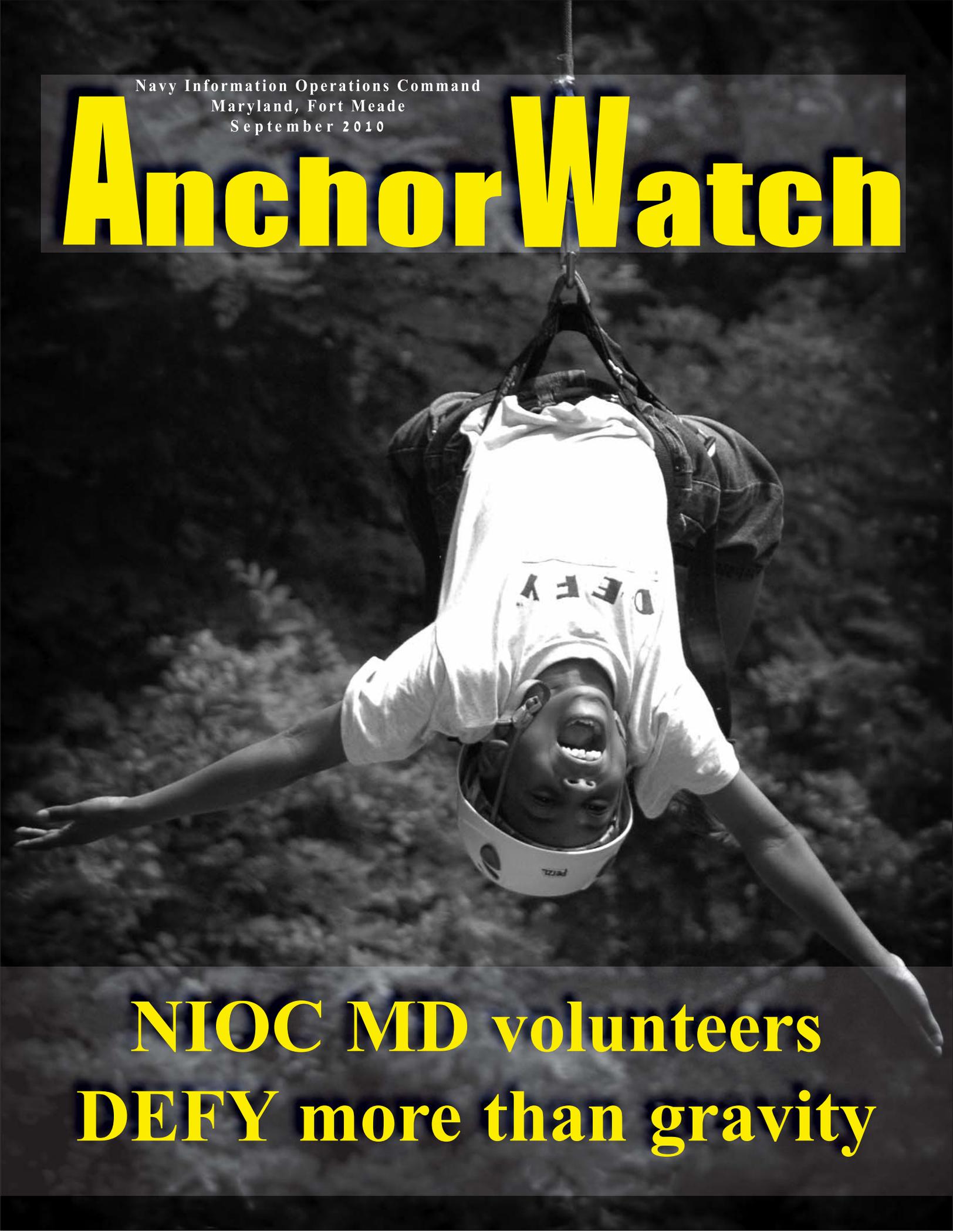
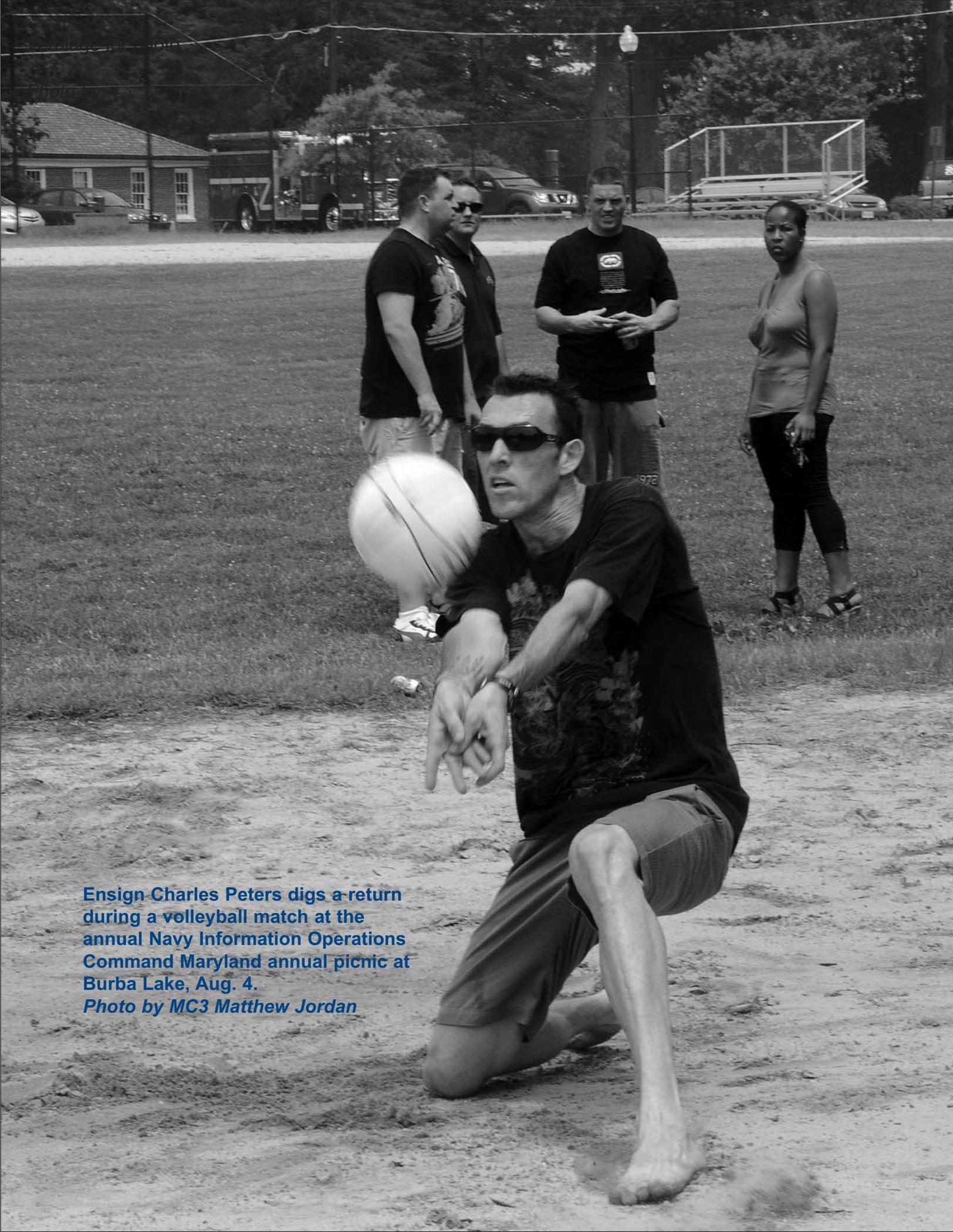


