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A Soldier runs during the sprint-drag-carry portion of the Army Combat Fitness Test at the Presidio of Monterey, Nov. 1. PHOTO by Marcus Fichtl





Navy **29**



Army **22**

A Sailor is run out of bounds during the annual Army-Navy game held at Price Fitness Center Field on the Presidio of Monterey, Dec. 13.

O'Neill ended a late Army drive with an interception and then threw the game winning touchdown pass, propelling Navy 29-22 over Army at the Presidio of Monterey's annual Army-Navy flag football game, Dec. 13.

The Navy win breaks a two game losing streak for the Presidio's Sailors.

Navy's coach, Seaman Tyler Steerman, who was a player in the two previous losses, called the game his "greatest moment" at the Presidio. "It's been a long time coming," he said.

Even though the Presidio is an Army post, home field advantage rested squarely with the Navy. A sea of Navy supporters filled the bleachers at Price Fitness Center Field. They quickly drowned out any more calm and composed," he said.

PRESIDIO OF MONTEREY, Calif. - Seaman Patrick Army cheer with chants of "Let's Go Navy" and their O'Neill then opened the ensuing drive with a little service song of "Anchors Away."

> The game started as a slug fest between two high powered offenses, answering each other score-forscore. Evenly matched, the teams entered halftime at 22-22.

> The Army team looked to continue its offensive juggernaut, quickly driving down the field with its first procession, when the Navy's defense came up big during a goal line stand, turning the ball over on downs. A second seemingly unstoppable drive was abruptly stopped with O'Neill's interception at the Navy's 30.

> That's when O'Neill said clicked. things "Once our defense was working we became a lot

trickeration. He hiked the ball, quickly tossing the ball to backup quarterback Lance Cpl. Bryce Reed who had been playing the game as a receiver. Reed found his man wide 40 yards down the sideline. A few plays later, Navy punched in the game winning touchdown.

O'Neill was greeted by his fellow Sailors who rushed the field with screams of M-V-P. "O'Neill thanked his Navy and Marine brethren.

"Beating Army means a lot," He said "We're super close, super motivated to be part of such a tight-knit family."

More Army-Navy photos next page

Army-Navy Cont.



Navy attempts to block an Army extra point during the Army-Navy game.



A play is stopped during the Army-Navy game.



Navy fans show their spirit during the Army-Navy game.







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Native History of Monterey spoken at Presidio

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PRESIDIO OF MONTEREY, Calif. — The 229th Military Intelligence Battalion, Delta Company, hosted an observance in recognition of National Native American Heritage Month at Khalil Hall, Nov. 14. The observance highlighted the history and language of the local Ohlone/Costanoan-Esselen Nation who have called the Monterey Bay area home for thousands of years.

Garrison Commander Col. Gregory Ford introduced guest speaker Louise Miranda Ramirez, Chairwoman of the Ohlone/Costanoan-Esselen Nation, saying, "She is a linguist who has single-handedly rebuilt the language of her people. She has shared that knowledge with educators, her fellow tribal members and others equally, to ensure the rich history of the language and her people are never lost."

Ramirez addressed a room overflowing with hundreds of Defense Language Institute students and Presidio of Monterey professionals. She conveyed the Esselen creation story which depicts the birth of their tribe atop Pico Blanco, a peak in the mountainous terrain of Big Sur, which is known in their native language as 'Watiyi'.

"We come from the rock," said Ramirez, referencing a phrase used by the tribe to depict their emergence from the mountains and their legacy as inhabitants of the region.

Before Spanish explorers first arrived in Monterey Bay in 1602, or began colonizing in 1769, the tribe lived on the land where the Presidio of Monterey currently resides. On display during the observance were several native artifacts discovered on the lower Presidio. The items included tools and jewelry made from intricately altered shells as well as crafted arrowheads and a mortar and pestle carved from stone. In addition to these artifacts, the ground beneath the Presidio houses the bodies of countless



Louise Miranda Ramirez, chairwoman of the Ohlone/Costanoan-Esselen Nation speaks to service members at the Presidio of Monterey, Nov. 14.

Esselen who lived and died here.

