

TALON TIMES

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FROM THE COMMANDER'S DESK

“MISSION FIRST, SAILORS ALWAYS”

With the return of Detachment ONE, TACRON TWELVE spent the final quarter of the year with the entire squadron residing at our respective home ports of San Diego and Okinawa. It was a great opportunity to relax, spend time with loved ones, train for our next deployment, and prepare for another successful year- 2016! In October, OS1 Morgan became our first ever TACRON graduate from Marine Aviation Weapons and Tactics Squadron One (MAWTS-1) Weapons Tactics Instructor (WTI) course. This is a milestone as our community looks to improve operational capabilities of the ARG/MEU and the inclusion of the F-35 in the fleet. Once again, congratulations to OS1 Morgan for such a huge accomplishment in one of the most demanding courses offered by the United States Marine Corps.

TACRON TWELVE
Commanding Officer,
CDR Ryan “Flip” Phillips

The command had the good fortune to promote the following Sailors from the Sept 2015 exam: AC2 Corey, OS3 Oberg, AC2 Parker, YN2 Quinones, AC2 Ramirez, AC2 Reese, OS3 Reynolds, and OS2 Tran. YN2 Quinones was selected to attend Pre-BUDS and BUDS, so we will look forward to seeing him trotting up and down the streets of NAB Coronado soon. OS2 Winston was also selected to join the Special Warfare Combatant-craft Crewmen cadre. Those programs could not have picked two better candidates and I wish them the best of luck as they train in those highly specialized forces.

Capt Lobpries stood out this quarter as well, becoming a world record holder in the largest wingsuit jumper formation and also flying into second place at speeds as fast as 277 mph in the first ever speed event at the skydiving nationals. While his call-sign has remained Dexter, I could think of many new names for someone willing to fall towards earth at speeds I have only reached in the comfort of a high performance jet.

The holidays came to a close early in January as we said good-bye once again to Detachment TWO, a reminder to all in our command that someone is always on the watch and sacrifices are being made by an entirely new group of Sailors as they head over the horizon. While we wish them luck and safe travels, I don't believe they will need luck. Their training and preparation should make this deployment a complete success.

Godspeed Det TWO!

TALON PRIDE!

FROM THE MASTER CHIEF'S DESK

By CMC TAYLOR

Greetings Talons!

Welcome aboard to our newest Sailors:

LT BENBOW

OS2 STUART

LT JOHNSON

AC2 REESE

OSC BROWN

OS2 SOUDER

OS1 SABATER

ACAR WAY

AC1 HONEYCUTT

ACAR MALDONADO

AC2 MINER

OSSR WINBORNE



"Leadership is solving problems. The day soldiers stop bringing you their problems is the day you have stopped leading them. They have either lost confidence that you can help or concluded you do not care. Either case is a failure of leadership."

Colin Powell

"You can't save them all."

ACCM Taylor





The Ombudsman Corner



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Hello TACRON 12 Family!

Salutations, TALONS! I hope that everyone's New Year is off to a great start. However, if all is not well (or if things could be much better), I'd like you to know that your Ombudsman is here for you and your family. I'm only a phone call, text, Facebook message, or email away! Feel free to reach out to me anytime. Together, I'm sure we can tackle any issue before it becomes unmanageable.

If things are going well for you, there are still ways I can be of service to you and your family. There are many resources/events/perks available to you in the San Diego community. For example, did you know that the San Diego Padres are looking for talented active duty service members and/or their dependents to sing the National Anthem or God Bless America? Did you know that Comedy Central's, Chris Hardwick, has invited active duty service members to be a part of the live studio audience at a taping of @Midnight?

For more information about these and other happenings around San Diego, check me out on Facebook! You can find the page by searching "**Tacron 12 Ombudsman**" once you've signed in to your Facebook page. While you will not be able to post to the page directly, you can send me a private message any time. I do update the page throughout the week, so check back often.

It is such an honor and a privilege to serve you and your family. Again, Happy New Year!





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the heart is*



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Did your spouse recently deploy? Don't forget that The United States Postal Service (USPS) offers **FREE** packing material to families of military members deployed Overseas! **To order call: (800) 610-8734. Press "1" (For English). Press "1" again (For Operator). Ask for the "Carekit04".**



This Military OneSource Navy portal allows access to Navy-specific news, resources and social media with a simple click. Navy's fleet and family programs provide a full array of services, information and tools to assist Sailors and family members in achieving personal and career goals as they excel in meeting the obligations and challenges of Navy life through resilience and self-reliance.