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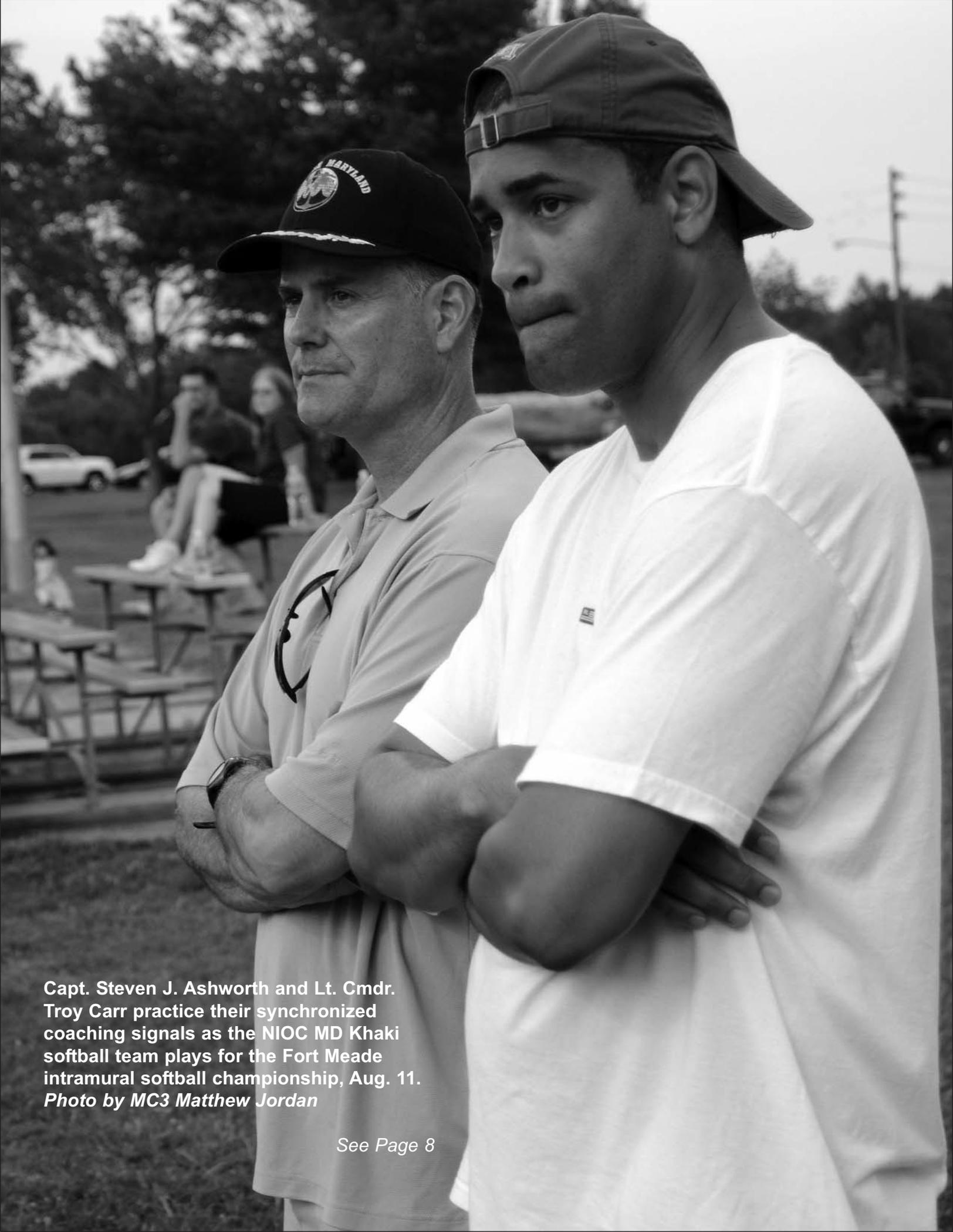


**NIOC MD volunteers  
DEFY more than gravity**



**Ensign Charles Peters digs a return during a volleyball match at the annual Navy Information Operations Command Maryland annual picnic at Burba Lake, Aug. 4.**

*Photo by MC3 Matthew Jordan*



**Capt. Steven J. Ashworth and Lt. Cmdr. Troy Carr practice their synchronized coaching signals as the NIOC MD Khaki softball team plays for the Fort Meade intramural softball championship, Aug. 11.**  
*Photo by MC3 Matthew Jordan*

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# Anchor Watch

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# The Sailor Chronicles

## The true power of the FIOC



From the files of  
Seaman Smuckately

My continuing research of Shamus Jenkins, AKA “The Black Shillelagh,” led me to Fort Meade’s Broadfoot Field on June 30, 2010 to watch a Division I softball doubleheader between the Coast Guard and our very own NIOC MD Khakis.

Two weeks prior to that contest, sources had informed me that Caleb “1 ½ Finger” Brown, a former standout minor league pitching prospect and more importantly a former shipmate of Jenkins, liked to watch softball games at Broadfoot because the field reminded him of the dusty conditions in which he perfected his famed side-armed delivery.

Brown, unfortunately, was a no-show, but after watching NIOC MD put up 46 runs on the Coast Guard, I felt as though the day wasn’t a total loss.

The following week, I again tried to find “1 ½ Finger” Brown while NIOC MD competed against DODFRA.

Once again, Brown was a no-show as NIOC MD destroyed the competition by posting 50 runs in 2 games.

I tried one last time to find Brown during a doubleheader against 29IS #1 in which NIOC MD posted 40 runs -- but for the

third week in a row, Brown never showed.

My frustration with the ineptitude of my investigative skills was beginning to jeopardize my renowned reputation, but as the last run crossed the plate in the 6th inning, a new story began to nag at my curiosity. How the heck had NIOC MD managed to score 136 runs in 6 consecutive games?

I tried to interview several players, but they all maintained the status quo with the usual comments about teamwork and chemistry. Not convinced by the working smarter not harder mantra, I decided to investigate their daily activities off the field.

After weeks of investigation, the only common link I could confirm was that each man had been to a Popeye’s Chicken and Biscuits at least once during the season.

On the eve of the playoffs, I ran into the wife of one of the players at the commissary.

After offering a coupon for a free box of Lucky Charms, and to pay her carry-out tip, she offered to help my investigation only if she could remain anonymous.

She then told me that prior to the game with the Coast Guard, her husband asked her to stencil “FIOC” on the tags of his game-day clothing.

