KEESLER AIR FORCE BASE, Miss. — Keesler Medical Center’s volunteers honored their own during the organization’s annual Volunteer Services awards luncheon held Nov. 21 in the Bay Breeze Event Center.

Col. (Dr.) Tom Harrell, 81st Medical Group commander, and Chief Master Sgt. Michael Wood, 81st MDG superintendent, presented awards to the 63 volunteers based on their time of service, ranging from less than a year to 42 years.

Brig. Gen. Patrick Higby, 81st Training Wing commander, addressed the volunteers and their guests, joining Harrell in thanking them for their invaluable service.

“The estimated value of each volunteer is $22.14 per hour,” said Lt. Col. Barbara Hoeben, 81st Diagnostics and Therapeutics Squadron Pharmacy Flight commander and medical center liaison to Volunteer Services. “The medical center volunteers worked 13,059.5 hours, worth $289,131.80 in 2014 from January to October.

Volunteer Services Coordinator Usa Jones provided the following service information:

Less than one year: Rachael Aguila, Capt. Tony Bridgewater, Monte Chalmers, Staff Sgt. Nicole Depew, Ria Dove, Jenna Dydasco, Stanley Hall, Sheila Hanley, Joan Hershberger, Grady Holden, Senior Airmen Christopher Jeffers and Nokita May, Susan Miller, Laquita Moore, Airman 1st Class Chigozie Nwachukwu, Larry Pierce, Valeria Richardson, Amariylis Selva-Castillo, Alyssa Staton and Victoria Todd

One year: Linda Fryer, Russell Balch, Rayna Gagne, Huey Gaines, Avain Harris, Aleatha Jackson, Wanda McGee, Dr. Carroll Palmore, Margaret Sepanski and Victoria Swank

Two years: Sally Ferreira, Betty Francis, James Francis, James Hobbs, Sarah Robinson, Lorraine Santo and Donald Stoner

Four years: Edward Guardianpo, Elvin Kellum, Teresa Olague, Jeanne Hawkins, Jill Clayton and Ana McKick

Five years: David Clark, Patricia French and Daniel Scott

Eight years: Mary King

Ten years: Gilbert Camburn and James Harris

Thirteen years: Ruth Taylor

Fourteen years: Helen Bristol

Fifteen years: Clifford Dye

Sixteen years: Thomas Varble

Seventeen years: Seconda Baker and Harry Crawford

First Baby of 2015

Above: Commanding Officer, Naval Medical Center San Diego (NMCSD) Capt. José A. Acosta (left), congratulates Seth and Nancy Reimers on the birth of their son Matthew, born 6 pounds 14 ounces at 1:32 a.m. Jan. 1, 2015. Acosta welcomed Matthew as NMCSD’s first baby of 2015.

Left: Nancy Reimers beams with excitement as she receives a gift blanket from Naval Medical Center San Diego (NMCSD) after the birth of their son Matthew.
By Steve Pivnick
81st Medical Group Public Affairs

KEESLER AIR FORCE BASE, Miss. -- Keesler Medical Center was recognized with 14 individual and team honors as Air Education and Training Command announced command-level winners of the Air Force Medical Service annual awards Dec. 1.


The medical center earned the AETC’s Air Force Surgeon General’s Award for Best Hospital. The facility was cited as an AFMS “Center of Excellence” and was one of three AFMS hospitals named a “top performer” by the Joint Commission. Operating room use increased 42 percent, currencies 56 percent and ear, nose and throat 54 percent, while inpatient and outpatient care was slashed by 30 percent. The medical center absorbed 100 percent of Veterans Affairs vascular cases for three months, the highest general surgery business performance plan execution in the AFMS.

Keesler’s initiatives included a Defense Department/Department of Veterans Affairs imaging Joint Incentive Fund Enterprise, and selection by the Air Force Surgeon General as the first and only aeromedical enterprise innovation site, and DOD’s first Armed Forces Retirement Home Primary Care Medical Home. The emergency department had the lowest left-without-being-seen rate in DOD, a patient wait time of less than 11 minutes, and was No. 1 in six of seven Air Force measures by the Defense Health Agency.

KMC demonstrated critical care transport team prowess through two area-of-responsibility missions and four joint exercises. The medical center also boasts the No. 1 DOD cardiac catheterization lab and the only facility approved for apheresis, one of 25 cath labs in the U.S. with the capability.

**Individual annual award winners are:**

**Airspace medicine Airman -- Senior Airman Demi Love, 81st Aerospace Medicine Squadron aerospace medicine technician**

She was the lead Airman for the Air Force Surgeon General’s Basic Operational Medicine Cell pilot project, the first Air Force Warrior Innovation Network test site and Airman point-of-contact for the surgeon general’s Aeromedical Evacuation 2020 initiative.

