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### Commander's Corner

#### **Good-bye, Oceanography Time Has Been 'Blessed' and 'Lucky'**

By Rear Adm. Brian Brown

Team Oceano:

As I sit down to write my final column in the NMOC News, I find myself reminiscing not only on the past 23 months but rather the past 24 years that I've been associated with the Navy's Operational Oceanography Program. Two words keep bouncing around in my head - blessed and lucky.

I have been blessed to work alongside my oceano shipmates, civilian and military, performing a mission so critical to the warfighting effectiveness and readiness of our fleet and joint force. I am amazed daily at the talent that each of you brings to bear to tackle challenges - and there have been plenty during both my oceano career to date and especially during my time in command of NMOC. I am truly inspired by the dedication of this workforce to accomplish the mission despite enduring personal hardships, reorganizations and challenged resources.



I have been lucky to have been given this opportunity to command and lead NMOC. I've been lucky over and over again to be in the right place at the right time surrounded by the right talent with the right leaders working the right problems - these factors have shaped me and provided opportunity - to serve my nation as both a naval professional and as an operational scientist and to work with so many great people who have taught me so much.

As I depart the pattern and head to new opportunities in the joint space realm, I want to thank all of you, especially my dedicated staff, and commend you all for a job well done during my tenure as your commander. Each of you should be proud of your contributions to and the achievements of our Operational Oceanography Program; I know I am. I routinely hear from our warfighting partners how critical we are to the warfighting team and that praise isn't earned by me, it's all you. I am confident that you will continue to execute the program smartly, effectively and efficiently in the years ahead.

I know you will welcome Rear Adm. Gallaudet and serve just as magnificently alongside him as you did me. We are blessed and lucky to have a leader of his caliber take over the helm and direct the course of Team Oceano. I look forward with great anticipation to see where you all, under his guidance, will take Operational Oceanography, the Information Dominance Corps, and the Navy - I believe that the future is very bright. I challenge you to continue to seek out the opportunities in the chaos of change, that's what you do best - and always keep your eye on that Sailor or civilian forward doing our Nation's business - they need you.

I wish each of you fair winds and look forward to crossing paths with you again in the future.

Warm regards, B

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## From the Deputy/Technical Director

### Thank You For a Job Well Done

By Dr. William H. Burnett

As I walk the hallway between Rear Adm. Brown's office and my own, I reflect on Naval Oceanography's past leaders, and the challenges they faced over the years. You see, that hallway contains portraits of all previous commanders of the Naval Meteorology and Oceanography Command. I look at those photos of leaders past, and recognize that each of them faced unique and difficult challenges during their tenures – and that the lessons learned were not always easily incorporated when challenges arose.

Like those before him, Rear Adm. Brown took the helm of a command facing challenges that only increased during his tenure – and the challenges were, as always, unique, requiring all of his skill set to tackle and resolve.



Throughout his command, even during sequestration, furlough, government shutdown, staff reductions and Information Dominance Forces implementation, Rear Adm. Brown maintained a steady and patient demeanor that kept us calm when it seemed everything was crumbling. During his all hands calls with our civilians and Sailors around the world, he had the ability to distill complex problems down into understandable issues, and make those issues resolvable which before seemed insurmountable. Rear Adm. Brown has a gift to interact with anyone and an almost psychic capability to remember names – even when he might have met someone from two years ago for just a second.

His ability to interact with the command was aided by his insistence on open communication and knack for building trust. This is a message he delivered at his first all hands call and one he echoed on his last. He stayed on message throughout his tenure, which certainly helped ease what have been difficult times.

We send Rear Adm. Brown off to his new job as the Deputy Commander of the Joint Functional Component Command Space with full appreciation of his outstanding leadership capabilities. Thank you, Rear Adm. Brown, for all your hard work and openness during another unique and challenging time for our command.

