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Tri-command

Beaufort Memorial Hospital nurses honored with Award

For months, Marine Staff Sergeant Stanley Santos had looked forward to taking his wife Vanessa to the Marine Corps Ball. But when he found himself laid up in the hospital, he knew he would have to give up his plans for a romantic evening.

Samantha Coburn, his Beaufort Memorial Hospital nurse, had other ideas.

Seeing his disappointment, the fifth-floor Registered Nurse colluded with her charge nurse, Jennifer Hughes, to arrange a special evening for the couple right in the hospital.

Unbeknownst to Santos, the two nurses went into party planning mode, pulling together decorations, flowers, food and even bubbly non-alcoholic juice. To create the right mood in the unit waiting room, they set up a cell phone to play music.

“It was the best and biggest surprise ever,” Santos said. “I cannot explain how happy that made me. My frustration from being stuck in a hospital turned to gratitude for all of the effort that was put into making my stay, and especially that day, a pleasurable one. I could not have asked for a

better experience.”

Santos was so touched by the compassionate gesture he nominated Coburn and Hughes for a DAISY Award for Extraordinary Nurses, a national tribute reserved for RNs who go the extra mile to care for patients and their families.

Hospital administrators and coworkers gathered in the unit to surprise the pair with the prestigious award. They each were presented with an engraved vase full of daisies and a hand-carved sculpture titled, “A Healer’s Touch”.

“Both of these nurses are passionate about their profession, and going the extra mile is the norm for them,” said Nancy Fu, the floor’s nursing director. “I’m grateful to have them as part of a terrific team of caregivers who live our core values.”

The DAISY Award was created in 1999 by a Seattle couple as a way to honor the nurses who took care of their son before he died. It has since been adopted by healthcare facilities all over the world. Anyone can nominate a BMH nurse for the DAISY Award. Applications are available throughout the



Courtesy photo
Beaufort Memorial Hospital Nursing Director, Nancy Fu, presents the Daisy Award to RN Samantha Coburn.



Courtesy photo
Registered Nurse Jennifer Hughes with the Santos family at the Daisy Award presentation.

hospital.

Earlier this year, Coburn and Hughes also were presented Vaux Humanitarian Awards. The prize is made possible through the Vaux

Fund, set up to honor the memory of Ruthven Vaux, a longtime Bluffton resident and member of the Beaufort Memorial Hospital board.

Did you know...

February 24, 1991: The I Marine Expeditionary Force and coalition forces began a ground assault on Iraqi defenses in the final chapter of Operation Desert Storm. The 1st and 2d Marine Divisions stormed into the teeth of Iraqi defenses while heavily armored allied forces attacked the Iraqi defenses in Iraq from behind. In 100 hours, U.S. and allied forces defeated the Iraqi Army.

NOAA climate prediction center, predicts weakening La Nina conditions resulting in a warmer and dryer winter for the Southern US states and a cooler and wetter winter with above average snowfall in the Northern and Midwest states. These conditions will persist until spring.

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Sat 2/25	75°/48°		Remaining warm with some sun
Sun 2/26	64°/48°		Sunny and cooler
Mon 2/27	69°/55°		Mostly sunny
Tue 2/28	74°/58°		Pleasant with some sun
Wed 3/1	75°/55°		Warm with periods of sun
Thu 3/2	73°/52°		A strong t-storm possible

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MCAS Beaufort observes, celebrates National African American History

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The 2017 National African American History Month marks the 91st annual observance and recognition of the contributions of African Americans to the country and the armed services.

To celebrate National African American History Month, Marine Corps Air Station Beaufort hosted a Black History Month Celebration at the Station Chapel and the Beaufort chapter of National Montford Point Marines Association set up presentations to tell the story of African-Americans in the Marine Corps.

National African American History Month started with Carter G. Woodson, who founded the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History in 1915. According to MARADMIN 040/17 Woodson initiated the first Negro History Week through his association in February 1926.

The opportunity for African-Americans to enlist and serve in the Marine Corps came in 1942 as the organization began to recruit qualified African-American men. The men who enlisted in response completed recruit training at Montford Point, North Carolina.