She also told me that one player went so

far as to have “FIOC” tattooed on his throwing arm. FIOC is an acronym for Fleet Information Operation Center and at first glance seemed an odd choice for inspiration on the Fort Meade field of dreams. But, as the team crushed their way through the first four games of the playoffs, I began to wonder aloud if the tactical support our dedicated warfighters were providing could extend to a non-combat environment.

Subsequent attempts to uncover the mystery were met with failure; including several uneasy moments within the Eagle Fitness locker room; I guess a man and his Under Armor are not easily parted.

The last 2 games for the NIOC MD Khaki squad caused me seriously ponder, because the run output reached a season low, and inevitably the team finished in second place.

Still, in the back of my mind I couldn’t help but feel that my source was closer to the truth about the team’s power surge.

During my next trip to McDonalds, just for fun, I wrote “FIOC” on the \$10 bill that I handed to the cashier who rang up my six-piece order of Chicken McNuggets. As I sat staring at the seventh McNugget, I began to wonder about the lottery and numbers 7, 9, 15 and 3.

# Twinkle, twinkle ...

*10 chiefs add their first star*

photo by  
MC2(SW) Regina Wright



*Senior Chief Petty Officer Michelle Bradley*

*Senior Chief Petty Officer Joseph Cantu*

*Senior Chief Petty Officer Ramona Colbert*

*Senior Chief Petty Officer Carlos Roebuck*

*Senior Chief Petty Officer Leroy Krapfl*

*Senior Chief Petty Officer Jeremy Stahl*

*Senior Chief Petty Officer Eric Starace*

*Senior Chief Petty Officer Latwaine Sweeper*

*Senior Chief Petty Officer Micki Pennington*

*Senior Chief Petty Officer Anthony Spiller  
(not photographed)*



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# August Awards



Photo by MC3 Matthew Jordan

## Joint Service Achievement Medal

Petty Officer 1st Class Thomas Stout

## Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal

Petty Officer 1st Class Amie Arzmeni

Petty Officer 1st Class Jassman Bryan

Petty Officer 1st Class Matthew Gloyd

Petty Officer 1st Class Christine Jacobs

Petty Officer 1st Class Brian Johnson

Petty Officer 1st Class Ronald Mckinnon

Petty Officer 2nd Class Jason Celi

## Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal (cont.)

Petty Officer 3rd Class Andrew Carter

Petty Officer 3rd Class Paul Rivera

Petty Officer 2nd Class Andrew Foster

## Senior Sailor of the Quarter

Petty Officer 1st Class Beth Hammond

## Senior Deployer of the Quarter

Petty Officer 1st Class Misty Rambo

## Junior Sailor of the Quarter

Petty Officer 2nd Class Paul Fernandez

## Good Conduct

Petty Officer 3rd Class Paul Fernandez

## Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal

Petty Officer 2nd Class Marcela Rodriguez

## Civilian of the Quarter

Mrs. Julie Yates

# Sailors of the Quarter

## Junior Sailor of the Quarter



Petty Officer 3rd Class Paul Fernandez

Petty Officer 3rd Class Paul T. Fernandez successfully performed the role as both the Enlisted and Officer Assignments Manager in 30 department, a position normally held by a E-6 or a Chief.

Fernandez is solely responsible for maintaining and ensuring the valid placement of 800 navy enlisted personnel, spanning five field sites worldwide. Despite the minimum manning in the work-center, he meticulously managed 155 officer billets that directly impacted billet structure in 13 commands.

His outstanding knowledge and military bearing resulted in him being selected to represent the Office of Military Personnel during the 2010 NSA/CSS Showcase and Deployment Symposium.

As the department's administrative clerk, he ensured that all special screenings, transfer packages, career developments, evaluations, awards, personnel qualifications and evacuation exercises were completed.

As the division fitness leader, Fernandez monitors and tracks physical fitness sessions for 13 division personnel and reports directly to the department fitness leader on the progress and status of his division.

He has received an honorable mention for the NSA/CSS Junior Military Performer of the Year.

Fernandez has volunteered in events including the Armed Forces Week Joint Service Gala, Habitat for Humanity, 2010 Relay for Life, Holy Devine Soup Kitchen and two Military Honor Flights.

"Petty Officer Fernandez has taken on greater leadership responsibilities beyond his pay grade in the absences of the LPO. Petty Officer Fernandez shows great dedication and continually strives for perfection and success," Lt. Cmdr. Gregg Dewaele, 30 Department Head.

## Sailor of the Quarter



Petty Officer 2nd Class Paul Barban

Petty Officer 2nd Class Paul J. Barban is a technician on a watch floor that is manned 24 hours a day.

He works with joint servicemembers, government civilians, and contractors. Barban has identified and restored four circuits that are critical in daily operations and safety of all employees.

As the Division Fitness Leader, he developed and implemented a spreadsheet used to document physical fitness sessions for three shifts consisting of 12 Sailors, which also enhanced the ability to track the progress of all courtesy Fitness Enhancement Program Sailors.

Barban is a command Sexual Assault Prevention and Response advocate and also sits on the Navy Day Ball Committee.

Through his attention to detail and personal pride, he received the BEQ's Room of the Month Award for May.

Barban volunteered seven hours selling donuts in support of the command social fundraising committee and helped raised \$953 for the command. He also volunteered 16 hours at the Preakness, raising \$7,200 in support of CSFC.

During the second quarter, Barban completed two college courses and graduated from Brilliant on the Basics.

"Petty Officer Barban continually raises the bar for his fellow Sailors to emulate. He tirelessly stays involved in the command and community. He consistently displays outstanding initiative to both the mission and his fellow Sailors," said Lt. Cmdr. Gregg Dewaele, 30 Department Head.

## Senior Sailor of the Quarter



Petty Officer 1st Class Beth Hammond

Petty Officer 1st Class Beth M. Hammond is the Leading Petty Officer of 14 Sailors.

Hammond develops a cohesive atmosphere within the division by building camaraderie through the organization of division outings. She ensured 100 percent contact with all division Sailors and dependents during the Navy-wide accountability exercise.

As part of a 24 member team, she monitored, reviewed and reported information within a multi-service organization in support of theater and national requirements. Her reports were briefed to the State Department and U.S. Treasury policy makers.

Hammond was hand selected as branch Job Qualification Standard Leader and Trainer for 11 multi-servicemembers. She was intimately involved in the process of writing a new JQS for the Navy branch, which decreased training time by 30 percent.

She represents the command in a positive light as a Sexual Assault Prevention and Response advocate. Hammond also functions as the command's FCPOA Volunteer Committee Chairperson. As the Volunteer Committee Chairperson, she oversees five community relation programs that include: Sarah's House, Adopt-A-Highway, Meals on Wheels and Kibble Connection, Armed Forces Retirement Home and Special Olympics. She personally committed more than 30 hours of volunteer service during the second quarter.

"Petty Officer Hammond is an extremely motivated and dedicated Sailor who is vigorously involved within the command and the community while balancing her work center responsibilities," said Lt. Cmdr. Danyelle Low, 20 Department Head.