Call. Click. Connect.

<http://www.militaryonesource.mil/navy>



PTSD is a serious condition that affects a growing number of wounded warriors and their families. To learn more about PTSD and find helpful resources or to access information on warrior care, contact **Navy Wounded Warrior - Safe Harbor** at **855-NAVY WWP (855 628-9997)**, navywoundedwarrior@navy.mil or <http://safeharbor.navylive.dodlive.mil>

FOCUS: Family Resiliency Training™ for Military Families *Strengthening the Home Base!*

FOCUS (Families Over Coming Under Stress™) provides resiliency training to military children and families. It also teaches practical skills to meet the challenges of deployment and reintegration, to communicate and solve problems effectively and to successfully set goals together and create a shared family story.

Site Location

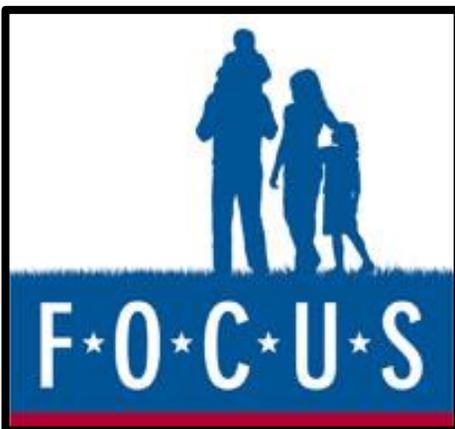
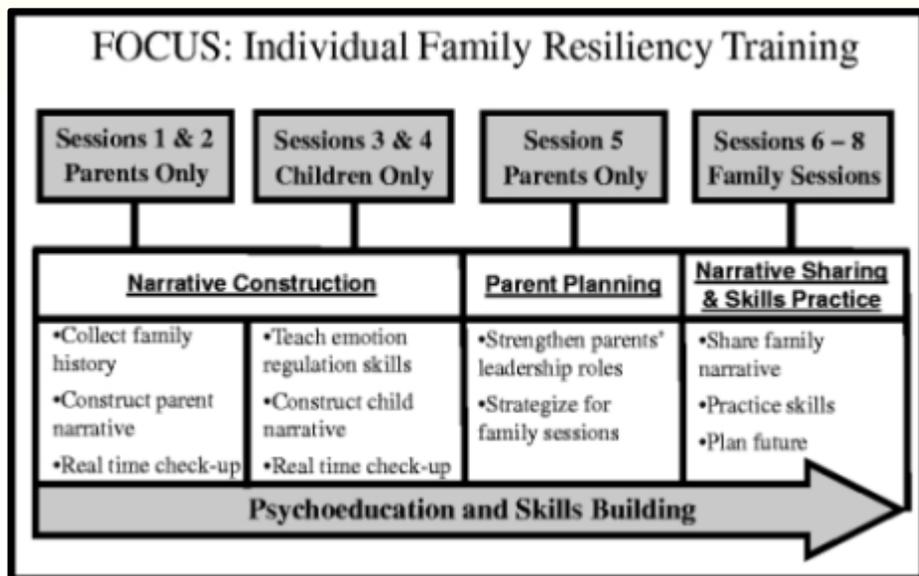
Naval Base San Diego San Diego, CA 92136

Dolphin Alley, Bldg. 265

Phone 619.556.6075

Fax 619.556.6076

SanDiego@focusproject.org



The Ombudsman Corner

Fleet and Family Support



Meeting Your Needs at Home & at Sea

FFSP provides services through the Fleet and Family Support Centers (FFSC) such as relocation assistance, new parent support, deployment services, clinical counseling services, financial management counseling, family employment services, family advocacy and the relocation assistance programs to assist service members and their families in need. FFSC has also recently opened a NEW SANTEE BRANCH!

*****One Call Serves All!*****

For 24/7 assistance at any Navy Region Southwest FFSC, call 1-866-923-6478. For more information on Fleet and Family Support Programs, please <http://navylifesw.com/sandiego/families/ffsc/>.



