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Almost 600 SSC Atlantic employees, military, contractors, friends and family made their way to Joseph P. Riley, Jr. Park (the Joe) May 2 to watch the RiverDogs take on the Delmarva Shorebirds, and enjoy a picnic and games between innings. They also cheered on SSC Atlantic Commanding Officer Capt. Amy Burin and Executive Director Steve Dunn as they threw out ceremonial first pitches.

Most SSC Atlantic attendees wore red shirts to honor our nation’s military personnel, as is the custom for all Friday RiverDog games at the 5,549-seat ballpark located on the banks of the Ashley River in Charleston.

As the game began and SSC Atlantic employees were enjoying hamburgers and hotdogs, Joseph P. Riley, mayor of Charleston and the ballpark’s namesake, sent a video message to attendees. “You have some very special guests picnicking at the park tonight ... civilians, military personnel and contractors from SPAWAR Systems Center Atlantic,”

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At left, Dunn and Burin enjoy a photo op with Chelsea and Charlie T. RiverDog. Above, Chelsea and Charlie watch as Burin winds up for her throw. At right, Dunn puts some heat on his pitch.
Lewis named next SPAWAR commander

Rear Adm. David H. Lewis, currently Program Executive Officer, Ships, at the Navy Yard in Washington, D.C., has been named the next commander of SPAWAR-SYSCOM. He will succeed Rear Adm. Patrick Brady, who has served as commander since August 2010, during a change of command ceremony this summer.

In his current position, Lewis is responsible for Navy shipbuilding for surface combatants, amphibious ships, logistics support ships, support craft, and related foreign military sales.

Lewis was commissioned in 1979 through the Navy ROTC Program at the University of Nebraska with a Bachelor of Science degree in Computer Science. His sea duty assignments were aboard USS Spruance (DD 963), USS Biddle (CG 34) and USS Ticonderoga (CG 47). His major command assignment was Aegis Shipbuilding Program Manager in PEO Ships.

Lewis’ shore assignments include executive assistant to the Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Research, Development and Acquisition), Assistant Chief of Staff for Maintenance and Engineering, Commander, Naval Surface Forces, where he also served as a charter member of the Surface Warfare Enterprise. Other ship maintenance and acquisition assignments ashore include the Navy Secretariat staff; Commander, Naval Sea Systems Command staff; Aegis Shipbuilding Program Office; Supervisor of Shipbuilding, Bath; and Readiness Support Group, San Diego.

Upon selection to flag rank, Lewis served as Vice Commander, Naval Sea Systems Command.

Barfield reports as SSC Atlantic CMC

Born and raised in Texas, Master Chief Hull Technician (Surface Warfare) Michael W. Barfield graduated from Fairfield High School in May 1985 and entered the U.S. Navy attending basic training at Naval Training Center Great Lakes in July 1985.

His first duty assignment was aboard USS Richard L. Page (FFG 5) homeported in Norfolk, Va., followed by assignments on USS Shenandoah (AD 44); Assault Craft Unit 4; USS America (CV 66); Shore Intermediate Maintenance Activity Ingleside, Texas; USS Harry S. Truman (CVN 75); Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard; and Commander Naval Air Forces, Atlantic.

He was selected for advancement to Chief Petty Officer in September 1994; to Senior Chief Petty Officer in April 2000; and to Master Chief Petty Officer in 2003. He comes to SSC Atlantic as Command Master Chief after a tour as the Naval Tactical Command Support System Fleet Support Master Chief.
In celebration of National Bike to Work Day May 16, SSC Atlantic employees took the third annual Bike to SPAWAR Fun Ride. Meeting at Gate 4 of Joint Base Charleston - Weapons Station at 8 a.m., they rode to the main engineering center together, led by SSC Atlantic Executive Director Steve Dunn and Executive Officer Cmdr. Marcia Ziemba. With partly cloudy skies and a morning temperature of 60 degrees, it was a great day for a ride. For more information about the community of SPAWAR bicycle commuters, visit the SPAWAR Sprockets blog at https://blog.spawar.navy.mil/spawarsprockets/.

A great day for a bike ride

Former SSC Atlantic Executive Officer Cmdr. Mike Trovato is piped ashore during his retirement ceremony May 22 held aboard battleship Wisconsin (BB 64) at the Nauticus Naval Museum in Norfolk, Va. The commander, an Informational Professional Officer and qualified Information Dominance Warfare Officer, retired after 27 years of naval service during which he was assigned to a variety of Navy and Marine Corps units.

FAIR WINDS AND FOLLOWING SEAS

Photo by Joe Bullinger

Photo by Jerry Sekerak
Cmdr. Chris Tallon assumed duties as the first-ever Officer-in-Charge (OIC) of SSC Atlantic Hampton Roads (HR) Detachment during an Assumption of Charge ceremony in February on board Naval Station Norfolk.

As OIC, Tallon reports directly to the SSC Atlantic Commanding Officer Capt. Amy D. Burin, serves as the local lead at SSC Atlantic’s Hampton Roads Detachment and the primary SPAWAR representative to regional military commands, local community representatives and fleet stakeholders. His primary responsibilities include supporting the fleet and the SPAWAR Enterprise by enhancing communications and interaction with the regional fleet commander and his staff.

Hampton Roads is home to the largest concentration of U.S. naval forces in the world. The SSC Atlantic team located there is some 90 military personnel and 690 government employees strong and works in Norfolk, Joint Expeditionary Base Little Creek - Fort Story, St. Juliane Creek and several other locations in Hampton Roads. They operate out of 37 buildings across the region, providing a full range of services to the fleet, everything from software engineering, requirements development, testing, life cycle logistics and help desk services.

Tallon assumed the new OIC position after serving as SSC Atlantic’s Fleet Support Officer (FSO) in Hampton Roads for 23 months. “He brings with him renewed energy and extensive operational leadership experience, with the added bonus of having served with the SPAWAR family over the past couple of years,” said Burin.

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“Together, Cmrd. Tallon, Cmrd. Tim Rafferty (OIC New Orleans, Louisiana,) and Cmrd. Brent West (OIC, National Capital Region) strengthen SSC Atlantic’s presence by serving as the primary SPAWAR representatives to regional military commands, local agencies, and other critical stakeholders,” Burin added. “Their strategically located positions allow for greater mission partnering, dual transparency and relationship building ... key elements for Information Dominance success.”

