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# The Oscar Observer



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## Group Commander's Corner

CAPT Chuck Rink



This is our last newsletter as we prepare to leave theater. The Sailors of OSCAR have achieved a tremendous reputation for the outstanding work they performed. We were in six different countries, working in 26 different locations. OSCAR had the fewest number of Sailors, but we were spread out over the greatest geographical area than any other NAVELSG FWD rotation. OSCAR Sailors worked in the rain, snow, sleet, ice, mud, freezing cold, and very dry, hot weather. Our Sailors worked day and night, seven days a week and through all the holidays. They overcame all of the challenges and met every mission requirement. They moved 3,500 pieces of air cargo, inspected 16,500 vehicles,

checked 160,000 pieces of equipment, screened 35,000 passengers with 113,000 bags, confiscated 49,000 contraband items and handled 500 hazmat items. In addition, the Seabees were demonstrating the can-do motto by repairing vehicles, building guard shacks and guard towers, grading yards with gravel, filling Hesco barriers and driving a bulldozer to improve the outer berm to improve base security. These many operational successes could not have been achieved if it wasn't for the great support from the ESS. N1 processed 689 correspondence letters, 425 redeployers and every award and eval/fitness report for the all of the members of NAVELSG FWD. N4 handled 408 requisitions for \$110,000 and \$2.5 million in returned gear. N43 drove 55,000 miles and transported 2,000 PAX. N6 resolved 6,000 IT trouble tickets and switched all Arifjan personnel to the new email system. N3 kept the 240 Sailors in the 26 locations spread out in a balanced fashion to insure the right amount of manpower was in the right place. N7 supported 50 Sailors to tap into \$50,000 of tuition assistance, implemented two critical training stand downs and ensured 100% GMT compliance for all Sailors. N9 achieved and maintained 96% medical readiness. I was fortunate to have the best Command Master Chief in the Navy, CMDCM Scott Quamme and the finest officer in the Navy

as my Deputy, CDR Jimmy Hahm. The support and guidance of these two individuals was outstanding and helped me to support the many Sailors of OSCAR. I am honored to have been the Group Commander for the Sailors of OSCAR. It will be difficult to give up this command and to say good bye, but I know my relief CAPT James McNeal will carry on the great tradition of NAVELSG FWD. I wish all of my officers, chiefs and enlisted fair winds and following seas. God bless every Sailor and the members of his/her family.

## In Hahm's Way

CDR Jimmy Hahm



This will be the final OSCAR Newsletter. It's hard to fathom that it's been almost 9 months that OSCAR has been boots on ground. We've accomplished quite a bit and

saw a lot of transformation during our time here. We've seen or will see the arrival/departure of NOVEMBER Wave 2, OSCAR Wave 1, 2, and 3. We've started HOTEL Company in Afghanistan with 8 different sites; increased our multi-modal support in Jordan, Oman, and UAE; consolidated Charlie Company with Alpha Company, and we're in the middle of another consolidation of Bravo and Alpha Company. We have been in the middle of unprecedented time in the history of Navy Customs from what we have gone through and will go through on our watch. In 14 previous rotations, there hasn't been this level of transformative changes taking place. We did all of this with all of your flexibility and ability to adapt. As the CO's guidance stated, be flexible, expect change, and expect to do more with less; you have all been the reason for OSCAR's success. For that, you should be very proud of being part of the success and making history.

When we started on our journey, we all had varying goals and agendas. I hope you were able to reach milestones in your personal and professional goals. I've seen some who have transformed themselves by losing a lot of weight, worked toward their college degree; get valuable computer training, and some who've managed to fulfill their goal of making every MWR trips. Whatever your goal or no goal might have been, I



hope you can look back and have no regrets about the time you spent mobilized. I wish all of you a safe journey home and best wishes on your next chapter of your life.

CMC Corner  
CMDM Scott Quamme



Shipmates,

Welcome Aboard to all of our new CBCA Sailors and to our ESS Sailors and Command Element. I know you will all continue to lead the charge for NAVELSG FWD's mission and I wish you all the best on a safe and successful tour of duty.

It has been a great tour of duty serving with NAVELSG FWD OSCAR we have accomplished the overall mission with great success and you should all be proud of your outstanding contributions to it. We have had many serving in six different countries and 26 different sites along the way. You have assisted

and worked side by side with the other service branches the Army, Marine Corps, Air Force and Coast Guard. You have all lived up to our Navy Core Values of Honor, Courage and Commitment in all that you do. You have all gained professional development, educational achievements and boosted your physical fitness in the past six to nine months as being part of the OSCAR Rotation. We have all learned a lot and I hope that you will continue to excel in all that you do. Keep up the Navy Spirit and continue to lead by example and lead from the front.

I wish you all the very best in your future Navy endeavors and I am glad to have had the chance to serve alongside each and every one of you. May we run into one another in the future?

Thank you for what you all do serving our great Navy.

