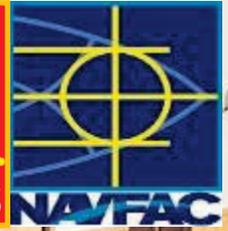


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PWD Rota Seabees Par- take in NAVSTA Rota Flag-Raising Ceremony

At most of the US military bases around the world, the United States flag is raised daily during “colors”. The only exception is the Rota Naval Base in Spain, a Spanish base in which the United States Armed Forces are the guests. The Spanish Flag Law establishes in its Article 3.3: “The flag of Spain will be the only one that flies on the pole of public military buildings and in barracks, ships aircraft and any other establishments of the Armed Forces and State Security Forces.” Same is written on the Agreement between the Kingdom of Spain and the United States of America on Defense Co-operation Article 16.

However, every year, as a courtesy gesture, the Spanish commander of the Rota Base issues an annual permit to raise the US flag, once a year, during the week which Fourth of July (the US Independence Day) falls on. During the flag-raising ceremony, usually on or before the Independence Day, PWD Rota has been providing a utility bucket truck from its Utilities and Energy Management Branch, allowing NAVSTA Rota’s Public Affairs Officer or its Mass Communication Specialist to be elevated up above in order to take photos of the ceremony. This year’s ceremony was taken by MC2 Drace Wilson. After the NAVSTA Rota group photo, PWD Rota Seabees and Khakis also took a photo as well, with LCDR Christina Milone front and center.



Photos by LT Chanhon Lee and MC2 Drace Wilson/Article by LT Chanhon Lee

SAPR Training



LT Jessica Hatfield is seen here giving face-to-face training for the Sexual Assault Prevention and Response (SAPR) training to the PWD Rota Seabees on July 13th, 2023.

Photo by LT Chanhon Lee

BOSC QC Meeting



PWD Rota Facilities Engineering and Acquisition Division's Contracting Specialist Ingrid Magyar leads the Base Operation Support Contract (BOSC) Quality Control Meeting alongside FEAD Director LCDR Christina Milone, Contracting Officer's Representative (COR) Ramon Osta, the Performance Assessment Representatives, and the members of J&J World Wide Services (JJWWS), the BOSC aboard NAVSTA Rota, on July 13th, 2023.

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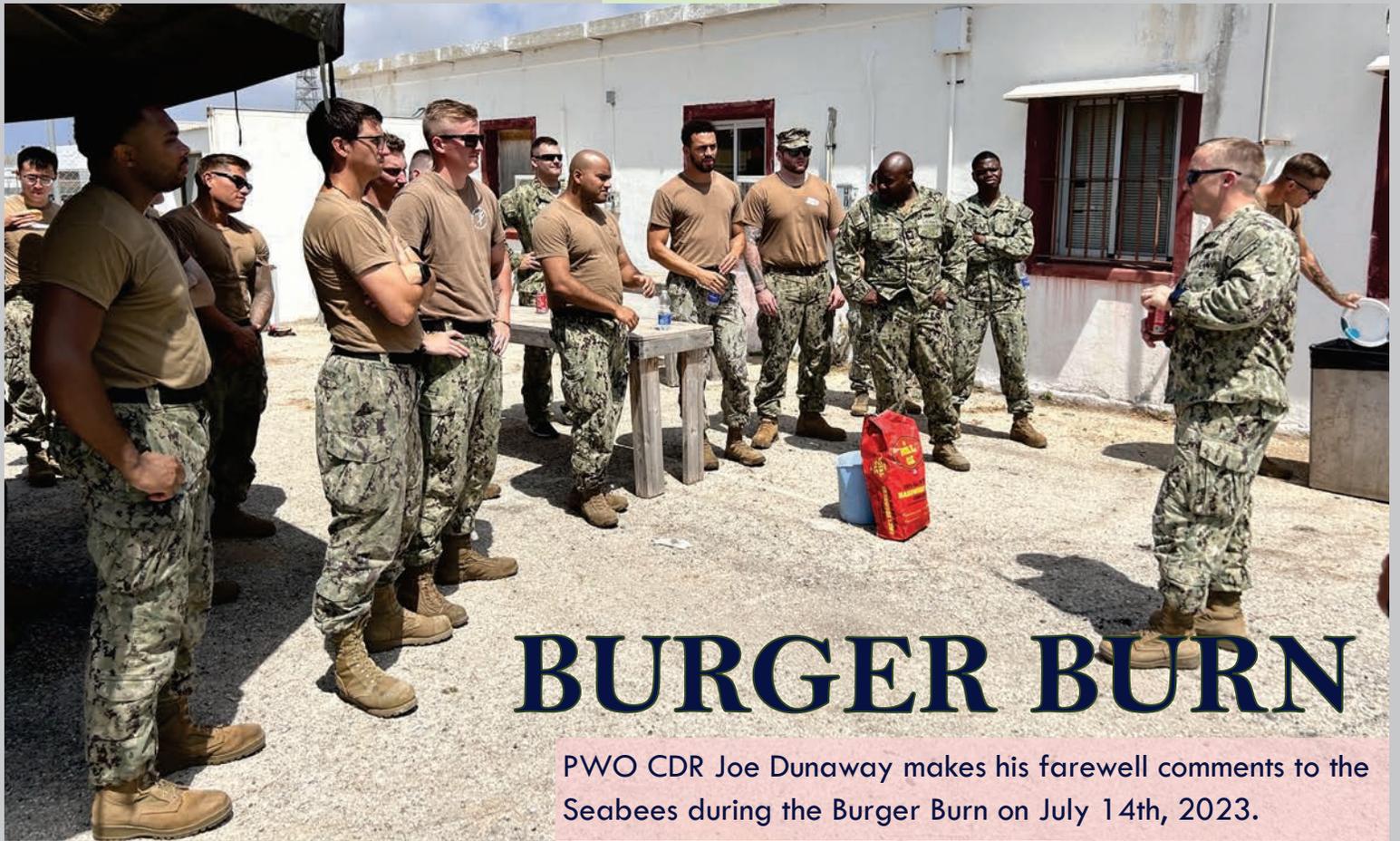
PWO CDR Dunaway is seen here presenting the wooden surfboard plaque, a gift to LT Brent Frazer.