SPAWAR’s presence in Hampton Roads has evolved greatly in support of the Navy, starting in 1978 with establishment of the Navy Management Systems Support Office, or NAVMASSO. In October of 1997, NAVMASSO joined with SPAWAR and became SPAWAR Systems Center (SSC) Chesapeake. In January 2002, SSC Chesapeake relocated to Norfolk Naval Base and became SSC Norfolk. In 2008 SPAWAR in Norfolk, along teams in New Orleans, Washington, D.C., Tampa and Charleston, rolled up to become SSC Atlantic. Today, more than 2,500 sites around the world rely on the products and services SSC Atlantic Hampton Roads provides to maintain unit readiness. The team supports more than 280 ships and submarines, combat units and support units, including special operations, construction battalions, aircraft squadrons, Marine expeditionary forces, shore-based commands and operating forces that travel the world.

“His naval experience makes (Tallon) the perfect fit for OIC Hampton Roads,” Burin said. He started out as a sonar technician, serving on frigates USS Gallery (FFG 26) and USS Flatley (FFG 21). Then he was commissioned an ensign and became a surface warfare officer. He has served on the frigate USS John L. Hall (FFG 32), guided missile destroyers USS Roosevelt (DDG 80) and USS Preble (DDG 88) and the amphibious assault ship USS Bataan (LHD 5).

Tallon has a bachelor’s degree in political science, is a Navy master training specialist and has a Master of Business Administration degree.
Aviation Electronics Technician 3rd Class Christopher Davis, assigned to Patrol Squadron (VP) 16, prepares to launch a P-8A Poseidon aircraft Nov. 29, 2013. VP-16 is the first operational squadron to deploy with the P-8A.

TacMobile gives warfighters information dominance

The Navy’s P-8A Poseidon aircraft was in the news recently during the search for the missing Malaysian airliner.

The P-8A, a militarized Boeing 737, is well known as the successor of the Navy workhorse P-3C Orion, a long-range anti-submarine warfare (ASW), anti-surface warfare (ASuW), intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance (ISR) aircraft capable of broad-area, maritime and littoral operations.

What is lesser known about the P-8A is the vital role SSC Atlantic plays in enabling this Maritime Patrol Reconnaissance Forces (MPRF) platform to conduct its missions.

SSC Atlantic teams in Patuxent River, Maryland, and in Charleston, design, develop and build the Tactical Mobile (TacMobile) system that supports both P-3 and P-8 aircraft. SSC Atlantic also has a small presence at NAS Jacksonville, Florida, where the first P-8A aircraft are based.

“Unlike the P-3 which can fly missions ‘on its own’ without TacMobile support, the P-8 requires TacMobile to prepare all its mission software and media to conduct any type of mission,” said Truett “Stoney” Stone, Mission Planning/Tactical Systems Support Sub-IPT Lead at the SSC Atlantic Patuxent

SSC Atlantic’s Charleston TacMobile team.

Photo by Joe Bullinger
The P-8A Poseidon is designed with the latest avionics and onboard systems, making it one of the most advanced anti-submarine and anti-surface warfare aircraft in the world.

The P-8A Poseidon is designed to secure the Navy’s future in long-range maritime patrol capability, while transforming how the Navy’s maritime patrol and reconnaissance force will man, train, operate and deploy. The P-8A provides more combat capability from a smaller force and less infrastructure while focusing on worldwide responsiveness and interoperability with traditional manned forces and evolving unmanned sensors.

Thirteen P-8A Poseidons were in the inventory as of February 2014. Projected inventory is 117.

SSC Atlantic’s Patuxent River TacMobile team.

He quoted a senior P-8 crewman as saying, “Without TacMobile, the P-8 is nothing but an airliner.”

SSC Atlantic has a long history with the TacMobile program, which provides the Navy’s maritime patrol aircraft with pre-flight, in-flight and post-flight data processing and analysis. TacMobile allows warfighters to plan, direct and control the tactical operations of operations of MPRF, joint and naval expeditionary forces, and other assigned units within their respective areas of responsibility. TacMobile encompasses more than 18 worldwide operational systems and multiple laboratory systems in Patuxent River and Charleston.

The TacMobile program consists of three systems; the Tactical Operations Center (TOC) and the Mobile Tactical Operations Center (MTOC), which are components of the MPRF family of systems supporting maritime aircraft such as P-8A, P-3C and Triton, UAS; and the Joint Mobile Ashore Support Terminal, which supports naval component commanders operating ashore in an expeditionary environment.

The TacMobile system is fielded to six TOCs located around the world, plus 12 MTOCs which are an expeditionary force able to deploy anywhere in the world.

TacMobile systems provide TOC and MTOC personnel the ability to collect and analyze mission data to provide force commanders integrated and actionable tactical information in support of naval expeditionary forces. The TOC and MTOC receive the air tasking orders, collect information pertaining to the tasking, and provide the aircrew with pre-flight briefs that prepare them to execute their missions and then perform in-flight support and post-mission analysis. SSC Atlantic is the technical design agent and production activity for TacMobile, and the ISEA for life cycle sustainment of the delivered capability.

Through the years, SSC Atlantic teams have been recognized for their consistent TacMobile success. On April 18, 2014, the TacMobile team received an Acquisition Achievement Award for successful achievement of the TacMobile Increment 2.1 Full Rate Production decision. Increment 2.1 is a critical component of the P-8A Poseidon aircraft weapons system, providing comprehensive command and control capabilities. The team successfully coordinated complex systems engineering and technical issues with the P-8A program office involving software development, hardware development, C4I integration and sensor processing and exploitation. They enabled a successful Operational Evaluation and Technical Evaluation and demonstrated real-world effectiveness during multiple operational exercises.

In 2013 the TacMobile project was applauded in the SSC Atlantic Inspection Outbrief with a Meritorious Find-

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With the help of SSC Atlantic’s Rudy Diaz, airmen at Kandahar Airfield, Afghanistan upgraded air control capabilities throughout the country April 27 when they replaced one of their TPS-75 long-range radar systems.

The 73rd Expeditionary Air Control Squadron, “Double Dagger,” recently updated a military radar site. The replacement culminated months of planning and coordination.

“The new system is an incredible asset,” said U.S. Air Force Col. Scott Campbell, 451st Air Expeditionary Group Commander, “that ensures we will keep providing the 240 nautical mile air picture needed for hundreds of combat sorties a day.”

