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## LAURA'S CHRISTMAS STORY

This is a True Story about the power of prayer, Blessings, a Christmas Wish, and one real life Texas Angel named Charles, proud veteran.

All I really wanted for Christmas was to do something to support our troops. I prayed on this goal daily until I thought I had received an answer, about how to help the troops. I started searching and found a great list of troops requesting things and current addresses from the website: www.any-soldier.com

My Christmas Wish started as a yearly donation drive in which my school gathers and donates items to the military. The drive took two months to complete and the community was very willing to help us in our efforts.

This year, we gathered enough for many troops and started wondering how much it would cost to send all of it overseas. Very expensive, as it turned out.

As I lugged all the heavy packages to the Postal Annex with my three year old son in tow, I ran out of hands. There was an older gentleman who held the door for me. He was a tall, slender man with wavy silver grey hair, warm, brown eyes, and a deep, richly toned, melodic voice. (If the description seems silly, allow me to explain. I am a singer, music teacher and voice teacher, so I pay particular attention to how someone sounds when they speak, their diction, any accent, and even any inflection I detect in their voice.)

He asked many questions about where the packages were going, did I have family in the military, why I had decided to do this project in the first place. I laid out the complete story to him and explained the compelling feeling that The Lord was calling me to task. Although I did not currently have family in the military, many in my family on both sides had served proudly over the years. I related the information about the website: www.anysoldier.com.

He then asked what could he do to help. I

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*A Tribute to Veterans of Afghanistan & Iraq Wars*

(U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 3rd class Eric D. Moorer/Released)

Parents and children of the Gold Star Family program participate in the San Diego Veterans Day Parade with the theme, "A Tribute to Veterans of Afghanistan & Iraq Wars." The Gold Star Lapel Button, also referred to as the Gold Star pin, is distributed to members of the immediate family of a fallen service member by the Department of Defense.



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explained that it would be expensive and a couple of dollars to help pay for postage would be very much appreciated. I was caught off guard when he said he would.

We talked about life, our soldiers, family, my work, and religion while each care package was carefully weighed and sealed with all the proper customs forms. He was an adept listener and good conversationalist. It was a cold, crisp, December evening and the day turned quickly to evening so I offered to get us all coffee next door at the Starbucks. When I returned, he was still there. By now, there was a small crowd of people entering into the Postal Annex with the same questions. I answered them as they came and went, busily running after the next errand on their list. With less than a week before Christmas, most people just flew by. Not this man, he waited patiently, drank his coffee, and just took the time to speak with me like he had all the time in the world. It turned out, he happened to be a veteran. He, Charles, had also served our country proudly some years ago. Charles said he never received any packages. The packages were finally ready to be mailed off. When the total came up, it was \$170.00!! My mind reeled! I didn't have that kind of money and was lost in my train of thought that the packages would have to wait until I could get more money.

Without so much as a word, Charles quickly paid for the entire mailing!!

I was too stunned to speak, but stum-

bled to find the words as I realized what had happened.

I said, "no, I can't accept this kind of gift."

I was concerned that he might not also have this kind of money and it would put his family at a hardship.

Then, one lady told me plainly that:"I was being foolish not to accept this man's generosity and such an attempt would ruin his blessing."

I finally relented. I was so overcome with a grateful, thankful heart. My eyes welled up with tears. Everyone in the room suddenly got quiet. This complete stranger had fulfilled my Christmas Wish! As I pondered this fact and how the day was shaping up, I remember thanking him repeatedly, not finding just the right words to express my deepest gratitude.

After chasing my three-year-old around, I was yet offered up another blessing from another complete stranger. This man removed a necklace with a gold cross and offered it to my son.

"Such amazing gifts, did I really deserve this", I silently wondered.

I said we ,"just couldn't take his necklace", but relented when others told me it would interfere with his blessing. I didn't know what to say. We put the necklace around my son's neck. One lady told me it was "her father's way" and "that was that."