V/r,  
CMDM(EXW/AW) Scott G. Quamme  
COMMAND MASTER CHIEF  
NAVELSG FWD OSCAR

## OSCAR WELCOMES PAPA



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# AWARDS



AO1 HARDMAN, CORTEZ



BM2 MACMILLIAN, CHICOLIAN



EN2 BLAS, EDUARDO



BM2 BROWN, TIFFANY



EN3 BORIHANH, PHOUGEUNE



BM1 CLANTON, QUINN



LTJG PLACIDO, KEVIN



GM2 HEINRICH, RUDI



MA2 HUAPAYA, SALLY



MA3 LEPINSKI, JOHANNA



AM3 MANANGAN, SAMANTHA



YN1 POLO, JENNIFER

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GSM2 BOCO, BONIFACIO



CS3 HUDOCK, JASON



AE3 MENDOZA, SERGIO



LS2 EASLEY, DIANA



LCDR MIDGLEY, IAN



BM2 COLES, GARY



HM2 COOK, JANEL



MR2 COOVER, KEITH



BM2 DICKENS, SHAWN



CS1 FOSTER, ANSLEY



CS2 GRAHAM, LAKING



STG2 HUTYRA, STEPHEN

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BM2 MACK, HUBERT



AM3 MANAGAN, SAMANTHA



CS3 MAUCH, KEVIN



BM2 MITCHUM, COREY



MR2 PIEDRA, JUAN



CS3 PILCO, ELIZABETH



CS3 SWANN, DORIS



CS1 PITTS, DWAYNE



MM3 RENNICK, AARON



MR1 BURNETT, TOMMY



BM2 ROMAN, EDWARD



GM1 STEFFE, CRAIG

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BM2 GRANSTON, IAN



MA2 AFONIN, HEATHER



BM1 BISHOP, CRAIG



HT2 TABAGAN, RODY



ADC BADWARRIOR, DAYLE



AO1 HARDMAN, CORTEZ



GM1 SCHNEIDER, ANTHONY



GMC TRUMMER, TERRY



AO1 HARDMAN, CORTEZ

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# APRIL WAS SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH

The 2013 SAAM (Sexual Assault Awareness Month) ceremony was held in April where 46 balloons were released in remembrance of the 46 victims of sexual assault in Kuwait of 2013.



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# ST PATRICK'S DAY EVENT

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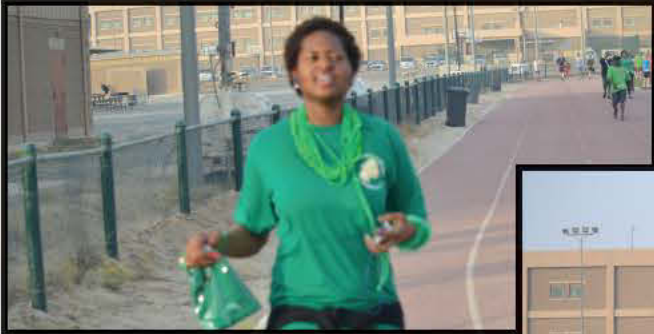


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# ST PATRICK'S DAY 5K

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# CINCO DE MAYO



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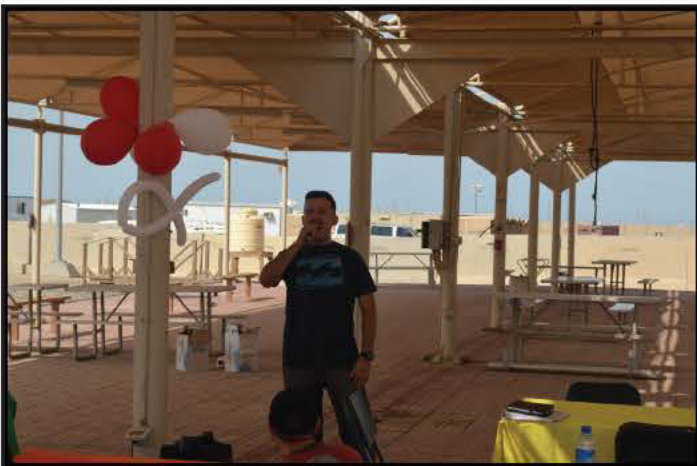
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EXW RECIPIENTS



MR1(EXW) BURNETT, TOMMY



QM1(EXW) DURHAM, KENTON



EM2(EXW) ABUNASSER, MOHAMMED



BM1(EXW) BISHOP, SAMUEL



EO1(EXW) BORDONARO, GIAMPAPLO



ABH3(EXW) CRUZ, NIKIWILLI



CE2(EXW) FOX, COLIN



EO2(EXW) BARRETO-COLON, COLON



BM2(EXW) GRANSTON, IAN



MA2(EXW) NOVAK, MATTHEW



LS1(EXW) ZVETINA, JAMES

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CPO's  
CELEBRATES  
120TH BIRTHDAY



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# MARCH IS WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH



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# FAREWELL WAVE 1



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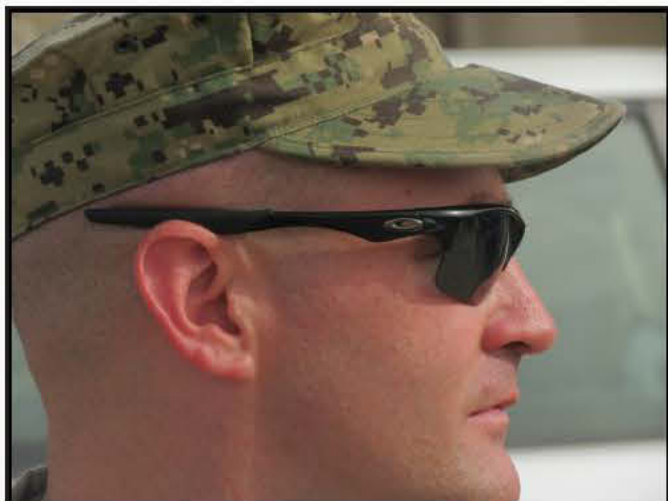


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# The Adventures of Chief Oscar

Since we last saw him, OSC Oscar (the OSC means Operations Specialist Chief) has been traveling extensively with his Battle Buddy, Command Master Chief Quamme. As you can see from the photos below, he traveled extensively throughout Afghanistan where he met Chief Chicken and was part of the celebration for the 120th Birthday of the Chief Petty Officer.



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