Diaz of Code 42240, assigned to SSC Atlantic’s Special Programs IPT, along with Staff Sgt. Joseph Fletcher and Staff Sgt. Meghan Beach, 73 EACS radar noncommissioned officers, and the contracted crane team foreman, briefed the team on the order of activities and each phase’s safety precautions. From there, the team removed 80 ½-inch bolts holding the radome to the tower; lifted the radome from the tower; removed radar number 1057 from the tower; placed radar number 1040 on top of platform; raised and re-aligned the 5,000 pound radome; and replaced the bolts. With the help of an 80-foot bucket truck and 100-foot crane, the team accomplished the mission in a single day.

The installation of the radar system actually began months before and required cooperation across the Air Force, SSC Atlantic and Department of Defense. Since September 2013, radar number 1057 had required significant maintenance. Due for its five-year refurbishment at a depot in Tobyhanna, Penn., number 1057 was burning through assemblies and components at an accelerated pace. Maintenance technicians worked in overdrive to keep the 1970s era radar spinning.

Squadron leadership and technicians reached back to higher headquarters, and Air Combat Command leaders and Tobyhanna depot members worked rapidly to prepare radar number 1040, fresh off the refurbishment line, for shipment to Afghanistan.

“Rudy also worked with the Kandahar NATO Air Traffic Controllers to integrate their commercial air traffic control radar system -- called the STAR 2000 -- providing feeds of that radar system into the SSC Atlantic/Special Programs-designed, built and fielded Kabul Area Control Center and the SSC Atlantic/Special Programs IPT-designed, built and fielded Battle Space Command and Control Center (BC3) network,” said Paul Drago, ATC Sub-Portfolio/Special Programs IPTL (PM) Advanced Program Management 633. “These radar feeds provide additional sensor inputs into the BC3 network, giving the warfighter expanded sense and detect capabilities from nodes in other countries,” he added.
Hedge your bets

Currently, in this time of shrinking budgets, DoD leadership must make tough decisions that meet sequestration guidance. While “go, no go” decisions on government programs are nothing new for acquisition programs, a different way of thinking has been introduced within the DoD science and technology (S&T) community. Ultimately, DoD leadership is striving to reverse the eroding national research base during a time when the federal government is facing unprecedented financial stress.

The extent of the budget reduction over the next few years has brought a different S&T strategic investment perspective based on the premise that you cannot buy back lost time. This means, if an aggressive research program is not maintained in an austere time, it is nearly impossible to catch up when budgets are less pressurized in the future.

One approach to guiding S&T investments is to anticipate how a given technology, or technologies, will mature into a new capability. Then, perform an estimate of what that capability will cost to develop, manufacture and maintain. If the complete life cycle cost is prohibitive, one could make the decision to not invest in the S&T upfront if they can’t afford the eventual cost in the out years.

Conversely, a very different approach is to maintain a strong research program focused on developing many relevant technologies, and not on the commitment for transition. In other words, hedge your risk of losing technological superiority by maintaining an active research program. The end goal should demonstrate a prototype that proves out a given technology application or development and allows the evaluation of new concepts. Then, when future budgets allow, bring the latest technology being worked into new acquisition programs.

As Secretary Hagel said in a February address, “The development and proliferation of more advanced military technologies by other nations means that we are entering an era where American dominance on the seas, in the skies and in space can no longer be taken for granted.” In response to this reality, DoD has taken measures to downsize the military footprint and delay modernization programs in favor of protecting the very limited research and development dollars.

While the large cogs of the DoD are turning and arguments are being formed, we see the effects and importance of these strategies right here in our own SSC Atlantic backyard. Mary Lacey, DASN/RDT&E, recently testified to the subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities, Committee on Armed Services, about the importance of technical competence within the naval laboratory structure.

While technical competence can be measured from many aspects, it ultimately can only be realized by performing...
PMP Exam Prep Workshop
Preparing employees for project management certification

By Holly Quick
SSC Atlantic Public Affairs

Project Manager and Command Risk Manager Erik Rooman came to SSC Atlantic’s Acquisition Policy, Processes and Tools Competency (Code 61) in October 2012 with an extensive training and project management background. He partnered with the Organization Development and Training Management Competency (Code 813) to develop and implement the Project Management Professional (PMP) Exam Preparation Workshop, which kicked off Feb. 4.

The mission of the 12-week workshop, which has completed its pilot phase, is to develop and deliver specialized content to teach the fundamental concepts documented in the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK Guide 5th ed.), to enable employees to better understand project management concepts, and to provide knowledge and resources for empowering employees to pass the PMP exam. There were 20 participants in the pilot class – 15 in Charleston and five in Norfolk who participated via VTC.

Rooman’s training background includes serving as a Navy nuclear field instructor, Charleston County School District substitute teacher, instructor at a law firm and manufacturing company, undergraduate physics lab instructor at The Citadel, and most recently, project management instructor at The Citadel Graduate College. His experience and passion for teaching make Rooman well qualified to develop the curriculum and teach the PMP Exam Preparation Workshop.

While developing the curriculum, which includes a workbook, weekly quizzes and a final exam, Rooman wanted to enable learning by finding the right balance of delivering content over the 12-week period. “Too often people go through boot camp with a fire hose approach and there is not a lot of learning,” said Rooman. “My goal was to spread out the content and create an interactive environment for participants to learn concepts better – they will be able to digest the content easier since everything is broken up into smaller pieces.”

For more complex concepts, Rooman developed YouTube videos which delve deeper into the content and allow for more discussion time during class. Students are encouraged to watch the video before class and come prepared with questions. “This allows for less lecture and more discussion, since we only meet for three hours per week,” Rooman said.
Code 813 worked with the Project Management Institute (PMI) to ensure the curriculum meets the training requirements. In addition to the workshop, students received the PMBOK Guide, workbook and study software at no cost, and the cost of the PMP exam is reimbursed once the student passes. Students are required to volunteer their own time, and make up any missed hours from work.

When students completed the workshop at the end of April, not only were they well prepared to take the PMP Exam, but they had been introduced to new program management concepts they can apply to their current jobs at SSC Atlantic.

