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WE CAN FIGHT COVID TOGETHER

A commentary piece by CE1 (SCW/EXW) Floyd Davis

NEW FACES IN OUR SPACES

Check out the Humans of PWD Rota for Recent Check-Ins!

FEBRUARY IS THE BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Read CAPT Kilian's message regarding observance of the Black History Month.

PWD Rota Team Blue On the Job!



EO2 Alex Randolph, Fernando Rodriguez Viana (Signaler), and Navy Port Operations personnel are seen here unloading boat separators.

On February 1st, 2020, Public Works Rota's Crane Crew Blue Team, consisting of EO2 Alex Randolph, Maerto Cobacho, Alfonso Sanchez, Fernando Vianna, Carlos Mazon, and Javier Pagliani, conducted an operation to position boat separators on Pier 1 of NAVSTA Rota. This operation was in support of a visiting Italian vessel that was preparing to go underway for its maiden voyage to the US. The crane crew was responsible for setting up the DDG separators in order to enhance mission safety and readiness.

Article and Photos by CE3 Daniel Moreno



Carlos J. Mazon, assigned as PWD Rota's Crane Operator, is seen here hoisting boat separators.



Alfonso Sanchez Aranda, also assigned to PWD Rota Crane Crew, is seen here using a fast rope to help guide the equipment.

CAN-DO 'Bees Build For The Community

Below: CDR Joe Dunaway, SWC(SCW/EXW) Justin Rummel, EO1(SCW/EXW) Christopher Lindsey, BU1(SCW/EXW) Brian Hinkson, EO2(SCW/EXW) Christian Smith, CE2(SCW/EXW) Arthur Bernal, and CE2 Jake Jahnke discuss the Plan of Action and tasks for the day. The goal was to build five raised bed planter boxes and install kitchen cabinets in the newly renovated living space.



Sheltering from the rain, made for a decent photo opportunity of the almost completed raised bed planter boxes for growing fruits and vegetables.



A rooftop perspective of the planter box progress, as volunteers begin to take lunch breaks in shifts.

Over the holiday season, the Seabees of PWD Rota provided volunteer construction efforts for the *New Horizon* branch of *Tharsis Betel*, a local non-profit NGO. *Tharsis Betel* works with the Spanish Government and the United Nations to help relocate and integrate refugees into Southern Spain. The *New Horizon* branch focuses specifically on helping women who are victims of human trafficking. The emergency center in Puerto Real will provide a safe place for victims to receive legal, social, and psychological services, education and skills training, and the ability to grow their own food. If you are interested in future volunteering opportunities, please contact SWC(SCW/EXW) Justin Rummel.

Article and photos by CE2 Jake Jahnke

Rota on Construction Mode



Rota Navy Lodge Expansion Project is continuing to take shape as of February 1st, 2021 as the civil works surrounding the new 4 stories-high edifice continues to progress.

Photo by LT Chanhon (Andy) Lee



Ramon Borreguero (right), PWD Rota's Quality Assurance Engineer, is seen here conducting Performance Verification Test (PVT), on January 30th, 2021 as a part of the final commissioning for the MWR Multi-Facility Building in NAVSTA Rota.

Photo by LT Chanhon (Andy) Lee

Updated Travel Memo

Ser N00J/598
28 Jan 21

MEMORANDUM INFORMATIVO

De: El Comandante de la Actividades Navales de los EE.UU. en España

Asunto: MEMORANDUM REGULADOR DE LOS DESPLAZAMIENTOS POR PARTE DE MIEMBROS DE LA FUERZA

Referencia: (a) Real Decreto 926/2020, de fecha 25 de octubre

1. De acuerdo con la referencia (a), el portador de este memorándum es considerado "miembro de la Fuerza" de acuerdo con el artículo 4 del Acuerdo para la Cooperación sobre Defensa entre los Estados Unidos y el Reino de España. Como tal, se le requiere al portador del este memorándum a desplazarse de acuerdo con los dictámenes del artículo 6(1) de la referencia (a).
2. Además, se hace saber al portador de este memorándum que debe desplazarse directamente hacia y desde la Base Naval de Rota, limitando todo contacto social con otras personas al mínimo imprescindible.
3. Reconociendo la naturaleza crítica de las medidas de seguridad que están en efecto, es mi intención que este memorándum sirva como prueba documental de los desplazamientos fundamentales en el cumplimiento de labores oficiales de acuerdo con el artículo 6(1) de la referencia (a) así como con el Acuerdo OTAN sobre el Estado de la Fuerza de 1951 y el Acuerdo para la Cooperación sobre Defensa firmado por los Estados Unidos y el Reino de España.
4. Si se le requiere, el portador de este memorándum deberá estar preparado por si se le requiere que muestre documentación para acceder a la Base Naval y/o credenciales laborales a los miembros de la Seguridad Militar española.
5. Este memorándum permanecerá con validez hasta que sea revocado por el abajo firmante. En caso de que existan preguntas podrán contactar con el Capitán de Corbeta Adam Aliano en el 956821549 o en el email adam.aliانو@eu.navy.mil.