**Petty Officer 2nd Class (SW) Elias Acereto competes in his first MMA fight against Bryce Link, July 23, 2009.**

## ‘Taking it to the mats’

### MMA: Don Vito Corleone-approved

Story by  
Seaman Kylie Gibson

Petty Officer 2nd Class (SW) Elias Acereto said that he first became interested in mixed martial arts (MMA) fighting because of its full-contact nature.

He was automatically drawn to the sport because he played football and wrestled in high school and thought MMA would help him stay in shape.

Acereto then started taking classes in Brazilian jiu-jitsu and found that the more he trained, the more he loved the sport. He noticed that MMA was used by a wide variety of athletes for cardio purposes in the off-season, such as pro linebackers Patrick Willis and Shawn Merriman, and quarterback Matt Leinart.

The sport demands high levels of cardio and muscular endurance, plus flexibility. For one to succeed in the sport, many training sessions are required. Like they always say, practice makes perfect.

MMA allows a wide variety of fighting techniques and skills from a mixture of both traditional and non-traditional martial arts.

The rules allow the use of both striking as well as grappling techniques, while standing and on the ground.

Competitions allow martial artists of different backgrounds to compete against one another.

The roots of modern mixed martial arts can be traced back to various mixed style contests that took place throughout Europe, Japan and the Pacific Rim during the early 1900s.

The rules for modern mixed martial arts competitions have changed significantly since the early days of vale tudo, Japanese shoot wrestling, and UFC 1, and even more from the historic style of pankration. As the knowledge about fighting techniques spread among fighters and spectators, it became clear that the original minimalist rule systems needed to be amended. The main motivations for these rule changes were protecting the health of the fighters, the desire to shed the image of "barbaric, no rules, fighting-to-the-death" matches, and being recognized as a legitimate sport.

The new rules included the introduction of weight classes. As knowledge about submissions spread, differences in weight had become a significant factor. There are 9 different weight classes, ranging from fly-weight (up to 125 lb/57 kg) to super heavy-weight (anything heavier than 265 lb/120 kg).

Small, open-fingered gloves were introduced to protect when punching, reduce the

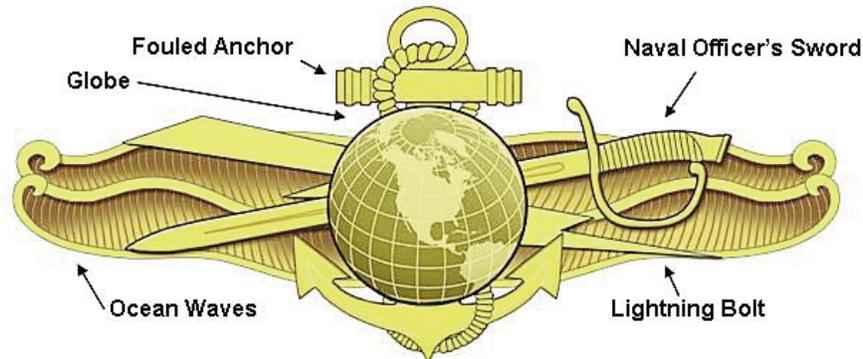
occurrence of cuts (and match stoppages due to cuts) and encourage fighters to use their hands for striking to allow for more captivating matches. Time limits were established to avoid long fights with little action where competitors conserved their strength. Matches without time limits also complicated the airing of live events. The time limits in most professional fights are three 5 minute rounds, and championship fights are normally five 5 minute rounds. Similar motivations produced the "stand up" rule, where the referee can stand fighters up if it is perceived that both are resting on the ground or not advancing toward a dominant position.

There's no doubt interest in MMA has grown in the military. This is readily apparent in the Army Combatives program. While Combatives training alone builds physical and mental toughness, MMA competition amplifies the desire to compete and win, causing soldiers to train harder. The story of the Modern Army Combatives Program (MACP) began in 1995, when the Commander of the 2nd Ranger Battalion ordered a reinvigoration of martial arts training within the battalion.

After looking at many different systems, the Rangers ultimately sent several men to train at the Gracie Jiu-Jitsu Academy in Torrance, Calif.

# Arriving

## Information Dominance Corps Warfare Insignia



**Information Dominance Warfare Officer**



**Enlisted Information Dominance Warfare Specialist (EIDWS)**

Story by

Petty Officer 1st Class William Clore

The Information Dominance Warfare Insignias will soon be seen on the uniforms of the first wave of qualified Sailors here at Navy Information Operations Command Maryland in the next few weeks.

The establishment process has moved through three distinct phases.

Phase I qualifiers began evaluating the program back in November 2009.

Phase II of this process will begin soon.

Sailors nominated by their department chiefs will serve as the main qualifiers for the rest of NIOC MD.

This process will involve meeting the criteria outlined in the Personal Qualification Standards (PQS), passing a written test as well as an oral screening board.

Within the first few months of calendar year 2011, Phase III will commence, and qualification will be open to all NIOC MD Sailors.

The pins were authorized Feb. 19 for wear by officers and enlisted personnel who complete the PQS.

Petty Officer 1st Class (Surface Warfare) Ronny S. Vigilant, who died unexpectedly of natural causes June 8, was the first Sailor Navy-wide designated as an Enlisted Information Dominance Warfare Specialist (EIDWS).

Vigilant was instrumental as a subject matter expert during the initial phase of the EIDWS qualification program.

NIOC MD Commanding Officer, Capt. Steven J. Ashworth, presented Ann Vigilant with her son's EIDWS certification in a ceremony after his interment at Arlington National cemetery, Aug. 5.

The EIDWS insignia is a silver-oxidize

pin showing a background of ocean waves, a crossed naval enlisted cutlass and lightning bolt, a fouled anchor, and a globe.

The Information Dominance Warfare Officer (IDWO) Insignia has a background of ocean waves, a crossed naval officer's sword and lightning bolt, a fouled anchor, and a globe.

The new insignia will be available in September for purchase at Navy Exchange uniform centers or via the navy exchange uniform support Center.

Communities serving in the Information Dominance Corps include information professional officers, information warfare officers, naval intelligence officers, meteorological oceanography officers, space cadre officers, aerographer's mates, cryptologic technicians, intelligence specialist, information systems technicians, and civilian personnel.

# Take me out to

## One 'heck' of a season



**Top row, from left:**  
Chief Petty Officer David Ward, Ens. Robert Vatoskay, Lt. Cdr. Troy Carr, Capt. Steven J. Ashworth, Lt. Antonio Garcia, Petty Officer 1st Class Joseph Mandarich, Chief Petty Officer Travis Wirick, Chief Petty Officer Joseph Cantu.

**Kneeling:**  
Petty Officer 1st Class Kyle Beccue, CWO2 Pedro Ramos, Chief Petty Officer Erich Keough, Chief Petty Officer Robert Couey, Petty Officer 1st Class Ricardo Garcia, Chief Petty Officer Patrick Wofrey.

*Photo by  
MC3 Matthew Jordan*

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MC3 Matthew Jordan

The NIOC MD Khaki Softball Team finished a remarkable season Aug. 11, coming in second in the double-elimination Fort George G. Meade Intramural Softball playoffs.