“I feel this is important because I believe in the power that training can have on the culture and successful operation of an organization,” said Rooman. “Training can have positive and lasting impacts on culture, as well as help identify opportunities for continuous improvement; I am happy that I have the opportunity to make this contribution!”

Hampton Roads PMP class members, from left, Andrae J. Marable, Jeff Brisendine, Scott G. Ainsworth, Stan Shelhorse and Williams J. Warren, pose in the lobby of Bldg. Z-133.
It has been a little over a year since I walked through the doors of SSC Atlantic as a New Professional in the Naval Acquisition Development Program (NADP). Until that point, I had not set foot on a military installation since serving in the United States Army eight years ago as a military police officer. I joined the military right after I graduated from the University of South Carolina in 2000 and served on active duty for three years in various locations across the world. I loved the military lifestyle and my ultimate goal was to get back in the same environment, working with military personnel. Since I became a part of the NADP my dream is becoming reality.

Achieving my goal did require some changes involving my family. We ended up moving to the Charleston area so my husband and I could both attempt to attain our dream jobs. With my husband working, and my job as cost analyst for Fortune 500 international printing company changing from the economic downturn, I decided to go back to school and obtained my Bachelor of Science in accounting from the University of Phoenix. While in school, I used an employment agency to assist me with finding another job that was different from where I previously worked. Right before I graduated, I got an unexpected call from SSC Atlantic, asking if I would be interested in participating in NADP as a Business Financial Manager (BFM). I knew I wanted to work for the government and was familiar with SSC Atlantic, but I wanted to find out more about the program before making my decision.

So far the requirements have been rewarding. I have been able to spend time reading about the finance competency and SSC Atlantic’s policies and business rules in the Financial Manager Regulation (FMR). A requirement is to take courses in Defense Acquisition University (DAU) with subjects ranging from acquisitions to financial reporting. In two years I will be Level 2 certified in financial management.

While in the program you are assigned a mentor who will show you the organization’s ins and outs while helping you meet your requirements. I’ve been able to work alongside and shadow a mentor who was assigned to me, and that has been a valuable asset I did not have in previous jobs. With my mentor’s help I now manage and support my own projects in the organization. At SSC Atlantic I’m able to have several mentors who assist me with different areas that I encounter while managing my projects, in addition to recommending certain rotations that would be helpful to me.

Rotational assignments are encouraged and required during the program. This is an added bonus as an NADP because generally other new hires don’t get the added experience of shadowing other sections. For me this gives a better understanding of the work that I am doing and what is required. I still have a few more rotations to do before I graduate to give me a full understanding of the overall picture. There is continuous on-the-job training and mini-financial reviews on procedures and guidelines. I have found if I don’t know the answer or understand the task at hand, there is always someone there to help.

There is an Individual Development Plan that is required to assist with career development and training. Each quarter I meet with my supervisor and go over what I am working on, goals, strengths and weaknesses. I find this to be very helpful with my career development. I had goals coming into the programming and additional goals after shadowing my mentors. There are many opportunities in this program to those who apply themselves and complete the required tasks. I have found you have to take the initiative, be willing to learn and ask questions to be successful here.

Being in the program...
Kennedy

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and having the desire to succeed, I am now an Integrated Product Team (IPT) BFM responsible for managing approximately $15 million for E2C, FCEA and multimedia projects here at SSC Atlantic. Working on these diverse projects has provided me the ability to see all types of funding and multiple sponsors. I provide monthly budget reviews and reports to leadership and sponsors. I am essentially the right-hand person for the IPT leads who manage the projects. I credit the NADP for giving me the opportunity and confidence from my training for such a rewarding and satisfying career.

The NADP opens the door to permanent employment and career advancement. The guidance and mentorship I have received thus far has provided the pathway for me to meet that goal. This program is very beneficial and well worth the wait. My prior military time counts for retirement and leave, while other benefits such as the federal healthcare plan are better than most in the private sector.

But the most rewarding thing about my experience in the program is I get to carry over the Army’s slogan “One Team, One Fight” motto to SSC Atlantic’s mission of “Making IT Count while supporting the Warfighter and the Nation.”
Dr. Curtis named CEJC Engineer of the Year

SSC Atlantic’s own Dr. Chandra Curtis, above right, of 71000 was named the Charleston Engineers’ Joint Council’s (CEJC) Engineer of the Year earlier this year. The award recognizes a Lowcountry engineer or scientist who demonstrates career development, professionalism, community leadership and outreach. Dr. Curtis exemplified these ideals through her extensive leadership and service as chair of the local professional chapter of the Joint Computer, Communications, and Power & Energy Societies for the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) Coastal S.C. Section, and her avid participation in the IEEE Computer Society, IEEE Robotics & Automation Society, IEEE Signal Processing Society, Association of Computing Machinery, National Society of Black Engineers Charleston Professionals, and the International Society for Optics and Photonics. Curtis earned her PhD in electrical engineering in 2004 from North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University and was formerly employed at the Air Force Research Laboratory, Office of Naval Research Global. At SSC Atlantic she assesses and develops research and development of new technologies for use in advanced Command, Control, Communications, Computers, Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance systems and subsystems.

Willis earns Navy Meritorious Civilian Service Medal

Tami Willis of 43220, supervisor for the Purchase Card and Procurement Competency, earned the Navy Meritorious Civilian Service Medal for her service and dedication to the Navy and SSC Atlantic from February 1985 to October 2013. The award citation noted her “outstanding leadership and unmatched dedication in support of Navy Enterprise Resource Planning (NERP) processes and Material Procurement competency stand-up. “In all aspects of your work, you have distinguished yourself as an extraordinary leader and public servant, and you are highly deserving of this award.” SSC Atlantic Commanding Officer Capt. Amy D. Burin, right, presents this third highest honorary award for Navy civilian employees to Willis, while SSC Atlantic Executive Director Steve Dunn, left, shows off her medal.
Two of SSC Atlantic New Orleans Detachment’s finest have been recognized by the New Orleans Federal Executive Board as among the best federal employees in the greater New Orleans area. Jackie Goff, SSC Atlantic Business and Force Support (BFS) Portfolio Manager, was selected for the Outstanding Federal Manager Distinguished Service Award. Supervisory Computer Scientist Edura Baham received Honorable Mention as Outstanding Federal Supervisor Level II.

They were recognized in a May 7 luncheon at the University of New Orleans Grand Ballroom.