## News

### Gallaudet Becomes the New NMOC Commander

Rear Adm. Timothy C. Gallaudet relieved Rear Adm. Brian B. Brown as commander of the Naval Meteorology and Oceanography Command (NMOC) in a traditional change of command ceremony held June 18 at Stennis Space Center. Gallaudet was promoted to the rank of rear admiral (lower half) just prior to the ceremony.

Brown said he felt “blessed and lucky” to have worked with the Navy’s military and civilian oceanography workforce to perform a mission so critical to the warfighting effectiveness and readiness of the fleet and joint force despite personal hardships, organizational changes and challenged resources in the Navy.

“The changing nature of warfare and the demands of the information age have set us on a new path – the right path – towards fulfillment of Information Dominance for the Navy,” he said.

Guest speaker Adm. Bill Gortney, commander of U.S. Fleet Forces Command, acknowledged the contributions that naval oceanography makes to naval operations and Information Dominance, including developing tools and techniques for optimizing use of unmanned underwater vehicles (UUVs).

“Naval oceanography is integral to nearly everything our Navy does,” he said.

Gallaudet most recently served as the deputy oceanographer of the Navy on the Chief of Naval Operations staff in Washington, D.C.

He said that it was an honor to lead an organization that was founded by the “father of naval oceanography,” Matthew Fontaine Maury and looked forward to the next naval oceanographic survey ship, USNS Maury (T AGS 66), becoming operational on his watch later this year.

Brown, who has been NMOC commander since August 2012, has been nominated for promotion and will move to Vandenberg Air Force Base, Calif., where he will serve as deputy commander, Joint Functional Component Command Space, U.S. Strategic Command. He was awarded the Legion of Merit for his accomplishments during his tour at Stennis.

### Sopko Relieves Evans as JTWC CO

By Lt. Thai Phung, Joint Typhoon Warning Center Public Affairs

Capt. Steven P. Sopko relieved Capt. Ashley D. Evans as commanding officer of the Joint Typhoon Warning Center (JTWC) in a change of command ceremony held on June 5 at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

Dr. William Burnett, the Deputy/Technical Director of the Naval Meteorology and Oceanography Command, was the guest speaker and presided over the ceremony. He awarded Evans a Legion of Merit.



Rear Adm. Tim Gallaudet (far right), commander of the Naval Meteorology and Oceanography Command (NMOC), begins his remarks after assuming command in the NMOC change of command ceremony June 18. With Gallaudet on stage are (l-r): Adm. Bill Gortney, commander of U.S. Fleet Forces; and Rear Adm. Brian Brown, outgoing NMOC commander. (U.S. Navy photo)



Sopko comes to JTWC after serving consecutive tours at the Pentagon on the staff of the Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Research, Development, & Acquisition) and the Chief of Naval Operations staff as Deputy Navigator of the Navy.

Evans has taken over as the U.S. Pacific Fleet Fleet Oceanographer.

Capt. Ashley Evans (left) and Capt. Steven Sopko (right) read their orders followed by the salute to symbolize the official changeover of command. (U.S. Navy photo taken by AG3 Bristol Rigby)

### Reiss Takes Command at NAVO, Oosterling Retires

Capt. A. J. Reiss, assumed command of the Naval Oceanographic Office (NAVO) in a ceremony June 20 at the John C. Stennis Space Center, Miss.

Reiss relieved Capt. Paul Oosterling, who retired following the change of command.

Oosterling served as NAVO's commanding officer from July 2011 through June 2014. He served as Chief of Staff of the Naval Meteorology and Oceanography Command prior to assuming command at NAVO.

Reiss, a graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy and the Naval Postgraduate School, had served as NAVO executive officer since July 2012.



Capt. Paul Oosterling (left) is relieved by Capt. A.J. Reiss (right) as commanding officer of the Naval Oceanographic Office on July 20 in ceremonies at Stennis Space Center, Miss. (U.S. Navy photo released/by Becky Eckhoff.)

