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2022 Hard Hat of the Year Award

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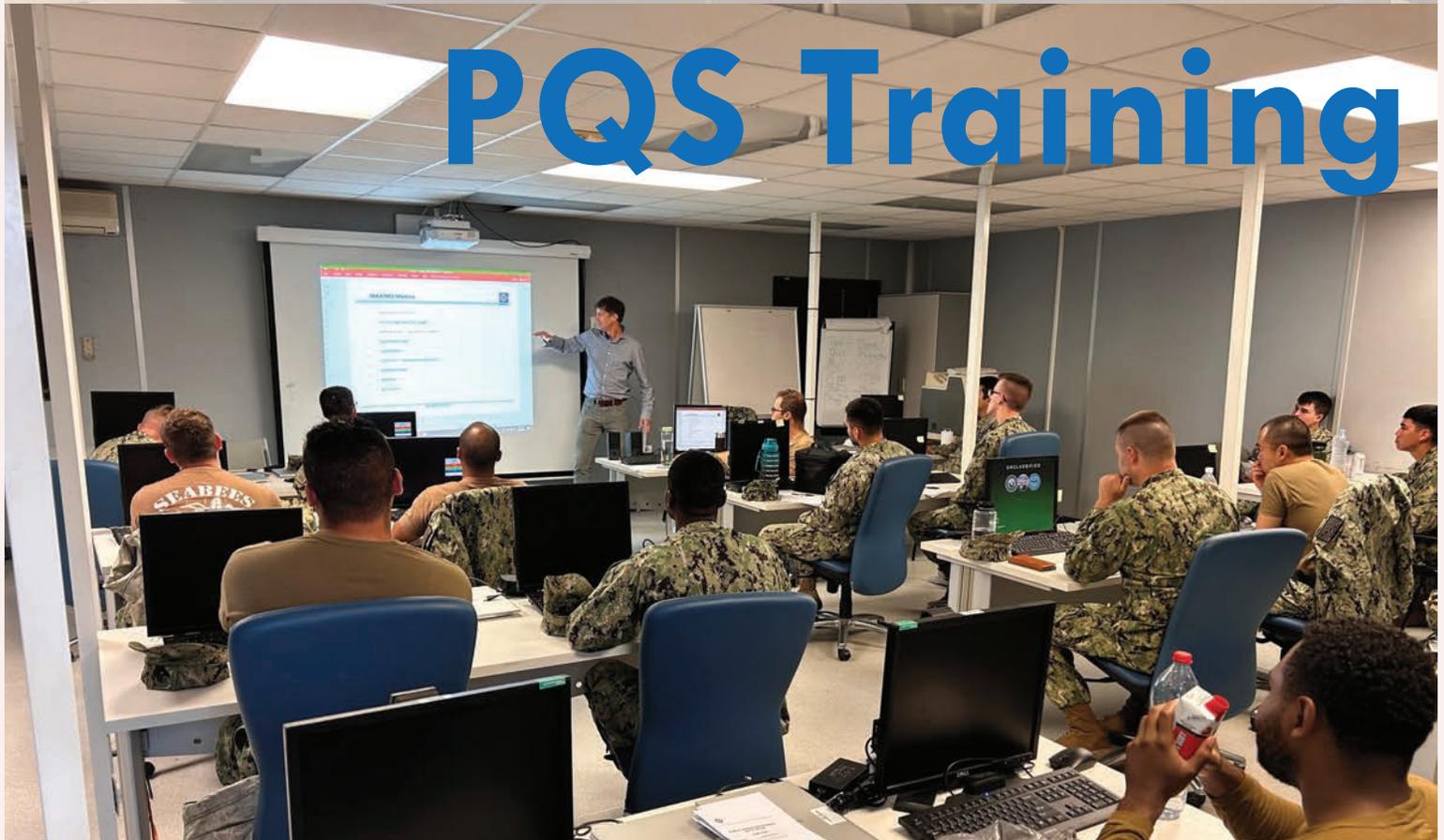
Black Start Table Top Exercise



Public Works Department Rota and NAVSTA Rota tenant commands held a Black Start Table-Top Exercise (BSX TTX) at Building 55 training room on May 18th, 2023 in order to identify vulnerabilities for the tenant commands, including PWD Rota, in case the installation loses power to the base for certain number of days. This effort directly supports RADM VanderLey's Vector Gram initiatives in order for PWDs in respective installation to be better-prepared for diverse scenarios. Pictured above is CDR Joe Dunaway leading the discussions during the exercise.

- Photo by LT Brent Frazer/Article by LT Chanhon Lee

PQS Training



Public Works Department Rota recently initiated Personnel Qualification Standards training for the En-listed and Officer members, covering subjects from Utilities Technical Handbook, Casualty Procedure Handbook, Infrastructure Condition Assessment Program (ICAP), Installation Energy Plan, and other relevant topics. Pictured is Quinn Newton, Facilities Management Director, briefing the Seabees about the ICAP on June 9th, 2023.