"[The Presidio of Monterey] has a lot of dealings DLI Commandant Col. Gary M. Hausman then with Native Americans because they have a rich history here," said Staff Sgt. Angela Jackson, Equal Opportunity Leader for the 229th.

Staff Sgt. Jackson, who organized the observance, also wanted to make clear that it is important for soldiers to be aware of, and respect, cultural differences because the Army is a diverse organization made up of people from all walks of life

Ramirez echoed these sentiments, saying, "We get people writing books all the time about our people, and they believe these words are so real. They don't family members. take the time to know us... go introduce yourself,

because we want to know you."

delivered a brief closing statement thanking tribal members for attending.

Ramirez ended the event by making a request to the assembled Presidio students and staff, "Walk lightly as you walk on the bones of my ancestors."

In celebrating National Native American Indian Heritage Month, Army leadership encourages the entire Army family to recognize and express appreciation for the past and present contributions of Native American Soldiers, veterans, civilians and



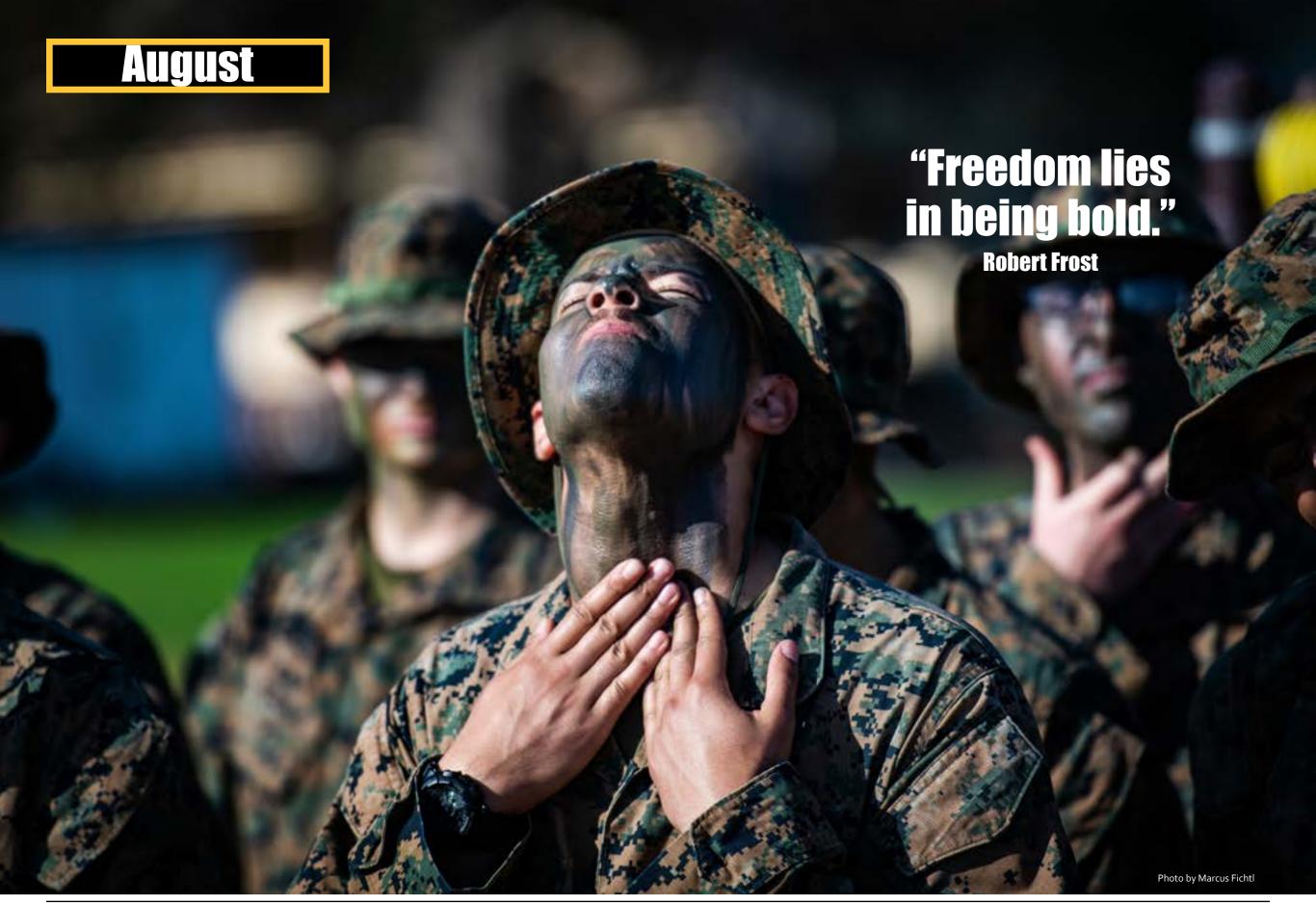


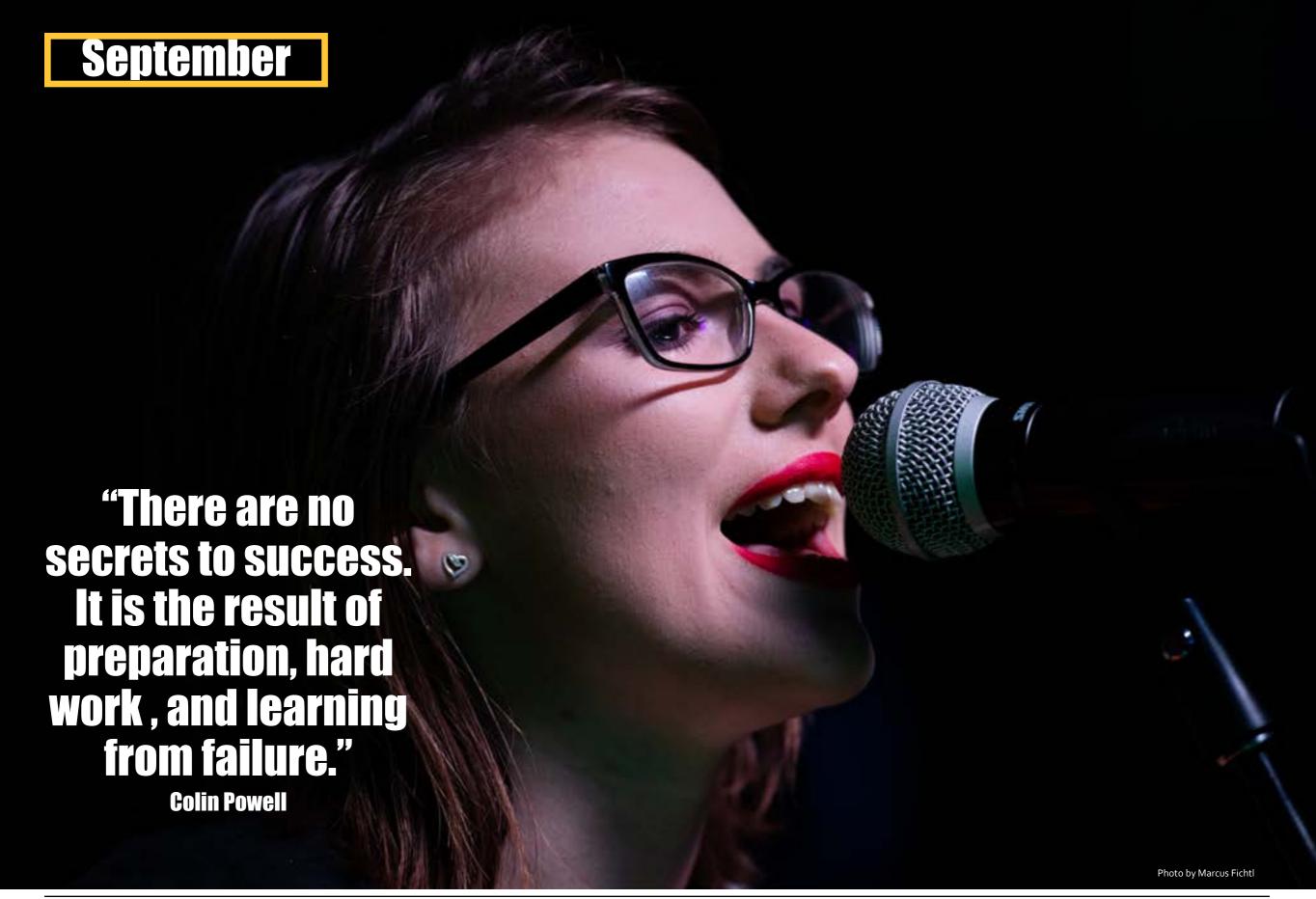


















FROM THE HISTORIAN

Oldest Known Photo of the Presidio of Monterey



Cameron Binkley
Command Historian

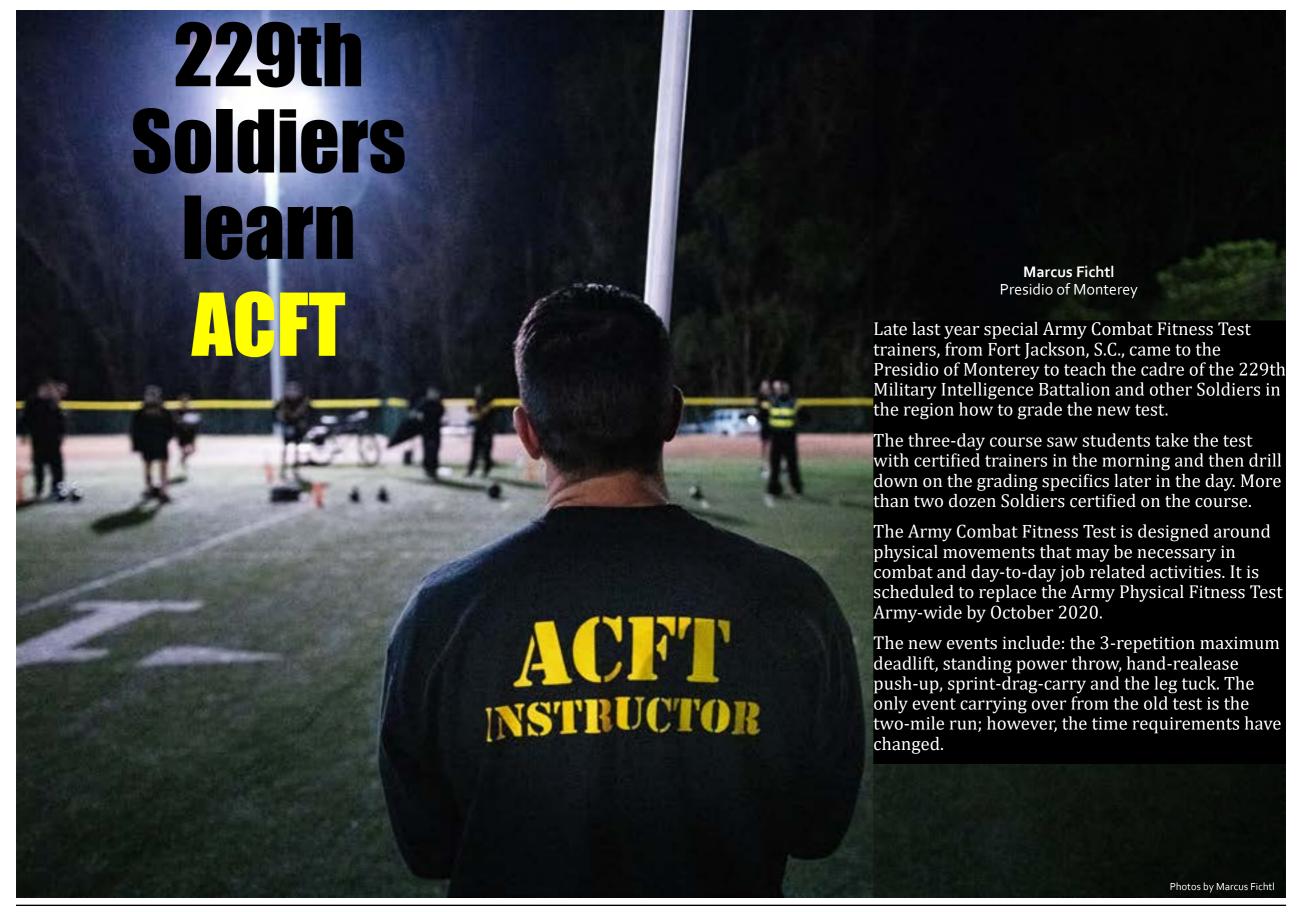
Soldiers march on the parade ground of the Presidio of Monterey. Circa 1905 to 1908.