PWO CDR Dunaway is seen here presenting the wooden "Toro" plaque, a gift to LT Shane Thames.

Public Works Department Rota recently held a farewell luncheon for LT Brent Frazer and LT Shane Thames, who are both departing from PWD Rota this summer. LT Frazer has successfully concluded his 2.5-year duty at PWD, serving as Facilities and Sustainment Branch Head and Production Officer. LT Shane Thames concluded his 2-year assignment as the construction manager, successfully closing-out big projects such as P-785 small boat berthing pier and N33191-16-C-1002 Navy Lodge Expansion project. LT Frazer will still be around Rota, as he will be moving over to 22th Naval Construction Regiment in Camp Mitchell. LT Thames will be starting his graduate school at the University of Colorado-Boulder. Bravo Zulu and best of luck you two!

Photos and Article by LT Chanh Lee



BURGER BURN

PWO CDR Joe Dunaway makes his farewell comments to the Seabees during the Burger Burn on July 14th, 2023.



Above: LT Brent Frazer chats with EOCN Christian Ramirez Below: CDR Joe Dunaway earns his burger by doing 10 +Pull-Ups!

The 'Bees held a Burger Burn, organized by the Junior Officers, on July 14th, as a part of farewell lunch for LT Frazer, LT Thames, and CDR Dunaway. During the event, the 'Bees challenged each member to do at least 10 pull-ups in order to "earn" their burgers! Each of the departing O's also made their farewell comments, thanking the group for their support throughout their tenure here in PWD Rota.



Above: LT Jessica Hatfield and CM2 Wenhan Fan cooking it up! Below: LT Thames makes his farewell remarks to the group.



Photos by LT Chanhan Lee and EO2(SCW/EXW) Alex Jackson/
Article by LT Chanhan Lee

A Farewell to Christine Wallace



Christine Wallace, who recently turned over her duties as NAVSTA Rota's Installation Environmental Program Director (IEPD) to Ed Zuelke II, departed from PWD Rota on July 8th after successfully concluding her 3-year tour here with us. During her time at PWD Rota, she dramatically improved the compliance posture of NAVSTA Rota by closing-out 26 findings from inspections and audits, such as 2022 Water Quality Survey, as well as prioritizing the funding in order to complete corrective actions based on these findings. She also focused on improving the current operations within the Environmental Division,

leading her staff to bring the Qualified Recycling Program into compliance as well as improving operational efficiency and sales of recyclable materials and assisting numerous military construction (MILCON) projects with environmental assessments, site approvals, and clearing sites of endangered species and migratory birds to support construction. Christine also planned for the future operations, updating numerous documents such as Natural Resources Management Plan, Cultural Resources Management Plan, Storage Tank Management Plan, Hazardous Waste Management Plan, and Sludge/Wastewater Plan. Above, she is a compassionate leader as well, and same could be said by anyone here in PWD Rota and in the installation who's ever worked with her. She led the Women's Group along with other female leadership in order to ensure connectedness among the women in our department. We will definitely miss you Christina!

Article by LT Chanhon Lee



Farewell to CDR Dunaway

LCDR Christina Milone, FEAD, presents the farewell frame signed by PWD Rota members to CDR Dunaway on July 20th, 2023.

