during these trying times.

Though Navy family Ombudsmen do not wear military uniforms, they stand firmly beside our sailors and their families as valued members of command leadership teams. They are professionally trained information and referral specialists, who volunteer countless hours so commands can focus on the details of preparing for and executing their missions. They are the calm, cool voices who encourage and inspire, console and consult.

ROICC project manager receives award

Naval Air Station Jacksonville (NAS JAX) Commanding Officer Capt. Mark Boensel recently presented ROICC Jacksonville Project Manager Al Paivandy with the Meritorious Civilian Service Award. Paivandy was commended for his superior performance as a Project Manager in support of the mission and staff of NAS JAX from August 2001 to July 2003. Paivandy's exceptional technical skills and superb sense of responsibility and commitment in completing over \$17 million in construction and repair work aboard NAS JAX significantly improved quality of service and enhanced operational capability. His outstanding efforts enabled the station to eliminate over 200,000 square feet of excess infrastructure, avoid \$10 million in new construction repairs and save over \$250,000 in annual operating costs to support the Nation's Warfighters.



NAS JAX Commanding Officer Capt. Mark Boensel (to the left) presented ROICC Jacksonville Project Manager Al Paivandy with the Meritorious Civilian Service Award. Also pictured (far right) is former NAS Public Works Officer Cmdr. Rob Fetter.

Paivandy quickly became well known throughout the station for applying his unparalleled expertise and professionalism to provide the highest attainable levels of customer service. In addition, his businesslike approach, incredible work ethic, and self-less mentoring of fellow employees set new standards for teamwork that made an immeasurable impact on the NAS JAX facilities team. His distinctive accomplishments and impressive devotion to duty reflected great credit upon himself and were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Navy.

Clarification on service call work

By Lt. Jorge Cuadros, ROICC Mayport

Last month, the *Roundtable Discussions* article addressed a question about who inspects Cat III and IV work. The answer given was the ROICC office. To clarify this, the ROICC office inspects service call work, if the work is classified under the Davis Bacon Act regardless of the dollar threshold. The dollar quantities determine the categories, however not all category III and IV calls will be Davis Bacon Act, some can be Service Act and those get inspected by the appropriate PWC code. Along the same lines, some category I and II calls could be classified as Davis Bacon Act and in that case the ROICC office would perform the inspection.

Traffic alert!

The Florida Department of Transportation (DOT) will be upgrading the stretch of U.S. 17 from just north of Kingsley to the Yorktown Gate at Naval Air Station Jacksonville (NAS JAX). Construction will take place through April 2004 depending on weather and other unforeseen circumstances.

In the section from north of I-295 to the NAS Yorktown Gate, single northbound lane closings will be allowed from 10:00 a.m. to 5:30 a.m., and two lanes may be closed from 8:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m. One southbound lane can be closed from 7:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m., and two lanes may be closed from 8:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m.

Please take caution during this time to ensure everyone arrives at work and home safely.



Orlando ROICC office transforms and remembers

By Lt. Cmdr. Nick Peterson, ROICC Orlando

In September 2003, the Resident Officer In Charge of Construction (ROICC) Jacksonville - Orlando Satellite Office will see significant change after nearly 50 years of operation in the Orlando area. With the retirement of Jerry Eggebrecht, Cathy Paradise and Chuck Broyles, this leaves the Contracting Officer Mike Rogers at the helm of the Orlando Satellite Office. A chapter of history is gracefully closing. Together, these folks have over 100 years of memories and government service. But before they fade away, let's take a quick trip down memory lane and remember some of what happened with the various military stations around Orlando since before World War II.

A few familiar landmarks around Orlando date back to early World War II military activities. Today, the Orlando International Airport is one of the world's most modern, efficient and active airports, although it had a humble and interesting beginning. This world-class airport began in the early 1940's as a secondary field for Orlando Army Airfield in 1942, and had two other designations, Pinecastle Army Airfield during World War II and then Pinecastle Air

Force Base (AFB). During the Korean War, in 1952, this base was reactivated under the Air Training Command. By 1953, the base was fully operational as a combat unit

apart and all were killed," says Broyles, who was part of the aircraft support team. McCoy AFB remained active until it was turned over to the City of Orlando in 1974.

