

TALON TIMES

Mission: Plan, direct and control all air operations in support of amphibious forces, and provide combat-ready-detachments to deployed Amphibious Ready Groups.

TACRON TWELVE
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FROM THE COMMANDER'S DESK...

“You are this generations heroes!”

A great big Howdy to all our TALONS, past, present and future... especially to all our family members out there without who we would never be able to execute our mission so successfully here at TACRON TWELVE! It has truly been a phenomenal summer/fall for the TALONS and I have never been more honored to serve with such true Patriots, the men and women of this illustrious command are without a doubt the best in the Navy!

A great big Bravo Zulu to the Sailors of Detachment FOUR for their legendary deployment on board the mighty warship USS PELELIU (LHA 5) this summer executing amphibious missions during Exercise Rim of the Pacific 2014 off the coast of Hawaii. Their brilliance during this exercise was simply eye-watering, they truly set the benchmark for all future detachments to achieve. The dynamic and ever changing environment in which Det FOUR skillfully and flawlessly executed missions consisted of aircraft and naval vessels from over 20 different countries. The TALONS of Det FOUR meticulously scheduled, coordinated and controlled those aircraft without incident and were praised at the highest levels of leadership for their outstanding performance...JOB WELL DONE DET FOUR!

The Superstars of Detachment TWO, lead by our very own season veteran Executive Officer CDR ‘Flip’ Phillips, are currently on deployment in the Far East. As we speak, they are executing tactical missions in direct support of the US SEVENTH Fleet. Embarked on the old salty war dog USS PELELIU (LHA 5) with Expeditionary Strike Group SEVEN, Amphibious Squadron ELEVEN and the 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit, the Sailors of Det TWO have performed brilliantly thus far and are continuing that legacy of excellence that has become the trade mark of this great squadron! Keep up the fantastic work Det TWO, we are extremely proud of you!

The TALONS at Homeguard in Coronado have been extremely busy as well. Our Athletic Teams have brought home two softball championships, two flag football championships and numerous trophies during at this year’s Surface Line Week competitions. The championship spirit that is TACRON 12 has produced so many awards that I have had to order a bigger trophy case and I have renamed the area where the trophies are held the ‘Hall Of Champions’. Our Sailors also give selflessly of their precious time volunteering countless hours with Habitat for Humanity, the Boys and Girls Club of San Diego, and the local Missions and Soup Kitchens throughout San Diego...thank you for representing us so well in the community... TACRON TWELVE Sailors are truly a ‘Global Force for Good’!

In closing I would like to thank each of you and your families for your service, for your courage, for your sacrifice, for your dedication, for your devotion, and most importantly thank you for contributing to the legacy that is Tactical Air Control Squadron TWELVE!

“MISSION FIRST, SAILORS ALWAYS!”

TALON PRIDE!



TACRON TWELVE
Commanding Officer,
CDR Paul ‘Veg’ Bandini



FROM THE MASTER CHIEF'S DESK

By CMC TAYLOR

Greetings Talons!

Please take a moment to congratulate YNC Voyce on her selection to Chief Petty Officer.....BZ Shipmate!

Congratulations to OS2 Reinholtz on acceptance into the Career Intermission Pilot Program to complete her Bachelor's Degree.

Congratulations to AC1 Gibbs for making the All Navy softball team.

*****Welcome Aboard*****

LCDR Keierleber, LCDR Dorsey, Capt Lopbries, ACAN Hill, ACAA Peterson, and ISSA Beyer

POINTS OF INTEREST:

CNO's guiding principles are: Warfighting First, Operate Forward and Be Ready

Your job as an Enlisted Sailor is to adhere and support! We have to do a better job at controlling our off-duty actions, being responsible and adhering to the Navy Core Values. From this point forward I will automatically forward up any civil or military arrest to X.O.I. with the recommendation for Captain's Mast. Be professional and take care of your career.

NPACE courses are back online for Tacron Twelve, forge ahead with your degree. However, due to recent issues with incompletes and withdrawals, sign-ups will be monitored a little closer. Do not sign-up with the intent of not completing, this prevents us from participating in the program and YOU will be solely responsible for money owed.