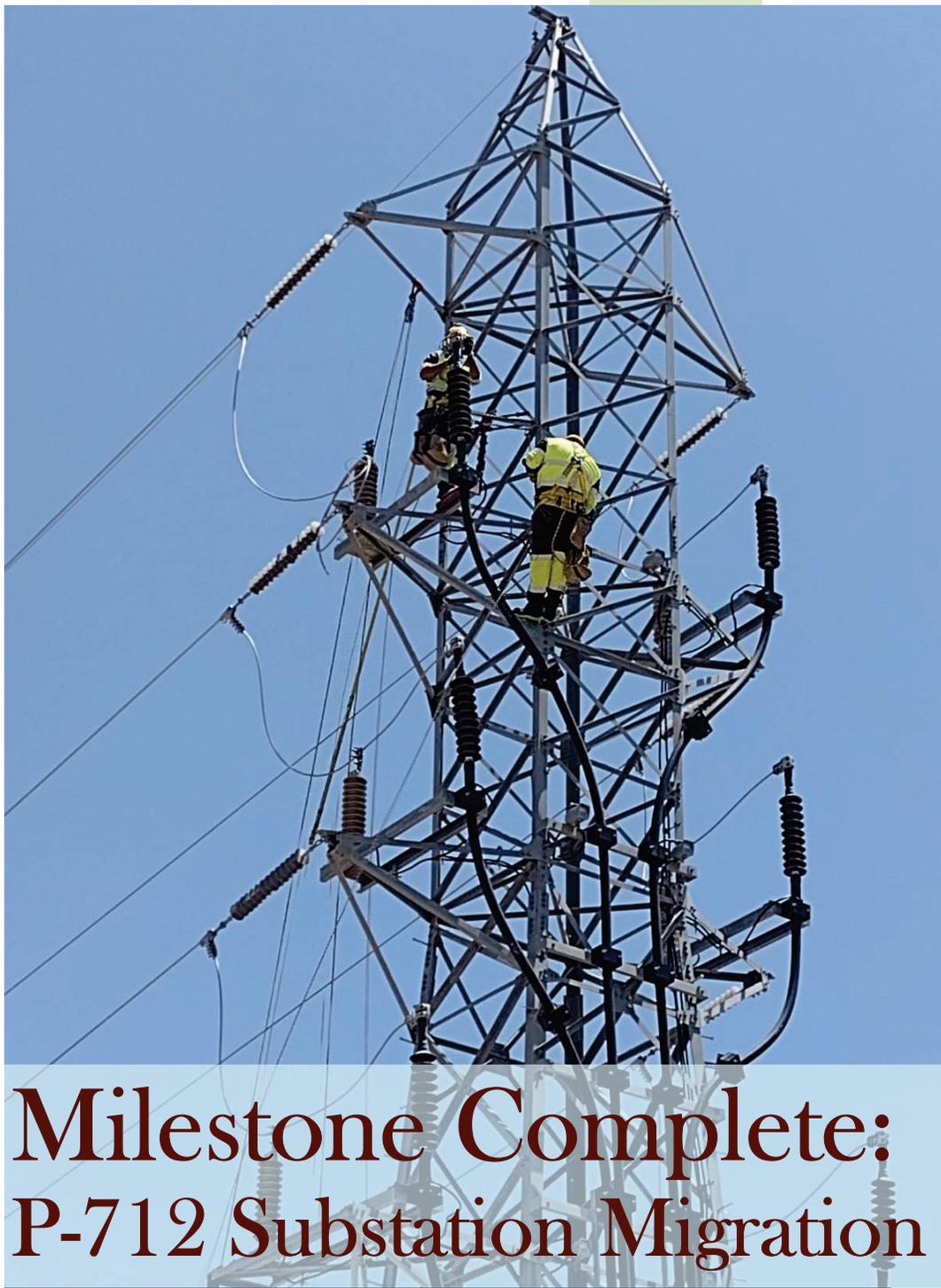


Below: CDR Dunaway also showed his appreciation of PWD Rota members he's served with, and presented a gift of appreciation to DPWO, Chuck Monie.



PWD Rota is also saying goodbye to our very own Public Works Officer, CDR Joe Dunaway, who has successfully turned over with the new PWO, CDR Kenneth Sowell on July 28th, 2023. During his farewell on July 20th, PWO reminisced his three-year tour with PWD Rota, which included roller coasters of different challenges (COVID-19, Legionella Issues, Operations Allies Refuge 2021, transition from Navy Work Capital Funds, and etc.) Many personnel at the farewell event remarked on CDR Dunaway's sheer patience and calmness in navigating through these challenges, and most people within our organization would probably agree as well! CDR Dunaway has PCS-ed to Washington DC-area, and will definitely be missed by many of us here in Rota. Congratulations and BZ to your successful tour, sir. Fair winds and following seas!

Photos and article by LT Chanhon Lee



Milestone Complete: P-712 Substation Migration

One of the military construction (MILCON) projects aboard NAVSTA Rota, N62470-16-C-6001 (P-712 Ship Berthing Power Upgrades) just hit a major milestone in June 2023, during which the transition of the main 66,000-5,500V/50 Hertz electrical substation was switched-over to the new substation. This project, which also includes upgrading of motor and diesel-powered generators to be fully integrated with static frequency converters, and replacement of 5MVA frequency converters, switch-gears, transformers and feeders, was initiated in 2015 in order to support the future naval ship loads at Pier 1. As of today, the project is on-track to be finished on the Spring of 2024.

The substation migration itself was a huge undertaking, as it required complete base-wide outage on June 3rd, 2023 in order to ensure safe transition of the electrical load. With the installation of the new substation, both the Facilities Engineering & Acquisition Division (FEAD) and the Utilities & Energy Management (UEM) Branch of PWD Rota hope to reliable power source to continuously support missions aboard NAVSTA Rota. Brazo Zulu to FEAD & UEM team for achieving this feat!



Article by LT Chanhon Lee

Ribbon-Cutting Ceremonies



PWD Rota's FEAD, LCDR Christina Milone, is seen here participating in the ribbon-cutting ceremony for the newly-finished Repair CDC Playground project on July 18th, 2023.