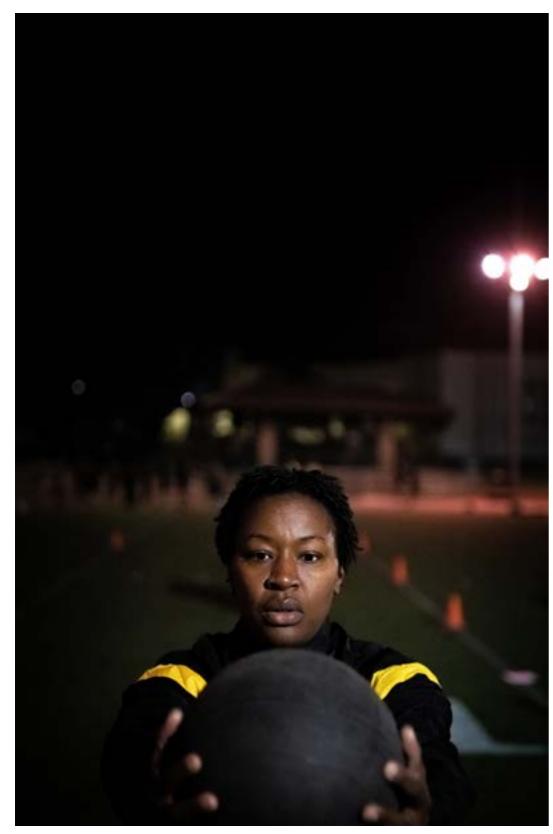
Courtesy of Pat Hathaway

This image by an unknown photographer is the earliest known surviving photograph of the Presidio of Monterey. The photograph captures infantry soldiers marching on the Presidio's parade ground against a backdrop of the Monterey Bay. Seen on the distant shore is the Hotel Del Monte, now home to the Naval Postgraduate School. In the midground is Building 221, originally Building 106, and now

known as the "Edge Club." The Army completed Building 221 in 1905 after first finishing twelve barracks around the parade ground, a number sufficient to house an infantry regiment.

Building 221 served many uses over the years: for a time it housed a regimental band, but acquired it's nick-name while serving as a joint faculty and student club in the 1990s. The reason? It was located on the very edge of both the post and the Monterey Bay. However, Building 221 first served as the post gymnasium and exchange. By 1908 another structure – the post bowling alley (Building 220) – appears adjacent to Building 221. The absence of that building in this photo is how we know the image dates between 1905 and 1908.





A Soldier from the 229th Military Intelligence Battalion conducts the standing power throw portion of the Army Combat Fitness Test, at the Presidio of Monterey, Nov. 1.



Soldiers from the 229th Military Intelligence Battalion conduct and grade the hand-release push-up.



Soldiers from the 229th Military Intelligence Battalion conduct and grade the leg tug.



A Soldier from the 229th Military Intelligence Battalion conducts the sprint-drag-carry.



Service members, families, civilians and veterans joined the Presidio of Monterey command team at the Presidio Cemetery for National Wreaths Across America day Dec. 14 to remember and honor fallen veterans.

The community volunteers laid wreaths at each of the 387 headstones at the Presidio Cemetery — following the tradition of reading the names on each headstone out loud while placing the wreaths.

Command Sgt. Maj. Roberto Marshall, Garrison Command Sergeant Major, initiated the program after being invited to a wreath-laying ceremony in 2016 at the Central Coast Cemetery.

"I was the new Command Sergeant Major and received an invitation to lay wreaths at the Central Coast Cemetery. After the ceremony I thought — I have a cemetery as well," Marshall said.

That's when Marshall took the steps to have the Presidio Cemetery added to the the Wreaths Across America program. "I want to say thank you to all

"This is your cemetery and these are your service members."

who came out today ... this is your cemetery and these are your service members, said Marshall. "I just love how the community came together today to honor the sacrifices of service members from generations past."

Col. Greg Ford, Presidio of Monterey commander, said he was inspired by the number of community members who volunteered to lay wreaths to honor fallen veterans and their families.