2014 Fall PFA is around the corner, prepare for the Commanding Officers challenge now!





The Ombudsman Corner



Phone Contact Information: (619) 203-4101

Email: t12ombudsman@gmail.com

Hello Tacron 12 Family! Your TACRON 12 Command Family Ombudsman:

I am honored to contribute to this edition of The Talon Times. It is always a joy to interact with the command and their families! As always, I encourage you to help me help you. Please feel free to contact me and let me know what topics interest you most. I am here for you!

I have decided that I will follow my own advice and take some of the workshops offered by FFSC. Unless otherwise noted, register for workshops at :

866-923-6478 or FFSCWorkshops@mwrsw.com.

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Did your spouse recently deploy? Don't forget that The United States Postal Service (USPS) offers **FREE** packing material to families of military members deployed Overseas! **To order call: (800) 610-8734. Press "1" (For English). Press "1" again (For Operator). Ask for the "Carekit04".**



This Military OneSource Navy portal allows access to Navy-specific news, resources and social media with a simple click. Navy's fleet and family programs provide a full array of services, information and tools to assist Sailors and family members in achieving personal and career goals as they excel in meeting the obligations and challenges of Navy life through resilience and self-reliance.

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<http://www.militaryonesource.mil/navy>



June was Post-traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) Awareness Month. Although we've entered into July, I still feel it's important to share. PTSD is a serious condition that affects a growing number of wounded warriors and their families. To learn more about PTSD and find helpful resources or to access information on warrior care, contact **Navy Wounded Warrior - Safe Harbor** at **855-NAVY WWP (855 628-9997)**, navywoundedwarrior@navy.mil or <http://safeharbor.navylive.dodlive.mil>

FOCUS: Family Resiliency Training™ for Military Families *Strengthening the Home Base!*

FOCUS (Families Over Coming Under Stress™) provides resiliency training to military children and families. It also teaches practical skills to meet the challenges of deployment and reintegration, to communicate and solve problems effectively and to successfully set goals together and create a shared family story.

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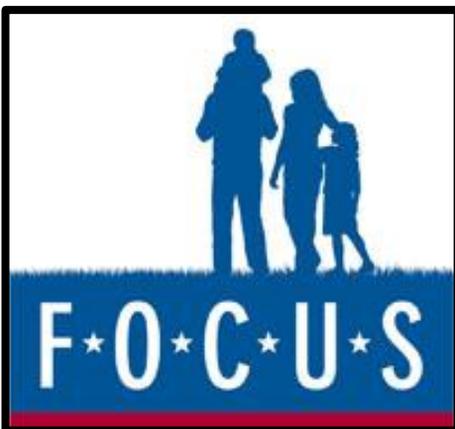
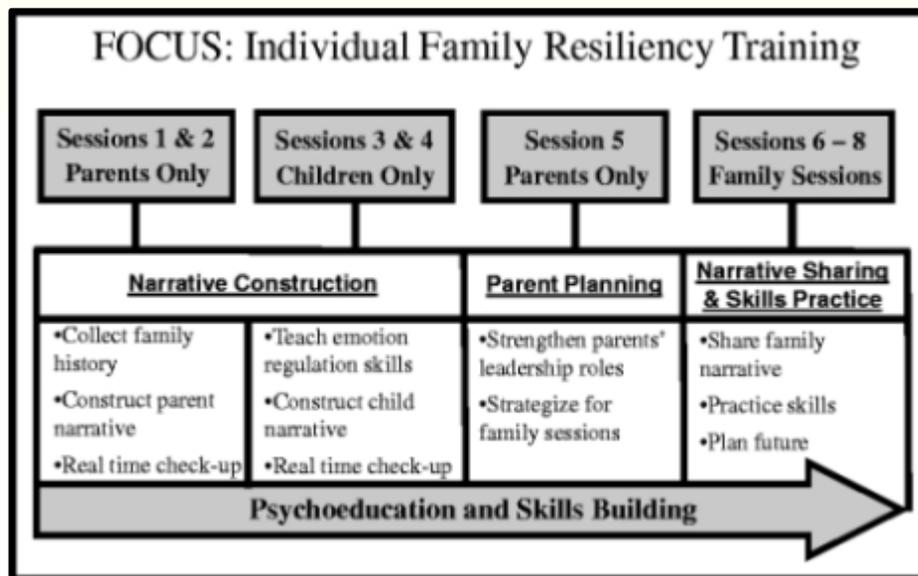
Naval Base San Diego San Diego, CA 92136

Dolphin Alley, Bldg. 265

Phone 619.556.6075

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SanDiego@focusproject.org



The Ombudsman Corner

Fleet and Family Support



Meeting Your Needs at Home & at Sea

FFSP provides services through the Fleet and Family Support Centers (FFSC) such as relocation assistance, new parent support, deployment services, clinical counseling services, financial management counseling, family employment services, family advocacy and the relocation assistance programs to assist service members and their families in need. FFSC has also recently opened a NEW SANTEE BRANCH!