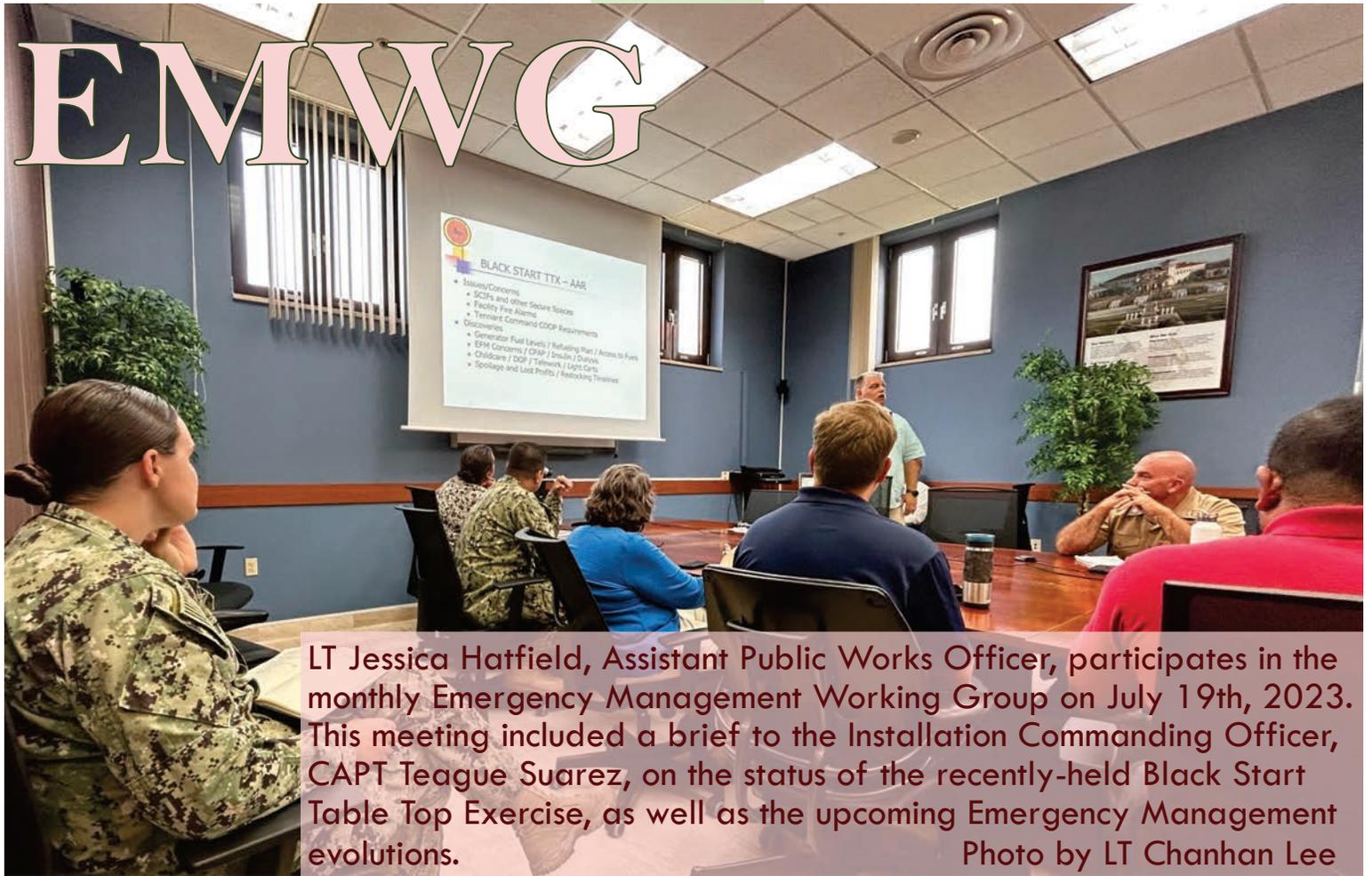
A huge win for the Facilities Engineering & Acquisition Division (FEAD)! We were able to witness the finishing of two major projects this month: the Navy Lodge Expansion Project (N33191-16-C-1002) and the Repair CDC Playground Project (N33191-19-D-0802 TO # 22-F-4001). On July 5th, 2023, CAPT Teague Suarez, along with NEXCOM facilities engineer and construction manager LT Shane Thames welcomed the first guests to the newly expanded building of the Navy Lodge. On July 18th, 2023, LCDR Christina Milone was among the members, including the Child Development Center leadership and CAPT Suarez, on the ribbon-cutting ceremony for the renovated CDC Playground. Congratulations to LT Thames, Maria Angeles Granado, Issis Long, Leo Tancreti, and the FEAD team members for getting these projects through the finish line!