As manager of the BFS Portfolio, Goff is responsible for the delivery of IT solutions supporting the business operations of Navy, Marine Corps, other DoD components and federal agencies. She established the portfolio from the ground up to become a leading provider of business IT services to the military and government. Her plans, strategies and leadership inspire a 3,500 member, geographically dispersed workforce to use the power of technology to deliver mission-critical capabilities, from battlefield to homeland, at sea, in the air and on shore.

Baham is SSC Atlantic’s Program Manager for the Navy Standard Integrated Personnel System (NSIPS), the Navy’s primary business solution for human resource management for more than 400,000 Sailors worldwide.

She has led the implementation of numerous Navy Manpower and Personnel modernization and business process improvement initiatives resulting in significant improvement in active and Reserve data accuracy, improved service to Sailors, better management decision making, and increased accountability and audit readiness. Baham recognizes and rewards her staff for their achievements, dedication and hard work.

Her pursuit of excellence in management and engineering has inspired her team to achieve outstanding performance, exceed customer expectations, and deliver products and services that aid the fleet in performing critical business processes that ensure Navy readiness.
Tower training ensures safety at all altitudes

SSC Atlantic sponsored a tower climbing safety and rescue course March 27 for employees required to climb towers or ship masts in order to install or inspect communications equipment. Six SSC Atlantic employees from three different competencies were able to pass a written examination and demonstrate practical skills on a tower to receive certification.

Working on structures at extreme elevations requires climbers to possess a wide variety of highly specialized skills to perform their job duties safely and efficiently.

“This is extremely dangerous work, and a solid understanding of climbing procedures and familiarity with the proper fall protection equipment is essential to working safely,” said Jeff Meyers, Safety and Environmental Engineering Competency Lead, Code 835.

The training, provided by an international safety training contractor, meets Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) requirements and included topics such as the physics of falls, personal protective equipment, fall protection concepts and safety equipment, treatment of frequently encountered tower injuries, documentation and rescue scenarios.

Classroom instruction covers hazard assessment and protection, including pre-climb safety and planning,
environmental and structural hazard assessment, tools and equipment, body mechanics, suspension procedures and emergency techniques. This is followed by a written examination students must pass before moving on to the tower.

At the tower the field portion of the training began with a safety meeting and review of critical issues.

Each student was given a checklist of exercises to perform, climbing and descending the tower using either a safe climb device, a vertical lifeline rigged as a temporary safe climb device, or both. Students maneuvered across the structure working with both a variety of lines and Self-Retracting Lanyards (fall arrester). Students rigged and used a temporary horizontal lifeline, and each student performed rescue exercises using an ascending/descending system, a suspension device, or both. Students de-rigged the structure and held a post-exercise review before receiving their certification certificates.

Completing the course were Kimball Anderson of 5533, Chad Hamilton of 5611, Gary Dunn of 4213, Joe Patrick of 5252, Glenn Rose of 4212 and Rick Mabe of 5527.
The SSC Atlantic New Orleans Detachment Data Center’s 1.25 megawatt (MW) diesel backup generator reached its 15th birthday recently and was ready for replacement. A $3 million contract with Naval Facilities Engineering Command Southeast (NAVFAC SE) included replacing the single roof-top generator with two ground-level, 1MW diesel generators that provide needed redundancy and capacity for any future growth demands of New Orleans’ 23,000 square feet of lab space.

NAVFAC SE contracted with American Contractor and Technology, Inc. (ACT) of Pensacola, Florida, for the project, which was overseen by the local NAVFAC SE contracting office at Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base (NAS JRB) New Orleans. Once ACT mobilized, the scheduled eight-month project was completed on budget and two months ahead of schedule, with no unscheduled disruption of the New Orleans Detachment’s mission or services.

A new transformer is moved into place to accommodate the new 1 MW diesel generators at New Orleans’ Data Center.

New generators at NOLA Data Center

A contractor prepares cabling on one of the new generators, which were installed on budget and ahead of schedule.
Bayou brown bag brief

Andrew L’Ecuyer, a Code 54380 scientist, gives a brown bag lunch presentation to an SSC Atlantic New Orleans Detachment audience. The “brown baggers” often gather on Wednesdays to learn more about the topic of the day. For the April 9 session, the topic “Software CM: 10 Practical Lessons Learned from Maintenance Figure of Merit (MFOM) Configuration Management,” provided a forum for L’Ecuyer to share his experience as the MFOM Software Configuration Management lead for the last two years. MFOM is a complex Navy maintenance system that integrates more than 20 ashore and afloat applications, according to Jeff Moseley, 543 lead. The software is developed by multiple, geographically distributed teams and is hosted as a web application in the New Orleans Data Center. The program is managed by Hampton Roads Detachment and represents how SSC Atlantic personnel can successfully execute using virtual teams, Moseley said.

Cajun Crawfish boil a big hit

Springtime means one thing in New Orleans: time to enjoy one of their best Cajun food traditions ... boiled crawfish. More than 100 SSC Atlantic New Orleans Detachment personnel gathered near their buildings on the University of New Orleans campus on the shore of Lake Ponchartrain for that just that reason May 2. The New Orleans Detachment’s military Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) and civilian Employee Services Association (ESA) personnel teamed to organize the event, which is held annually. Funds for the crawfish boil were generated exclusively by the NOLA team’s biweekly hamburger, BBQ, or pizza sales, with no official MWR funds used. Besides the beautiful weather, the friendly atmosphere and the tasty crustaceans, the event also generated some of the proceeds that will go toward funding the annual holiday party.
SSC Atlantic was the site of two competitions which pitted middle school students against each other as they tested their math skills in online, multi-player educational video games.

On March 28 more than 90 students from Alston Middle, Cane Bay Middle, DuBose Middle, Gregg Middle, Hanahan Middle, Oakbrook Middle, River Oaks Middle and Rollings Middle School of the Arts took part in the Tri-county DimensionU competition, all under the supervision of SSC Atlantic volunteers and mentors. After more than two hours of competition, the first place winners were Warner Westberry, Jason Yeung and Jessica Turnbaugh of the Hanahan Middle School 7th grade team; second place: Evan Arnold and David Cheslek of Dubose Middle School 7th grade team; and third place: Tanner Dollan, Thomas Ramsey and Breanna Deese of the Cane Bay Middle 8th grade team.

