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A UNIQUE VENUE FOR “101 DAYS OF SUMMER”

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On May 21st CNATTU Oceana decided to try something new for this year’s “101 Days of Summer” Safety Stand-down presentation. It was held at the Military Aviation Museum in the Pungo area of Virginia Beach and the families of staff members were invited as well. It was a unique event that surpassed everyone’s expectations.

The event kicked off with a frocking ceremony congratulating AT1 Davis and AME1 Sapp, both of whom were selected for advancement as a result of the March rating exam. Following the frocking, AT1 Pothier gave a summer safety brief that covered a variety of topics including heat stress, water safety, alcohol consumption, and grill safety.

After the brief, the command welcomed two guest speakers. First, Mrs. Ursula shared her remarkable journey of recovery from alcoholism and addiction. She also spoke to everyone about the programs available to Sailors and Marines seeking help. Second, Mr. Richard Mays Jr. of the US Coast Guard Auxiliary spoke about boating safety and the many recent changes to Virginia and Federal law regarding boating requirements applicable to the Tidewater area. Mr. Mays also instructs the boating safety course offered by the Coast Guard Auxiliary that is required for anyone operating a watercraft on the Virginia waterways.

Afterward MWR provided everyone with pizza from Pungo Pizza and Ice Cream. Tours of the museum complex were also free for everyone. The privately-owned museum spans 5 hangars and includes over 60 flying vintage aircraft from WWI, WWII, and the Korean War. Including many military warbirds, fighters, bombers, and training aircraft throughout aviation history. All have been restored to their former glory.



MOTORCYCLE RIDE PROMOTES TEAM BUILDING

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CNATTU Oceana held its annual Spring Motorcycle Ride to the Outer Banks of North Carolina on May 15th. It was a great opportunity for command riders to get together for essential safety refresher training and to build command morale amongst the CNATTU Staff.

A total of 9 qualified riders participated in the 150 mile event. The first stop was at Outer Banks Harley Davidson in Harbinger, NC where riders got an up-close look at the latest Harley Davidson models and picked up some personalized safety tips from the Outer Banks Harley Davidson staff.



Next, they continued south to the barrier islands for a seafood lunch at the Black Pelican Oceanfront Restaurant in Kitty Hawk. The restaurant's unique building was originally constructed in 1874 as a United States Lifesaving Station. It was later transformed into a Western Union office and it was from that office that the Wright Brothers sent word to the world of their first successful powered flight in 1903. Now the historic building offers diners panoramic ocean views from the dining room and outside deck.

Riders participating in this event were: AMC Leidigh, GySgt Rudisill, AE1 Haller, AM1 Campbell, SSgt Howe, SSgt Canfield, AD1 Jarzynski, Sgt Black and Sgt Davis. The ride was an excellent team building event which highlighted essential motorcycle safety awareness and developed "esprit de corps" among the riders.



CNATTU OCEANA TAKES PART IN THE VIRGINIA BEACH PATRIOTIC FESTIVAL

A01(AW/SW) Keaton Smith
May 29, 2015

On May 29th, 2015 eight sailors from CNATTU Oceana, AT1 Fletcher, AT1 Miles, AT2 Davis, AT2 Gillispie, AD1 Rolongonzalez, AD2 Smith, AD1 Mulero, and AO1 Smith volunteered for the USO (United Service Organization), which was one of main sponsors of the three-day long festival.

Each year the Virginia Beach Patriotic festival celebrates all branches of the military at the Virginia Beach Oceanfront with nationally touring concert artists, along with military display & demos. Throughout the weekend the Patriotic Festival hosted numerous vendor tents and family friendly festivities. Attendees lined the 5th street Ocean Front concert site to see Chase Rise and Lee Brice in concert as the main event for the Patriotic Festival kick-off. Other artists performing for the festival included Lynyrd Skynyrd, Colt Ford and Alabama, just to name a few. During the event CNATTU Oceana staff members manned the USO chalet providing fresh beverages and snacks to over 800 veterans and their families. Volunteers also helped monitor the festival entrance and distribute discount coupons for active duty, reserve and retired veterans and their families. With the long hours and hard work of volunteers, the 2015 Virginia Beach Patriotic Festival was a big success and everyone had a great time.



CNATTU OCEANA PRODUCES TWO OFFICER SELECTEES

AM1 (AW) Douglas Campbell
May 29, 2015

Most young Sailors or Marines found themselves daydreaming about future advancements. Some even wonder about making the transition from enlisted to officer. Whether it is to earn more money, receive greater responsibility or to follow in another's footsteps, it becomes a goal that many try to achieve. Two of CNATTU Oceana's own, AMEC Jeremy Mott and SSgt Mikal Ali, did more than daydream and now their enlisted days are numbered.