Photos by MC2 Drace Wilson/Article by LT Chanhon Lee



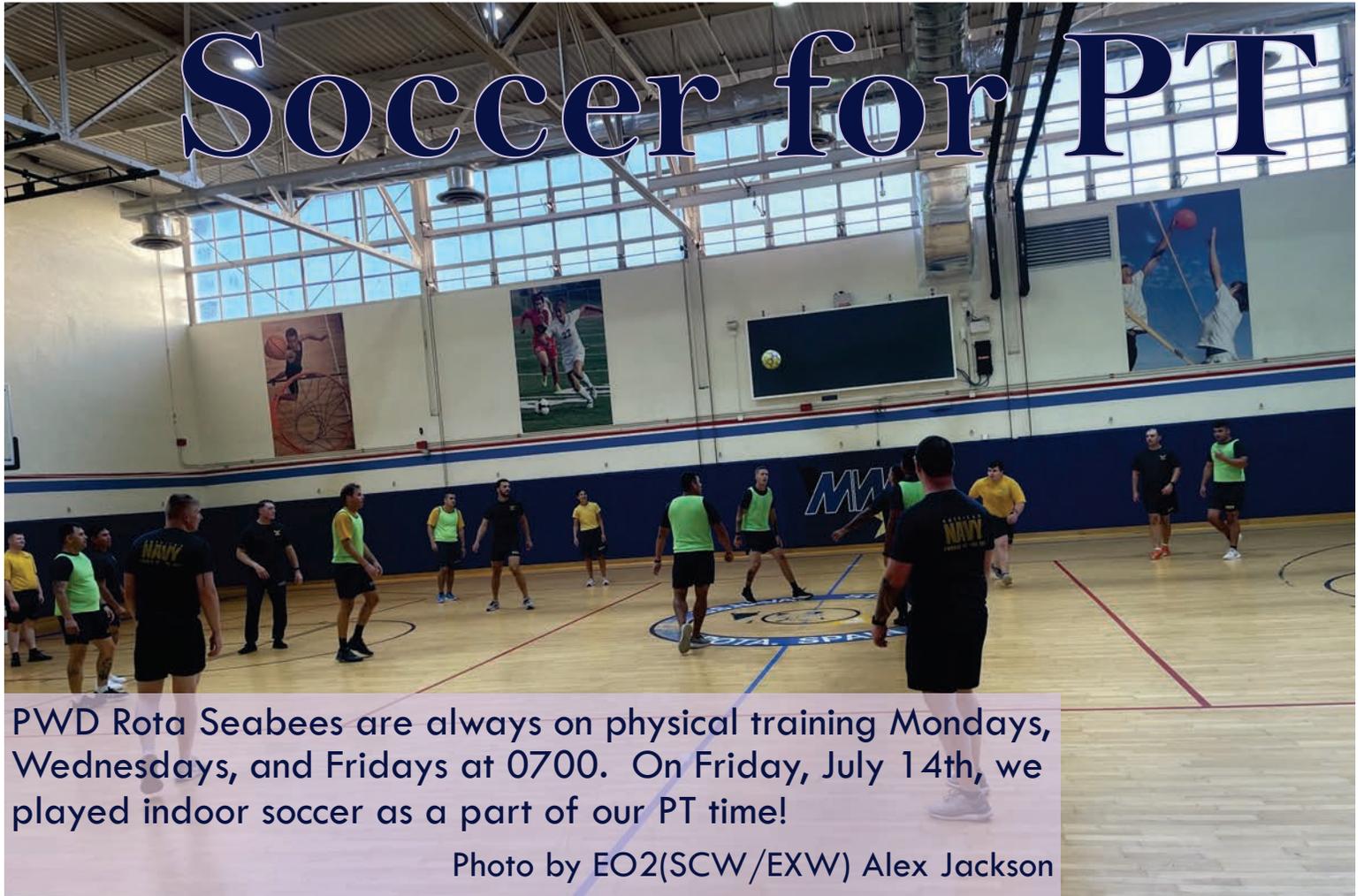
NAVSTA Rota's Installation Commanding Officer, CAPT Teague Suarez, welcomes the first guests of the newly expanded Navy Lodge on July 5th, 2023.

EMWVG



LT Jessica Hatfield, Assistant Public Works Officer, participates in the monthly Emergency Management Working Group on July 19th, 2023. This meeting included a brief to the Installation Commanding Officer, CAPT Teague Suarez, on the status of the recently-held Black Start Table Top Exercise, as well as the upcoming Emergency Management evolutions. Photo by LT Chanhon Lee

Soccer for PT



PWD Rota Seabees are always on physical training Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays at 0700. On Friday, July 14th, we played indoor soccer as a part of our PT time!