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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

From: Commander, Naval Activities, Spain

Subj: TRAVEL MEMORANDUM FOR MEMBER OF THE FORCE

Ref: (a) Real Decreto 926/2020, de 25 de octubre

1. Pursuant to Reference (a), the bearer of this memorandum is deemed a "member of the force" in accordance with Article Four (4) of the 2015 Agreement on Defense Cooperation signed by the United States and Kingdom of Spain. As such, the bearer of this memorandum is required to travel in accordance with Article 6(1) of Reference (a).
2. Furthermore, the bearer of this memorandum is directed to travel directly to and from Naval Station Rota while limiting all social contact with others to the maximum extent possible.
3. Recognizing the critical nature of the safety measures in effect, it is my intention that this memorandum serve as documentary proof of essential movement in furtherance of official duties in accordance with Article 6(1) of Reference (a) as well as the 1951 NATO Status of Forces Agreement and the 2015 Agreement on Defense Cooperation signed by the United States and Kingdom of Spain.
4. If requested, the bearer of this memorandum should be prepared to provide base access documentation and/or employment credentials to Spanish Security Forces.
5. This memorandum will remain in effect until revoked by the undersigned. If there are any questions, please contact LCDR Adam Aliano at 956821549 or by email at: adam.aliانو@eu.navy.mil.


D. S. BAIRD

CDR Joe Dunaway, our Public Works Officer, has forwarded the updated Travel Memorandum (as shown above) for the members of the force, signed by COMNAVACTS. Please make sure you possess this document as you are moving about in town during the COVID-related restrictions.

Article by LT Chanhon (Andy) Lee

Upcoming: 2020 DEOCS Survey Debrief



LT Chanhon (Andy) Lee (left) and UT1(SCW/EXW) Juan Selvera (right), the PWD Rota CMEO/CRT Team, would like to give everyone a quick heads-up on the upcoming 2020 DEOCS Survey Debrief, which will be conducted via video message from the PWO, DPWO, Admin Officer, and Senior Enlisted Leader. The video will bring up several hot topics such as salary freeze, advancement/promotions opportunities, training/award availabilities, and importance of communication and fair treatment of all. We expect to be able to distribute the video file sometime in March 2021.

Article by LT Chanhon (Andy) Lee

Why the Name Update to “SYSCOM”?



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NAVFAC Updates Name to Better Reflect Technical, Acquisition Mission Capabilities

05 November 2020

Naval Facilities Engineering Command changed its name to Naval Facilities Engineering Systems Command Nov. 3.

Naval Facilities Engineering Command changed its name to Naval Facilities Engineering Systems Command (NAVFAC) Nov. 3 to more accurately reflect its well-established nature and mission as the naval shore facilities, base operating support, and expeditionary engineering systems command that delivers life-cycle technical and

Wondering why the Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) updated its name to Naval Facilities Engineering Systems Command on November 3rd 2020?

The article on the left may provide much information that you may have been searching for. Adding “SYSCOM” will reflect our mission as naval shore facilities, base operating support, and expeditionary engineering systems command that delivers “life-cycle technical and acquisition solutions aligned to Fleet and Marine Corps priorities.”

Bryan Long, PWD Rota’s UEM Branch Head, provided his input that “systems” implies two main attributes: complexity and inter-relationship of sub-systems that make up a larger complex “system”. As technologies develop further and NAVFAC “systems” (buildings, utilities, and shore infrastructure) get even more complex, the need to understand the system as a whole and the sub-system becomes more apparent and challenging.

Article by LT Chanhon (Andy) Lee

Together, We Will Overcome the Virus

From early 2020 to present-day, the COVID-19 pandemic has effected many of our lives in many different ways. We have seen mass confusion, division, shelter-in-place, mandatory glove and mask wearing, restriction in numbers-in-gathering, and even increase in rates of separation/divorce but at the same time we were able to witness people stepping up to fight this virus together. There have been acts of kindness and sacrifices, including delivery of food and medicine to those who were confined to their homes. Neighbors have been more friendly toward other neighbors out of act of compassion. We witnessed **togetherness**.