The overwhelming evidence of love, compassion, and willingness to help and give left me speechless. Others in the room were overcome as well. Tears

welled in their eyes and the air was suddenly transformed and thick with emotions. None of us, it seemed, had experienced the good side of the human spirit in quite some time.

Charles then handed me an envelope. I just shook my head in disbelief.

"Whatever is in this envelope, I can't accept", I said.

"Oh yes you can", Charles began, "because you deserve it. Do something for yourself and spread some Christmas cheer."

"I can't", I said.

Charles looked into my eyes and calmly said," Everything is going to be okay."

"Open it after I leave", I was instructed.

We again spoke for a few minutes. "Thank you...for everything Charles", I said. Walking out the door, he said, "Have a Merry Christmas" and then he quickly disappeared into the night.

By this time, most people had left and it was near closing time. I went to the bathroom as we were leaving and then remembered the envelope.

I opened it and nearly fainted!! Inside was \$500.00 dollars! Based on the previous mailings, it was about the amount I needed to mail the remaining care packages I had left at the house.

I was more than stunned and began to cry. I came out and told the employees the contents. We were all in awe in light of the recent events. I explained to them if they saw Charles, to please report to him that I was spending the money on

the postage to send the packages and some Christmas Cheer. They said they would.

The next day, I went back and happily mailed most of the remaining packages. 50 or more so it is a large task. I also spread some Christmas cheer by buying cake slices for some children and others nearby.

Charles, wherever you are, I think you would be pleased to know that because of you, hundreds of American troops will receive just what they wanted this holiday season. Thank you from the bottom of my heart. I experienced the very unexpected, most amazing Christmas gifts I have ever received or ever would receive.

### Everyday Heroes

Charles and men like him are everyday heroes, angels on earth in a sense.

The man who offered his necklace to my son. People who do extraordinary things for complete strangers to save a life, lend a hand, or extend to them a helpful gesture. I'm so glad there are EVERYDAY HEROES. From the agencies which comprise of Homeland Security, police, firefighters, special agents, coastguard, soldiers, army, navy, air force, marines, and all the people left in this world like Charles.

Please share this story about the power of prayer and everyday heroes.

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*Laura Estes*

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# San Diego Veterans Day Parade



*Above: Sailors assigned to Naval Medical Center San Diego march and wave to bystanders during the San Diego Veterans Day Parade.*

*Right: Sailors assigned to Naval Medical Center San Diego march in the San Diego Veterans Day Parade.*



*(U.S. Navy photos by Mass Communication Specialist 3rd class Eric D. Moorer/Released) Commanding Officer, Naval Medical Center San Diego (NMCS D) Capt. José A. Acosta led NMCS D Sailors as they marched during the San Diego Veterans Day Parade with the theme, "A Tribute to Veterans of Afghanistan & Iraq Wars." President Eisenhower dedicated November 11 as Veterans Day in 1954, and called upon all citizens to participate. As Veterans Day is observed nationwide, the San Diego Veterans Day Parade recognizes the contributions of all of our Veterans from every branch of Armed Forces in all eras of service.*



*Sailors from many commands stationed in the San Diego area march during the San Diego Veterans Day Parade*

# U.S. Marine Corps' 239th Birthday Luncheon



(U.S. Navy photos by Mass Communication Specialist 3rd Class Pyoung K. Yi/Released)

**Maj. Gen. Michael A. Rocco, commanding general, Third Marine Aircraft Wing, gives opening remarks during the U.S. Marine Corps' 239th Birthday Luncheon at the San Diego Marriott Mission Valley Hotel hosted by the U.S. Navy League, San Diego Council.**



**The U.S. Navy League, San Diego Council set out a birthday cake for the U.S. Marine Corps' 239th Birthday Luncheon at the San Diego Marriott Mission Valley Hotel. Commanding General, Third Marine Aircraft Wing Maj. Gen. Michael A. Rocco was the guest speaker.**