The City of Orlando converted McCoy AFB to a commercial airport and over the last 30 years, the Orlando International Airport experienced phenomenal growth as the areas economy has boomed.

In 1968, the Naval Training Center was established occupying the former Orlando AFB site. The Orlando site was selected because of its year-round climate, transportation, family housing and availability from the DoD Base Closure Program.

From 1967 to 1995, the base housed various commands. Other tenants included a Naval Hospital, Service School Command, Navy Finance Office, Navy Printing and Publications Service Branch Office, Defense Contract Administration Services District and the Resident Officer-in-Charge of Construction. At the time of base closing in 1995, the base housed the Recruit Training Center, Nuclear Power Training School and the Headquarters Command. Since

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Pictured from the left is Jerry Eggebrecht, Catherine Paradise and Charles "Chuck" Broyles.

of the Strategic Air Command and took over the Training Command. In 1958, it was renamed McCoy AFB after the very popular and bold Colonel Michael McCoy was lost in a plane crash while preparing for the annual Strategic Air Command Bombing Navigation and Reconnaissance Competition. Broyles remembers Colonel McCoy heading out for a practice run before the competition. "After they completed the barrel-roll, the plane essentially came

Crusin' News from your Travelin' Crew

By Dawn Reed and Aggie Ricks, PWC Travel Coordinators

Research continues for a travel system that will be serviceable for all PWC employees within FTSE. The Travel Request Form and process are being evaluated and changes will be made in the future to improve efficiency and make the process more user-friendly.

Updates are being made to the GTCC training module and it should be ready for release in September. Watch for more information. Feel free to contact either travel coordinator for any travel or travel charge card questions, comments or concerns.

Observation of colors

From Naval Air Depot Force Protection Officer

The requirement for individuals to stop, turn to the flag or if not visible, turn to the music and render proper, appropriate and courteous respect for the playing of our national anthem while the flag of this Country is raised does not differentiate between civilian or military personnel on a military installation. All personnel are required to render these honors and display the appropriate respect.

This requirement is outlined in several publications. All publications cite virtually the same customs and courtesies. Below you will find excerpts from the publication.

During the ceremony of hoisting or lowering the national flag or when the flag is passing in parade, all persons present shall face the flag, stand

at attention and salute. Those in uniform shall render the military salute. Other men shall remove the head-dress, holding it at the left shoulder



with the right hand over the heart. Men without hats and women should salute by placing the right hand over

the heart. Salutes to the flag in a moving column are rendered at the moment the flag passes.

When the national anthem is played and the national flag is displayed those in uniform shall salute holding the salute through the last note of the national anthem. When the national anthem is played and the national flag is not displayed, those in uniform shall face the music and salute holding the salute through the last note of the national anthem. The same mark of respect, as specified above, prescribed for the national anthem of the United States, shall be shown during the playing of a foreign national anthem.

SOUTHDIV presents Contractor of the Year Award

By Lt. Jorge Cuadros, ROICC Mayport

NAVFAC Southern Division (SOUTHDIV) Commander Capt. Paul McMahon, recently presented the SOUTHDIV 2002 Contractor of the Year Award to Military Construction Corporation (MIL-CON) for the work performed in the electrical upgrades to the C-2 Wharf at Naval Station Mayport.

The scope of this project was to upgrade the existing infrastructure of one of Naval Station Mayport's carrier wharf's (C-2 Wharf) from a conventional (CV) to a visiting nuclear powered (CVN) capable aircraft carrier berth. It included upgrade and replacement of electric, potable water, sanitary sewer, oily waste and steam lateral line, and all supporting structures including igloos and switchgear buildings.

The unique aspect of this project was the method used to furnish two 600-amp, 26.4-kV electrical circuits to the pier. Using horizontal directional drilling (HDD) technology, the construction team drilled under the turning basin, through which three 6-inch pipes (or conduits) were installed. The electrical circuits were installed in two of the three pipes, leaving one as a spare for future use for a CVX class carrier.