Career Services



Command Leadership Corner



Counseling and Assistance



Deployment Support



Disaster Preparedness



Family Enrichment



Financial Support



Relocation Support



Retiree Support



Sexual Assault Prevention and Response

Fleet & Family Support Center Locations (Near TACRON TWELVE)

Mon. - Fri., 7:30 am - 4:30 pm, Closed Sat., Sun., and holidays (unless otherwise noted)

Naval Base San Diego

3005 Corbina Alley
Bldgs. 259 & 263
San Diego, CA
(619) 556-7404

Naval Base Coronado

318 Saufley Rd.
Bldg. 318
San Diego, CA
(619) 545-6701

San Diego Military Outreach Ministries (MOM) is a community supported charity that reaches out to young enlisted military families (E-5 and below and wounded warriors) in San Diego with a broad range of helping services. Among the services listed below, they also host regular motivational briefings on base.

(For more details, visit www.sandiegomom.org, or call (619) 461-4164.



Children's & Infant's Supplies...



Food bags & Gift Cards



... to include diaper bags filled with personal items



Household Goods & Furniture



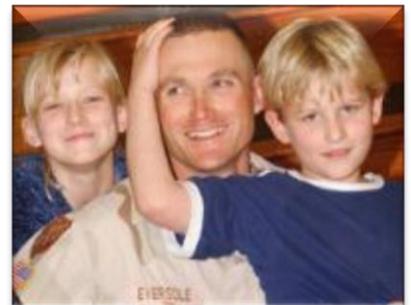
Toys & Bikes



Baby Showers At Navy/Marine Bases



Family Readiness Gatherings & Holiday Events





Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society



The mission of the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society is to provide, in partnership with the Navy and Marine Corps, financial, educational and other assistance to members of the Naval Services of the United States, eligible family members and survivors when in need and to receive and manage funds to administer these programs.

Our Vision: We are a private, non-profit, volunteer, service organization. As a Center of Excellence, we are committed to ensure that all available resources are used to assist personnel of the Naval Services - active, retired, and their eligible family members to achieve financial self-sufficiency and find solutions to emergency needs.

NMCRS San Diego, FSO

Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society
Bldg. 270, 3115 Dolphin Alley; PO Box 131470
Naval Base San Diego
San Diego, CA 92170

Hours: Mon-Fri 0800-1600

Phone: (619) 238-1587/1589

DSN: 526-8283

Fax: (619) 531-0083

Email: barry.white@nmcrs.org

Navy College Opportunities



Visit your local **Navy College office!** Navy College professionals provide educational services world-wide, anytime, anyplace to Sailors and their families, supporting their life-long learning goals and the Navy's mission. The following link provides information regarding the SOCNAV program and other benefits available to military families. Take full advantage of all of the awesome resources **Navy College** has to offer and go back to school!

Website: http://www.soc.aascu.org/socnav/Spouses_AidResources





American Red Cross



As a reminder, the American Red Cross has moved to a single telephone number for its emergency communication services.

All military members and their families can use one number: **877-272-7337 (U.S. Toll Free)** to send an urgent message to a service member. This means that all military members and their families can use this single number to initiate an emergency communication, regardless of where they live.

A call to **877-272-7337** allows Red Cross emergency communications services to put military personnel in touch with their families following the death or serious illness of an immediate family member, the birth of a service member's child or grandchild or when a family faces other emergencies.

Additional Red Cross services such as case management and emergency financial assistance also are available. For those stationed overseas, the three options for calling will remain the same: calling **877-272-7337** direct, accessing the number through a military operator or calling the local Red Cross station.

For more information about the American Red Cross, and how you can reach out and donate, visit their website at <http://www.redcross.org/>





SAN DIEGO METRO

COMMUNITY SUPPORT PROGRAMS

Upcoming Events for January

Big Bear Snowboard Trip

January 16 • 7 am • \$125 • Meet at OAC, NBSD, BLDG
3223 • 619-556-7493

Take a 2-hour snowboarding class at Big Bear Mountain, then show off your new skills! Cost includes transportation, snowboard rental, lift ticket, and lesson.



Core and More Fitness Challenge

January 22 • 11:15 am • NMCSO Softball Field •
619-532-7495

MWR is kicking off the NMCSO/NBSD Fitness Challenge in style! Join us on the softball field for a warm-up session with various core exercises, followed by a 5K run and cool down, stretch segment.