**Marine Staff Sgt. John Walker (second from left) receives the 2014 Drill Instructor of the Year award from Maj. Gen. Michael A. Rocco (second from right), commanding general, Third Marine Aircraft Wing, Ed Riley (left), president of U.S. Navy League, San Diego Council, and Jon Berg-Johnson (right), corporate field office manager of Lockheed Martin.**



**Marine Staff Sgt. Michael T. Condon (second from left) receives the 2014 Recruiter of the Year award from Marine Maj. Gen. Michael A. Rocco (far right), commanding general, Third Marine Aircraft Wing, Ed Riley (left), president of the U.S. Navy League, San Diego Council, and Jon Berg-Johnson (second from right), corporate field office manager of Lockheed Martin.**



**Hospital Corpsman 1st Class Jason P. Hildreth (second from left) receives the 2014 Fleet Marine Force Hospital Corpsman of the Year award from Maj. Gen. Michael A. Rocco (second from right), commanding general, Third Marine Aircraft Wing, Ed Riley (left), president of the U.S. Navy League, San Diego Council, and Jon Berg-Johnson (right), corporate field office manager of Lockheed Martin.**

# Holiday Stand Down

*81st MDSS Super becomes first female Chief in career field*

By Steve Pivnick

81st Medical Group Public Affairs



(U.S. Navy photos by Mass Communication Specialist 3rd Class Pyoung K. Yi/Released)

**Capt. Jose A. Acosta, commanding officer, Naval Medical Center San Diego (NMCS), gives opening remarks to Sailors attending the command's holiday stand down. The stand down covered topics such as vehicle safety and preventative measures associated with mishaps during the holiday season.**



**A wrecked car displayed in the courtyard at Naval Medical Center San Diego serves as a precaution for Sailors to make safe decisions and not drink and drive. The wrecked car is being used along with posters, videos, and frequent admonitions during all-hands calls to warn Sailors against drinking and getting behind the wheel.**



**SGT. MARGARET COOPER  
CHIEF MASTER SERGEANT**

KEESLER AIR FORCE BASE, Miss. — Dec. 1 marks the highlight of Senior Master Sgt. Margaret Cooper's career: It was the date she was officially promoted to chief master sergeant. Her promotion is also significant for the Air Force as she becomes the first woman in the medical equipment repair career field to achieve the top enlisted rank.

"It is an honor for me to be selected to serve as a chief master sergeant in the Air Force and to be among some great leaders and mentors in this rank," said Cooper, 81st Medical Support Squadron superintendent. "I stand among the great chiefs that have come before me and being the first female in my career field is consequential. I only hope that I can inspire others to follow in my footsteps."

She will be honored during a formal promotion ceremony at 2 p.m. Nov. 24 in Keesler Medical Center's Don Wylie Auditorium, with Col. (Dr.) Tom Harrell, Keesler Medical Center commander, serving as presiding officer.

As the 81st MDSS superintendent, she leads and mentors 357 military and civilian health-care professionals who support the 960,000-square-foot medical center. She advises the squadron commander on matters influencing the health, morale, welfare and effective utilization of enlisted personnel. The chief-select also facilitates the management of the medical center's \$105 million annual budget and maintains medical equipment and information technology assets valued at over \$125 million in support of seven squadrons, five Graduate Medical Education platforms and eight phase II enlisted programs delivering world-class health care to all joint service warfighters, military retirees and their family members along the Gulf Coast.

Since entering the Air Force in May 1993, her background includes biomedical equipment technician, NCO in charge of medical maintenance, technical training instructor and instructor supervisor of the Defense Department Biomedical Equipment Technician School, superintendent of Pacific Air Forces' largest medical equipment repair center and Air Combat Command's largest clinical engineering department. She also has served as Pacific Air Forces' and Air Combat Command's biomedical equipment technician functional manager.