The directional drilling measured 2,200 feet in length, with an ultimate depth of 125 feet below the surface.



Pictured from the left is MIL-CON Senior Executive Vice President Mark Thompson, Vice President Walter Hetz and President Kerry Bentley as they are presented the 2002 Contractor of the Year Award by NAVFAC SOUTHDIV Commander Capt. Paul McMahon.

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Base Commander recognizes staff

NAS JAX Commanding Officer Capt. Mike Boensel presented a Letter of Appreciation to the group (see picture) for their outstanding performance in executing over \$4 million dollars of high quality design and construction services as part of the Station's Quality of Service Consolidation Initiative. The teams technical skill, dedication, and perseverance allowed the Station to consolidate over 350 personnel into modern facilities and prepare for the demolition of over 170,000 square feet of obsolete facilities. Due to their superb performance, the Station will avoid over \$5 million in construction and repair costs over the next five years and save over \$200,000 in annual operating expenses.

The work included a headquarters facility and state-of-the-art courtroom for Navy Legal Services Command Southeast, a 20,000 square foot computer center for Space and Warfare Systems Command, Detachment Jacksonville, and a headquarters facility for the Commander, Navy Region Southeast.

Capt. Boensel applauded them for their hard work and dedication. The changes have made lasting improvements in quality of service and Warfighter support on board the Air Station.



NAS JAX Commanding Officer Capt. Mark Boensel (far left) presented letters of appreciation to (from the left) LoriAnn Smith, Brenda Schwalling, Al Paivandy and Rusty Dahms.

FTSE Employee Benefit Association announces...



The FTSE Employee Benefit Association will host an Extreme Bowling Extravaganza on September 18th from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the NAS JAX Freedom Lanes. The cost will be \$10 per person, which includes three games of bowling, shoe rental and prizes for the winning teams. Watch the intranet for more details or contact Gary Hauff at 904-542-5140, ext. 2125.

FTSE Employee Spotlight

FTSE employee: Linda L. Mohrman

Position: Contract Specialist

Responsibilities: Perform pre- and post-award actions on Indefinite Deliver Contracts, issue task orders on Basic Ordering Agreements, post-award actions on Base Operating Service Contract which includes negotiating task orders, modifications to task orders and the basic contract, disputes, contract issues and award fees.

Work location: ROICC Kings Bay

Hobbies/Interests: She is active with the Beta Sigma Phi Sorority, enjoys scrapbooking, sewing, football, and hockey.

Favorite Music: Her favorite music is the Oldies "70's."

Family: Her husband, Tobin is a Boat Captain/Marine Manager; her son, Eric is a sophomore at the University of South Carolina; she has a schnauzer puppy named Sophie; and has been married 29 years.



Reserve building upgrades providing better savings than expected

The air conditioning unit at the Naval Reserve Building 966 onboard NAS JAX was replaced over two years ago. At that time, it was expected to earn an average \$3,484 in savings per year with the better performance equipment. Instrumentation was installed to monitor the performance over the first year. A recent report sent to the PWC JAX Energy Manager explains that the results from the initial monitoring indicated that the new unit was saving \$5,353. This is an additional savings of \$1,869 over what was expected when the equipment was initially installed.

The new equipment has proven to provide savings beyond what was expected. In addition, the report also indicated that additional savings could be achieved by setting run times based on occupancy and turning off the equipment after hours.

For information on this or other energy saving projects, contact the PWC JAX Energy Manager at 904-542-3991, ext. 4624.

Roundtable discussions

The following issues have been addressed and are available for review on the JAX Intranet site.

Q1: Employees in Code 600 voiced concern about job security in regard to Utilities Privatization.

A1: Lee Merrill recently provided a 30-minute brief to employees regarding this issue.

Q2: Employee concerned that Fleet maximo is inadequate.

A2: Transportation recently provided training to JCH.

Q3: Why are Roundtable meetings mandatory?