### Transfer the Loop



Capt. Dean Sadanaga (right) pins the loop on Capt. Bill Nisley, formally transferring Naval Meteorology and Oceanography Command (NMOC) chief of staff office to Nisley. Sadanaga, who became chief of staff in 2012, transferred the loop at an all hands before his June 6 retirement. (U.S. Navy Photo)

## Personnel

### Sadanaga Retires



Capt. Dean Sadanaga retired in a traditional Navy ceremony on June 6 following a 27-year career.

Sadanaga, a graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy and the Naval Postgraduate School and a native of California, most recently served as the Naval Meteorology and Oceanography Command chief of staff under Rear Adm. Brian Brown.

He was executive officer at the Naval Oceanographic Office during Brown's tour as commanding officer. He commanded the center for Naval Aviation Technical Training Unit at Keesler Air Force Base from 2006 until 2008.

### Byrd Ends Career May 16

Logistics Specialist 1st Class Trevin Byrd, a native of Athens, Ala., retired from the Navy on May 16 after 20 years of service. His last duty station was in the Naval Meteorology and Oceanography Command Training and Education Department.



### Yoko reenlistment

Chief of Naval Operations Adm. Jonathan Greenert (left) administers the oath of enlistment to IT3 Yesenia Schenck of Naval Oceanography Anti-submarine Warfare Center, Yokosuka during a May 28 ceremony in Yokosuka, Japan. (U.S. Navy photo by Paul Long; Commander, Fleet Activities Yokosuka PAO)



## O-5 List Released

The following oceanography officers have been selected for promotion to commander: Lt.Cmdr. Charles Allen, Lt.Cmdr. Corey Cherrett, Lt.Cmdr. Alicia Hopkins, Lt.Cmdr. Tom Keefer, Lt.Cmdr. Timothy Knapp, Lt.Cmdr. Timothy Mcgeehan, Lt.Cmdr. Christi Montgomery, Lt.Cmdr. Ana Lisa Tempone, Lt.Cmdr. Ricardo A. Trevino.

## E-8 List Released

Four chief aerographer's mates have been selected for promotion to senior chief: Michael Christman, Vern Diedrich, Charles Doss, and Arnuflo Gonzales.

## BOAT Students Tour Stennis



Basic Oceanography Accession Training (BOAT) students tour Naval Meteorology and Oceanography Command assets at Stennis Space Center on May 19. Pictured are (l-r): Lt. Franky Telles, Lt.j.g. Melissa Jonmoore, Lt.j.g. Travis Davis, Lt. Robert Carter, Lt. Nicolaas Verhoeven, Lt.j.g. Mike Adamski. (U.S. Navy photo)

## AGCM Bob Bentley dies

Robert "Bob" Dennis Bentley, 68, of Orange Park, Fla., a former Command Master Chief of the Naval Meteorology and Oceanography Command, formerly the Naval Oceanography Command, died May 30.

Bentley served as Command Master Chief 1988-1991, during the tour of Rear Adm. James Koehr.

A native of Lenoir, N.C., he retired from the Navy after 30 years of service and was a member of The National Weather Service Association.

Bentley is survived by his wife, Judy L. Bentley; one son, Joshua Daniel Bentley; and two daughters, Jennifer Bentley Herrera and Keri Elizabeth Gaber.

A memorial service was held June 13. Interment was at Jacksonville National Cemetery.



## Items of Interest

### AGCS Stephen Daniel Participates in the Airmen Leadership Joint Panel

Senior Chief Aerographer's Mate Stephen Daniel of Fleet Weather Center Aviation Detachment Germany participated in the first Joint Panel for the Airman Leadership School (ALS) at Kapaun Air Station, Germany. The panel included a representative from each branch of service and gave the future Air Force leaders an opportunity to ask questions from the perspective of each representative.



AGCS Stephen Daniel at ALS. (U.S. Navy photo by Lt. Coriandre

ALS is a five week-long Air Force program designed to develop airmen into effective supervisors. It is the first professional military education (PME) that enlisted Air Force members encounter. ALS focuses on developing leadership abilities, the profession of arms and building effective communication.