Prior to her current assignment, Cooper served as clinical engineering superintendent with the 99th MDSS at Nellis Air Force Base, Nev. She also has been stationed at locations in Texas, Azores, California and Alaska.

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**New England Patriots visit**



(U.S. Navy Photos by Personnel Specialist John E. Demery Jr./HIPAA Complete)  
*Above: New England Patriots tight end Michael P. Hoomanawanui (left) delivers a gift to a pediatric patient at Naval Medical Center San Diego (NMCS), during a visit by the National Football League team. The Patriots' visit to NMCS sought to boost morale for patients and staff members before the team's game against the San Diego Chargers Sunday at Qualcomm Stadium.*

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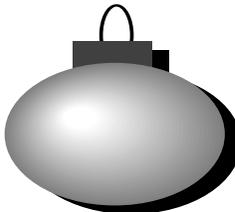
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## Christmas Fundraiser

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A colorful holiday-themed ornament is displayed as Hospital Corpsman 1st Class Latoya M. Kemp (left), Hospital Corpsman 3rd Class Sheretta C. Blyther (middle), and Hospitalman Tracy E. Ngcobo, Naval Medical Center San Diego (NMCS D) Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) representatives, stand in the background during the NMCS D CFC Holiday Ornament Fundraiser in the courtyard. Decorated ornaments were constructed and designed by Sailors from NMCS D directorates. Proceeds from the fundraiser will be donated to various local CFC charities.

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A Susan G. Komen ornament is displayed during the Naval Medical Center San Diego (NMCS D) Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) Holiday Ornament Fundraiser in the courtyard.



Hospital Corpsman 1st Class Latoya M. Kemp (left), Hospital Corpsman 3rd Class Sheretta C. Blyther (middle), and Hospitalman Tracy E. Ngcobo, Naval Medical Center San Diego (NMCS D) Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) representatives, stand behind decorated ornaments during the NMCS D CFC Holiday Ornament Fundraiser in the courtyard.

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# Family advocacy trains to promote intervention strategies

By Paula Spooner

81st Medical Operations Squadron

KEESLER AIR FORCE BASE, Miss. — Every 15 seconds, a woman is assaulted. Every eight minutes, a woman is murdered by her partner. Seventy-six percent of female murder victims had been stalked by the person who killed them.

October has been nationally recognized as Domestic Violence Awareness Month since 1987. The Keesler Family Advocacy Program conducts annual education and prevention campaigns to promote community awareness, understanding and knowledge of intervention strategies.

This year's campaign was called "Thanks for Asking!" Endorsed by Keesler Medical Center commander Col. (Dr.) Tom Harrell, the exercise conducted Oct. 29, observed and measured how base bystanders responded and intervened when faced with volunteers who - unbeknownst to them - wore make-up indicative of interpersonal violence injuries. In keeping with the realism of relationship maltreatment dynamics, volunteers were male and female, military and civilians of all ages, ranks and relationship status. The injuries were realistic and plans of the exercise were not made public outside of need-to-know channels.

Family Advocacy gathered information on just how base Airmen respond when faced one-on-one with an individual showing clear indications of non-accidental injury. These "victims" were likely a co-worker, supervisor, medical provider or a friend.

Prior to the event, a full explanation on the purpose and goals of the campaign, the range of possible responses from bystanders and Keesler reporting options were provided to volunteers. They were asked to monitor the number of bystanders who approached versus actively ignoring them and to further observe the behavioral reactions of the people around them.

Business-sized information cards were provided to issue to bystanders. If approached by an active bystander during the experiment, the volunteers were instructed to provide a pre-printed card detailing the purpose of the initiative, information on reporting requirements and, most important, thanking the bystander for being a concerned Wingman.

The "victims" began the make-up process the morning of the event. Injuries included black eyes, bites, burns, neck contusions, defensive wounds, bilateral bruises, fingertip bruising and mild swelling.