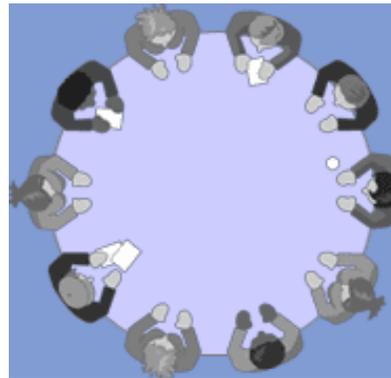
A3: It is important for the Command to receive feedback from everyone. Attendees have the option to not comment while in the meeting, but attendees also need to recognize that the Command cannot be expected to take action on problems they may not be aware of. This meeting offers employees the opportunity to voice their opinion without being singled out and provides a means for the Command to thor-

oughly evaluate issues brought to the attention of the Command.

Q4: If the Command needs to cut overhead, why do I see money being spent to move people around and renovate offices?

A4: The decision and impact of making one-time buys for improved equipment or facilities are small.

The Command will make minimal purchases to ensure a standard of excellence is maintained whenever possible. A good example is the stark difference there can be between two economically deprived neighborhoods, one is



clean, painted, picked up, the other dirty, peeling paint and broken walls, cluttered with debris. The difference is not money; it's the standards that are accepted within those neighborhoods by the people living there. We don't have extra money, but will improve where we can get the best bang for our buck and we will never displace a billet as a result of such an action.

New BEQ Construction Progresses at Mayport

By Lt. Jorge Cuadros, ROICC Mayport

On July 24, 2003, L. C. Gaskins, the prime contractor, reached the milestone of completing 55,000 man-hours without a safety mishap in the construction of the new 260 room Bachelor Enlisted Quarters (BEQ) building. To congratulate and honor the workers on their safety and quality during the project's partial duration, a short ceremony and BBQ lunch was put together for the entire crew. "We are proud of you and appreciate the work that you do for us every day," said Gaskins Project Superintendent David Moody.

This \$13.5 million dollar project is currently at 50 percent completion and on schedule for turnover in August of 2004. The 260 room BEQ, with its 1+1 living standard, will increase the quality of life for the warfighting sailors stationed or home ported at Naval Station Mayport, Fla.

Transportation Fleet Manager of the Year

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In addition, Joneikis served as a team member on the CNO's Transportation IPT establishing the benchmark for all of the other functional teams within the Navy by providing a consistent and accurate method in providing the essential justification to Congress for Transportation resource requirements funding. He is a full member with the Association of Fleet Administrators where he has interfaced with other members in performing Benchmarking comparisons with other fleets for the Navy.

His efforts have been truly outstanding and it is with great pride that the Navy recognizes him as the 2003 Fleet Manager of the Year.



A portion of the PWC JAX Transportation Team is seen here with Rear Admiral Annette Brown, Capt. Charlie Khan, and Galen Carver (pictured to the right). Photo by Ensign Tim Kaber, Assistant Production Officer, PWC JAX.

FTSE Arrivals

Please welcome the following new employees to Facilities Team Southeast:

- Calvin Collins, ROICC Jacksonville
- Lisa Johnson, IT Specialist, Code 190, PWC JAX
- Marlene Smith, Accounting Technician, Code 150, PWC JAX
- Robert Loop, Contract Service Representative, Code 530, PWC JAX Mayport Zone

Departures

It's always sad to see them go. Best wishes to those that have moved on.

- Gilda McLeod, EFASE
- Bill Cruce, ROICC Jacksonville
- Sal Serrano, ROICC Jacksonville
- Donna Hardy, ROICC Jacksonville
- Conrad Mueller, ROICC Mayport
- Charles Broyles, Orlando Satellite Office
- Jerry Eggebrecht, Orlando Satellite Office

Contractor of the Year Award

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The use of HDD shortened the overall distance the electrical circuits had to traverse from their point of origination at the municipal power source to the carrier pier. Carrying the electrical circuits under water helped reduce costs for the Navy as compared to the alternative of an overland, duct-bank, manhole system. An additional challenge came from the fact that the turning basin was located at an active naval station, with numerous ships moving in and out on a continual basis.