Photo by EO2(SCW/EXW) Alex Jackson

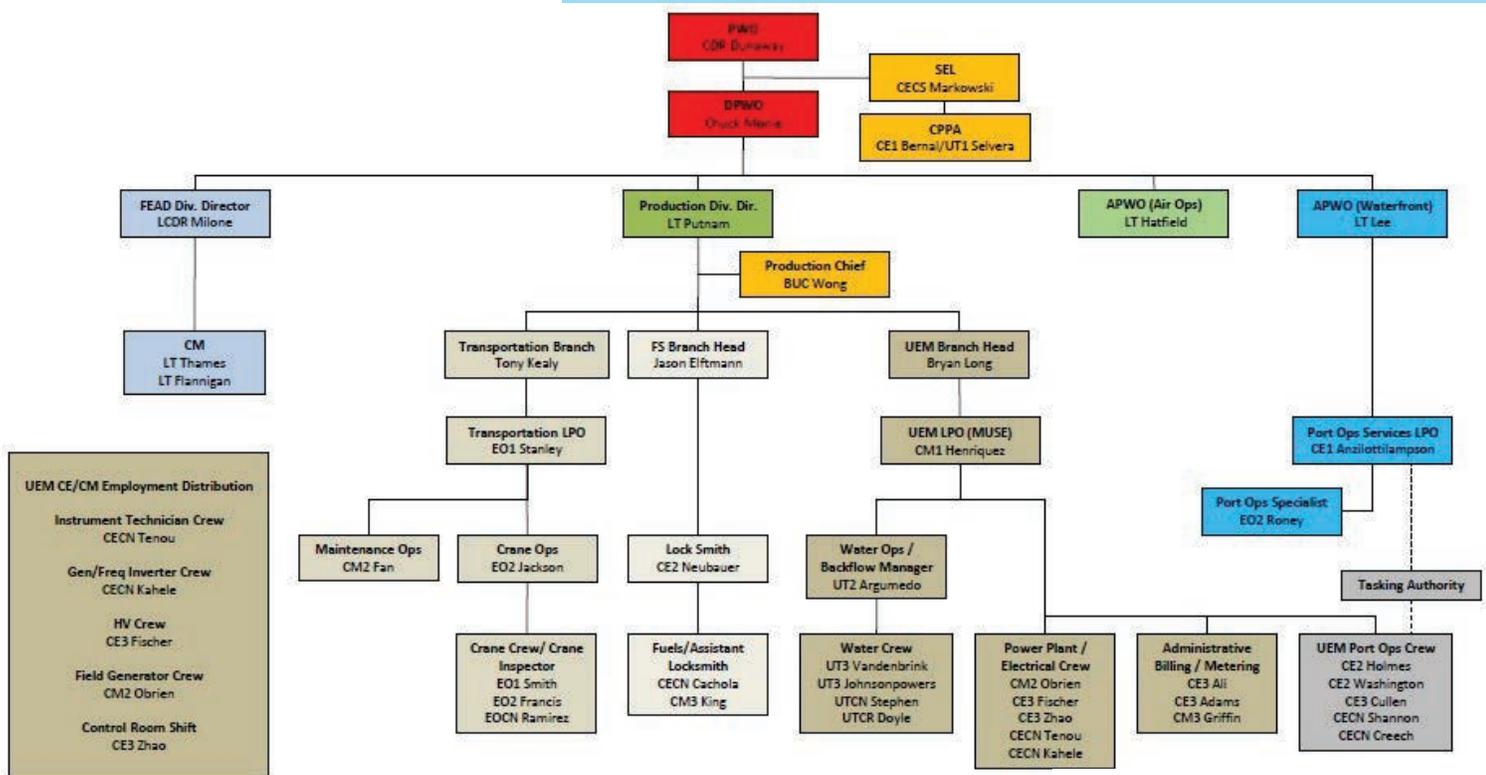
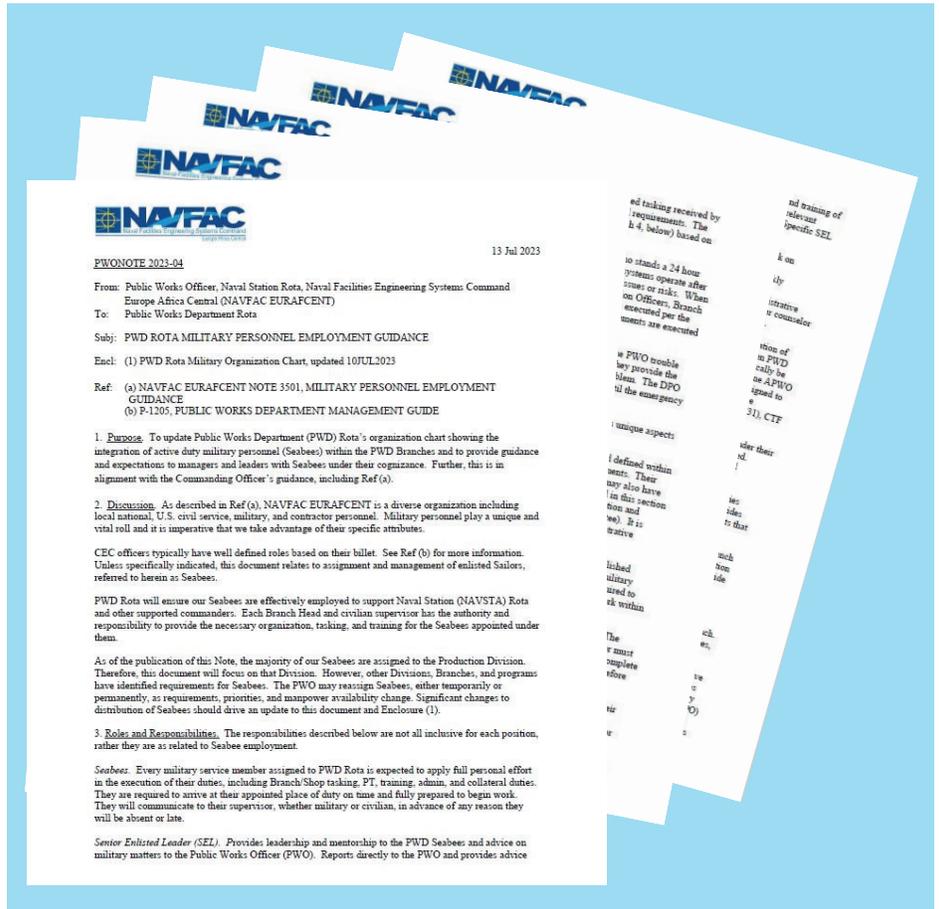
ATTENTION: A NEW PWONOTE IS OUT!

CDR Dunaway's latest PWONOTE discusses expectations in regards to the PWD Rota Military Personnel Employment Guidance

By LT Chanhhan Lee

ROTA— On July 13th, 2023, CDR Joseph Dunaway, Public Works Officer, released a new PWONOTE regarding military personnel employment at Public Works Department Rota. His note follows the NAVFAC EURAFCENT NOTE 3501, as released by CAPT Joseph Harder, our Commanding Officer, and the P-1205, the Public Works Department Management Guide. The note, which is done to set expectations to the managers and leaders with Seabees under their cognizance, aims to achieve effective employment of the Seabees in order to support NAVSTA Rota and other supported commanders.