**Cardiopulmonary laboratory Airman -- Senior Airman Jason Boyd, 81st Medical Operations Squadron cardiopulmonary technician**

As a key member of the DOD’s busiest cath lab, he trained two other technicians, aided 337 invasive patient procedures and recognized a lethal heart arrhythmia, initiating advanced cardiac life support protocol and expediting life-saving intervention. He treated 67 vascular ischemic patients and scrubbed in for 107 pacemaker procedures, monitoring for arrhythmias. He also assisted a physician with two emergency intubations, preparing equipment and initiating mechanical ventilation.

**Enlisted health services management Airman -- Airman 1st Class Deborah Fair, 81st Medical Support Squadron**

Fair, an outpatient records technician, served as health artifact and image management support group training 10 clinics and training 45 personnel. She cut medical documents by 1,600. She faciliated the service treatment record program, resulting in 426 submissions with 100 percent compliance. No. 5 among 76 medical treatment facilities. She verified patient eligibility for 9,300 registrations to ensure 100 percent accuracy of patient demographics. She processed the enrollment of 1,000 students and revamped the health benefits center waiting area.

**Medical laboratory Airman -- Senior Airman Cory Goosen, 81st Diagnostics and Therapeutics Squadron**

He instructed 37 Air Force Reserve Command Phase II students in 98 tasks over 295 hours and was named best preceptor three times. While deployed, Gage tested 16,000 labs and prepared 869 transfusion units, beating the Air Force standard by 52 percent and obtaining results in 25 minutes. He supported nine forward operating bases with 105 traumas, certified 110,000 tests and issued 1,100 blood products worth $555,000. He submitted 100 drug-resistant cultures, certified 105 patients with $16,000 in healthcare charges, conducted 30 hygiene surveys, trained 116 personnel and led two inspections with no findings and 100 percent compliance.

**Medical materiel Airman -- Staff Sgt. Jeremy Barnes, 81st MDSS**

He was credited with receiving 31 equipment assets worth $1 million, supporting premier care for 229,000 annual patients; tracking 229 equipment packages worth $12 million; and managing 106 equipment accounts consisting of 7,000 items worth $14 million. Barnes scripted three quarterly equipment review authorization activity boards for 120 requirements worth $5.5 million. He facilitated a $225,000 bed-bathing system for a 50-bed hospital expansion and piloted end-of-the-fiscal-year close-out operations, executing 131 equipment purchases worth $6 million.

**Aerospace medicine noncommissioned officer -- Tech. Sgt. Patricia Boydston, 81st Inpatient Operations Squadron**

Boydston, critical care flight chief, led the critical care technician course pilot program, identifying 89 core tasks, developing training in 30 skills through 36 computer-based training courses and standardized special experience identification for 11 Air Force medical facilities. She led the 40-member staff during 1,300 admits over 730 shifts. As an 81st Training Wing inspector, Boydston evaluated six exercises involving 71 triage and clinical technical team members. As group telemetry lead, she oversaw 20 members caring for 1,800 patients and monitoring 700 critical rhythms. She also identified and cut $2.7 million in outsourcing fees.

**Biomedical equipment repair NCO -- Tech. Sgt. Ramon Membida, 81st MDSS**

He led 14 Airmen who responded to 9,000 job requests with a 99.6 percent completion rate, 26 percent over their peer average. Directing the 81st TRW’s $348,000 public-access defibrillator program, he implemented a new Air Force instruction and certified 116 units to protect 12,000 members. He was team leader during staff assistance visits to 14 active-duty Air National Guard and AFRC clinics, performing maintenance on 215 equipment items and certifying emergency management readiness and flight missions for four states. He is the subject matter expert for $2 million worth of diagnostic equipment, saving $35,000 in contracts annually.

**Physical medicine NCO -- Staff Sgt. Coe Rangel, 81st Surgical Operations Squadron**

As interim flight chief, he managed a 27 physical therapy, occupational therapy and chiropractic clinic personnel. He briefed the Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force on physical medicine operations and the medical group’s injury-prevention program for battlefield service members. He rehabbed 200 warfighters. Contributing to a 2,100 percent increase in patients, he oversaw 20 members caring for 1,800 patients with $16,000 in healthcare costs vested to the medical group. While deployed, he served as command and control officer for 90 convoy missions, logging 11,700 kilometers in off-base travel while protecting 3,200 lives and trained 14 cerebral defense team leaders to secure $2 million in military assets.