Welcome to San Diego Tour

January 30 • 9:30-1500 • \$20 Adult/\$15 Children •
619-437-3190

See San Diego from inside an Old Town Trolley! Visit a variety of locations including Mt. Soledad, Coronado, Gaslamp Quarter, Seaport Village, La Jolla, and much more. Leaves from NASNI NEX Parking Lot. Includes boxed lunch for children.





SAN DIEGO METRO

COMMUNITY SUPPORT PROGRAMS

Upcoming Events for February

Medieval Times Trip

February 6 • 1500-2200 • \$46.50 Adult/\$39.75

Children/\$43 Liberty Active Duty

619-545-9756/619-437-3190

From a ringside seat, experience thrills of a live jousting tournament, cheer on your favorite knight, marvel at awe-inspiring horsemanship and falconry, and enjoy a four-course meal for royalty.



Temecula Winery Tour

February 13 • 0930-1700 • \$5 Shuttle Fee

Enjoy breathtaking scenery and 4-5 award winning wineries. Bring your own picnic lunch or pick up a delicious sandwich, wrap or salad at Wilson Creek Winery. Lunch and tasting not included.



Mountain High North Pole Tubing Park Trip

February 20 • 9:30-1500 • \$20 Adult/\$15 Children •

619-437-3190

See San Diego from inside an Old Town Trolley! Visit a variety of locations including Mt. Soledad, Coronado, Gaslamp Quarter, Seaport Village, La Jolla, and much more. Leaves from NASNI NEX Parking Lot. Includes boxed lunch for children.



Support the thousands of sailors in the San Diego area by sponsoring programs and events throughout the year.

Click the following link for more information:

<http://navylifesw.com/sandiego/about/sponsorship/>

Advancements

Congratulations to all our newly frocked Sailors!



AC2 Corey



AC2 Ramirez



AC2 Parker



YN2 Quinones

Advancements



AC2 Reese



OS2 Tran



OS3 Reynolds



OS3 Oberg

Welcome Aboard

LT BENBOW
LT JOHNSON
OSC BROWN
OS1 SABATER
AC1 HONEYCUTT
AC2 MINER

OS2 STUART
AC2 REESE
OS2 SOUDER
ACAR WAY
ACAR MALDONADO
OSSR WINBORNE

Fair Winds and Following Seas

ITC CASTROLUNA
AC1 GRABER
OS2 DYER
AC2 HALL

OS2 JOHNSON
AC2 PHILLIPS
AC2 STEWART
ACAR GOMEZ

Awards

NAVY/MARINE CORPS COMMENDATION MEDAL

LCDR SAFRON

NAVY/MARINE CORPS ACHIEVEMENT MEDAL

AC1 CLARKE
AC1 RAMIREZ
PS1 SCOTT

NAVY/MARINE CORPS ACHIEVEMENT MEDAL

AC1 MURPHY
OS2 DYER
AC2 NATIVIDAD
AC2 PHILLIPS

FLAG LETTER OF COMENDATION

IS1 POWELL
AC1 WILLIAMS
IS2 ISABELLE
AC2 PARTLOW
AC2 SHOUSE

LETTER OF COMENDATION

OS2 WINSTON

GOOD CONDUCT

AC2 EPPS

MWR CORNER

The holidays are over, and what a success it all was!

From the frightful costumes and spicy Chili on Halloween, to dancing and laughing at the Christmas party, the year has come to a close. A special thanks to all the volunteers that helped with fundraising, set up, making purchases on black Friday and cyber Monday, and the months of preparations and meetings that led to a great command event! We gave over \$4,000 worth of prizes and a lot a liberty awarded as well, with recognition to our new Sailor of the Year, Junior Sailor of the Year, Bluejacket of the Year, and Air Traffic Controller of the year. If you have suggestions on next year's Holiday party, or our upcoming Summer Bash at the beach, come talk to me and let me know! My door is always open. -AC1 Bass



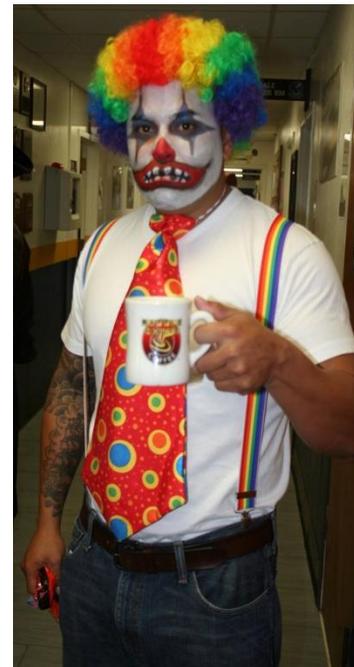
AC1 Ramirez is always prepared to spice up your food.