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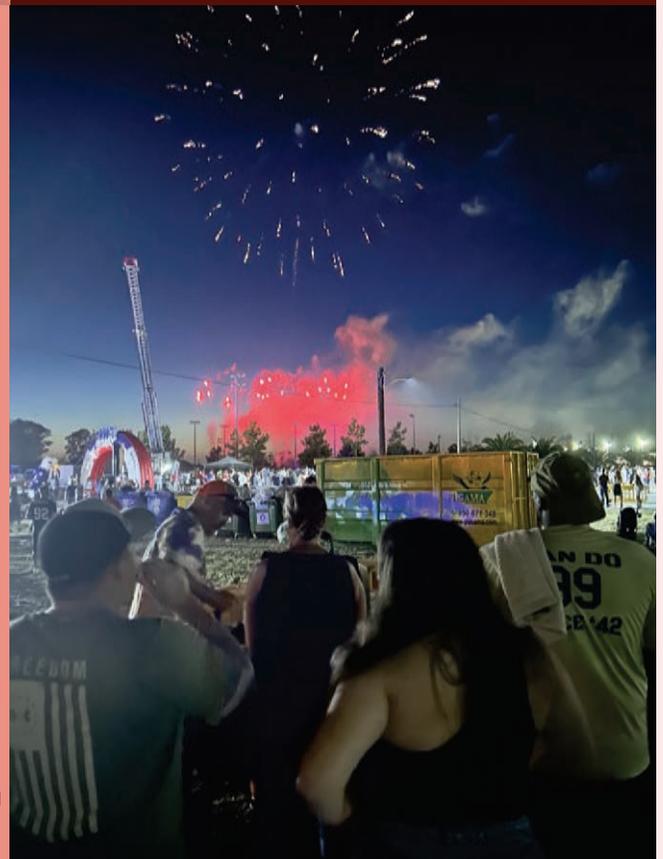
EO2 Alex Jackson, CECN Peng Zhou, and CM3 Chris King manning the PWD Rota Seabee Ball Food Stall Counter at the MWR Rota Fourth of July Celebration Event on July 4th, 2023.

The Seabee Ball Committee was hard at work at NAVSTA Rota's Fourth of July Event, providing over 500 hamburgers and hotdogs to families and service members attending this yearly event.

The Seabee Ball Committee hosts numerous events and fundraising activities in a effort to raise funds for the yearly Seabee Ball. With the help from The Seabee Ball Committee members and additional help from EO2 Alex Jackson, CECN Francis Kahele, UT2 Adriana Vandenbrink, CE3 Bryan Cachola, EO2 David Francis, and CECN Dylan Creech; the Seabee Ball Committee was able to raise over \$1500 dollars!

Photos and Article by LT Chanhan Lee and CM3 Chris King

Seabee Ball Fourth of July Fundraiser Event





CECN Dylan Creech, CE1 Arthur Bernal, LT Jessica Hatfield, and UT2 Adriana Vandenberg are seen here assembling hot dogs and hamburgers during the fundraiser.



EOCN Christian Ramirez is seen here taking photos of the fireworks.



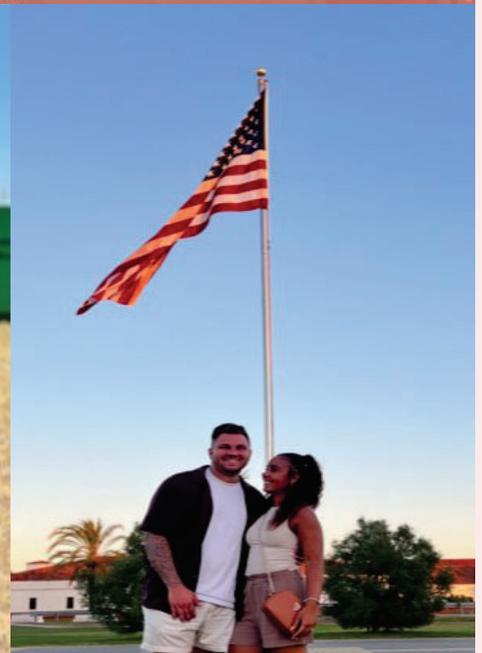
CECN Peng Zhao, EO2 Alex Jackson, EO2 David Francis, UTCN Aidan Doyle, and UTCR Dennis Stephen busy in action!



CE2 Robert Holmes and EO1 Lawrence Stanley at the grilling station!



CE1 Arthur Bernal, CE3 Orion Fischer and his wife Maddie showing off their coordinated matching Fourth of July outfits!



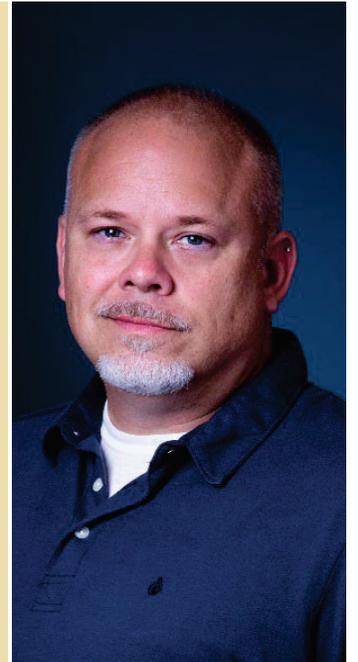
CE3 Peter Adams and his wife Jada celebrating 4th of July together at the flag for a romantic photo!

WELCOME ABOARD!



LT Bo James Flannigan (left) recently checked-into PWD Rota and will be replacing LT Shane Thames as Construction Manager at Facilities Engineering & Acquisition Division (FEAD). He is a native of San Diego, California, and enlisted into the Navy as a Photographer's Mate in 2001. He was stationed with USS Kitty Hawk, Logistics Support Unit One, NAB Coronado, SEAL Team Seven, Naval Special Warfare Group One before being honorably discharged from active duty in 2011. During his time as a civilian, LT Flannigan pursued a degree in Interior Architecture following his time as a maritime security operator in Africa. He re-joined the Navy, graduating from CECOS in 2019. His first duty stations as CEC officer were with Naval Amphibious Construction Battalion (ACB-1) and Public Works San Diego.