CE1(SCW/EXW)

Floyd Davis

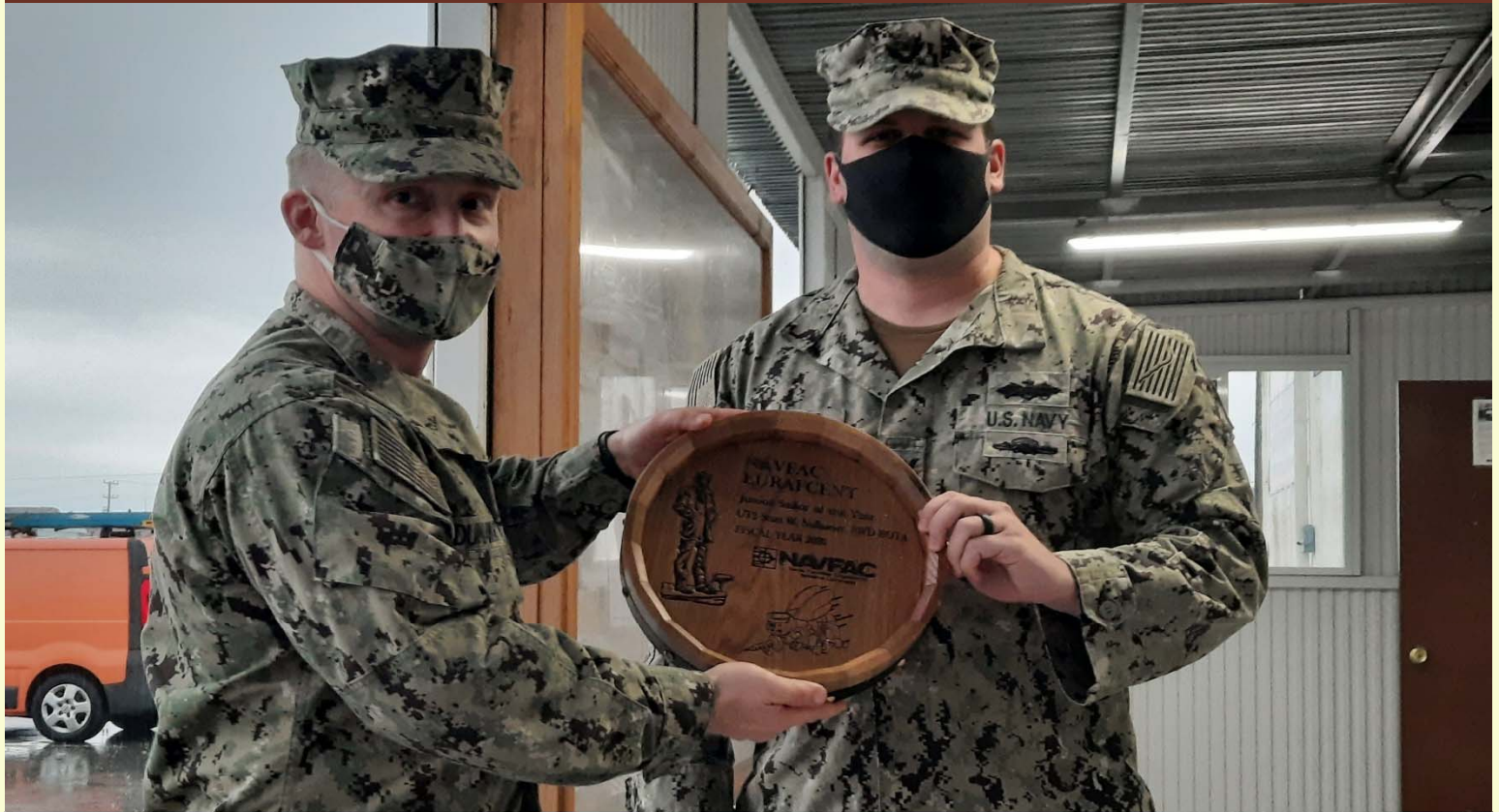
COMMENTARY



Togetherness is defined as “the state of being close to another person or other people”. This battle with the virus is far from over, but together, we will win this fight. So continue to look out for your neighbors, friends, and family. Let’s continue to fight!