- Article and Photo by LT Chanhon Lee

New Signage!



Public Works Department Rota's Facilities and Sustainment Branch laborers and helpers were seen this month replacing traffic signs throughout the installation. This initiatives have been taking place since mid-May, and continue until August, covering most of the base except the Spanish Navy side and Housing. This is to improve traffic safety by replacing the old obsolete signs with new reflective and homologated signs.

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Suicide Awareness



Public Works Department Rota's military recently held suicide awareness training, led by EO2 Ethan Roney on June 15th, 2023. During the training, EO2 Roney discussed the possible signs of a person contemplating suicide or self-harm, and possible ways to help that person.

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NAVFAC EURAFCENT HARD HAT OF THE YEAR 2022

LEO TANCRETI AWARDED THE CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERING TECHNICIAN CATEGORY!

By LT Chanhon Lee

ROTA— New Haven, Connecticut-native Engineering Technician Leo Tancreti, currently assigned to Public Works Department Rota's Facilities Engineering and Acquisition Division, was awarded the NAVFAC Europe, Africa, Central Hard Hat of the Year 2022 Award in the Engineering Technician Category, as was announced by CAPT Joseph Harder, our Commanding Officer on June 2nd, 2023. Leo was awarded due to his tremendous job managing 11 projects valued at \$17M, successfully providing quality assurance on completion of five Job-Order Contract actions, four Indefinite Delivery/ Indefinite Quantity roofing projects, and the close-out and turnover of Minnow Ground Terminal Project in direct support of Space Force. Additionally, he provided superior support to the Defense Logistics Agency by overseeing the completion of \$5M Petrol/Oil/Lubricant tank inspection and repair projects. Congratulations Leo!



“I am definitely excited and honored. However it wouldn't have been possible without my colleagues here in FEAD PWD Rota and my supervisors. The supervisors in PWD Rota and especially FEAD are very well-aware of amount of work each CMs/ETs do on regular basis, and I'm just humbled they nominated me for the award.”

- Article and Photo by LT Chanhon Lee



Public Works Department Rota's Seabees are seen here observing the Memorial Day Remembrance Walk at the NAVSTA Rota Gym on May 25th, 2023. This event was organized by the installation's USO, requiring the flags to be carried around for 24-hour period.

Photos and Article by LT Chanhhan Lee

Memorial Day Cookout and Remembrance Walk



Seen on this photo is EOCN Christian Ramirez (RamRod) reading to the Seabees a paragraph about the importance of observing the Memorial Day during the BBQ cook-out.



Pride Month & Juneteenth

On June 15th, 2023, Public Works Department Rota Seabees celebrated the Juneteenth Freedom Day and Pride Month during a training Thursday. During the event, CE2 (AW) Warreck Neubauer and CE2(SCW) Kwamme Washington talked about the history of each observances and the importance of celebrating both months. It is definitely important to make sure we remember to commemorate the emancipation of enslaved African Americans, as well as keeping in mind all of the discrimination and atrocities



suffered by those in the LGBTQIA+ community, especially in the military prior to the repeal of “don’t ask don’t tell” policy. For more information about these two observances. Please feel free to reach out to the PWD Rota Diversity Representatives CE3 Zuhair Ali and CE3 Bryan Cachola. You may also refer to the June 2022 Newsletter for the articles that were dedicated to these two observances as well! - Photos and Article by LT Chanhan Lee



PWD Rota Hosts USNA Summer Cruise



Public Works Department Rota hosted the United States Naval Academy Midshipmen, going into their final year, from June 12th until June 15th of 2023 as a part of their Summer Cruise in order to learn more about the duties of officers in the Civil Engineering Corps. The Midshipmen, during their visit, met with various Public Works personnel, including Facilities Engineering & Acquisition Director LCDR Christina Milone, Public Works Officer CDR Joe Dunaway, Asset Management Branch Head Matt Ryan, as well as other officers and civilians that introduced them to the world of NAVFAC through project site tours and aerial briefs. The group, led and chaperoned by LT Michael Autery, a Civil Engineer Corps Officer assigned to the Naval Academy, also spent a week with the Construction Battalion that is currently deployed at Camp Mitchell, as well as 22nd Naval Construction Regiment.

- Photos and Article by LT Chanhan Lee



Retirements @ UEM

Mr. Sanchez & Mr. Leon Bonilla



Mr. Julio Vilchez Sanchez, our Power Plant Maintenance Mechanic, retired after 23 years of service with the DoD!



Mr. Jose Antonio Leon Bonilla, our Potable Water Distribution Field Technician, retired after 36 years of service with the DoD!

