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Change of Command

U.S. Fleet Forces Change of Command

Adm. John C. Harvey Jr. assumed command of U.S. Fleet Forces at a change of command ceremony July 24 held onboard the USS Harry S. Truman. Adm. Johnathan W. Greenert has begun journey to become the vice chief of naval operations. To read more about this story visit, http://www.cffc.navy.mil/usff_coc.htm.

Items of Interest

O-4 List Announced

The following oceanography officers were selected for promotion to lieutenant commander: Guillermo Amezaga, Cristal Armijo, Kyle Baden, Richard Davidson, Jaimilyn Davis, Charles DePalma, William Girdler, Jeffrey Greeson, Patrick Havel, Jeremy Holton, Paul Kutia, Mark Murnane, Andrea Oneill, Jeffrey Palmer, Scott Parker, Frank Price, and Mike Svatek. Limited duty officers selected for promotion were Jeffery Fulson and David Cuthbert.

Naval Oceanography Portal Way Ahead Approved

By Lt. Cmdr. Corey Cherrett

The Naval Meteorology and Oceanography Command has gotten approval to implement the next phase of the Naval Oceanography Portal (NOP) known as NOP 2.X. The NOP is the unified, net-centric web presence for the entire Naval Oceanography Program's operational web products and services, both on classified and unclassified networks.

Rear Adm. David Titley, CNMOC, was present as Bruce Gritton, CNMOC N6C and NOP Project Lead, made the "Way Forward" presentation on June 15 to Rear Adm. David Simpson, OPNAV N6F. This was the final step of a request for waiver process aimed to allow CNMOC to proceed with technology and user interface improvements to the currently operational NOP.

NOP 2.x is intended to address those current NOP shortcomings identified by the community through several feedback mechanisms as: usability, search capability/consistency, reliability and performance.

"It's important for our community to understand that there was no alternative to consolidating our web presence," says Capt Bob Kiser, commanding officer of the Naval Oceanography Operations Command (NOOC). "It was clear that the many individual legacy web sites CNMOC supported were not going to be given blanket waivers in view of higher echelon initiatives that were consolidating, without exception, all Navy websites with the further end state intention of consolidating all DOD to a single Defense Enterprise Portal (DEP)."

The current NOP was a step toward consolidation and also establishing a requirements baseline showing what was needed in order to serve up the very large volume of dynamic and perishable content that NMOC provides. Rear Adm. Simpson agreed with the direction of the planned improvements.

The OPNAV N6F decision to grant a waiver included a couple of caveats, the first of which is to transform the web presence to reflect it as a business line within the larger Navy Enterprise Portal (NEP). So it will be renamed "Navy Enterprise Portal – Oceanography," or "NEP-O." The second is that the Naval Oceanography Community will be a pathfinder for the Navy as the first community that will strive to federate with NEP, when NEP is ready.

Full article available at:

<https://nop.oceanography.navy.mil/Content/organization/leadership/cnmoc/n6-cio/portal-article-and-storyboards>

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NMFC/JWTC Hazardous Weather Conference



Lt. Kyle Franklin, NMFC Fleet Liaison and Training Officer, introduces the predominant and weather features in the Indian Oceans.

By: Lt. Casey Hughes

Naval Maritime Forecast Center/Joint Typhoon Warning Center (NMFC/JTWC) Pearl Harbor hosted its first hazardous weather conference on June 25. The conference provided training on meteorology and oceanography hazards within the maritime portions of U.S. Pacific Command and U.S. Central Command areas of responsibility and gave NMFC/JTWC the opportunity to discuss its products and services.

During the conference Lt. Kyle Franklin, NMFC Fleet Liaison and Training Officer, led a discussion on weather features in the Pacific and Indian Oceans and reviewed the impacts severe weather can have on maritime operations. Lt. j.g. John Mayers, Typhoon Duty Officer, familiarized the attendees on JTWC's tropical cyclone products and Bruce Durham, NMFC Ship Routing Officer, discussed Optimum Track Ship Routing services. NMFC/JTWC plans on holding a winter

hazardous weather conference this fall. Please contact Lt. Kyle Franklin or AG2(SW) Christie Holloway, NMFC Fleet Liaison Lead, for more information.

Naval Oceanography Article in Summer 2009 LITTORAL and MINEWARNEWS

The article "Unmanned Vehicles Tested during Homeland Maritime Security Experiment" appears on page 16-17 of the Summer 2009 edition of the mine warfare community's quarterly pub, LITTORAL and MINEWARNEWS. The article focuses on the efforts of the Naval Oceanography Mine Warfare Center during the Corpus Christi Maritime Homeland Security Limited Objective Experiment May 11-15.

Take Our Children to Work Day

By: Kate Hunte

Nearly 200 children participated in the Stennis Space Center, Take Our Children to Work Day, held Tuesday, July 21. Children and chaperones were impressed with demonstrations of a working robot by the North Shore High School Robotics Team, excited to make bracelets with UV light sensitive beads and learn about cryogenics and rocket engines.

The afternoon session for the 36 children of Navy employees took place in the Naval Oceanographic Office Ocean Sciences Building. The activities included decorating Styrofoam cups that were shrunk in a pressure vessel, and learning about the speed of sound in water.



Rear Adm. Titley Interviewed on "Armed with Science"

The Oceanographer of the Navy, Rear Adm. David Titley, was interviewed July 28 on the "Armed with Science" webcast regarding the Navy's new Task Force Climate Change and the Arctic. The interview lasted about 30 minutes and provided a fairly comprehensive discussion on Navy/DoD concerns regarding climate change, with a particular focus on the Arctic. To hear the interview visit, <http://www.defenselink.mil/Blogger/Index.aspx> and go to "The Pentagon Web Radio - Episode #26 Assessing the Arctic."

Detailer's Column

1800 Detailer

By CAPT Jim Pettigrew, PERS 449

Congratulations to our newly selected O-4s! These officers will be the leaders of our community soon so watch out, here they come! A common factor among these selectees is recognized, superior performance in the billets they were filling as JOs. Some were at sea, some were forward-deployed, some were at joint commands; but all continually broke themselves out from the pack. Pay attention to where you are compared with your reporting senior's average.

In closing, here are some high-visibility billets that are high-priority fills. Remember, I can usually go one-up or one-down in rank. If you're interested, give Cmdr. (sel) Towle or me a call.

O-5	NGA	NOW	VA
O-3	NAVICE	NOW	MD
O-4	CNMOC	NOW	MS
O-3/O-4	USNA	DEC 09	Annapolis
O-4	CNFK	Feb 10	Seoul

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

Rear Admiral David Titley

Commander,

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