The team, which finished in 5th place during regular season Division 1 play, made it to the championship

round by doing what it did best throughout the regular season: score, score and score some more!

During the regular season the team scored 423 runs, an average of 15 runs per game, including scoring 20 or more runs in 6 consecutive games.

During the playoffs, the team continued to outscore its opponents by averaging 19 runs during each of its first 4 playoff games.

The highlight of the entire season came in the fourth game of the post

championship playoffs.

That's when Petty Officer 1st Class Ricardo Garcia blasted a game-winning, walk-off homerun in the bottom of the 7th inning to lift NIOC MD over the eventual playoff champion, 704th Military Intelligence Brigade.

Even though the team came a few runs short of ending NIOC MD's championship drought, the core of this year's team will return next season, ready to battle for the crown once again.

# the ball game

## At the mound

Story by  
MC3 Matthew Jordan

On a hot and sunny August evening, Navy Information Operations Command Maryland Commanding Officer, Capt. Steven J. Ashworth, stepped out onto the field at Prince George's Stadium to throw

the ceremonial first pitch at this year's Navy Night Game -- Bowie Baysox against the Portland Sea Dogs.

The Baysox gave up four unearned runs in the eighth inning to blow a one-run lead as the Portland Sea Dogs won 6-3, in front of the entire U.S. Naval Academy Plebe class.

It was an excellent start by Baltimore's

Steve Johnson, who matched a season-high with 7 innings on the mound, with two runs on four hits.

Johnson struck out five batters, bringing his season total to 105 punchouts, and was walk-free for the first time since Sept. 6, 2009.



Commanding Officer, Navy Information Operations Command Maryland, Capt. Steven J. Ashworth throws the first pitch at the Bowie Baysox Navy Night, Aug. 10.



**Above:** A Baysox player drives a ball into the outfield during a game against the Portland Sea Dogs, Aug. 10.

**Left:** A Midshipman enjoys the game atmosphere with his fellow shipmates during the Bowie Baysox game.

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# Around NIOC



Above: Chief Petty Officer Chris Anderson receives the National Flag from Petty Officer 1st Class Angela Harrison at the retirement ceremony of Master Chief Petty Officer Carolyn S. Feeley, July 30.

*Photo by MC3 Matthew Jordan*



Master Chief Petty Officer Carolyn S. Feeley presents flowers to her mother during her retirement ceremony, July 30.

*Photo by MC3 Matthew Jordan*

Right: Ann Vigilant accepts a Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal, posthumously awarded to her son, Petty Officer 1st Class Ronny S. Vigilant, from Capt. Steven J. Ashworth, at Arlington National cemetery Aug. 5. Petty Officer Vigilant, who died unexpectedly of natural causes June 8, was instrumental as a subject matter expert during the initial phase of the Enlisted Information Dominance Warfare Specialist qualification program. For his critical contributions to the program, Vigilant was the first Sailor Navy-wide designated as an EIDWS.

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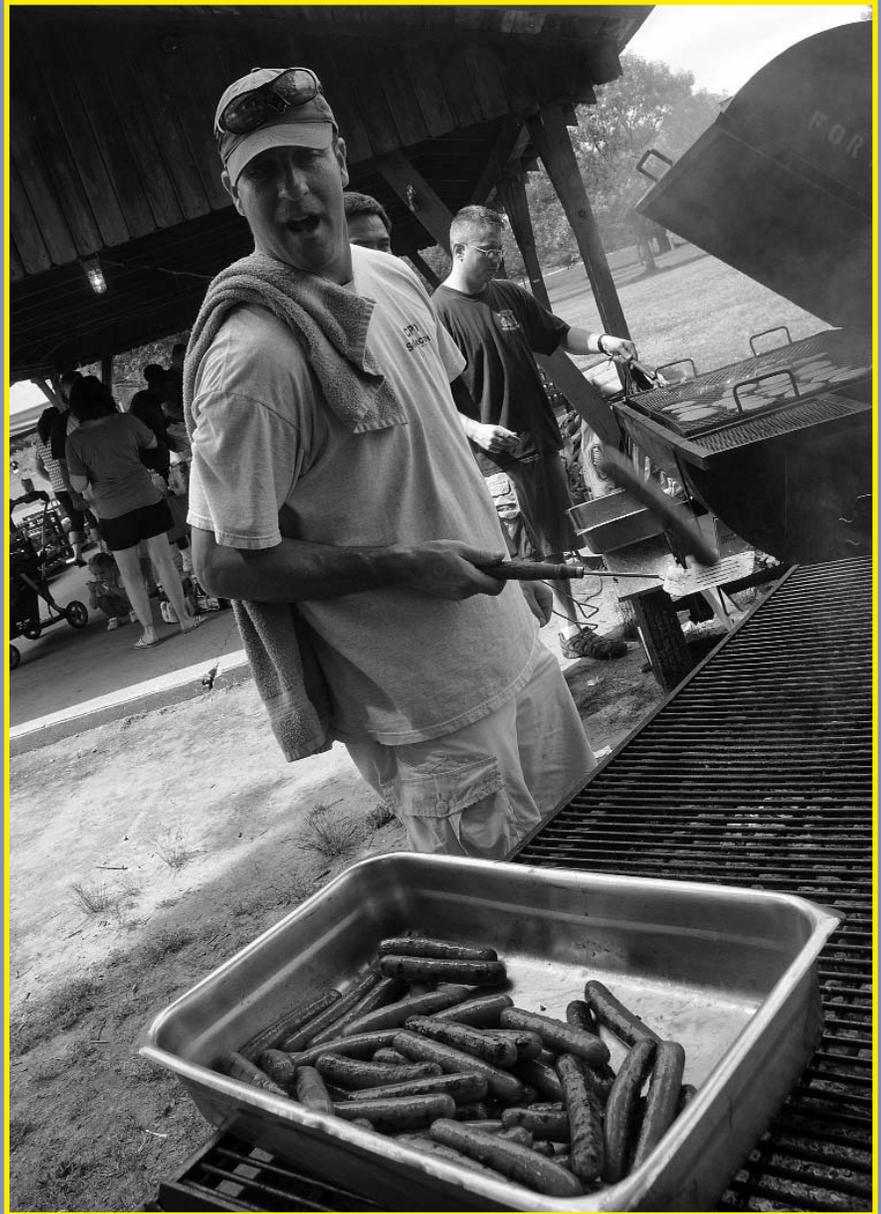




**Lt. Cmdr. Brian Swanson sets up for a dig in a volleyball game during N5's Sports Day, July 23.**  
*Photo by Chief Petty Officer Jason Hanscom.*



**Petty Officer 1st Class Jamaar Moore jumps above all of his contenders for a touchdown in the flag football game during N5's Sports Day, July 23.**  
*Photo by MC2(SW) Regina Wright*



**Chief Petty Officer Christopher Patti skillfully tosses hotdogs fresh from the grill into the serving pan at the command picnic, Aug. 10.**  
*Photo by MC3 Matthew Jordan*

# Drug Education for Youth

Story by  
Petty Officer 2nd Class William Sweats

The Drug Education for Youth (DEFY) program returned to Fort Meade this summer to provide kids with the facts about drugs and alcohol, as well as ways to recognize and avoid potential dangers associated with drugs and alcohol.