*****One Call Serves All!*****

For 24/7 assistance at any Navy Region Southwest FFSC, call 1-866-923-6478. For more information on Fleet and Family Support Programs, please <http://navylifesw.com/sandiego/families/ffsc/>.



Career Services



Command Leadership Corner



Counseling and Assistance



Deployment Support



Disaster Preparedness



Family Enrichment



Financial Support



Relocation Support



Retiree Support



Sexual Assault Prevention and Response

Fleet & Family Support Center Locations (Near TACRON TWELVE)

Mon. - Fri., 7:30 am - 4:30 pm, Closed Sat., Sun., and holidays (unless otherwise noted)

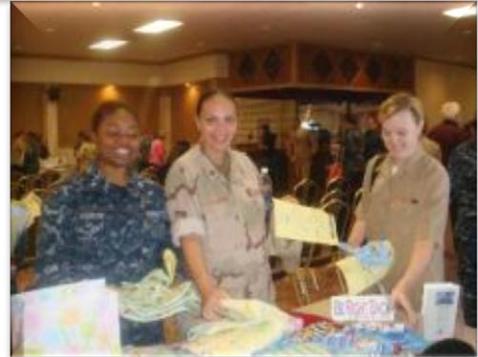
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3005 Corbina Alley
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San Diego, CA
(619) 545-6701

San Diego Military Outreach Ministries (MOM) is a community supported charity that reaches out to young enlisted military families (E-5 and below and wounded warriors) in San Diego with a broad range of helping services. Among the services listed below, they also host regular motivational briefings on base.
 (For more details, visit www.sandiegomom.org, or call (619) 461-4164.



Children's & Infant's Supplies...



Food bags & Gift Cards



... to include diaper bags filled with personal items



Household Goods & Furniture



Toys & Bikes



Baby Showers At Navy/Marine Bases



Family Readiness Gatherings & Holiday Events



Celebrating Young Military Families



Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society



The mission of the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society is to provide, in partnership with the Navy and Marine Corps, financial, educational and other assistance to members of the Naval Services of the United States, eligible family members and survivors when in need and to receive and manage funds to administer these programs.

Our Vision: We are a private, non-profit, volunteer, service organization. As a Center of Excellence, we are committed to ensure that all available resources are used to assist personnel of the Naval Services - active, retired, and their eligible family members to achieve financial self-sufficiency and find solutions to emergency needs.

NMCRS San Diego, FSO

Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society
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DSN: 526-8283

Fax: (619) 531-0083

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Navy College Opportunities



Visit your local **Navy College office!** Navy College professionals provide educational services worldwide, anytime, anyplace to Sailors and their families, supporting their life-long learning goals and the Navy's mission. The following link provides information regarding the SOCNAV program and other benefits available to military families. Take full advantage of all of the awesome resources **Navy College** has to offer and go back to school!

Website: http://www.soc.aascu.org/socnav/Spouses_AidResources





American Red Cross



As a reminder, the American Red Cross has moved to a single telephone number for its emergency communication services.

All military members and their families can use one number: **877-272-7337 (U.S. Toll Free)** to send an urgent message to a service member. This means that all military members and their families can use this single number to initiate an emergency communication, regardless of where they live.

A call to **877-272-7337** allows Red Cross emergency communications services to put military personnel in touch with their families following the death or serious illness of an immediate family member, the birth of a service member's child or grandchild or when a family faces other emergencies.

Additional Red Cross services such as case management and emergency financial assistance also are available. For those stationed overseas, the three options for calling will remain the same: calling **877-272-7337** direct, accessing the number through a military operator or calling the local Red Cross station.