Seabees Receive Awards



BUC(SCW/EXW/IW) Brian Wong, above, received a Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal for his volunteering efforts.

CM3(SCW) Thomas Griffin, below, received a Navy-Marine Corps Achievement Medal for his duties at Naval Mobile Construction Battalion THREE.



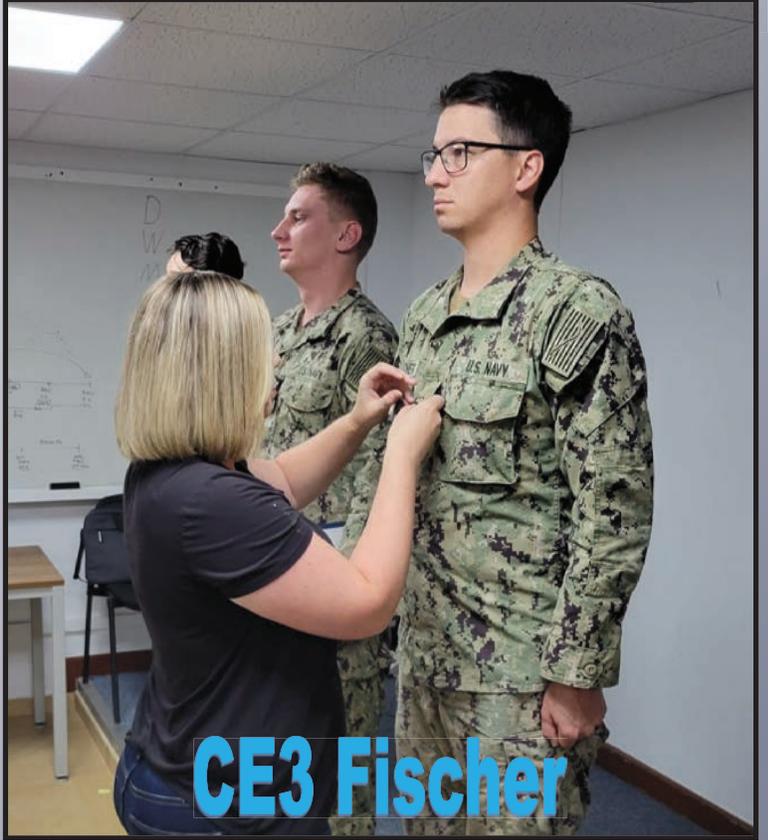
UTCN Aidan Doyle, above, received a Letter of Appreciation from the Girl Scouts of America Rota Chapter for his volunteering efforts.

Frocking Ceremony!

Congratulations to the following Seabees for making it to the next paygrade!



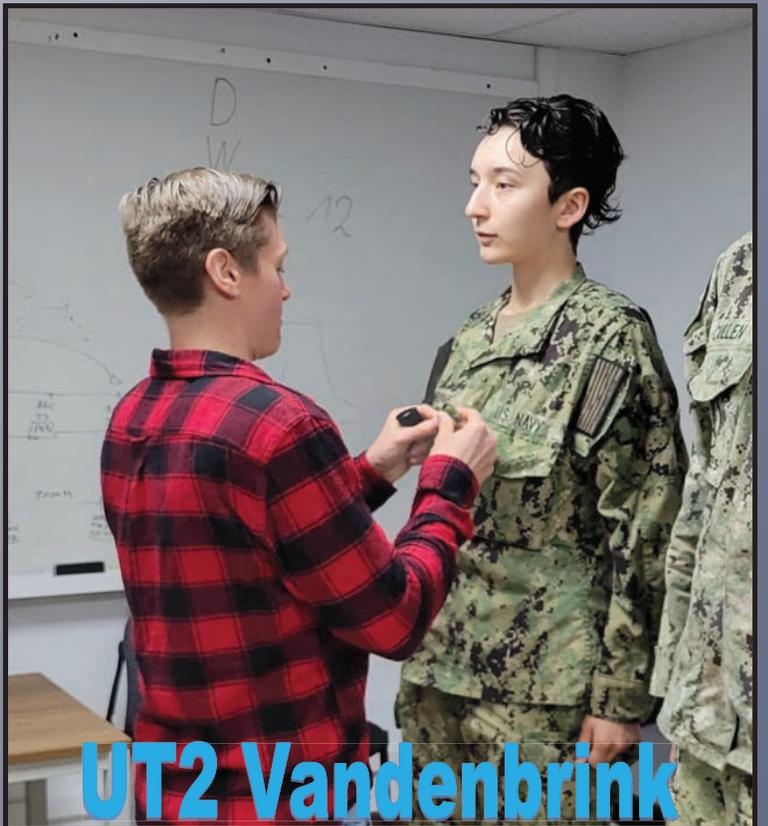
CE3 Cullen



CE3 Fischer



CE3 Zhao



UT2 Vandenbrink

CFL CORNER

"Witness the Fitness"

PWD Rota Seabees "getting some" for the CY23 PRT...