After only applying to the program once, Chief Mott was recently selected for the Navy Chief Warrant Officer program. Going from a Second Class Petty Officer to a CWO in five years is a remarkable accomplishment. AMEC Mott is currently the 1041 AME Phase Lead Instructor. He has been in and out of the Navy for 17 years with his career beginning in 1997 in Ft. Worth, TX as an intermediate level technician. When that tour of duty ended in 2001, so did his naval career, or so he thought. After being out of the Navy just more than a year, he enlisted again in 2002. He then traveled across the pond to be stationed at NAS Naples. In 2004 he traveled far again to be stationed with VFA-102 in Atsugi Japan. Deciding to develop junior Sailors, He crossed another pond in 2007 for his first tour as an instructor at CNATTU Lemoore only to return to Atsugi in 2010 with orders to VAQ-141. Last year, he returned to instructor duty here at CNATTU Oceana. When asked what personal thought he wanted to share, CWO Select Mott simply said, "If you have a chance to do something, take it. Don't assume anything and don't worry about looking good.

Just get the job done."



SSgt Mikal Ali was selected into the Marine Enlisted Commissioning Education Program (MECEP) on his second application to the program. His first application had been returned to him before it had been forwarded to headquarters for body art that needed to be corrected to meet the Marine Corps tattoo policy. He chose to have the tattoo removed and resubmit his application. His second application was screened and forwarded to headquarters and he was selected. Officially, it was the first application they had seen. SSgt Ali said, "The feeling of getting accepted was incomparable to any feeling I had ever experienced in the military aside from receiving my Eagle, Globe and Anchor and earning the title of Marine". He further stated, "If you want something, work hard for it, do whatever it takes and never give up. I had to make the choice to remove a tattoo on the hopes of getting selected into an officer program. I could have been denied again and my choice to remove the tattoo would have been permanent and seemed to be in vain. However, if I never did it, then I would forever have to live with not knowing if I could have ever made it into the officer ranks".

AMEC Mott's commissioning will take place on 1 April 2016 and SSgt Ali is expected to be commissioned in May of 2017. Be sure to congratulate them as they endure the long wait for their first salute.

CNATTU OCEANA OMBUDSMAN CORNER

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When you receive Permanent Change of Station (PCS) orders, you will have questions. Will there be housing on the installation? Will we want to live in it? What are the schools like? Do they have soccer? Will my spouse be able to get a job? Should we take both cars? How do we send the pets? The Relocation Assistance Program (RAP) staff at Oceana's Fleet and Family Support Center (FFSC) can answer these questions, and more. Plan on attending their **Smooth Move Workshop**. The Workshop addresses move-related topics such as who pays what for your move, how to ship your personal property, and what the sponsorship program is.



The RAP is designed to make the moving process run as effortlessly as possible for the service member be they single, married, married with children, single parents, also family members of active duty and mobilized reservist and active reservist personnel relocating.

The most important thing you can do to ensure a smooth move is to start planning early using the many Relocation Assistance Program services and tools. For information on preparing for your move, planning your move, personal procurement move, housing and lodging, CYP & school research, moving with vehicles and pets, after your move, and other resources, visit their website http://cnic.navy.mil/ffr/family_readiness/fleet_and_family_support_program/relocation_assistance.html.

If it is important to you, it's important to me. When you have a question or need assistance with a specific matter please contact me so I can help. As your Ombudsman, I am always available by phone 757-274-3177 or email CNATTUoceanaOmbudsman@gmail.com. Together we can optimize your ability to obtain more information and resources, getting you the help you need.

HOLLAND ELEMENTARY FIELD DAY

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On May 15th, Holland Elementary School in Virginia Beach held its annual Field Day and got some much appreciated help from eighteen CNATTU Oceana staff members. Volunteers set up and manned many different activity stations for the children. They each gave up four hours of their time and gained a fun-filled day ensuring everyone stayed safe and active.





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Hornet University Times is a great benefit to all of CNATTU by allowing organized communication of command events, volunteer opportunities, and organizational announcements.

If you would like to write an article or include information in the next issue of Hornet University Times, send your story to any of the PAO staff: AM1 Campbell, SSgt Standlee, SSgt Hall, AT1 Moore or AT1 Anderson. Please include any photos.

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In June 2004, Naval Air Maintenance Training Group Detachment Oceana was renamed as the Center for Naval Aviation Technical Training Unit, Oceana (CNATTU, Oceana). CNATTU, Oceana, currently provides curricula for advanced technical training for the F-18 Hornet and Super Hornet, Consolidated Automated Support System (CASS), and other various Automated Test Equipment and aircraft maintenance training courses. A variety of Maintenance Training Units (MTUs) provide diversified training for students.

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