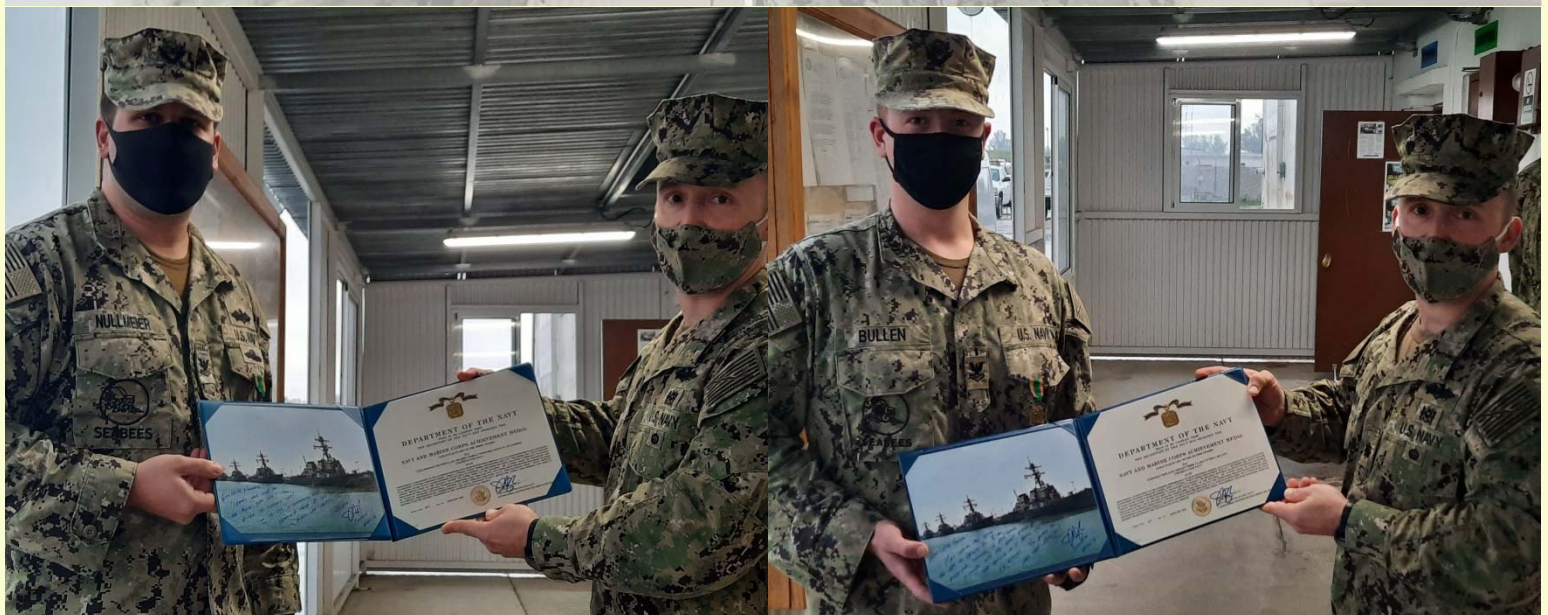


BRAVO ZULUS



UT2(SCW/EXW) Scott Nullmeier (right) has recently been awarded the NAVFAC EUR-AFCENT Junior Sailor of the Year. He is seen here being presented the award by PWO, CDR Joe Dunaway (left).

Photo and Article by CE2 Jake Jahnke



UT2(SCW/EXW) Scott Nullmeier and CE2 Cutter Bullen (on the left on both pictures above) were presented with the Navy Achievement Medal on February 5th, 2021 for their works in response to BLDG 575 lockout in NAVSTA Rota on December 7th, 2020.

Photo and Article by CE2 Jake Jahnke

Safety Master's Degree Complete



Antonio Grimaldi (pictured above) is seen here next to the safety flag that continues to inspire his work and duties as the PWD Rota's Site Safety Manager.

Antonio Grimaldi, PWD Rota's Site Safety Manager, has recently finished his Master's Degree with Universidad de Cádiz with highest degree in his final project. His final project is titled "Adecuación de una organización híbrida civil/militar hispano/estadounidense para la obtención de la acreditación del programa de protección voluntaria (VPP) de la administración laboral de los E.E.U.U." The scope and purpose of Mr. Grimaldi's final project was to interpret, develop, and manage a comprehensive safety program, also, to evaluate and analyze working conditions in a variety of complex industrial work situations in order to initiate and recommend corrective actions to eliminate or reduce potential personnel injuries or property damage. The work results contributed to the effectiveness of the overall NAVFAC EURAFCENT PWD Rota Safety and Occupational Health Program, the safety and health of all employees, and the conservation of facilities. As a developer of this final project, he demonstrated that all the efforts from the organization workforce and the technical documentation presented made possible to obtain the Voluntary Protection Program (VPP) accreditation for PWD Rota.