For more information about the American Red Cross, and how you can reach out and donate, visit their website at <http://www.redcross.org/>





SAN DIEGO METRO

COMMUNITY SUPPORT PROGRAMS

Upcoming Events

Nightmare on 32nd Street ~ Halloween Family Festival
October 24-26 *Free* **NBSD Athletic Fields ~ 619-556-7444**
Celebrate Halloween with MWR! Come Friday and Saturday night for a frightful time and walk through our Nightmare Trail! Faint of Heart for the Nightmare Trail? Bring your family on Sunday for the Halloween Family Festival. Kids are welcomed to wear their costumes and trick-or-treat throughout the Halloween Trail!



Retired Military Personnel Seminar – Saturday, November 1 @0830-1330

***Free* • NBSD, Anchors Catering & Conference Center • 858-277-4259**

This seminar can help you thrive in your life's next chapter while highlighting your specific interests. Free for all retirees, future retirees and their spouses from all branches of the uniformed services. Flu shots and refreshments available. Space is limited. RSVP today by calling 858-277-4259



Jeff Dunham Live! – Saturday, November 1 @1600 *Free*
NBSD Admiral Prout Field

Ventriloquist and stand-up comedian Jeff Dunham will be performing live at NBSD! This hilarious show is FREE for all Military ID holders and their guests. Gates open at 3 pm.

Come ready to laugh! Festival style seating- blankets and low back beach chairs allowed. No outside food or beverage, pets or backpacks. All items are subject to search



Support the thousands of sailors in the San Diego area by sponsoring programs and events throughout the year.

Click the following link for more information:

<http://navylifesw.com/sandiego/about/sponsorship/>

★ Active Living ★



The Color Run – Saturday 11Oct2014

An event to promote healthiness and happiness by bringing the community together to participate in the “Happiest 5k on the Planet”. Less about your 10-minute-mile and more about having the time of your life, The Color Run is an untimed 5K in which “Color Runners” are doused from head to toe in different colors at each kilometer

Awesome 80s Run – Saturday 01Nov2014

A totally tubular 5k run that celebrates the most righteous decade of all time! Travel back in time to the days of big hair, neon colors, leg warmers, headbands, and the best party music ever! Dress up as your favorite celebrity or cartoon character from the 1980’s to run, walk, or skate to earn a wicked medal and other gnarly prizes!



The Zombie Run: Extreme – Saturday 15Nov2014

A mud-filled, 5K obstacle course through a zombie-infested wasteland. If you thought jogging 3.1 miles through the zombie apocalypse was an adventure, try dodging that army of brain-thirsty undead while scrambling through a series of rugged obstacles as well. Don’t worry though; after the race, the Humans and Zombies set aside their differences to share a cold beer and their best dance moves at the post-apocalypse after party. There will be 8-10 obstacles on course

THINK YOU COULD SURVIVE A ZOMBIE APOCALYPSE

The Zombie Run: Black Ops -- Saturday 15Nov2014 (Beginning at 1800)

An awesomely terrifying nighttime obstacle course through 3.1 miles of a zombie-infested darkness. When the sun sets on what may be humanity's last day on earth, the few remaining survivors must leave the safety of their camp in an attempt to reach food and shelter at the main settlement. Cloaked in the darkness ahead of them lies 3.1 miles of unfamiliar terrain, hoards of ravenous zombies, 8 harrowing obstacles, and countless other hidden surprises. The only thing keeping these brave souls from abandoning all hope is the promise of safety and an after party at the end of their nightmarish journey



Saturday 06Dec2014

The World's Premier Nighttime 5k run/walk experience, where the participants are an integrated part of the show. Featuring immersive "Lands" of light and sound that transport the participant into an electric wonderland, Electric Run promises to transport the mind, body and soul to a new world in a healthy and drug-free way. Participants are encouraged to join in on the art by lighting up with glow sticks, LEDs and anything else their imagination can conjure up.



Editorial By: L. ~ &+ ¥¥© -

The men and women of Tactical Air Control Squadron TWELVE, Detachment FOUR were fortunate enough this summer to participate in the 24th Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC) Exercise. Held biennially in the Hawaii Operating Area, RIMPAC is considered the largest naval exercise in the world.



USS Ronald Reagan leads a parade of all ships and submarines participating in RIMPAC

This year's evolution was comprised of 22 partner nations, 49 ships, six submarines, over 200 aircraft and 25,000 personnel. As described by the host of RIMPAC, Commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet, "RIMPAC is a unique training opportunity that helps participants foster and sustain the cooperative relationships that are critical to ensuring the safety of sea lanes and security on the world's oceans."