"The community turnout today was amazing," he said. "It shows how much people care, and that's something you can't put a cost or price on."



Command Sgt. Maj. Roberto Marshall lays a wreath at the Presidio of Monterey's cemetery, Dec. 14.

Nathanial Pleasentbey, Survivor Outreach Services coordinator, said this event received the most community support out of the three years the Presidio has participated in the program.

"We have 387 headstones and had 455 wreaths donated, so we have over 50 wreaths credited toward next year," said Pleasentbey.

He added "we are honoring our covenant made with our Soldiers, and should they fall, we will stand by them to ensure they are never forgotten."

This wreath-laying ceremony marks the third-consecutive year the Presidio has participated in the Wreaths Across America program. Every year in December, Wreaths Across America coordinates wreath-laying ceremonies at more than 1,600 locations across the United States, at sea and abroad.

News Briefs: Army

New entrance test to increase Soldier quality, reduce attrition to fulfill Army dream

Florida man drops 160 pounds

Army approves coyote brown caps for ACUs



WASHINGTON — As part of a Department of Defense pilot program, a new military entrance exam is being administered to Army recruits to predict performance, behaviors, attitudes, and attrition of potential Soldiers. The pilot program is designed to see how the Army can get best-fit recruits.

The three-year pilot study authorized by DoD is for a talent management tool known as the Tailored Adaptive Personality Assessment System, or TAPAS.

The new TAPAS pilot expands on current screening tools, the Armed Forces Qualification Test score, known as the AFQT, high school diploma, and the Occupational Physical Assessment Test, known as OPAT, in an effort to redefine what a potential Soldier will offer to the Army.



FORT MEADE, Md. — Just a year ago, Christian Montijo was a different man. In fact, he was almost twice the man he is today.

He figured he weighed a little more than 350 pounds. But it was more of a guess, since his scale only went up to that number.

Overweight and realizing his unhealthy habits, the 28-year-old banker from Kissimmee, Florida, set a goal to transform himself. And, if he could, revive his dream of joining the Army.

"I would wake up tired," he said Tuesday. "I'd be sitting down watching TV and my wife would be. 'are you OK because you're breathing really heavy?' So I decided that I had to make a change."



WASHINGTON — Soldiers now have more color choices while wearing fleece caps — but it's at their commander's discretion.

The coyote brown cap is an optional alternative to the black fleece cap while in the Army Combat Uniform, according to a change authorized by Army senior leaders earlier this year.

"Permitting the wear of the coyote fleece cap was a pretty straightforward and common-sense decision," said Sgt. Maj. of the Army Michael A. Grinston. "We're acting on that now, and I fully support it."

Like Grinston, Sgt. Maj. Brian Sanders, G-1 Uniform Policy Branch sergeant major, agrees the revision is a common-sense change, adding it doesn't break uniformity of troops.

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News Briefs Air Force

With the stroke of a pen, US **Space Force becomes a reality**



JOINT BASE ANDREWS, Md. — President Trump signed into law Dec. 20 the sprawling, \$738 billion defense bill, making history by creating the Space Force as a stand-alone, sixth branch of the U.S. military and guaranteeing for the first time 12 weeks of paid parental leave for federal workers.

as we officially inaugurate the newest branch of the military [United States Space Force], this is a very big and important moment," said President Donald J. Trump.

The Space Force and parental leave were two of the most high-profile elements of the 2020 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA), a law running 1,976 pages that serves as comprehensive, annual blueprint for military spending and policy priorities and operating standards.

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Joint Chiefs chairman welcomes military's top enlisted member



WASHINGTON — Senior Enlisted Advisor to the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff John Wayne Troxell, retired Dec. 13, turning the position over to Air Force Chief Master Sgt. Ramon Colon-Lopez, the newly appointed senior enlisted advisor to the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

"Today [also] marks another landmark achievement In swearing in the new SEAC, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Gen. Mark A. Milley, emphasized that the oath of office is sacred, noting the United States is the only nation that takes an oath to an idea. "It's an idea embedded in a piece of paper called the Constitution," he said.

> Members of the military take an oath to, if necessary, "die or suffer grievous wounds for this idea, to separate from our families and sacrifice for this idea," he said. "It's a very powerful idea."