At the conclusion of the duty day, volunteers met to participate in the event hot wash. This was a critical part of the exercise, as "victims" typically discover that emotions run high. Often, the observations were not what they expected. They may have anticipated a certain coworker to respond who did not, or encountered someone yelling across a crowded room instead of approaching discreetly to inquire about an injury. Others were amazed to discover that they began to think and feel like a true interpersonal violence victim, becoming tearful, ashamed or angry.

Following the exercise, several "victims" provided their personal observations of their encounters with coworkers and others during the day.

"I did not expect to be so emotional," said Capt. Brittany Chase, 81st Aerospace Medicine Squadron, said. "I knew that it would definitely be an experience but the shame and embarrassment that I felt was horrible! At the end of the day, I was just sad. Not only for myself but also for the people I encountered who did not have the courage to speak up."

Reflecting on the experience, Chase commented, "I had my own mini-hot wash with my flight about what I went through. Many said the scenario was unrealistic for me because they knew I was strong and would never let the situation get that far out of hand. I told them that there is no 'type' of domestic violence victim and that if I indeed had been beaten, their non-action would have made me feel so

small, unloved and invisible.

"Another comment was that I didn't have a boyfriend or husband so the initial thought of domestic violence was never considered, or that since this was my first time coming to work with an injury, I could have just run into something gotten into an accident or fallen. We discussed that regardless whether it is the first or fifteenth time; they should have asked me what happened.

"We ended by discussing the proper way to approach a potential domestic violence victim and the mandatory reporting procedures."

Senior Airman Karla Salazar, 81st Diagnostics and Therapeutics Squadron, addressed the experience of being an intimate partner violence "victim" by noting, "It is everyone's business. We are trained to watch for these sorts of things and know how to react to them."

"I think this was a brilliant exercise to raise awareness and test everyone to see if the training we are provided is really working," said Salazar. "I will bring it to the attention of other bases I get assigned to."

Although examining bystander response was a unique opportunity which will undoubtedly lead to improvement in reporting processes, the potential for increasing victim sensitivity and empathy was considerable.

This campaign was not being conducted to find fault in anyone's response, as much as it was to create an opportunity for insight, awareness and ideas on better ways to intervene when we suspect those among us are being victimized.



(U.S. Air Force photo by Steve Pivnick)

Senior Airman Sharice Lewis, 81st Diagnostics and Therapeutics Squadron, is shown with a black eye created by a member of the Keesler moulage team early in the morning Oct. 29 before the start of the domestic violence experiment.



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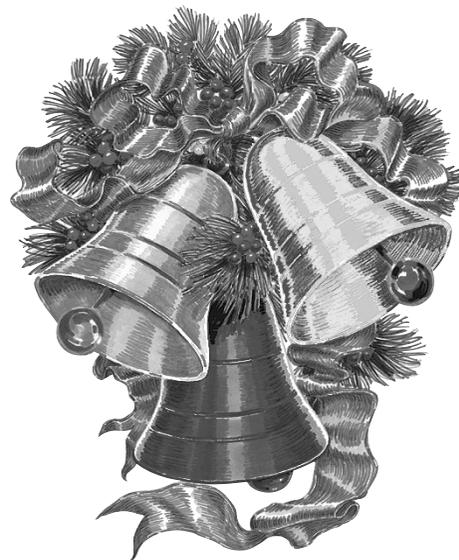
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# Navy Renaissance Man switches careers from engineering to brain surgery

By Mass Communication Specialist  
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SAN DIEGO — It is rare in modern day society to encounter a person who is an expert in multiple fields of study. History has given us artists Leonardo da Vinci and Michelangelo. The sports world introduced us to two-sport stars such as Bo Jackson and Deion Sanders.