(L to R) AC2 Doxey, AC2 Pula, RDML Williams, IS2 Martinez

On the morning of June 17, twenty four detachment personnel embarked USS PELELIU (LHA-5) for the ocean transit to Hawaii. Along with five U.S. ships, the PELELIU was accompanied by the ARC PADILLA from the Colombian Navy and the ARM REVOLUCION from the Mexican Navy. The presence of our friends from the south helped give DET personnel experience working with non-traditional partners.

Following Navy and Marine Corps flight operations off the coast of Hawaii, the USS PELELIU pulled in to Pearl Harbor on June 27th. During this in-port period, the detachment took part in a wide variety of meetings and planning events. In addition, three sailors held the distinct privilege of reenlisting on the historic deck of the battleship USS MISSOURI (BB-63). With Commander, Navy Region Hawaii, Rear Admiral Richard L. Williams presiding, Petty Officers Pula, Doxey, and Martinez reenlisted on the 4th of July. It was a truly memorable event, not just for the reenlistees, but to all the friends, family, and squadron mates in attendance.

Over the next three weeks, personnel were busy doing what they do best. With so many ships and aircraft present, the job of keeping them operating safely rested on the shoulders of the men and women of DET FOUR. Aircraft aboard USS PELELIU flew over 750 hours, transported nearly 900 non-combat personnel, and over 1,000 combat troops from numerous participating countries.



A Colombian Bo105 and USMC CH-53E await arrival of MH-60S

While eagerly pursuing individual qualifications, members of the detachment selflessly assisted in the medical evacuations (MEDEVAC) of ten sick or injured persons. As expected, the Talons performed flawlessly.

Following an extremely successful exercise, the USS PELELIU returned to Pearl Harbor on July 30th. The detachment was lauded by the leadership of both Expeditionary Strike Group THREE and Amphibious Squadron THREE for their professionalism and accomplishment. Thankfully, the detachment was able to enjoy some much needed rest before returning to San Diego at the beginning of August. Great job DET FOUR and welcome home!

Detachment TWO Gallery



EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM EX

Sailors from TACRON 11 and 12 participated in the Expeditionary Response Team (ERT) Exercise at the Survive Evade Resist Escape (SERE) training center, Warner Springs, CA from Sept 2-4. TACRON Sailors professionally executed a three day field exercise preparing ERT members for Humanitarian Assistance Disaster Relief (HADR), and Support to Civilian Authority (DSCA) missions.



AC3 Darrough and ACAN Hickman are proud of their shelter



SERE instructors inspect a minimalist shelter built by the students



AC2 Seaton getting tips on land navigation



IT2 Martinez and AN Peterson show off their improvised shelter

EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM EX

Sailors from TACRON worked together to set up an expeditionary Command and Control facility. They also designed procedures for a Landing Zone in order to conduct helicopter operations and facilities for life support. Over the course of the exercise, SERE instructors from SERE-West provided hands on, in depth survival training for the ERT members to include: day/night land navigation, shelter construction, food identification and procurement, water purification, and basic first aid.

Teamwork, Professionalism and TACRON Pride were emphasized and displayed throughout every phase of the ERTEX preparing 18 of our best Sailors for the fight!



The Talons setup camp

TACRON TWELVE

2014 NAB CORONADO FLAG FOOTBALL CHAMPIONS AGAIN!!



TACRON 12 Football Earns Back to Back Championships

By Coach Ed Murray (ret)

The VTC-12 Flag Football team won its second Flag Football tournament of 2014, lifting the trophy on 12 September, and completing the domination of Talon sports teams this year. The Talons went 7-1 during the regular season, but lost respectfully during the first playoff game, forcing the team to go back to the basics and make some positional adjustments. Once put into the corner, the Talon fighting spirit and camaraderie returned thanks to inspiration from Skipper Bandini, and the team tenaciously fought their way out of the losing brackets and into the double-header Championship game against ACB-1.

