

## Team NMAWC Web Update – June 2012

NMAWC Team, Families, and Friends—Welcome to the inaugural edition of the Commander’s Web Update! This month finds our Command in the midst of a typically very busy year, and I want to take the opportunity to highlight some of the outstanding contributions our personnel have made over the past few months. In the future, you can expect more frequent updates from me now that our website has ‘gone live.’

For openers, I mentioned a “typically very busy year,” and I mean just that—NMAWC military and civilians are involved literally worldwide supporting our primary mission areas of Mine and Antisubmarine Warfare. Our personnel have been working hard throughout the year in all manner of activities—training, assessment, requirements, operations; we’ve done it all, and we’ve been in every Numbered Fleet Area of Responsibility. From the Pacific to the Atlantic to the Mediterranean to the Arabian Gulf, we continue to make our mark!

Back at home—in San Diego, Norfolk, Hawaii, and Japan—while we’re supporting the Fleet or preparing for our next commitment, we’re also keeping a steady strain on our Navy’s 21<sup>st</sup> Century Sailor and Marine initiative. We continue our myriad programs to help keep our Sailors fully ready for the numerous challenges they face. We recently held a pre-Memorial Day Safety Pause and a Motorcycle Safety Ride, both designed to focus on and mitigate those hazards inherent in some of the common day-to-day activities in which many of us participate. We also hosted a well-received luncheon that afforded us the opportunity to reflect on the numerous significant contributions made to our country and our Navy by Asian-Pacific Islanders. The luncheon was the most recent in a series of events held to highlight our collective diversity.

We’re keeping very busy but our team makes the most challenging tasks seem easy—with the exception of choosing our Sailors and Civilians of the Quarter! The competition is always fierce given such an outstanding group of people, and for the most recent quarter I’d like to recognize and congratulate the following:

NMAWC Sailor of the Quarter (SOQ) -- IS2 Barry Barton

NMAWC Civilian Employee of the Quarter (CEOQ) -- Mr. Aaron Heffelfinger

Again, the competition was very keen, so “Well Done” to both! Additionally, five of our Sailors were recently selected for advancement and so I’d also like to recognize our newest Master Chief Petty Officer:

QMCM Dexter Watson

And our newest First Class Petty Officers:

IS1 Michael Daye

MN1 Frank Esposito

AG1 Angela Koob

MN1 Christopher Turner

Advancement in today’s Navy is intensely competitive and their selection means they have each achieved a significant milestone in their careers—“Well Done” to these fine Sailors! I look forward to watching each of them as they assume roles of even greater responsibility in the Command.

We have a very busy summer in front of us—we’ll be involved in Mine Warfare and Antisubmarine Warfare operations and training across the globe, and will no doubt continue our hallmark of excellence in supporting the Fleet. I’m extremely proud of the entire team, and look forward to meeting the many challenges facing us. In closing for this update, I’d also like to offer my sincere thanks to all of our families and friends, without whom we simply couldn’t accomplish our many diverse missions—your support is key to our success!

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