Winners from each grade in the competition earned a “Golden Ticket” and returned April 7 to compete against Air Force, Army, Marines and Navy teams in the 2014 Department of Defense Math Games Virtual Tournament. They were the Hanahan Middle School 6th grade team of Dennis Rawlings, Jackson Peavy and Jared Markin; the Hanahan Middle School 7th grade team of Westberry, Yeung and Turnbaugh; and the Cane Bay Middle 8th grade team of Dollan, Ramsey and Deese.

During the virtual math games, the students in Charleston competed with other students in Illinois, Maryland, New Jersey and New York. The teams competed in five rounds of gaming throughout the day. Dorchester II and Charleston middle schools Dubose, Hanahan and Cane Bay took first place in each of their divisions in the overall challenge.

DimensionU, funded by the National Defense Education Program (NDEP), is a math gaming tool that enhances students’ skills in pre-algebra and algebra. Students engage in a series of first-person action adventure missions with three-dimensional graphics, sounds and animation similar to those

From left, DimensionU CEO Steve Hoy, SSC Atlantic’s Dr. Al Emondi, Shanda Johnson and Karen Cooke pose with the winning Hanahan Middle School team March 28, while their teacher Sandra Parker proudly displays their winning trophy.
in popular video games. Students can customize their avatars and can go online to play individually or in teams, with classmates or with other students around the world.

This is the third year SSC Atlantic has hosted the competition, held in the command’s conference center. “It’s always exciting to bring students here and see their enthusiasm about math and technology,” said Capt. Amy D. Burin, SSC Atlantic commanding officer. “It’s fantastic that SPAWAR can give back to the community and work with these kids. It’s wonderful to see the excitement on their faces as they play and win.”

DimensionU and the Department of Defense Math Games Virtual Tournament are part of SSC Atlantic’s educational outreach program aimed at developing STEM talent in K-12 schools and at universities. SSC Atlantic volunteers from its technical workforce serve as role models, mentors, content experts, competition judges and in other roles that show students the value of STEM careers.

Their mission is to inspire and attract the STEM talent that is essential for the nations’ and SSC Atlantic’s current and future challenges.
South Carolina high school and college teams went up against computer security experts April 12 and 13 in the Palmetto Cyber Defense Competition at Trident Technical College.

The event, organized by more than 100 volunteers from SSC Atlantic, the local Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Association (AFCEA) chapter and cyber security corporate partners, is designed to energize students to focus on development of technical skills in networking and cyber security in preparation for STEM careers. The competition is geared to attract young minds to an industry of fighting off hackers while protecting personal information.

Each team was provided a malconfigured business network at the start of the competition and was challenged to properly reconfigure the network, add new services, and respond to additional requirements, all the while defending against an SSC Atlantic Red Team attempting to disrupt and penetrate their network.

SSC Atlantic worked with local high schools to hone their cyber security skills, and to hopefully make an impression on students at an early age that will pay off later. SSC Atlantic’s Jeff Sweeney of 583, director of the competition, emphasized the importance of cultivating the next generation of American cyber security professionals. “There are news headlines every day about the infiltration of networks, stealing credit card numbers, personal identification information,” Sweeney said.

At the end of the day April 12, the Clemson team had topped other college competitors from Charleston Southern University, College of Charleston, Trident Technical College, ECPI University, University of South Carolina, The Citadel and South Carolina State University.

On April 13, Florence Technical Center prevailed over high school teams from South Aiken High School NJROTC, Lowcountry Tech Academy, Summerville High School, Stratford High School, Wando High School, Stall High School and First Baptist School of Charleston. The high school teams had prequalified for the event in earlier cyber defense competitions.

Above, Sweeney addresses the competitors; at right, a competitor watches for injects delivered to the network from the Red Team.
Employees from SSC Atlantic New Orleans Detachment supported the Bayou Regional FIRST Robotics competition (FRC) at the Pontchartrain Center April 3 through 5.

SSC Atlantic New Orleans volunteers mentored students from Warren Easton Charter High School, Destrehan High School and Slidell High School as the students tested their engineering skills. These volunteers have played an active role motivating students within the Greater New Orleans community for more than three years.

“Last year 15 employees volunteered at the Bayou Regional FIRST Robotics Competition as judges, safety inspectors, administrators, and anything else that they needed us to do,” said David Gravseth, SSC Atlantic New Orleans STEM coordinator. “We’re glad to be back again this year to support the competition in a major way.”

SSC Atlantic New Orleans works closely with the Orleans Parish School District, St. Tammany School District, St. Charles Parish School District and the Algiers Charter School Association in activities such as an IT (Information Technology) Shadow Day, during which they hosted 15 high school students at the SSC Atlantic New Orleans Detachment for a day of STEM-focused demonstrations and discussions with SSC Atlantic leadership and employees.

The New Orleans office has supported the FIRST Lego League by providing volunteers as mentors, and volunteers have also judged exhibits at the District VIII Science and Engineering Fair in Hammond, Louisiana, and the Greater New Orleans Science and Engineering Fair.

“We work with the Naval Research Laboratory at Stennis Space Center, and with the Gulf Coast Regional SeaPerch Challenge in Biloxi, Mississippi, to help run that event,” Gravseth added. They also volunteer with Red Stick Robotics VEX and BEST competitions. They will host more than 25 students during a week-long summer camp in June that will feature various STEM activities.

TacMobile
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ing that praised TacMobile as “a model example of project execution in accordance with DoD, Navy, and SPAWAR policy and integration of industry best practices for project planning, monitoring and control.”

Earlier in 2013 the TacMobile team received two Bravo Zulus (BZs) for on-site support provided to MTOCs. The first was from MTOC 5 at NAS Jacksonville for repairing, overhauling and updating systems and training personnel. The second BZ was from COMPATRECONWING TEN for maintenance and updating systems at MTOC GOLF at NAS Whidbey Island, Washington.

The TacMobile Test and Evaluation (T&E) team won the 2012 DON T&E Working Integrated Product Team (WIPT) Award, presented by Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Navy, Research, Development and Test & Evaluation (DASN RDT&E) Mary Lacey. The award lauded the team for “demonstrating exceptional use of Test and Evaluation best practices, team work and superior execution.”