The major illustration of how the contractor worked with the client and met mission requirements was the way the project schedule was executed. All construction work needed to be completed during deployment of the USS *John F. Kennedy* (CV 67), the home ported aircraft carrier. The design-build contract was awarded on September 13, 2001, and the scheduled ship's deployment was from March to September of 2002. The contractor was to use those first six months for planning and design, though design work would continue throughout the construction phase of the project.

The events of September 11, 2001, accelerated the ship's deployment and consequently affected the original schedule and design period. The strong partnership between MIL-CON and the government facilitated overcoming this obstacle without a change to the contract. The day the *Kennedy* deployed, work commenced. Many considered the new project's schedule to be "extremely aggressive" considering that utility laterals on the pier, such as potable water, sanitary sewer, oily waste and steam, needed replacing.

When accepting the SOUTHDIV award, Bentley said, "we enjoyed working with the Navy and winning this award is completely overwhelming."

Resumix Tips

By George Nelson, Management Analyst, Charleston Administrative Branch

Every month this column will provide helpful tips to assist with the use of the RESUMIX system.

The next few articles are going to review commonly used terminology you may see when applying for federal employment.

This issue is going to review a widely used term called a “Jobs Kit” and also the term “status.” It seems that most online application sites mention these two terms.

What is a Jobs-Kit? Most DoD organizations use the term “Jobs Kit” to describe the directions written to assist you in building your résumé. Because building an online résumé can sometimes be confusing, let’s see if we can simplify it somewhat.

When you are considering applying for a particular position, ask yourself the following:

- What is the page length requirement?
- Is this a position that is currently vacant or am I applying to an “applicant pool” or both? (The closing date will give you an idea).
- Do you submit the résumé or self-nominate?
- Is the announcement internal or open to the public?
- Is it a Merit Promotion or open to outside hiring?

The next step in getting ready to do a résumé is to find out who can apply. This is where you will need to understand your “status.”

It may or may not come as a surprise, but not all government jobs are open to everyone. Most require you to have a certain “status” with the government. This refers to individuals who fall into one or more particular category such as:

- Eligible for reinstatement (previously worked for the government)
- Eligible for VRA (Veteran’s Readjustment Appointment) or VEOA (Veteran’s Employment Opportunity Act) appointment
 - 30% disabled veterans
 - Afflicted with a disability and are eligible for appointment under special hiring authorities

However, government agencies may hire people that have no “status.” In this circumstance the Human Resource office may look to a Designated

Examining Unit (DEU) specifically used for recruiting and hiring people with no “status.” Under the DEU, any person in the general public with U.S. citizenship may apply for and receive consideration. For more information on this subject, visit <http://www.opm.gov/deu/index.asp>.

Next month will address “Merit Promotion” and take a closer look at how to apply for a job using Resumix.

On-line assistance at
<http://pwcjax.navy.mil>
 or
<http://hrojax.navy.mil>

EBA members attend Hawaiian Luau

By Gary Hauff, FTSE Employee Benefits Association President

FTSE employees submitting the highest bids, during FTSE’s Silent Auction in March, recently attended a Hawaiian Luau put on by the Skipper and Vicki Khan. The winners: Fred and Deenie Burns, Ron and Sandy White, Pam Shelton, and Gary Hauff were treated to a fabulous evening at the Khan’s residence along the St. Johns River.

The sounds of tropical music drifted over the cool river breeze as attendees munched on sushi, lumpia and macadamia nuts while quenching their thirst with tropical drinks. Throughout the evening, tiki torches brightened the patio while the group enjoyed appetizers, a dinner that included grilled chicken, mixed vegetables, and mango salsa was served, and a fruit parfait for desert. The group enjoyed the company and dinner served by the Khans.



Pictured from the left is Fred and Deenie Burns, Capt. Charlie Khan, Pam Shelton, Gary Hauff, Sandy and Ron White.