Men of this type of caliber are out of the ordinary. Capt. (Dr.) Jeffrey M. Tomlin, staff neurosurgeon and neurosurgery specialty advisor for the Navy surgeon general at Naval Medical Center San Diego (NMCS), is such a man.

Majoring in aerospace engineering at the United States Naval Academy, Tomlin was commissioned as a naval officer and assigned to the submarine, USS Annapolis (SSN-760), in which he was a "plank owner," meaning he was part of the commissioning crew. He served aboard the submarine for six years, before deciding to switch careers and try his hand at neurosurgery.

"I thought medicine would be the best mixture of science and care, and it gave me the opportunity to be in contact with people, helping people get better," said Tomlin. "My initial obligation from the Naval Academy sent me to the submarine force, but I knew I was coming back to medicine."

After his tenure aboard Annapolis, Tomlin attended medical school where he met a neurosurgeon who invited him to NMCS to give him some exposure to patient care and surgery.

His visit to the hospital lit a fire within him and piqued his curiosity about neurosurgery.

"Visiting Naval Medical Center San Diego really ignited my interest in neurosurgery," said Tomlin. "And I think I was always a surgically oriented personality."

Tomlin found that the intricacies of aerospace engineering and its structured approach helped him not only serve in the submarine force but to also more easily make the transition to the medical field, and more specifically, neurosurgery.

"Engineering was real outstanding training and academic discipline both for submarine force training in nuclear power and in medicine," said Tomlin. "Much of the way we study the human body and understand the way it works is a very systematic approach. The principles of engineering and application of that served as direct preparation for me to be ready for medicine."

A native of Irvine, Calif., Tomlin

graduated from the Naval Academy in 1989. He attended medical school at Uniformed Services University of the Health Science in Bethesda, Md., and completed his first year of residency training at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center, after which he went to an out-service civilian hospital for neurosurgery residency at University of Rochester in Rochester, N.Y.

Tomlin performs mostly spinal surgeries — any instrumentation and decompression of the spine in either the cervical, thoracic, or lumbar regions. He also is involved in brain tumor surgeries and treats a high number of trauma patients, reconstructing their skulls. Some reconstruction cases are directly related to injury stemming from battle-field injuries.

"For skull reconstruction, we use a combination of titanium, specialized plastics and small screws and plates to re-approximate the normal bony contour of the skull," said Tomlin. "In addition, we reestablish contour when there's been large decompression-type surgeries for significant trauma by using large plates that would encompass the entire skull."

Besides performing skull reconstruction and spinal surgeries to help service members recover from traumatic injuries and return to some semblance of normalcy in their lives, Tomlin relishes patient interaction and appreciates their drive to get back in their uniforms and serving their country again.

"I like the patients most of all. The patients are motivated to get better," said Tomlin. "They're certainly very well deserving of all our combined efforts to get them back to their active-duty setting."

Tomlin also enjoys exchanging ideas with his colleagues and meeting with them on a daily basis to streamline their surgeries and discuss mutual patients and how to more quickly help them recover.

"Also, I certainly enjoy the collegial relationships I have with my colleagues in my department," said Tomlin. "We regularly perform surgeries together which helps us be more efficient when conducting surgery for future patients. And I certainly draw on their expertise in certain areas in which they are more knowledgeable than I am."

After Tomlin completed residency, he was initially stationed in what was then known as National Naval Medical Center in Bethesda, Md., where he was the department head of neurosurgery from 2008 to 2010. While stationed

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**Capt. (Dr.) Jeffrey M. Tomlin, specialty leader of neurosurgery at Naval Medical Center San Diego, speaks to colleagues during a morning briefing about the day's patients. Tomlin is a former submarine officer on USS Annapolis (SSN-760) and majored in aerospace engineering at the U.S. Naval Academy. He switched career paths to become a Navy neurosurgeon and has treated patients in both Germany and Afghanistan.**

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there, he deployed as a solo neurosurgeon to Landstuhl, Germany, for six months.