“Not a lot of people know there was a separate boot camp for white Marines and African-Americans,” said retired Master Sgt. Ronald Patterson a member of the Beaufort chapter of National Montford Point Marines Association. “Times were different back then; President Roosevelt signed an executive order integrating the military but the Navy took their sweet time doing it so we still had all black units and boot camps. I was the last class at Montford Point to be all African-American. When I saw the white man in the class after me, I knew things were going to start changing in the Marine Corps.

According to MARADMIN 040/17, between 1942 and 1949, approximately 20,000 African-American men com-

pleted recruit training and became known as the Montford Point Marines. Despite the challenges faced by the Marines, their valor and performance at the iconic battles in Marine Corps history paved the way for our present integrated armed forces.

“While we were deployed we strived every day to do our best because everyone old us we weren’t as good as the all-white units,” said Patterson. “Everybody told us that we couldn’t perform the same so what we strived to do was out perform them. When I started out in administration, I was the sixth African-American in my job field. My superiors told me I had six months to prove myself or I would go back to my old job and I told them no problem. Ever since that day I did everything to be the best Marine I could be and I retired as a master sergeant.”

Because of the contributions made by the Montford Point Marines from 1942-1949, President Barack Obama awarded the Montford Point Marines the Congressional Gold Medal in 2011.

“Part of what we do in the National Montford Point Marines Association is telling the story of the African-Americans in the Marine Corps but also help those who didn’t know they rate a Congressional Gold Medal get one,” said retired Master Gunnery Sgt. Tyrone Jackson, a member of the Beaufort Chapter of National Montford Point Marines Association. “We were in Savannah, GA and a family approached us talking about how a family member rated a PGM but didn’t know about it. So we are now in the process of getting that Marine his medal.”

While some of the Marines in the Beaufort chapter were still active duty, the installations where they were stationed did not recognize National African American History Month as they do today. However, the Marines of the Beaufort chapter are impressed with where the world and the Marie Corps has come since their time in the Marine Corps.

“The Marine Corps and the DoD itself has changed since I have been in,” said Jackson. “While I was in I didn’t know what Montford Point was for a while and now it is a class they teach at recruit training. The story of the Montford Point Marines is being told across the Marine Corps. I never really thought I would see the day the Marie Corps would have an African-American sergeant major. However, I was walking down the street when I saw him and it had me stopped in my tracks. The Marine Corps certainly has changed since I enlisted and was trained at Montford Point.”



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The 2017 National African Ammerican History Month marks the 91st annual observance and recognition of the contributions of African Americans to the country and the armed services. Retired and active duty Marines of the Montford Point Marines Association Inc. go throughout the U.S. and tells the story of the Marines of Montford Point.

HARRIER

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Photo by Lance Cpl. Benjamin McDonald

An AV-8B Harrier taxis on the flight line aboard Marine Corps Air Station Beaufort, Feb. 22. The Harrier is scheduled to participate in a large force exercise with Marine Aircraft Group 31. The LFE is a joint operation between the Marine Corps, Air Force, and Army Air National Guard. The LFE scenarios were derived from the operational capabilities of the F/A-18 Hornet. The Harrier is with Marine Attack Squadron 542, Marine Aircraft Group 14.



Photo by Lance Cpl. Benjamin McDonald

Two AV-8B Harriers taxi on the flight line aboard Marine Corps Air Station Beaufort, Feb. 22. The Harriers are scheduled to coordinate with F/A-18 Hornets from Marine Aircraft Group 31 and assorted other aircraft from the Air Force and Army Air National Guard as part of a Large Force Exercise. The Harriers will support the F-18s training by providing realistic scenarios the pilots and aircraft would encounter while forward deployed. The Harriers are with Marine Attack Squadron 542, Marine Aircraft Group 14.

EOD

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with both above and below ground IEDs is important because depending on whether you are deployed or within the continental U.S. you will see the two scenarios.”

The Marines held the exercise as a part of their scheduled training. According to the EOD Training and Readiness Manual, each cycle of training focuses on a certain type of explosive training.