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Operation Christmas drop delivers crucial supplies, holiday spirit



ANDERSEN AIR FORCE BASE. Guam — For those on the island of Woleai, and other islands throughout the Federated States of Micronesia and the Republic of Palau, it's radio calls like that from the North Pole that make Christmas come a little early every year thanks to Santa's C-130 Super Hercules from Andersen Air Force Base, Guam, participating in Operation Christmas Drop.

"When we get that call saying it's our drop-day and word gets out, the island has a different feel to it," said Allentino Riugiufmal, Northern Islands Central High School vice principal on Woleai. "The island just has this pure feeling of excitement that is shared across the community, like a child just waiting to see what's under the tree.

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News Briefs: Navy

Navy Awards medals to Pensacola shooting victims



PENSACOLA, Fl. — The Navy held a memorial service Dec. 19 for the three Sailors killed in the Dec. 6 shooting at Naval Aviation Schools Command (NASC) onboard Naval Air Station (NAS) Pensacola, Florida, presenting posthumous awards to the fallen service members for their service.

Family members received the Navy and Marine Corps Medal for heroism on behalf of Naval Aircrewman (Mechanical) 3rd Class Mohammed S. Haitham, 19, from St. Petersburg, Florida; Naval Aircrewman (Mechanical) 3rd Class Cameron S. Walters, 21, from Richmond Hill, Georgia; and Ensign Joshua K. Watson, 23, from Enterprise, Alabama. Haitham and Walters also were awarded the Good Conduct Medal, a recognition for enlisted Sailors. All three Sailors were serving as students at NASC.

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Acting SECNAV names two newest Virginia-class subs for heroes of Pearl Harbor



WASHINGTON — The Navy will name its two newest Virginia-class (SSN 774) fast-attack nuclear submarines after the American heroes of the Greatest Generation who perished in the former USS Oklahoma (BB-37) and USS Arizona (BB-39), bringing those hallowed names back into active-duty service after more than three quarters of a century.

"I am honored and humbled to name the next two Virginia-class nuclear fast-attack submarines to be built as the USS Oklahoma (SSN-802) and the USS Arizona (SSN-803)," Modly said. "It is my fondest wish that the citizens of the great states of Arizona and Oklahoma will understand and celebrate our Navy's desire to memorialize the 1,177 heroes who perished in USS Arizona (BB-39) and the 429 more in USS Oklahoma (BB-37) in Pearl Harbor, on Dec. 7, 1941.

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Navy announces launch of new assignment interface



MILLINGTON, Tenn. — An overhaul of how Sailors review and apply for billets — fundamentally changing the future of Navy detailing — was unveiled in NAVADMIN 276/19, released Dec. 3.

MyNavy Assignment (MNA), a new and enhanced Sailor interface to the Detailing Marketplace, will replace the current Career Management System – Interactive Detailing (CMS-ID) on Dec. 5.

Active duty and Full Time Support (FTS) enlisted Sailors will see these new and enhanced career management capabilities and an improved graphical user interface at launch. Reserve enlisted Sailors will see the changes in future upgrades.

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News Briefs: Marines

Pendleton Marines put amphibious combat vehicle to the test



CAMP PENDLETON, Calif. — The world is constantly advancing around us. As the most feared fighting force in the world, it is imperative Marines advance their capabilities along with it. The Corps' new Amphibious Combat Vehicle is here to improve Marines' amphibious capabilities.

Marines with the Amphibious Vehicle Test Branch, Marine Corps Tactical Systems Support Activity, tested the ACV's maneuverability and performance during low-light and night operations on Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton's beaches, Dec. 16-18. The Marines spent hours driving ACVs the Southern California surf and in the open ocean to assess how well they could interface with the vehicle and conduct operations in low light.

Installation Next launches innovation crowdsourcing challenge



ARLINGTON, Va. — Marine Corps Installations Command encourages Marines, civilians and reservists to participate in the MCICOM Installation neXt Innovation Crowdsourcing Challenge which is now live and will remain open until Jan. 10, 2020. I-neXt's vectors drive the prioritization and development of innovative solutions for our installations.