It was an unusually hot Coronado Friday and the battleground would be the bone-dry Turner Field. ACB-1, confident due to their undefeated playoff record, would provide a serious challenge. During the must-win first game, the Talon QB, CS1 Willy "Beaman" Taylor, was sidelined with a minor injury on the first series of the game, but Team Captain IS3 Venzant bravely stepped into the pocket and threw a bullet pass to a streaking OS3 Hodges on the deep slant for a touchdown. After an ACB-1 touchdown and extra point, CS1 Taylor returned to quarterback and scored a sprinting touchdown, making the score 12-7. In the last 90 seconds of the game, ACB-1 managed a lucky deep catch off a tipped pass on the Talon No-Fly Zone defense, and put themselves at 1st and Goal on the 2-yard line. A normal man would have bet against the Talons at this point, but the Talon Defense, highlighted by the containment efforts of Defensive End AC3 Evans, proved victorious with a legendary goal-line stand to win the first game.

During the final game, CS1 Taylor astutely led the offensive to a touchdown with a hard-won catch by Wide Receiver AC3 Brown. A quick pass to IS2 Martinez for the extra point allowed the Talons to take the lead 7-0. After that, the game became one of possession. The Talon D continued to strike fear in the hearts of ACB-1 since the remarkable defensive stand. ISSA Beyer and OS3 Hodges kept the corners in check, while safeties IT2 Martinez and IS3 Venzant never allowed a deep play and caused two interceptions. ACB-1's QB was forced to run due to the tight coverage and Linebacker LCDR Murray, as well as the Defensive Ends, IS2 Richardson, AC3 Evans, and OSCS Rowlands were able to use various stunts to keep the QB contained all day until he almost quit with frustration. While the Talon offense was unable to score again, the offensive line, anchored by IS2 Martinez and held strongly by AC3 Evans, IS2 Isabelle, and first-timer, IS2 Thomsen, continued to protect CS1 Taylor and allow him to move the chains. As the clock ticked away, so did the hopes of ACB-1. On the final play of the game, CS1 Taylor smartly kept the ball and danced around the ACB-1 pass rush until the last second expired.

It was once again an extraordinary effort by the Talons. There are rumors that Turner Field will be renamed Talon Field due to the amount of victories we have had this year. We couldn't have done it again without the support of the Talon fans, particularly IT3 Wells and her cramp-preventing H2O. Until next year, Bravo Zulu Talons!

Welcome Aboard

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LCDR Keierleber
LCDR Pohl

AN Peterson
ISSA Beyer

Fair Winds and Following Seas

LCDR Fellows
LCDR Threlkeld
LCDR Warren
LCDR Murray

OS1 Tuiasosopo
AC2 Pula
AC3 Suarezcampos

Awards

LETTER OF COMMENDATION

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GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

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NAVY AND MARINE CORPS ACHIEVEMENT MEDAL

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AC2 Pula

NAVY MARINE CORPS COMMENDATION MEDAL

LCDR Keierleber
LCDR Fellows
LCDR Threlkeld

REENLISTMENTS



YNC VOYCE CPO PINNING

Congratulations to YNC Voyce for earning the rank of CPO! We are very proud of you.



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G*A*L*L*E*R*Y



AC3 Evans attempts to score



(L-R) AC3 Goldschmidt, ACAR Gomez, AC3 Coakley, AC3 Brown



OS1 Tuiasosopo and
CDR Bandini



Talons posing for a photo after working the
chargers game

★HAPPY★ BIRTHDAY!



October

**CS1 TAYLOR
OS1 MORGAN
AC2 BOLOSAN
AC2 ONEVATHANA
AC2 PARTLOW
AC2 SEATON**

**CS2 SMITH
AC3 DARROUGH
AC3 EPPS
OS3 HODGES
YNSA SANTANA**

November

**CDR PHILLIPS
IT1 CASTROLUNA
AC2 SHOUSE**

**AC2 TORRES
ACAN HILL
YNSN QUINONES**

December

**LCDR SAFRON
LT NICHOLS
OSCS ROWLANDS**

**AC1 GRAEBER
AC2 MATLOCK
AN PETERSON**



TALON TIMES: CLOSING REMARKS

TACRON TWELVE has been outstanding this year and is accomplishing great things. DET TWO is out on deployment representing the command and showing how great they truly are. The Talons have continued to show their abilities and resolve by winning both the football and softball championships along with a overall award at Surface Line Week. Be safe and enjoy this wonderful fall!

KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK TALONS!!

TALON Times Newsletter Editor: IS2 Gary Isabelle