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Training Opportunities

FUNDAMENTALS OF LEADERSHIP NFI 101 (Virtual)

Course Description: This is about leading self and focuses on foundational leadership skills and techniques. It will focus on leadership competencies, and topics to enhance skill-sets to help individuals at various levels in their career.

Target Audience: Civilian/Military Acquisition Workforce Members (DAWIA coded positions) will receive first priority. Non-DAWIA journeymen level at the GS-11/12 or WG-10 and above, including Supervisors and Non-Supervisors, will be enrolled based on availability.

Course Objectives: This course will address the following leadership competencies/topics, such as “flexibility”, “resilience”, “customer service”, “problem solving”, “technical credibility”, “interpersonal skills”, “oral communication”, “written communication”, “integrity/honesty”, “continual learning”, and “process improvement techniques”.

Course Dates: Mar 1st thru 4th, 2021 (4 hours each day)

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CONFLICT MANAGEMENT (Virtual)

Course Description: This interactive, one-day seminar will challenge you to look at yourself, the causes of conflict in your day, how to consider other perspectives and how to effectively respond.

Target Audience: ALL EMPLOYEES

Course Date: Apr 1st

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CURRENT SUPERVISOR TRAINING (Virtual)

Course Description: Over the course of six sessions, you will boost your ability to lead, direct and shape your team. You'll connect with other supervisors and be able to share experiences about applying your new skills in the workplace. You will also learn models for personality styles, leadership, and management, and have the opportunity to practice problem-solving scenarios, discuss work situations, and apply techniques in group activities.

Target Audience: CURRENT Supervisor in your positions

Course Dates: Mar 8th, Apr 5th, Apr 19th, May 3rd, May 24th, Jun 1st

For more info, please reach out to our DPWO, Chuck Monie!

FEB 2021 : BLACK HISTORY MONTH



CAPT Jeffrey Kilian, the commanding officer of NAVFAC EURAFCENT, sent out an All-Hands e-mail on the observance of the Black History Month, which occurs every February of each year. The following is his message:

“This month across the United States, Americans are observing Black History Month to honor, celebrate, and reflect on the achievements, sacrifices, and contributions of African-Americans. This year Black History Month focuses on family with the theme “The Black Family: Representation, Identity and Diversity.” During the last year, all of us in NAVFAC EURAFCENT have recognized the importance of family - whether our families are located with us or separated by thousands of miles - and this theme recognizes the key role played by family in the history of African-Americans.”



CAPT Jeffrey Kilian, Commanding Officer of NAVFAC EURAFCENT

The Humans



Marina Leon Bonilla (left) hails from Jerez and has worked for PWD Rota for 13 months now. Maria Angeles Real Caballero (right), hails from Rota and has also worked for PWD Rota for 13 months. Marina loves to read novels and her favorite book is “One Hundred Years of Solitude” by Gabriel García Márquez. On her free time she likes to take a walk on the beach or a park. Maria Angeles loves to swim in her free time and enjoys listening to 70s music. Both are very content in their current positions and enjoys working with their coworkers and the boss.



Cristina Lopez Carmona (above) has been with PWD Rota for 3 months now. She was born in Cádiz, but now lives in Rota. Her father has worked for PWD Rota for 38 years now. She enjoys playing soccer and is an avid fan of Real Madrid.



CM2(SCW/ EXW) Joseph Bergan (left) says “I’m happy to be here in Spain, and I look forward to getting to work with the Spanish workforce!” He has recently checked-in from NMCB 1.

of PWD Rota



LT Brent Frazer (left) just recently checked-in from Camp Lemonnier, Djibouti and hails from Redondo Beach, California. He has also previously worked in PWD Sasebo and NMCB ONE. "In my free time I like to surf and play guitar!" he says.



CE2(SCW/EXW) Kawmme Washington (left) hails from Houston, Texas. He comments that he is super excited to arrive in Spain. Before PWD Rota, Spain he was stationed at Mississippi with NMCB 1. CE2 Washington is outgoing, motivated and ready for a new adventure.



CECA Ethan Edwards (above) is from Baltimore, Maryland. He likes golfing and watching movies. His favorite quote is "...it always seems impossible until it's done." –Nelson Mandela

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