AC2 Coakley and OS2 Colasito come together to make Coke-Cola.



YN3 Santana powdered himself down and stood as still as a statue.



Hopefully ACC Campos is feeling a little happier after his coffee.

Happy Holidays

During our annual Christmas party, we were able to honor a few of our extraordinary Sailors with some well deserved awards.

SAILOR OF THE YEAR



OS1 Morgan

JUNIOR SAILOR OF THE YEAR



OS2 Thomas

BLUE JACKET OF THE YEAR



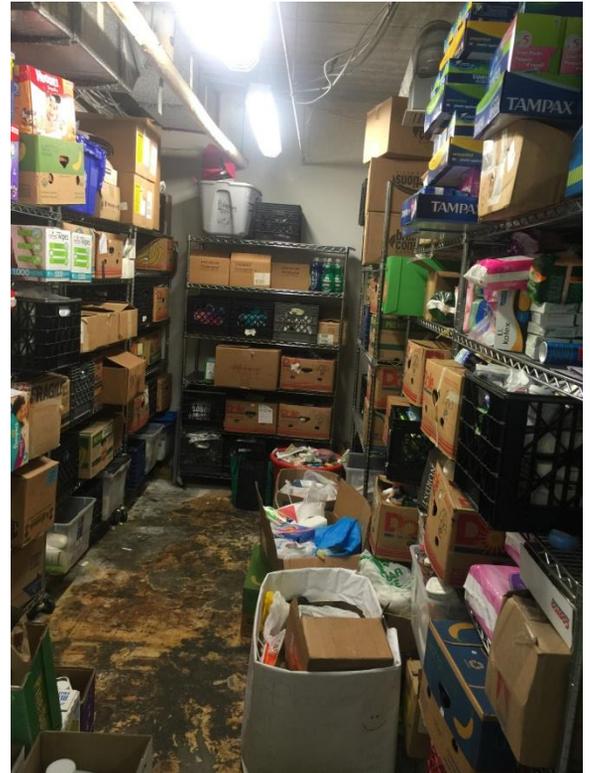
ACAN Martinez

AC OF THE YEAR



AC1 Murphy

Helping Hands



CS1 Taylor, AC2 Doxey, AC2 Partlow, IT2 Wells, AC2 Reese, ACAN Bryan, and ACAA Way sorted through and organized the Mission Hygiene closet. You won't have issues finding anything now!!



UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS

JAN

Capt BARON
AC1 BISCHOFF
AC2 GUPTON
OS2 HARRIS
AC2 MCCLENDON
IT2 PENDLEY
AC2 REESE
IT2 WELLS
OS2 WINSTON
OSSR AUSTIN

FEB

LCDR HAYES
LT BENBOW
LT KANE
OS2 COLASITO
AC2 JONES
AC2 WILLIAMS
CS3 HOLLEY
AC3 MORELAND
ACAN BRYAN
ACAA ROPER

MAR

CDR BUTLER
LCDR DORSEY
LCDR KISICH
ACC CAMPOS
OSC GOMES
YNC VOYCE
AC1 CLARKE III
LS1 JAUREGUI
AC1 MURPHY
IS1 RICHARDSON
AC3 HICKMAN
OS2 MORA
OS2 TRAN
OS2 SHEPHERD
OS2 RUBIN



Happy Birthday, TALONS

TALON TIMES: CLOSING REMARKS

Say goodbye to 2015 and say “Hello” to 2016!

Time sure does fly by, and with another year come and gone, we can only expect this year to be better than the last. The holiday season went off without a hitch, and we said goodbye to DET Two soon after. As we continue on, let’s see what this new year has in store for the TACRON 12 family.

KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK, TALONS!

TALON Times Newsletter Editors: IT2 Pendley & IT2 Wells