We had more than 20 folks achieve Excellent or Outstanding overall PRT scores for this years cycle!



CE3 Cachola
holds the
command
record for the
Concept 2
Rower at a
blistering 7
minutes and
25 seconds!!!
BZ!!



...and some hiking action!



On May 5th, the Seabees went out for a hike at the La Garganta de Capitan Trail.



NEW PUBLIC WORKS OFFICER!

CDR KENNETH D. SOWELL

Commander Kenneth D. Sowell is expected to report to PWD Rota this summer as our incoming Public Works Officer, turning over with CDR Joe Dunaway. He is a native of Rolla, Missouri. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Nebraska and a Master of Engineering Management degree from Old Dominion University.

He enlisted in the U.S. Air Force in 1991 as a Transportation Specialist and his early assignments include F.E. Warren Air Force Base (AFB) (Wyoming); Lajes Field (Azores, Portugal); Minot AFB (North Dakota); and Tinker AFB (Oklahoma). He was commissioned through Navy Officer Candidate School in April 2004.



His previous expeditionary force assignments include Operations Officer, Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 11 (Gulfport, Mississippi); Assistant Future Operations Officer, FIRST Naval Construction Division (Little Creek, Virginia); and Company Commander and Detachment Officer-in-Charge, NMCB 133 (Gulfport, Mississippi).

His shore facilities, acquisition, and staff assignments include Operations Officer, Naval Facilities Engineering Systems Command Marianas (Guam); PERS-401 Branch Head at Navy Personnel Command (Millington, Tennessee); Resident Officer In Charge of Construction (ROICC) at Barksdale AFB (Louisiana); Project Engineer at Public Works Department, Naval Air Station (NAS) Oceana (Virginia); and Public Works Operations Officer at NAS Brunswick (Maine).

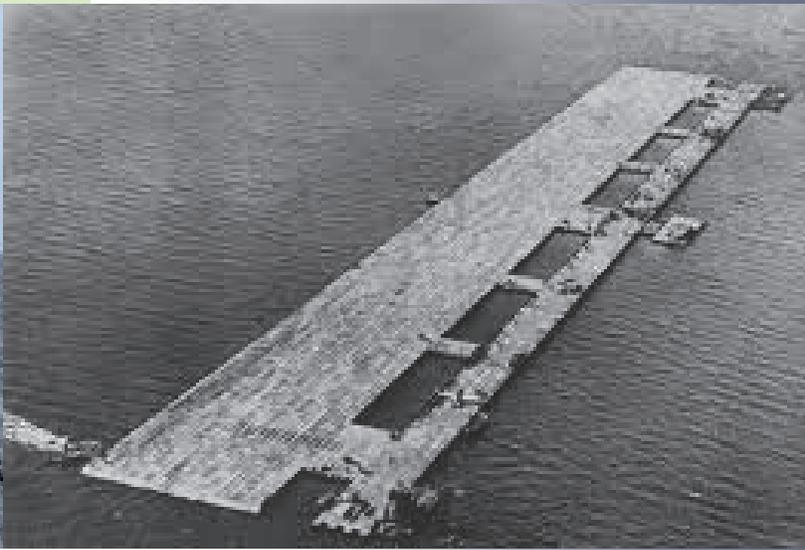
CDR Sowell is a registered Professional Engineer in the Commonwealth of Virginia, a member of the Defense Acquisition Corps, a certified Project Management Professional, and a qualified Seabee Combat Warfare Officer.



PWD Explores Spain

From 10 hour road trips to 3 hour ferry rides. EO2 Francis, EO2 Jackson, and CE3 Cachola spent 2 weeks exploring the beauty of Spains cities. Rota to Barcelona, Barcelona to Ibiza, and Ibiza to Madrid. The landscapes, scenery, and parties never ceased to amaze.





This Month in Seabee History

July 10th 1943: The Seabees introduced their secret weapon on the beaches of Sicily: the famed magic boxes, steel pontoon sections which revolutionized the strategy of amphibious warfare. The German and Italian defenders were dug in along the northern coastline of Sicily where the best beaches were located. There was only one thing wrong with the German strategy. They had not heard of the new development for joining pontoons to form invasion causeways. Capt. John N. Laycock, CEC, developed a method to join pontoons together by angle iron and bolting pads so that a string of these connected pontoons became a solid structure of cantilevered integrity. On July 10, 1943 the Allied armada appeared off the southern coast between Scoglitti and Licata, and sent infantry ashore across long strings of steel pontoons. Other pontoon structures constructed by the Seabees included the rhino ferry and the landing tug. Each was made by simply putting together a couple dozen pontoons and an outboard motor. –EO2 Roney

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