DEFY was established in 1993 by the Navy's Drug Demand Reduction Task Force. The idea was presented to two commands (NAS Pensacola and NAS Alameda) which ended up being the first two pilot sites for the program.

Since 1993, the program has grown from two sites to 39 Navy/Marine Corps sites and nine Air Force sites in the United States. As with all other DEFY programs, word spread about the program, which is how DEFY came to take form in NIOC MD. In 2006, a few sailors who had been a part of the DEFY program came to NIOC MD and saw that there was no program in place at the command. After presenting and getting the approval for the idea in 2006, the first program started in 2007 on the Ft. Meade base.

The DEFY program itself is a two phase program that goes year round to provide kids with the constant interaction needed to help further their efforts in making better decisions. Phase one is a two week camp where kids are split up into teams based on the number of kids and counselors attending the program.

During that two week time frame kids are given different training, team building exercises and goal-setting opportunities. Phase two is an extension of phase one, but is only one day a month and deals with mentoring, study skills and ways to handle other issues besides drugs and alcohol that kids may face, such as nutrition, bullying and self-esteem.

This year's program was held from the 13th through the 22nd of July in the Calvary Chapel located on the Ft. Meade base. There was a classroom environment, as well as lots of room outside for team building exercises. There were a total of 10 counselors and 16 kids. All the counselors that attended the camp were Navy sailors from the NIOC MD command and kids were dependent's of Department of Defense (DoD) personnel. This year the kids were broken up into three teams.

The "Fadoddles" (yellow team) led by



Ms. Nesha and Mr. Brandon, "True Blue" (blue team) led by Mr. Jesus, Mr. Eric and Mrs. Danielle, and The "Chaotic Cobras" (green team) led by Ms. Janice and Mr. Will.

The two-week long camp was filled with many activities that kept the kids engaged and entertained, as well as helped them learn the material the counselors were putting out. Certain activities took place every morning, such as flag raising, during which each team took a turn holding the flag up in the front of the room while everyone the pledge of allegiance together. Then said there was "Finding someone who..." which is an exercise about getting to know each other.

Each kid was given a work book in which they needed to find people with different looks or skills. For example, finding someone who has blue eyes, finding someone who is left-handed, or even finding someone who was in the girl/boy scouts. This way the kids got to know more about the other kids as well as something about the counselors. After that each kid picked colors out of a hat to form the DEFY teams, allowing them to get away from the people they were comfortable with and form bonds with new kids.

There were many topics covered in the program, such as "Marijuana and Inhalants," which is information about marijuana and inhalants as well as letting them know why it is bad and the dangers of trying either one. Another topic covered was "We Have Better Things to Do," which shows kids other activities they can do to better them-

selves besides drinking and doing drugs, and how you cannot do some of the things you love to do, if you are using drugs or alcohol. Plus, there was "Maggie's Story," which is a video dealing with the issue of peer pressure. It showed how to say no, and the way to approach a situation where peers may be trying to use peer pressure to get you to do things that you know that you should not be doing.

Some of the field trips and activities that took place included bowling, roller skating and the ropes course at Terrapin Adventures. Bowling was the first chance the kids had to get away from the chapel and have some fun. While skating, many kids showcased their skills by doing things such as skating backwards and dancing.

The skating day was finished by everyone in the bowling alley doing the "Cupid Shuffle" before departing back to post. Every kid, when asked, said they enjoyed Terrapin Adventures the most, as it was something different and most had never had an experience like that. They had a chance to do things like cross the pit of doom, ride the zip line and go on the 40-foot high tree swing. All in all, it was a good time and a great experience, and all the kids wished the camp was longer. Everyone is looking forward to phase two starting, even some of the counselors could not hold back their emotions, as shown by Ms. Janice's comment: "I'm going to miss these kids," she said as tears streamed down her face while hugging a kid from group, showing that everyone had been touched and was better because of the experience.

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# Will you honor me?

NIOC MD Sailors pleased to be part of the Honor Flight Network

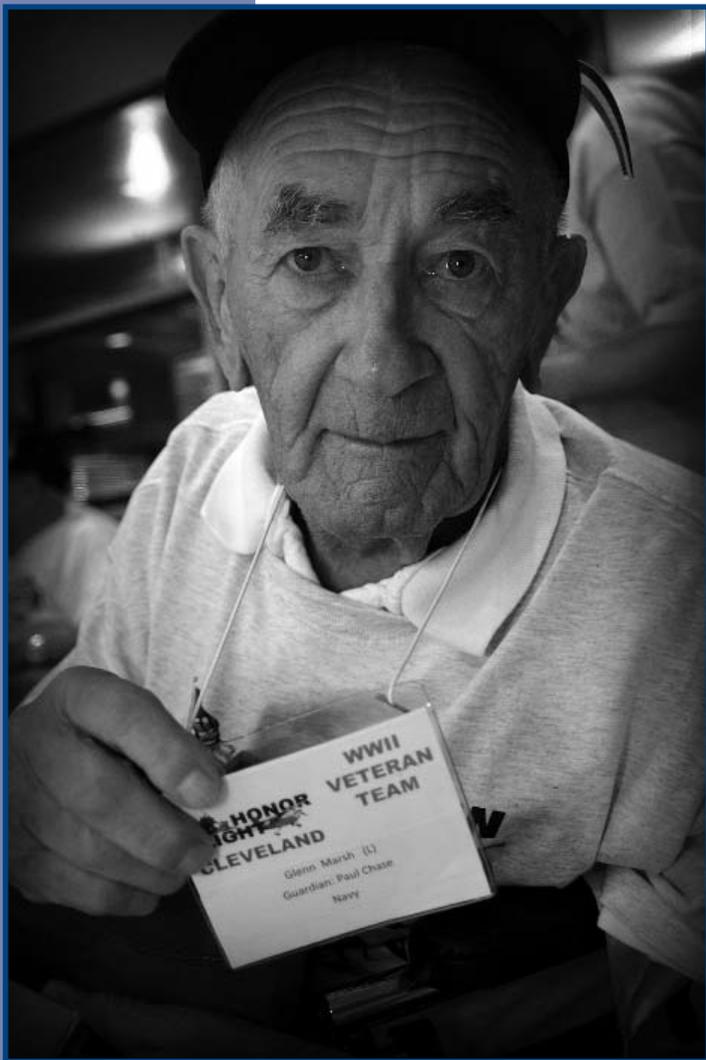


Photo by MC3 Matthew Jordan

Story by  
Ensign Nyere Grant

Recently, servicemembers from NIOC MD and other nearby commands had the opportunity to volunteer their services in honoring World War II, Korea and Vietnam veterans, in a program called “The Honor Flight Network.”

The heroes arrive at BWI airport from places all across the nation to visit Washington D.C. and reflect at the national war memorials there. Upon disembarking

the aircraft at BWI airport, the veterans are greeted and cheered by active-duty military consisting primarily of NIOC Maryland Sailors.