**Biomedical clinician Category II officer -- Capt. (Dr.) Megan Kortum, an 81st AMDS optometrist**

Her prompt action during a clinic "code blue" was cited for saving the patient’s life. In another instance, she discovered an undiagnosed brain aneurysm, saving the patient’s life. As interim adjutant Southern College of Optometry proctor, Kortum administered intern clinic education and competency, decreasing leakage by 10 percent and saving the Air Force $67,000. She also executed 150 LASER eye exams and allowed 2,300 gas mask insert and ballistic insert orders with a 99.6 percent equipment-readiness for mission-ready deployers rate.
Navy corpsman bounces on to all-navy men’s basketball team

By Mass Communication Specialist 3rd Class Justin W. Galvin
Naval Medical Center San Diego
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SAN DIEGO — Since the age of three, basketball has been a part of Hospital Corpsman 3rd Class (HM3) Ronald R. Rhea Jr.’s life in one way or another. It helped him through his youth, took him to college, and even led him overseas to compete as a professional. Although basketball was such a monumental aspect of his life, Rhea knew there was more he could do and more he could offer.

In 2009, after learning his fiancée was pregnant with their first child, Rhea sought out an opportunity to provide a more stable future and saw the Navy as a great way to provide for his growing family and to serve his country. Rhea enlisted in the Navy and attended basic training at Recruit Training Command Great Lakes, Ill.

Deciding to enlist was a clear boost for his young family, nevertheless the decision was not made without some heavy reflection.

“I knew the Navy would be difficult as an older enlisted member,” said Rhea who enlisted at the age of 30. “Fortunately, throughout my time I have been blessed with mentors and role models that have provided me with insight and guidance.”

Upon completion of recruit training, Rhea had the honor of serving in the Navy Ceremonial Guard where he spent 2.5 years. After serving with “The Guard,” Rhea was selected to attend Hospital Corpsman “A” school at Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston, Texas. He then traveled to Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, N.C. to be certified as a Field Medical Service Technician. After completing the training he reported back to San Antonio for additional physical therapy training.

“I decided to be a Corpsman because I knew that it was one of the most prestigious and honorable rates in the Navy,” said Rhea. “Being able to say you are a part of Navy Medicine speaks volumes amongst both our military peers, as well as, our civilian counterparts.”

Rhea now has two loves: basketball and caring for others through Navy medicine. While his studies, work and caring for his family took center stage, Rhea continued to compete and work on his game.

After reporting to the Physical Therapy Department at Naval Medical Center San Diego (NMCSD) Branch Health Clinic Naval Training Center (NTC), Rhea saw a way to combine his passions.

By playing in intramural basketball leagues aboard Naval Base San Diego and at NMCSD as a representative of the hospital staff, he was able to assist his teammates with pre- and post-workout drills and other physical therapy practices to help reduce and even recover quicker from injuries. Rhea’s contributions to the team did not stop there.

“I have seen HM3 play the role of leader, captain and mentor,” said Hospital Corpsman 2nd Class Arland Q. Yancey, assigned to the NMCSD Drug and Alcohol Program Advisor’s office, who has been both a teammate and opponent of Rhea on the court. “He mentors players during time outs by providing positive feedback. His willingness to be vocal and teach the game is something that benefits everyone.”

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Even with all his accolades in and outside of work, Rhea has found the time to help give back to the community. With the help of Navy Morale, Welfare, and Recreation (MWR), Rhea has developed local youth camps to teach basketball, with an emphasis placed on family, being a student athlete and basic basketball fundamentals.

Rhea admits he would not have been able to achieve and offer so much without the help of others.

“I continue to admire the dedication and diligence of my chain of command and my mentors,” said Rhea. “They have been a constant source of motivation and have taught me what it means to be a Sailor and a leader.”

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Ronald R. Rhea Jr., 264th Medical Battalion, goes up for a dunk during the Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston, Texas intramural basketball championship.

Hospital Corpsman 3rd Class Ronald R. Rhea Jr., of the Naval Medical Center San Diego basketball team, shoots a three-pointer during a game against the United Kingdom Royal Air Force (RAF) basketball team at the Naval Base San Diego Admiral Prout Field House. The teams squared off in a friendly competition to promote comradery and foster relationship building.
SAN DIEGO — Leaders of men know their greatest resource is the people under their charge. Leaders also know, to be successful, they must fight for their people and guide and mentor them with their best interests in mind.

Hospital Corpsman 1st Class (Fleet Marine Force/Surface Warfare/Aviation Warfare) Jason P. Hildreth knows this sacrificial attitude is part of what helped him be selected as the Navy Medicine West (NMW) Sailor of the Year (SOY) for 2014 and as the Fleet Marine Force Hospital Corpsmen of the Year 2014.