### Australian Hydrographer Visits

Rear Adm. Brian Brown (left), commander of the Naval Meteorology and Oceanography Command, presents a memento to Commodore Brett Brace, Hydrographer of Australia, during a visit to Stennis Space Center to tour the Navy's operational oceanography assets. (U.S. Navy photo)

### Crosby Arboretum Gets Help from Sailors



On May 8, more than 15 chiefs and first class petty officers from the meteorology and oceanography community at Stennis Space Center conducted a work day at Crosby Arboretum in Picayune, Miss.

While there, they pruned and planted trees, painted the front gates and created over 200 feet of new trail to an area that was previously inaccessible. The director said the work completed by the military personnel would have taken their one maintenance worker over two months to complete.

AGCS Ananias Dauntain loads dirt used to build new trails while AG1 Kirk Hying prepares to deliver it to the trail site. U.S. Navy photo released/by AG1 Andrew Ribar.

### **FNMOCC team unites for Sexual Assault Awareness Month**

This April, the Fleet Numerical Meteorology and Oceanography Center (FNMOCC) SAPR team held a host of events to raise awareness of sexual assault issue in general and specifically, the resources and procedures available to the victims.

Capt. John Okon, FNMOCC commanding officer, started the effort on April 2 when he publicly signed the command's Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM) Declaration at an all-hands meeting. The declaration laid out specifically how incompatible this crime is with our Navy's core values and FNMOCC's command philosophy of family first and character counts. The SAPR team held a bake sale and raised over \$300 for the month's events, in addition to educating the command about the resources available to sexual assault victims.

On April 15, the command sponsored a SAAM 5K run/walk along the waterfront in Monterey, Calif., where all participants wore teal ribbons on their PT gear in support of victims of sexual assault. After the run, the SAPR team conducted a trivia session and gift card raffle, which educated the participants about the command SAPR representative's various roles and responsibilities.

FNMOCC also recognized Denim Day on April 23. Wearing jeans on this day has become an international symbol of protest against erroneous and destructive attitudes about sexual assault.

Sexual Assault Awareness Month at FNMOCC closed on April 30 with a GMT session lead by the SAPR representative from the Fleet and Family Support Center. After training, the command held a barbeque and bag toss tournament that was fully funded by the proceeds from the bake sale earlier in the month.

In the end, the message was loud and clear: sexual assault is a very important issue and it will not be ignored or tolerated by any member of Fleet Numerical, now or in the future.

### **JTWC HONORED BY THE EXCELLENCE IN FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AWARDS PROGRAM**

The Joint Typhoon Warning Center (JTWC) swept in all seven award categories at the 58th annual Excellence in Federal Government Awards ceremony held on May 2 in Honolulu. The awards presented were as follows:

Team Excellence Award: Joint Typhoon Warning Center

Federal Leader/Supervisor/Manager of the Year: Mr. Robert Falvey, JTWC

Federal Employee of the Year - Professional, Administrative and Technical: Mrs. Kehau Koa, JTWC

Federal Employee of the Year - Trades and Crafts: Mr. Angelo Alvarez, JTWC

Federal Employee of the Year - Clerical and Assistant: Mr. Roberto Macias, JTWC

Exceptional Community Service: Aerographer's Mate 3rd Class Bristol Rigby, JTWC

Mentor of the Year: Senior Chief Aerographer's Mate Enrique Acosta, JTWC

"I am extremely proud of all our award winners; they are the best of the best and have worked hard this past year. It is also good to see your command recognized among the Pacific federal organizations as the top performers for 2013," said Acosta, the command senior enlisted leader.

The Excellence in Federal Government Awards program recognizes outstanding federal employees for their efforts, leadership and/or initiative. The program encourages innovation and excellence in government, reinforces pride in federal service and helps call public attention to the broad range of services provided by federal employees. The program is recognized as an important form of recognition for federal employees in the Honolulu-Pacific area.