Ed Zuelke II (right) is a native of Portland, Oregon. He holds both Undergraduate and Graduate degrees at the University of Nebraska in Environmental Science and Geography. He is a veteran of the United States Air Force, serving as Ground Radio Electronics Technician in Utah, Nebraska, and Germany during his 9 years of active duty, before transitioning over to the reserves, serving in Oregon Air National Guard's 116th Air Control Squadron until his retirement in 2019. His career in the environmental field began in 2008, when he worked in Oregon USDA Remote Sensing Laboratory as GIS Technician. Since then, he's held various DoD civilian positions both in Air Force and Army, serving as Environmental Restoration Program Manager and Clean Water Program Manager. He reported to Rota in May 2023, taking over Christine Wallace as the Installation Environmental Programs Director.



Everybody welcome **UT1(SCW) William Sturgeon!** He drove here all the way from NCTS Sicily, Italy and will be the new Leading Petty Officer and MUSE Technician for UEM. He is already hard at working conducting inventories and prepping power mounds for turnover. A Native of Cleveland, Ohio he enjoys traveling, working out, and playing sports.



Let's all give a warm welcome to **CM2 Wenhan Fan** (left)! CM2 Fan was originally born in China but immigrated to the United States when he was a five-year old. After graduating from high school in Georgia, he decided to join the U.S. Navy. His first duty station was on the USS Kearsarge (LHD-3) as an Undesignated Seaman, but then he crossed-over to the Seabee rate and was stationed in Port Hueneme with the Naval Mobile Construction Battalion FOUR (NMCB 4) before moving here. CM2 enjoys good outdoor activities, reading, surfing and snowboarding.

Here are two lies and one truth about CM2 Fan... You decide!

1. He almost drowned free diving.
2. He hiked Mt Whitney.
3. He has flown a plane.

Jacob Holloway (right) is a native of Thomaston, Georgia born and raised in the Peach State! He attended University of Georgia, where he received Bachelor's in International Affairs and Master's in Entomology. After school, he joined the Department of Defense in 2014, working for the US Army Environmental Command (USAEC) in Fort Sam Houston in San Antonio, Texas until recently before joining us here in PWD Rota. He will be replacing Flynn Dunn as the Tank Program Manager. He is married with five children all under age 10, and looking forward to getting settled here in Spain and doing great works!



CECR Brayden Abbott (left) is a young buck from Bastrop, Texas. He was born on May 27th 2003. His favorite things to do on his free time is anything that has to do with cars; building them, racing on them, and even simulated-racing. When ever he is not messing around with cars you can find him gaming away. Welcome aboard shipmate!

Jose "Ariel" Ventura de la Cruz (right), is not new to NAVSTA Rota. Before accepting his current position as the Water Environmental Program Manager, he's worked in Rota since 1998! He was born in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, moving to Madrid, Spain in 1992. During his tenure here in Rota, he's worked as a Liaison Officer at 1st Naval Construction Division (1NCD) at Camp Mitchell, before working as a contractor engineer for local construction companies such as Elecnor SA and Nesco. Prior to joining us two weeks ago, Ariel was a facilities manager for Naval Station Rota Hospital from 2007. Welcome Ariel!





Not everybody has the guts to deal with dirty jobs, but someone has to do it. On 13 July, UEM and Crane Crew teamed up to remove the lift pump from Lift Station #9. Lift Pumps are used to ensure that wastewater is able to safely be transported from your drain to the treatment plant.

Photos and Article by EO2(SCW/EXW) Alex Jackson

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Lift Pumps are not the only things that the NAVFAC Crane crew supports. Here they are Loading TRICONS full of essential items for the USNS Trenton. Never an easy day with the cranes hot, cold, rain, or shine they'll be there supporting ships and "stuff" all over the base. Only 2 things will stop crane crews craving for work is the Wind and Lightning.

Photos and Article by EO2 Ethan Roney



2023 Crane Audit

July 10th -14th the Navy Crane Center came all the way down to Rota Spain to conduct the annual Audit of our Crane Program. The annual audit accesses the crane program to ensure that proper safety, operations, and records keeping is up to speed with accordance to the NAVFAC P-307. Once all of these boxes are checked off, the Crane Program would receive 1 of 3 ratings: Satisfactory, Marginally Satisfactory, or Unsatisfactory. Our brick house of a crane team received the highest score of Satisfactory! BZ to the Crane Crew!

Below are a few picture of Rigging gear inspections being done by Carlos Mazon, EO2 Ethan Roney, and EOCN Christian Ramirez. BZ to the Crane Crew on a successful audit.



The following message is brought to you by the NAVSTA Rota Public Works Department, Environmental Division.

Please do not feed the homeless, feral cats wandering Naval Station Rota. On the surface, this may seem like a harmless or even humane practice, but it really isn't. Feeding feral cats contributes to increases in cat population. Too many feral cats can lead to starvation, disease, and pre-mature death, under inhumane conditions. Increased population increases kill-off of birds and other wildlife populations, including the protected chameleon. More feral-cats equals an increase in the threat of disease transmission across both the feral and domestic cat populations. For all of these reasons, any feeding of feral cats is strictly forbidden; to do so is a violation of official CNIC policy.

Your Public Works Department is working with the local governments and the Spanish Navy to humanely control the population in a way that is consistent with Spanish and EU law. This means that under the supervision of a veterinarian, we capture, sterilize, vaccinate, care for, and release the cats back to their home with the goal of improving the health of the existing population, preventing growth in that population in the short-term and decreasing the population in the long-term.

So please, do not feed feral cats. For additional information, please contact the Environmental Compliance and Protection Office!

Article by Mike Bianchi



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