For many Sailors, it is the first opportunity to meet and ask questions directly to a veteran from the World War II era.

For the veterans, it is a time to be honored by today’s Sailors. Sadly, the World War II veterans are dying at a rate of about 900 per day. Time to express thanks to these brave men and women is running out.

Perhaps the biggest volunteer turnout was on July 14. The veterans were completely caught off guard and many of them were brought to tears. They truly are heroes and have proudly carried the tradition of service and duty. Service members felt an honor to greet these great men and women who have protected our way of life. Many had a ribbon stack that most service members could only dream.

Seen were recipients of numerous Purple Hearts, Bronze Stars, Liberation medals, and many other prestigious awards. One particular gentleman served with a Congressional Medal of Honor recipient and told of his heroism and how he saved the lives of his crew.

Ensign Chuney Johnson had the opportunity to meet one of his childhood heroes when a flight carrying a contingent of Tuskegee Airmen arrived. Their dedication paved the way for future minority servicemembers. Shortly after World War II ended, President Truman enacted Executive Order 9981, which in time led to the end of racial segregation in the U.S. military forces. Also among the veterans who came were women, one of which served in the United States Navy Nurse Corps during the attack on Pearl Harbor.

In the end, the veterans sacrificed their bodies, families, and lives to the cause of liberty, fair treatment and self determination. It was the pleasure of the NIOC MD Sailors to show their appreciation to the patriotism and bravery shown by these veterans. Their acts of courage, commitment and honor will never be forgotten.

# Keep your eyes peeled

## *Pedestrians are everywhere!*

Story by  
MC2(SW) Regina Wright

You're caught in city traffic and running a good half hour behind schedule. You are about to turn at an intersection when out of the corner of your eye you spot a pedestrian stepping off the curb.

It's a good thing you are alert and not letting impatience get the best of you. You see the person in time to stop and make it safely across the street, even though you have to miss yet another chance of signal lights.

Drivers must continually be alert for pedestrians, especially children -- on city streets, rural highways, in parking lots and loading yards. Be ready at all times to make a sudden stop or a defensive move to avoid a pedestrian.

As a driver, it is your responsibility to know and obey the traffic laws concerning pedestrians. You must drive defensively and be courteous in areas used by pedestrians.

The most vulnerable pedestrians are the very young and the very old. Children are

inattentive to the hazards around them; slow down in school zones and residential areas. The elderly may have physical difficulties which prevent them from seeing or hearing traffic, or from crossing the street quickly enough.

Here are some reminders about sharing the road safely with pedestrians:

At intersections, allow pedestrians to completely cross the street before you start, even if the light changes.

Do not startle or confuse pedestrians with blasts from your vehicle horn.

Watch for jaywalkers. Pedestrians often cross the middle of the block, whether they are supposed to or not. They can step out from between parked cars. Children dart out from the curbs in the residential area and around schools.

At crosswalk lights, do not pass the stopped cars even if you do not see pedestrians crossing the street.

Watch for clues to the presence of pedestrians. If you see a disabled car beside a road, look for persons who may be walking for help or changing a tire. If a ball rolls into the street, chances are a child will follow it. A convenience store along the highway is likely to attract foot traffic, as he passed the scene of a traffic accident, watch for onlookers.

Continually scan the environment ahead of you and beside you to avoid surprises. Sometimes you can see a pedestrian from a distance better than when you

approach closer and your view is obscured by parked vehicles.

Before leaving a parking space, walk around your vehicle tracking for pedestrians and other obstacles.

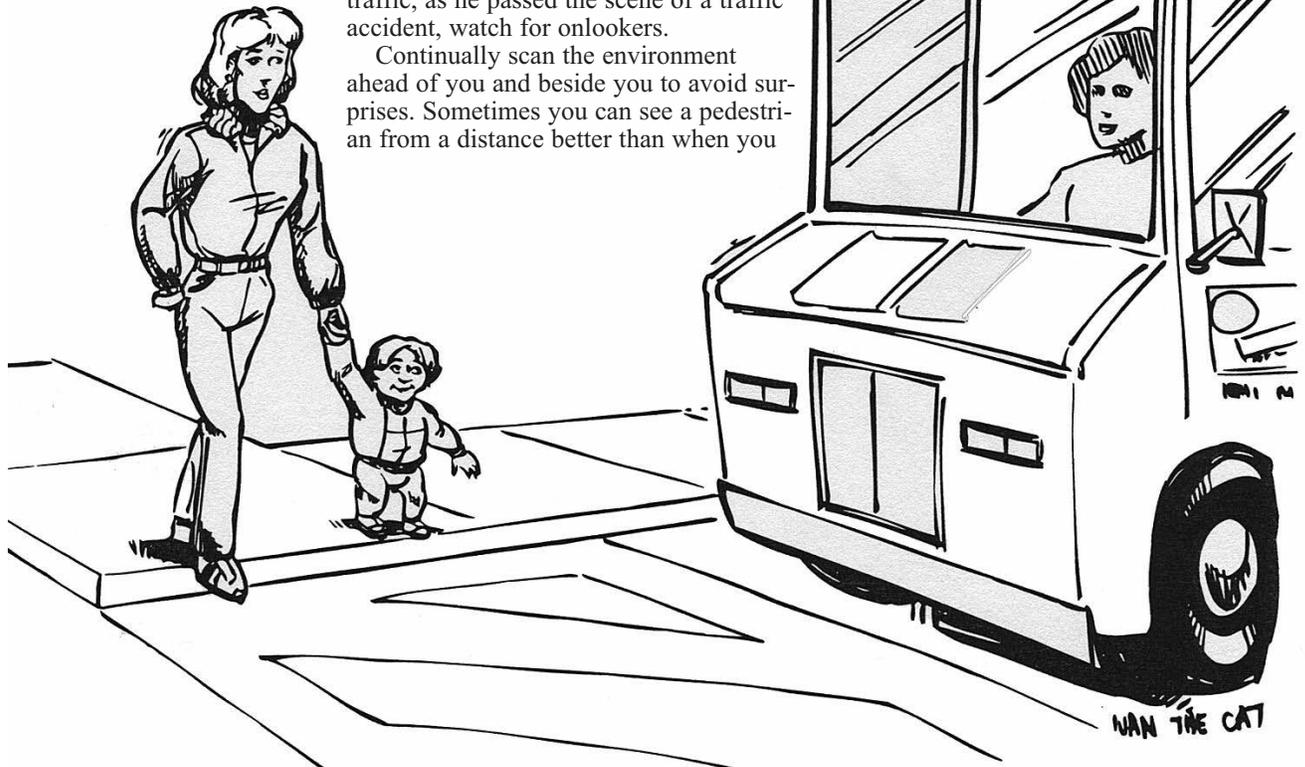
Check behind your vehicle before climbing in and before backing up. Use someone else as a guide in signaler whenever possible and high traffic areas.

Use your backup alarm, but do not rely on it. Better yet, avoid situations where you have to back your vehicle.

Check your blind spot when moving your vehicle into areas where there may be foot traffic.

Pedestrians are endangered by commercial vehicles as well. Follow your company's safety rules to prevent pedestrian accidents involving forklifts and other vehicles.

