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Items of interest

ACOSTA-GONZALEZ EARNS HOMELAND SECURITY DESIGNATION: Chief Aerographer's Mate Enrique Acosta-Gonzalez earned his senior level designation (Level-IV) in Homeland Security through the American College of Forensic Examiners Institute (ACFEI). Acosta-Gonzalez is the first active-duty military member to hold the office of Mississippi State Coordinator for the American Board for Certification in Homeland Security, a one-year appointment. As such, he will mentor and counsel team leaders, oversee current policy and policy changes, facilitate communications between the team leaders and the regional coordinator, and conduct drills for annual state readiness assessments. The Homeland Security program of ACFEI, the world's largest forensic membership association, was certified in January 2003 and has earned a reputation as the premier professional membership association dedicated to the certification, training and continuing education of Homeland Security professionals. Acosta-Gonzalez serves at Naval Meteorology and Oceanography Professional Development Center.



GROUP FROM ASW CENTER, NAVOCEANO BUILD PLAYGROUND: A group of Sailors, officers and civilians from the Naval Oceanography ASW Center and the Naval Oceanographic Office at Stennis Space Center joined with their families to help build a KaBOOM! playground at Pass Christian Elementary School in Pass Christian, Miss. The March 7 project also included Army and Air Force volunteers. The group moved more than 180 cubic yards of mulch and prepared the playground surface. KaBOOM! is a national non-profit organization dedicated to bringing play back into the lives of children.



Volunteers are pictured from left to right: AGAN Shauna Zosso, Nicholas Miller, Cdr. Tony Miller, Justin Vough, AGAN Steven Zosso, AGAA Brian Norton, AGAN Robert Arguello, AGAA Melissa Clark, AG1 Jonathan Grygier, Lt. Matt Cushmanick, AGAN Ana Castillo, AG3 Jacob Smith, STSC Zachary Nettles, IT1 Kevyn Silverman, AG1 Tasha Bates, and David Bass. Not pictured is STS1 Jacob Schnedier. (Photo by Deanna Miller)



DAURO THANKED FOR 31 YEARS OF OCEANOGRAPHIC WORK: John Meyer, Assistant Chief of Staff for Information Architecture at the Naval Meteorology and Oceanography Command (NMOC), presents a signed farewell photo collage to B.J. Dauro at a Hail and Farewell on March 10. Dauro, a 31-year employee of NMOC and the Naval Oceanographic Office at Stennis Space Center, transferred from the oceanography community for a job in Washington, D.C.

JONES SPEAKS AT WOMEN'S HISTORY

EVENT: Mary Jones (right), Assistant Chief of Staff for Total Force at the Naval Meteorology and Oceanography Command, participates in a Women's History Month panel on March 11 sponsored by the Pratt & Whitney Rocketdyne and the Stennis Diversity Committee. Jones was part of the discussion on how to prepare and retain women in science, technology, engineering and mathematics fields. Jones discussed the role Other panelists included astronaut Ellen Ochoa, Deputy Director of Johnson Space Center (left); and Gayle Sloan, Superintendent of the St. Tammany Parish Public School System in Louisiana (center).



HYDROGRAPHERS PARTICIPATE IN AFRICA PARTNERSHIP STATION IN NIGERIA: Navy hydrographers are participating in a wide-ranging Africa Partnership Station project in Nigeria with Destroyer Squadron 60 and officers from 19 countries, including nine from West and Central Africa. Read the complete story at: http://www.news.navy.mil/search/display.asp?story_id=43515.

Training

JMO COURSE OFFERED APRIL 21 IN NORFOLK: The next Joint METOC Officer (JMO) Course will be held April 21-24, 2009, at the Naval Meteorology and Oceanography Professional Development Detachment Atlantic in Norfolk, Va. The class will accommodate 16 students, with priority given to those deploying. Interested students should provide name, contact information (unit of assignment, e-mail address and phone number) and priority (i.e. deployment status and dates) no later than March 30 to elia.sanjume@js.pentagon.mil. For questions, contact Lt Col Elia Sanjume, USAF METOC Operations Officer Joint Staff J-39 ROD (DSN 227-1237; commercial 703-697-1237), or Cdr John Dumas, USJFCOM Senior METOC Officer (DSN 836-7851 or commercial (757) 836-7851, john.dumas@jcom.mil). The next JMO Course is scheduled for October 2009. The Naval Meteorology and Oceanography Professional Development Center and its detachments can provide further current and upcoming course information.

Detailer's Corner

From Capt. Jim Pettigrew

Spring is officially here, and hopefully everyone is beginning to thaw out. For those who are forward deployed and on the front lines, thanks for standing the watch. For those who are training and gearing up for their next big exercise or deployment, keep it rolling and maximize the resources and training available now. For those of us enjoying our shore tour, enjoy it while it lasts and support those who are operational!

We appreciate all who continue to fill our high-priority billets. Here are some additional ones, and remember, I can usually go one-up or one-down in rank... If you're interested, give Cdr.(sel) Towle or me a call.

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O4	DIA	VA
O4	CVN	VA
O3	NAVICE	MD
O4	CNMOC	MS

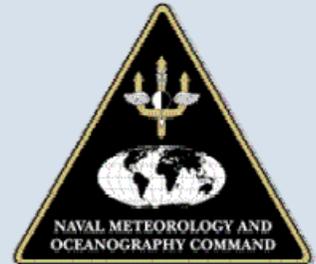
That's it for now from Millington... Keep Charging!

Rear Admiral David Titley

Commander,

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