## Wreath at the Moving Wall

Lt. Cmdr. Max Salazar of the Naval Meteorology and Oceanography Command meets with a Navy veteran after placing the Navy's wreath at the Moving Wall Memorial ceremony in Kenner, La., May 16 in association with Armed Forces Day. The Moving Wall is a replica of the Vietnam War Memorial in Washington, D.C. Salazar served as the Navy representative at the Kenner ceremony to honor Sailors who died in the conflict.



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## Command Spotlight: Fleet Weather Center – San Diego

Fleet Weather Center-San Diego (FWC-SD) provides full-spectrum weather services to naval forces operating in the 3rd, 5th and 7th Fleet Areas of Responsibility. Sailors assigned to the FWC-SD Strike Group Oceanography Team (SGOT) deploy with carrier strike groups, amphibious ready groups, naval expeditionary units and Coast Guard units to provide operational oceanography services in direct support of fleet units.

The team at FWC-SD strives to display a culture of excellence every day. FWC-SD Sailors volunteered nearly 1,000 hours in 2013 at local elementary schools, animal shelters, churches, roadside clean-ups and assisted living facilities. Recently, a leading volunteer, Aerographer's Mate 2nd Class (IDW) Felicia Routson, received The Harry T. Jenkins Memorial Award by the Coronado Chamber of Commerce, which recognizes individuals who illustrate principles of courage, sacrifice, discipline and faith in the community.

An important focus area at FWC-SD is the personal and professional development of Sailors and civilians. Every Sailor and civilian is given access to opportunities for personal and professional success and improvement at FWC-SD. Junior Sailors are afforded many opportunities to lead and to attain challenging watch qualifications. This effort has paid dividends. This year two FWC-SD Sailors, Aerographer's Mate 1st Class (IDW/AW/SW) Stella Swartz and Aerographer's Mate 1st Class (IDW/AW/SW/EXW) Curtis Lester were among eight finalists nominated for U.S. Fleet Forces Sailor of the Year.

The watch standers in the N3 department live by the motto, "There will be no surprises due to weather on our watch." Operational safety on land, sea and air are paramount, and the diligence of FWC-SD Sailors allows the fleet to plan and execute their operations accordingly.

For the latest news on FWC-SD, please check us out on our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/FleetWeatherCenterSanDiego>.

**AG2 (IDW/AW/SW) Kyle Simkins**



Aerographer's Mate 2nd Class Kyle Simkins has motivation that is contagious and inspires his peers to continue their education and be active in the community. When he isn't volunteering to teach elementary school children, he's leading FWC-SD in command PT as an assistant command fitness leader or coordinating events with the Junior Enlisted Association. After spending over 10 months aboard USS Nimitz (CVN 68) for a Western Pacific deployment, he returned to San Diego with three warfare qualifications. He was elected MWR Secretary this spring. He has written over 40 articles for FWC-SD's newsletter, the Windsock, and snapped eight photographs for the newsletter and command's social media page. He will be transferring from the Strike Group Oceanography Team to the N7 department to be an instructor for junior personnel.

**Aerographer's Mate 2nd Class (AW/SW) Jared Dayoub**

Aerographer's Mate 2nd Class (AW/SW) Jared Dayoub started the Junior Enlisted Association at Fleet Weather Center San Diego after serving on USS Nimitz (CVN 68) to build a team of Sailors will to work to support each other's goals. His motivation and initiative around the command have earned him Junior Sailor of the Quarter at the end of 2013.



This team spirit inspired Dayoub to organize the command's Chili Cook Off, as well as Coalition of Sailors Against Destructive Decisions activities.

Dayoub is looking forward to earning his Enlisted Information Dominance Specialist qualification.

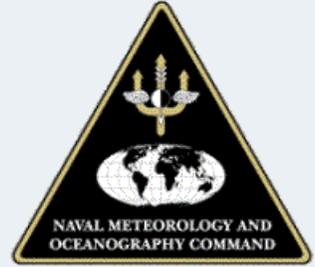
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