This crowdsourcing challenge will help I-neXt identify the most pressing issues facing Marine Corps installations today. In collaboration with their ecosystem, which includes partners from industry, military and academia, I-neXt will move forward with the most pressing and actionable problem identified through the challenge and will work to develop an innovative solution to address the problem.

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NPS Marine Corps advance graduate education for senior NCOs



MONTEREY, Calif. — The cohort of senior enlisted Marines enrolled in Naval Postgraduate School is growing. Driven by the Department of the Navy's Education for Seapower study, and its recommendations to bolster education among the department's enlisted ranks, NPS and the Marine Corps have opened up graduate education opportunities for senior enlisted non-commissioned officers.

NPS' Master of Applied Cyber Operations program, which has provided Navy enlisted Sailors with graduate degrees since 2012, now educates enlisted Marines to help meet the DOD's growing need for trained cyber professionals. Three Marine NCOs are now enrolled in the 12-month program.

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INBRIEF

Calendar of upcoming events

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Jan. 22:

Potty Learning: What is the average age that children learn to use the potty? Are there things you can do to expedite this process? Is it true that boys train later than girls? How can we make this a positive learning experience with the least amount of stress for all?

Cost: Free

Time and location: 6-7:30 p.m. @ACS

Contact: 831-242-7653



Jan. 24:

Intramural Basketball Roster/Letter of Intent deadline @ Price Fitness Center

Contact: 831-242-5557

Jan. 29:

Intramural Coaches Meeting: Call for exact time

@Price Fitness Center
Contact: 831-242-5557

Feb. 1:

Taming Temper Tantrums: Learn how to "Tame Temper Tantrums" by using the ABCs of behavior analysis! We will identify the Antecedents (what happens before the behavior). We will learn to describe the Behavior (in clear, objective terms). We will identify the Consequences (and how they reinforce behaviors). And we will learn how to

anticipate problem behaviors and intervene before the meltdown happens.

Cost: Free

Time and location: 10-11:30 @ACS

Contact: (831) 242-7653

Feb. 3:

Intramural Basketball season starts: Call for

schedule

@Price Fitness Center Contact: 831-242-555

Feb. 11:

School Liaison Services Home School Co-op:

Home School Families, the School Liaison Services welcomes your school-age children to the Home School Co-Op. There will be different fun and educational activities available for home schoolers. *Cost:* Free

Time and location: @ 9-11:30 Porter Youth Center *Contact:* 831-242-6904

FEB: 19

Positive Discipline: What does discipline mean to you? What is punishment? How about logical consequences for our children? We have so many opinions about this topic and how to best raise our children; let's explore some ideas that will work for your family, as well as understanding how your child's temperament effects some of your decisions. Cost: Free

Time and location: 6-7:30 p.m. @ACS

Contact: 831-242-7653



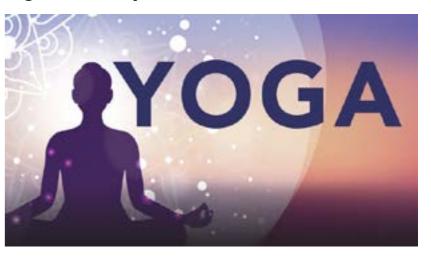
Reoccurring Events

Mondays:

Breastfeeding Support, 10:00-11:00 a.m.

Tuesdays:

Yoga, 5:30-6:30 p.m.



Wednesdays:

Play Group, 9:00-10:00 (Infant) & 10:00-11:00 a.m. (Toddler) @ ACS

Fridays:

Open Mic Night, 8-11 p.m. @Hobson Center

Every First Wednesday of the month: Couples Connection 5:30-730 p.m. @ACS

Every First Saturday of the month:

Billiard Tournament, 6-8 p.m. @Hobson Center Bring Your Own Game Nights, free ice cream sundaes, 8:00 @ Hobson Center

2nd Tuesday of each MonthPYC PPA Meeting, 5:15 Porter Youth

Every 2nd and 4th Tuesday:

Farmers Day, 6 - 7:30 p.m., Departs from Hobson Center

Every 2nd and 4th Saturaday:

(BOSS) Knitting Club, 1-3 p.m. @Hobson Center





Farewell CSM Marshall



Meet the new housing boss



Martin Luther King Jr. Day