Military in the News

On August 4, FTSE Commanding Officer Capt. Charlie Khan presented Lt. Ahmed Ferguson with the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal. Ferguson was the Public Works Operations Officer for PWC JAX from September 2001 through August 2003. He spearheaded several public works functions required to enhance warfighter readiness, which resulted in the completion of over \$16.2 million in project packages while effecting a 50 percent reduction in backlog and implementing new acquisition tools that greatly improved execution timelines. His responsiveness enabled NAS JAX to award key contracts at fiscal year-end to improve quality of service and expand operational capability. He expertly pursued the timely completion of several high profile projects, including the relocation of Commander, Navy Region Southeast Headquarters, renovation of Flag

Quarters, repairs to the pool complex and installation of over \$1 million of furniture to support NAS JAX quality of service consolidation initiatives, as assistant senior watch officer, he revamped the watch or-



FTSE Commanding Officer Capt. Charlie Khan presents Lt. Ahmed Ferguson with the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal.

ganization, developed qualification standards, drafted a new watch bill template and ensured all operating procedures and contingency plans were updated.

Ferguson's professionalism and

devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service.

Capt. Khan also presented Ferguson with the Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal. Ferguson was commended for his outstanding public service among various community organizations for the period May 1995 to July 2003. During this time Ferguson accumulated over 300 hours of volunteer service. His efforts support and strengthen ties within the community and the United States Navy.

Ferguson provides professional support to the National Naval Officer's Association,

Norfolk Chapter, Habitat for Humanity, Society of American Military Engineers, National Society of Black Engineers, Oakleigh Point Community Association Board of Directors and the Florida Theater.

Local SAME Post installs new officers

In a ceremony held on July 11, Facilities Team Southeast Commanding Officer Capt. Charlie Khan was sworn in as The Society of American Military Engineers (SAME) Jacksonville Post's new President.

Khan is devoted to focusing on providing programs and activities that are relevant and encourage member participation. He is interested in reaching out to young members, providing mentoring and financial support to deserving students through their growing scholarship program. Khan will strive to continue the many programs that bring the member families together for fun and fellowship.

SAME is a national nonprofit professional engineer association established to bring together professional engineers and those in engineering-related fields. The many local SAME Posts provides members the opportunity to learn about current and emerging capabilities among government, military and private sector engineers.

NAVFAC teammate recognized

Lt. Pam Eclar recently received the 2003 Federal Asian-Pacific American Council Meritorious Service Award. This award recognizes military members who have excelled in promoting Equal Opportunity and Cultural diversity for Asian-Pacific Americans. Eclar, Environmental Officer at Kings Bay, is a leader in both the military and in the local community. She co-chaired five base wide, annual heritage month observances and was the keynote speaker for numerous other military and civilian cultural events.

FTSE recognized during Fitness Center addition ribbon cutting



FTSE Commanding Officer Capt. Khan (far left) and Brenda Schwelling, ROICC JAX Project Manager (far right) are on hand as NAS JAX Commanding Officer Capt. Mark Boensel cuts ribbon to new addition at the NAS JAX Fitness Center.

NAS JAX Commanding Officer Capt. Mark Boensel presents ROICC JAX Project Manager Brenda Schwelling with a Certificate of Appreciation for her efforts in managing the Fitness Center project.



Volunteer recognized



Ted Baggott, contract surveillance representative, PWC JAX Mayport Zone, was recently awarded a beautiful Sieko watch from the American Red Cross. Baggott has donated 10 gallons of blood over the past years.

Employees in the News

FTSE On-the-Spot Awards

- Jimmy Greene from Code 920, ensured Quarters A roof repair project progressed as planned.
- Thomas Hartin and Gerald Holcomb from Code 920 for the completed station sidewalk repair project.
- Warren Floyd from Code 920 for his support on the station sidewalk repair project.
- Cathy Proctor from Code 920 for her assistance and preparation of accurate budget evaluation review submission packages.
- Tim Moore from Code 920 for his efforts and oversight with high visibility projects.

POW/MIA recognition service scheduled

Navy Region Southeast, in conjunction with the City of Jacksonville's Veterans Service Division, will hold a POW/MIA Recognition Service aboard NAS JAX at 10 a.m. Friday, September 19.