“This whole quarter is focused on response to IEDs, both state-side and abroad,” said Master Sgt. Brian Diaz, the staff non-commissioned officer in charge of station EOD. “Today we are looking for different ideas in how they approach the mitigation and exploitation of the items they are going up against.”

The Marines were split into several different teams and given a specific IED to deal with. Some of the teams were assigned either C-4 or TNT and others were told to use the medium and technique they thought would successfully excavate their IED.

“That’s one of the great things about our job,” said Staff Sgt. Arcangel Barragan, and EOD technician with Station EOD. “No two IED response calls are the same. There are always different variables in environment, device, and resources we have available. Pretty much every situation you walk into you are going to have to think on your feet. You have to balance creativity and experience.”

After the Marines were split into different teams they went to investigate and assess the device they would be dealing with. They then prepared their explosives and attached the charging wires. After connecting the priming wire and moving behind the bunker the charges were all detonated in the same volley.

“After every exercise we have a debrief,” said Barragan. “We



Photo by Lance Cpl. Ashley Phillips

Sgt. Stephen Gomez, left, and Master Sgt. Brian Diaz, right, prepare charges to excavate, or unearth, a simulated improvised explosive device during a training exercise aboard Marine Corps Air Station Beaufort, Feb. 22. Explosive Ordnance Disposal Marines held the IED excavating exercise as apart of their quarterly training. Gomez is an EOD technician with EOD, MCAS Beaufort. Diaz is the staff non-commissioned officer in charge of EOD, MCAS Beaufort.

explain what device we had, the explosive we used, the technique, and variables in environment. We are able to see what worked and what didn’t work; either way it’s a win. We know what to do and what not to do in the future. It’s all just more experience to draw from; more tools in our tool belt.”

During the debrief the Marines gathered around each exposed training IED and the team mem-

bers explained the technique they used and whether it was their desired or expected result.

“I want my Marines to be able to use a wide variety of ideas and experience to accomplish any given task and that’s what this exercise does,” said Diaz. “Whether it’s buried underground, surface laid, made of plastic, metal or cardboard, they’ll have enough items in their arsenal mentally to decide



Photo by Lance Cpl. Ashley Phillips

Staff Sgt. Forrest Seymour prepares trinitrotoluene be used to excavate, or unearth, a simulated improvised explosive device during a training exercise aboard Marine Corps Air Station Beaufort, Feb. 22. Explosive Ordnance Disposal Marines excavate IEDs so they can see the different components of it and assess the best way to mitigate the threat. Seymour is an EOD technician with EOD, MCAS Beaufort.

what to use against that type of device or target.”

The explosive excavating exercise featured a variety of IEDs, explosives, and scenarios to give the Marines a wide range of experience to draw from. By working collaboratively and utilizing each other’s experiences they train to respond to any threat, anywhere.

“Our EOD shop serves on a station capacity for MCAS Beaufort,”

said Diaz. “But our main focus is to be ready for anything. Anyone from EOD can be deployed at any given notice, whether as an individual augment or attached to a unit. I want every Marine to be able to come from station EOD or Marine Wing Support Detachment 31 and be ready to roll out as if they were ready to deploy to a high traffic combat zone.”



Photo by Lance Cpl. Ashley Phillips

Staff Sgt. David Mead, left, explains to a Marine the technique he chose to excavate, or unearth, a simulated improvised explosive device during a training exercise aboard Marine Corps Air Station Beaufort, Feb. 22. Each team of Marines was given a different simulated IED and explosive to excavate it. Meade is an explosive ordnance disposal technician with EOD, MCAS Beaufort.



Photo by Lance Cpl. Ashley Phillips

Sgt. Stephen Gomez inspects a simulated improvised explosive device after explosively excavating it during a training exercise aboard Marine Corps Air Station Beaufort, Feb. 22. For the exercise the Marines were split into teams and given different IEDs to deal with a different explosives to excavate them. Explosive Ordnance Disposal Marines excavate, or unearth IEDs so they can see the different components of it and assess the best way to mitigate the threat. Gomez is an EOD technician with EOD, MCAS Beaufort.



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