In 2010, Tomlin received orders to NMCS, where he serves as the department head of Neurosurgery.

After arriving at NMCS, he received orders to deploy as an Individual Augmentee to Afghanistan for nine months to care for injured civilians and service members at the NATO-owned hospital at Kandahar Air Field.

"My time in Kandahar represented everything Navy Medicine means to me; very directed delivery of life-saving, life-sustaining care," said Tomlin.

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"Employing my medical abilities in Afghanistan to help the various troops and civilians was the best assignment I ever had," said Tomlin.

People may say Tomlin is gifted. Others may point out the fact he is an uncommonly hard worker. Some may even mention maybe it was already written that he would ply his trade in both aerospace engineering and spinal surgery. One thing is clear, though: He is a rare breed.

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*Eva Salazar, Kumeyaay Nation basket artist, (right) talks to an interested bystander as she weaves a basket at one of the National Native American Heritage Month displayed in the Naval Medical Center San Diego (NMCS) Courtyard. The NMCS Diversity team coordinated the event to educate hospital patrons and staff about local Native American culture.*



*Jesse Pinto Sr. (right) shows Master-At-Arms 2nd Class Khanmany A. Thiphrachack from Naval Medical Center San Diego (NMCS) the tools used by the Kumeyaay Nation to prepare acorns, a prevalent food source, during the National Native American Heritage Month celebration in the hospital courtyard.*

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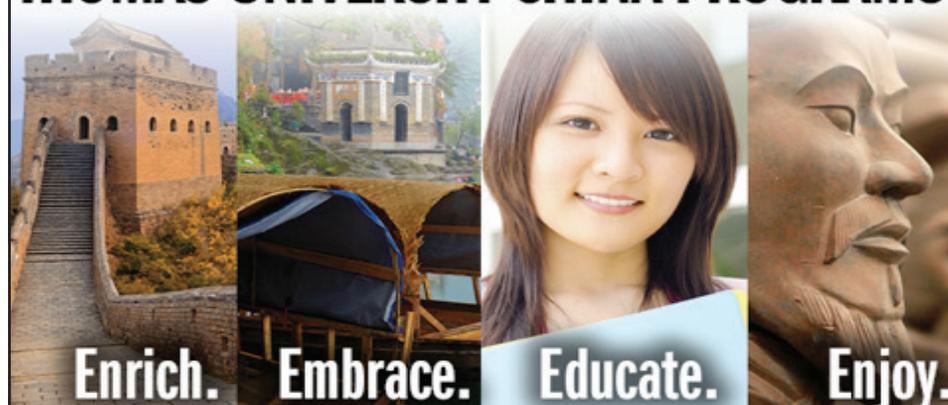
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- Earned doctorate in nursing or a related discipline is highly desirable.

Position:

- Commitment to teach for a minimum of 16 weeks for Spring 2015, and 6 weeks for Summer 2015
- Hired instructor will receive competitive instructor's fees commensurate with teaching and practice experience.
- Faculty housing is provided for the instructor at the Chinese partner university.
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Courses Taught:

- Spring 2015 (March to June 2015):**  
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- Nursing Research & Evidence-based Practice
  - Community Health Nursing (One Instructor to Teach)
  - Physiology of Aging
  - Emergency Preparedness

**Summer 2015 (June to July 2015):**

- (One Instructor to Teach)
- Ethical Issues in Nursing Practice
  - Women's Health (One Instructor to Teach)
  - Leadership in Nursing
  - Leadership in Nursing Practicum

Teaching Locations in China:

- Courses will be taught at:
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Interested applicants should submit a cover letter and CV to:

**Dr. David L. Maness, Professor and Chair**

**UT Department of Family Medicine, 1301 Primacy Parkway, Memphis, TN 38119**

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*New England Patriots head coach William S. "Bill" Belichick shares a laugh with a die-hard Seattle Seahawks fan during a visit by the National Football League team.*



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