An Acquisition Category (ACAT) III Program of Record (POR) TacMobile is managed by PMW 750 and directly supports NAVAIR PMA 290 P-3 and P-8 ACAT I Programs of Record (PORs). Additionally, TacMobile interfaces with multiple PEO C4I PMWs to provide critical operational capabilities. The TacMobile Integrated Product Team is within the SSC Atlantic Platform, Installation, In-Service (PII) Support Portfolio.

- Susan Piedfort, Chronicle Editor
SSC Atlantic’s Daily News blog has exceeded more than three million hits, setting a usage record for all of the SPAWAR Systems Command blogosphere.

Since its establishment on May 24, 2010, the Daily News blog (at https://blog.spawar.navy.mil/atlanticnews/) has been a powerful communications tool. It features news of interest to all SSC Atlantic sites, including job announcements, training opportunities, items requested and offered and other information that was formerly sent through all hands emails.

Employees who have information to share with all hands SSC Atlantic or all hands at specific geographic sites -- from job postings to lost and found items -- can send them to ssclant_daily_news.fcm@navy.mil (listed in the GAL under SSC Lant Daily News, with spaces between words.)

Thanks to the many contributors who send information to be shared on the blog, and to all employees who make the blog their homepage and read it on a regular basis, SSC Atlantic has consistently outdistanced all other SPAWAR blogs. Weekly hits currently average about 22,000, with an all-time weekly high of 35,313 hits. In April 2012 the Daily News blog exceeded two million hits. The blog generated more than a million hits (1,044,747) during calendar year 2013 alone. It exceeded the previous year’s hit count by nearly a quarter of a million (246,285).

Over the years, changes have been made to enhance the blog, including use of more graphics and the addition of a calendar with center events, training and deadlines.

The Daily News blog team, led by 85’s Diane Owens, consists of Sue Chadwick and Alex Jackson, who post messages submitted by employees and maintain the blog calendar of events, and Allie Delaney and Lacceetta (T) Kennon-Beck from 813, who post mandatory training messages and maintain the training calendar. Owens also summarizes blog posts and sends a weekly blog summary to all SSC Atlantic government, military and contractor employees worldwide.

“Way to go SSC LANT in leading the way to our blogging future,” said Rob Wolborsky, Executive Director of SPAWAR’s Fleet Readiness Directorate, when the blog reached two million hits. The milestone, he added, “is one that illustrates stronger collaboration going on within the SPAWAR enterprise.”

The Citadel’s Bernard receives Miller sword

Upon his recent graduation from The Citadel, Matthew Bernard was presented the Robert G. Miller Sword, an award which honors the father of an SSC Atlantic employee.

Robert G. Miller was an Army veteran who served as commander of the Palisades Power Squadron in New Jersey and taught public boating classes until his death in 1996. He and his wife Dorothy raised four children in Teaneck, New Jersey, including SSC Atlantic’s Bob Miller, a senior systems engineer in 72. He and his siblings established the memorial award, presented annually to The Citadel Navy Reserve Officer Training Corps (NROTC) sea services candidate excelling in Navy battalion leadership, in the top 25 percent of the graduating class, and embodying Robert Miller’s leadership skills, dedication to public service and love of the sea.

At The Citadel Bernard was Honor Board Vice Chair and held the billet of Navy Battalion Executive Officer. The political science major had a 3.52 grade point average will enter Navy Aviation/Pilot training.
These shoes were made for walkin’

SSC Atlantic Sailors and civilians got in the right spirit to help raise awareness for Sexual Assault Awareness Month in April.

A contingent of military personnel led by Cmdr. Chris Tallon, Officer-in-Charge (OIC) of SSC Atlantic Hampton Roads (HR) Detachment, above at far right, donned women’s high heels and took a couple of laps around the walking park on base.

Their color-coordinated black, white and tan pumps complemented their cammo and khaki uniforms (and socks).

In Charleston, SSC Atlantic Commanding Officer Capt. Amy D. Burin, Executive Director Steve Dunn, military personnel, civilians and contractors walked a mile in women’s (and men’s) shoes, at right. The group met at the corner of 6th Avenue and Brig Road on board Joint Base Charleston-Weapons Station for the walk, which was led by SSC Atlantic’s Charleston military team. This walk, like the one in Hampton Roads, was designed to help everyone understand, appreciate and recognize that sexual violence is an act against the community.

Along the walk route there was information about sexual assault and how to eliminate this unacceptable behavior in the Navy. Tiffany Mizzell, Joint Base Charleston - Weapons Station Sexual Assault Response Coordinator, was on hand to answer questions.

In lieu of an entry fee, many participants brought donations of new female athletic shorts, T-shirts, undergarments and sweat suits for the MUSC Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) department.
Acquisition Excellence awardees

SPAWAR teams lead by Matt Meltzer (SSC LANT) and Tom Staley (SSC PAC) were part of a Marine Corps Systems Command (MCSC) Networking On-The-Move (NOTM) team that earned the Department of the Navy Acquisition Excellence award for Technology Transition. The teams transitioned a highly sophisticated and urgently needed capability from the science and technology (S&T) realm to a fielded and fully sustained acquisition program in less than four years.

NOTM provides tactical Common Operating Picture for warfighters while they are on the move during critical maneuvers, giving them technical superiority and information dominance prior to engagement with the enemy. Full Operational Capability of NOTM, including Amphibious Assault Vehicle (AAV) variants, will be delivered by Aug. 31 this year in direct response to a Secretary of Defense memorandum requiring this capability.

The SSC Atlantic team played a critical role in overcoming a sweeping change to the NOTM capability when leadership decided to make all the components easier to move from one vehicle to another as needed, rather than the standard practice of custom designing the system to fit a specific vehicle.

The team worked to integrate NOTM on an AAV, bringing significantly improved C2 during “ship to shore” operations. After seven weeks of amphibious testing on an amphibious transport dock ship operating off the coast of Camp Pendleton, California, NOTM is ready for AAV fielding. NOTM-AAV was successful operating in and out of surf, traveling extended distances in differing sea states and terrain surfaces, and the boarding and disembarking from the amphibious transport dock ship.

The award is part of the 2013 Department of the Navy Acquisition Excellence Awards, which were established to recognize and motivate individuals and organizations that have demonstrated excellent performance in the acquisition of products and services for the Department of Navy. The award will be presented at the Pentagon in June.

The NOTM capability grew from the Mobile Modular Command and Control (M2C2) vehicles that have successfully provided command and control on the move in Operation Enduring Freedom for the U.S. Marine Corps since 2009.