Pedestrians can try the patience of a driver, especially on a high-pressure day. However, a second saved on your schedule can never make up for the tragedy of striking a pedestrian with your vehicle!



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# Naval Heritage

## *First Navy Jack*

Story by  
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Prescribed use of a jack was first enacted in 1865 by Navy Regulations. It was displayed from the jackstaff of all U.S. naval vessels in commission from 8 a.m. to sunset while the ship was anchored.

The first use of the jack was during the American Revolutionary War when Commodore Esek Hopkins issued a set of fleet signals, and among them was the instruction directing his vessels to fly a striped jack and ensign in their proper places.

Although there is little documentation on exactly what the first jack looked like, it is likely to have been a simplified version of the ensign, a field of 13 horizontal red and white stripes.

The First Navy Jack consists of 13 horizontal alternating red and white stripes, representing the original 13 colonies, and charged with an uncoiled rattlesnake and the motto, "Don't Tread on Me." This is the current U.S. Jack authorized by the Navy.

The rattlesnake has long been a symbol of resistance to the British during Colonial America. The rattlesnake is especially significant to the American Revolution because it consists of 13 layers representing the original 13 colonies. The rattlesnake emerged as a symbol of the English colonies of North America around 1756, when it appeared in newspaper prints with the motto "Join or Die." By the time of the Revolutionary War, the rattlesnake was frequently used in conjunction with the motto "Don't Tread on Me," and was a common symbol for the United States, its independent spirit, and its resistance to tyranny.

In 1976 all commissioned naval vessels were directed to fly the First Navy Jack in lieu of the standard 50 star, Jack of the United States.

However, in 1980, then Secretary of the Navy, Edward Hidalgo, directed the ship with the longest active status, USS Dixie (AD-14), to display the First Navy

Jack until decommissioned or transferred into inactive service and then pass it to the next ship in line.

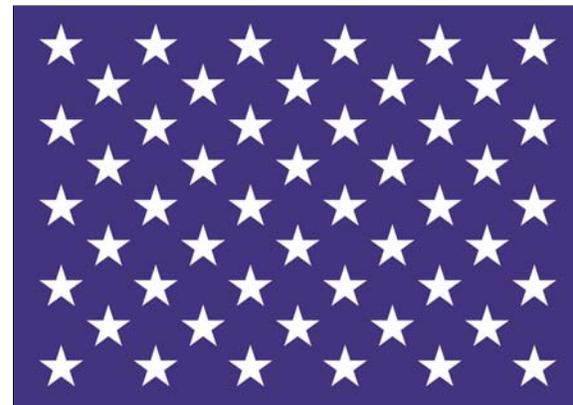
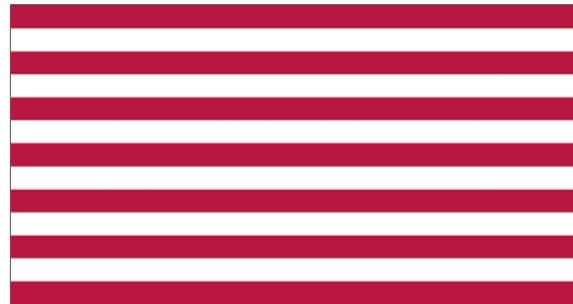
May 31, 2002, then Secretary of the Navy, Brayton Harris, issued Instruction 10520.6, directing all Navy ships to fly the First Navy Jack as a temporary substitution for the Jack of the United States during the Global War on Terrorism.

At morning colors, September 11, 2002, the first anniversary of the terrorist attacks on the United States, all U.S. Navy ships began flying the First Navy Jack.

**Top Right: What the first jack in 1865 was believed to look like.**

**Right: The 50-star Jack of the United States.**

**Below: The First Navy Jack, now flown on all commissioned Navy ships.**



# 'Outback Winter' wrap-up

## *Alice Springs Sailors receive prestigious award: 'Stars of the Southern Cross'*

Story By  
Petty Officer 2nd Class  
Sean Greening

NAVIODET Alice Springs is recognizing Petty Officer 1st Class Mechelle Doucette and Petty Officer 1st Class Mike McAlister for their recent receipt of the 'Stars of the Southern Cross' award. This award from the Australian Government is only given to individuals who distinguish themselves by going above and beyond the call of duty on a routine, day-to-day basis.

Petty Officer 1st Class Doucette rose to fame for her expansive knowledge of worldwide wireless systems. Her patience, perseverance and keen eye for detail resulted in an increase in mission effectiveness providing soldiers on the ground the data they needed weeks faster than before. Her direct support of the Global War on Terrorism is well deserving of the recognition she has received.

Petty Officer 1st Class McAlister achieved stardom through his motivation and willingness to get the job done. Speaking directly with forward deployed servicemembers, Petty Officer McAlister made real-time adjustments to the mission which improved the quality and quantity of critical data received. His resolve and willingness to go beyond the call of duty has earned him this well deserved award.

These are only the latest in the success stories from these two outstanding sailors whose dedication and first hand knowledge are in keeping with the highest traditions and standards of the Navy. From everyone here at NAVIODET Alice Springs, BRAVO ZULU!

## You haven't celebrated *Independence Day ...* *until you've done it* *'DOWN UNDER!'*

Story by  
Petty Officer 2nd Class  
Matt Kilby

The 4th of July is always an anticipated event that includes food, fun and fireworks.

For the NIOC Detachment in Alice Springs, Australia, there was no shortage of any of the above and everyone that participated had an enjoyable time.

The event began early in the afternoon and did not end until shortly after nightfall.

When the children arrived, they immediately ran for the bouncy house and merry-go-round, which kept them entertained for most of the event.

Music was played during the celebration with the exception of an occasional announcement.

Participants could buy a wide assortment of candies, drinks, and carnival food as well. Some military spouses donated several cakes and other food items to sell in support of the 2011 Joint Military Ball.

Face painting was another fun opportunity for the children to take

advantage of and the booth was swamped from the time it opened to the time it was closed.

People also had the chance to bid on who would be the thrower for the "Pie in the Eye" event, where the NIOC Det. Alice Springs Senior Enlisted Advisor, Senior Chief Petty Officer Lauren Lynn, and Petty Officer 2nd Class Jahnne Beckwith were both selected to get a pie in the face.

Army Sergeant Simon McTavish won the bid to hit Lynn with a whipped cream pie in the face. The child that hit Beckwith with the pie was ecstatic.

Shortly after the "Pie in the Eye" event, the fireworks began. The fireworks were amazing with their streaming colors fading into the Australian outback accompanied by loud bursts as they reached their peak.

It was a fun filled day, one that will not be forgotten soon by anyone who attended. The 4th of July celebration has become an event that every American cherishes, and spending it with both American and Australian friends and family this year was amazing.



Alyssa Hanscom, daughter of Chief Petty Officer (SW/AW) Jason Hanscom and Petty Officer 1st Class Kim Hanscom, sits between her father's feet during the Navy Information Operations Command Maryland annual picnic at Burba Lake, Aug. 4.

*Photo by MC3 Matthew Jordan*

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