This year's service is at the All Saints Chapel. The program will honor all Americans who are former POWs, as well as those who are still unaccounted for and their families.

Scheduled as keynote speaker is Mr. Carl Creamer, a former Japanese POW. While a 3rd Class Ordnanceman during World War II, his PBV was shot down in the Bearing Sea. One of three survivors from the crew of nine, he was picked up by a Japanese Cruiser. He went on to retire from the U.S. Navy as a Chief Petty Officer.

POW/MIA observances are held nationally and reaffirm a promise to fallen comrades, "you are not forgotten." Military and civilian employees are encouraged to attend. The military attire is summer whites, appropriate attire for civilians.

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then, the Navy Hospital Orlando has been converted to a Veterans Administration Outpatient Clinic. Today, the property is being developed into a planned residential community known as Baldwin Park.

The Orlando Municipal Airport (ORL) was originally a landing strip and in 1940 was renamed Orlando Air Base as U.S. Army Corps assumed control for military training. The Army Air Force Station subsequently became an AFB in about 1945. In 1946, control of ORL reverted back to the City of Orlando and commercial air service commenced. Commercial air service relocated to McCoy AFB property in 1962 (the future Orlando International Airport). In 1968, airlines relocated to McCoy AFB making ORL primarily a general and corporate aviation airport. Operational control of ORL was transferred to the Greater Orlando Aviation Authority in 1976, which also controls Orlando International Airport. ORL was renamed Orlando Executive Airport in 1982.

Another landmark, the Sanford Airport, was deeded to the U.S. Navy and became a Naval Air Station in 1942. The Navy quickly constructed its facilities. This marked the first ROICC presence in the Orlando area. After World War II, the station was decommissioned in 1946 and the City of Sanford reacquired the land and named the facility the Sanford Airport. After the Korean War began in 1951, the Navy again acquired the Airport. The airport was utilized as a training base and closed in 1968. Again, the City of Sanford acquired the property and the Sanford Industrial Commission was established to promote industry at the airport. In 1971, the City of Sanford, by legislative act, created the Sanford Airport Authority.

The ROICC office moved from Sanford to the Orlando Naval Training Center (NTC) in about 1967 and remained in Building 2114 until the base closed in 1995. This building had its own interesting history; it was built by German prisoners of war (POWs) in the early 1940's. "It's no wonder the masonry work was pretty rough," stated Broyles who overlapped with the man that actually guarded the prisoners during the construction process.

When the NTC Orlando closed in 1995, the ROICC office downsized to an office of four people and moved to the Orlando Research Park as tenants in the NAVAIR Orlando DeFlorez Building, where it resides today. The small satellite office was responsible for the construction associated with closing of NTC, the Annex and the Research Lab, as well at projects at Patrick AFB, Cape Canaveral Air Station and reserve centers in the Orlando and Tampa-St. Petersburg areas. Workload has since diminished and three of the remaining staff are retiring in September. After September, the only ROICC presence remaining in Orlando will be the Contracting Officer Mike Rogers. Reflecting on the memories, projects, and clients that have been served, the entire team takes great pride in the work that has been accomplished.

The Orlando team wishes to express their heartfelt appreciation for the memories and relationships that they have experienced. The Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) family will miss their dedication, skill, and experience as the office downsizes adding another chapter to a colorful and productive history. Hopefully, the next time you visit Orlando, you will remember them and the colorful history enjoyed by all.

Multi-Cultural Fair held at Sea King Park

On August 28th, employees onboard NAS JAX had the opportunity to attend the Third Annual Multi-Cultural Awareness Fair. This event featured cultural heritage representations and art displays, diverse cultural entertainment (dance and music) and a classic car show. Several booths were set up providing employees the opportunity to



view Cultural Heritage representation including Native American Indian, American Heritage, Hispanic Heritage, African-American Heritage, the Caribbean, Philippines, Ecuador (pictured on the right) and Italy. HM2 (AW/SW/FMF) Harold Cole (pictured on the left) of the Disease Vector Ecology and Control Center spoke to employees about unique and edible insects that can be found around the world. The NAS JAX Galley provided samples of cultural food dishes.