This vehicular capability package provides beyond-line-of-sight communication via wideband-KU satellite, with communications distributed via secure wireless local area networks (LANs) out to commanders and staff through point-of-presence vehicles (POP-Vs).

The POP-V is at the heart of the system, serving as the mobile network operations center in the field -- such as a network management, satellite communications and standard HF/VHF/UHF military radio systems for the separate commander’s vehicle. The POP-V passes data up at 500 kilobytes per second to 2 megabytes per second down.

The Vehicular Capability Package (VCP) has redundant, secure wireless equipment. The command vehicle provides the full suite of tactical applications and services that would be found in a combat operations center.

Hurricane readiness in New Orleans

Jim Bouchie, Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base (NAS JRB) New Orleans Emergency Manager, gives Hurricane Emergency Training to SSC Atlantic New Orleans Detachment personnel May 8. Besides providing all the information needed to prepare for hurricane season, Bouchie livened the training session by throwing candy to those who were the first to correctly answer his questions.
XO speaks at brown bag lunch

SSC Atlantic Executive Officer Cmdr. Marcia Ziemba shares her background and philosophy with attendees at a March 31 brown bag luncheon that was a part of the command’s National Women’s History Month observance. The commander, who officially took over as XO April 11, talked about her upbringing, education, military career and family. With her father and grandfather Navy veterans, Ziemba said she embarked on her Navy career only after her brother had told her she couldn’t handle it. With 20 years of service to her credit, she attributes much of her success to her family and her upbringing.

SSC Atlantic at RiverDogs

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the mayor said.

“This Navy Information Technology command and these fine people here tonight help keep our military forces safe around the world. They engineer and develop the products that give our warfighters information dominance over their adversaries.

“... Please join me in a special thank you to Charleston’s SPAWAR team and their families for all they do for our great nation ... and for helping to make Charleston the best place in the country to work, live and play!” Riley continued.

The weather was in complete cooperation and there were clear skies for all attendees to enjoy watching fireworks from centerfield after the game, also a Friday night custom at the Joe.

Even though the RiverDogs were edged out 4-3 by the Shorebirds, the turnout by the SSC Atlantic family made the game the largest attended command event ever.

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credible hands-on work that develops relevant technologies that start at the research bench and mature to a realistic option for the warfighter.

At SSC Atlantic, our Naval Innovative Science and Engineering (NISE) program provides significant resources towards facilitating this technology throughput. Our current and previous year’s investments have been key to developing new skill sets and technologies, and the prospect for FY15 is even more promising. We have recently received nearly 120 proposals for our Fiscal Year 15 NISE program, with almost half of the proposals being in basic and applied research alone.

We have also received a large number of proposals in workforce development, where employees are seeking to learn new technologies and research practices.

This new knowledge and training will help them build future concepts and solutions enabling our scientists and engineers to offer unique expertise within our specialty of Information Dominance.
High school students from the Tricounty area got a first-hand look at how science and information technologies are creating information dominance for America’s Navy during SSC Atlantic’s recent IT Shadow Day. Clockwise from top, students got a bird’s eye view from SSC Atlantic’s air traffic control tower. They used an iPad to maneuver robotic devices in the Multidisciplinary Research Center, and learned how to pursue careers in science and math by networking during their lunch break in the conference center. Below, students learned about anechoic testing from members of SSC Atlantic’s Electromagnetic Environmental Effects IPT. IT Shadow day is designed to inspire, develop and attract the STEM talent needed to deliver innovative solutions for the nation’s and SSC Atlantic’s current and future challenges.
Williamson visits Naval Weapons Station facilities

Rear Adm. Rick L. Williamson, commander of Navy Region Southeast (CNRSE), visited SSC Atlantic in March to learn about the center’s mission and to tour facilities. Above, as SSC Atlantic Commanding Officer Capt. Amy D. Burin looks on, Williamson asks a question during a brief from SSC Atlantic’s Deputy Chief Engineer Cdr. Baldomero Garcia, at left. While in Charleston, Williamson also toured the Naval Consolidated Brig, the Navy Nuclear Power Training Unit, Naval Health Clinic Charleston and Navy Nuclear Training Command. CNRSE manages and oversees shore installation management support and execution for 15 installations in Florida, Georgia, South Carolina, Mississippi, Louisiana, Texas and Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.
Carvers Bay
High Bears visit SSC Atlantic

Carvers Bay High School students traveled from Hemingway, South Carolina, to SSC Atlantic’s Charleston campus in March for an insider’s view of center personnel and systems that make IT count for the warfighter. At right, Kris Bailey demonstrates a piece of computer forensic equipment that helps retrieve data during the students’ stop at the Cyber Forensics Data Recovery and Malware Analysis lab.

Navy League onboard

Members of the Navy League visited SSC Atlantic in April to learn about SSC Atlantic’s support to the sea services. Phil Braswell, center, explains SSC Atlantic’s air traffic control mission in the control room of the ATC facility.

SSC Atlantic provides systems engineering, integration and testing services for the U.S. Navy ashore ATC program, which delivers ATC integrated voice, video, data, display, sensor and decision capabilities to Navy and Marine Corps global shore-based ATC systems.
Leadership Charleston’s 2014 class visits

The Charleston Metro Chamber of Commerce’s Leadership Charleston Class of 2014, above, poses for a group shot in the atrium of Bldg. 3147 during a recent visit to SSC Atlantic. While at the center, they received a command brief, toured labs and learned about new technologies being developed at SSC Atlantic to support the warfighter. At right, Justin Bonny explains SSC Atlantic’s research into brain computer interfaces using electroencephalography (EEG) systems in the human systems lab in the Multidisciplinary Research Center. Leadership Charleston is a 10-month program for professionals offering an intensive and up-close look at various issues impacting our region. Besides visiting SSC Atlantic, the class features prominent and stimulating speakers and visits to schools, hospitals, the Port of Charleston, and the South Carolina Statehouse. Each session examines leadership roles in political, social and economic affairs.
Warrior Canine Connection Ambassador Valerie, above left, is not at all interested in what SSC Atlantic Space Systems Engineer Norris Mitchell is explaining about satellite communications at the Space and Naval Warfare Systems Command booth at the Sea-Air-Space expo April 9. At least her teammate Stanley is listening.

‘... and then once the satellite is in orbit ...'

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