“My experience was humbling. And to have an opportunity to be part of a selection process with the top caliber of Sailors this region has to offer was amazing,” said Hildreth, a native of Edwardsville, Ill., about a 30 minute drive from St. Louis. “All the Petty Officer 1st Classes were very very respectful and we carried ourselves as a team,” said Hildreth after facing a board of Navy Master Chiefs and competing with the 11 other Sailors from Navy Medicine West commands.

Standing 6 feet 2 inches with a burly 215-pound frame, Hildreth, upon first impression, may strike intimidation into junior Sailors. But, in his own words, he is an “intrusive” leader who takes an interest in his Sailors’ lives by striking up conversations, to know them on a more personal level.

“I’m not afraid to talk to Sailors or get to know them, and their families,” said Hildreth, Naval Medical Center San Diego’s (NMCSD) Main Operating Room leading petty officer. “I feel our Sailors are our greatest resource and deserve all the opportunities they are willing to work for.”

As part of his intrusive leadership, Hildreth, who oversees 141 Sailors, makes them his first priority. He considers their morale and welfare critical to their professional and personal success.

“Sailors are the future of the Navy,” said Hildreth. “As senior leaders, we’ve been through the difficult days and know what those are like. When we show our appreciation and support for junior Sailors, they will understand our family atmosphere and carry that forward.”

Hospital Corpsman 3rd Class Denise P. Franco, a Sailor who works with Hildreth at NMCSD, noticed he has a knack for speaking to people in a way that energizes them to perform at their highest level.

“Hildreth’s leadership knows how to motivate, guide, and inspire his Sailors to accomplish their goals and to perform better,” said Franco. “He knows how to deal with people in a tactful manner to maintain good relations.”

An additional leadership quality that led to Hildreth’s Sailor-of-the-Year nomination is his ability to motivate Sailors to push themselves to be at their best, both professionally and in their personal lives.

“Hildreth’s leadership style is very positive high-energy, push-yourself-and-everyone-around-you-to-be-better with a team-focused emphasis,” said Chief Hospital Corpsman Kona L. Wilson. “The main operating room is 115 Sailors strong. And it is very successful, partly, I believe, because of his leadership. There is an abundance of hard-working Sailors within our department, which I truly believe is a reflection of his leadership.”

Hildreth spent seven months at Camp Dwyer, within the Helmand River Valley in Afghanistan, as a surgical technician. He was part of a team that received patients in a high-stress environment. It was an experience crucial in developing the leadership traits he applies today as a leading petty officer.

“(Camp Dwyer) helped me mature and appreciate the small things — tomorrow is never guaranteed,” said Hildreth. “It taught me what ‘hard work’ really means and the importance of incorporating teamwork with all tasks. There were days when we received a lot of patients, and we were extremely hot, under a lot of pressure, and in their personal lives. Our patients were our top priority.”

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and human lives were in our hands. We stuck together and did the best we could: A lot of Marines and Sailors made it home.”

When Hildreth initially learned he had won NMW Sailor of the Year, he was in a state of disbelief.

“I had to process it through my head a few times,” said Hildreth. “I didn’t believe it. When I got up to accept my selection with the Command Master Chief, I was in shock and felt a great feeling of honor overcome me,” he said.

Hildreth enlisted when he was 19 years old. The Navy’s heritage and its track record of warfighting success are what appealed to him and played a factor in his decision to enlist. Hildreth also liked the universal appeal of the Navy’s uniform.

“The uniform means a lot to me,” said Hildreth. “It’s highly recognized around the world and it’s part of the reason I feel honored to be part of the Navy.”

Hildreth’s main reason for deciding to be a hospital corpsman was the diversity he saw in the rating — the various types of specialties and technical qualifications that can be achieved. He also noticed a corpsman’s services are required at naval commands all around the globe, which appealed to him.

“Hospital corpsmen are needed worldwide on every operational and shore platform,” said Hildreth. “Along with the strong heritage and history of hospital corpsmen, I thought: Why choose anything else?”

In addition to his appreciation of the hospital corpsman’s decorated history, Hildreth appreciates the various benefits the Navy has made available to him, such as tuition assistance and the opportunity to work abroad. But what he relishes most about being a Sailor in the U.S. Navy is the chance to be part of its illustrious heritage.

“I get a chance to be part of something way bigger than I can ever imagine and put my hard work and sweat into making the Navy even better,” said Hildreth. “The Navy’s history and the sacrifices that were made will always be part of our legacy and success. It’s an honor to wear the Navy uniform.”

During Hildreth’s 14 years in the Navy he has completed tours at Field Medical Training Battalion, Camp Lejeune, N.C.; Naval School of Health Sciences; Naval Hospital Great Lakes, Ill. (Captain James A. Lovell Federal Health Care Center); 1st Medical Battalion; and the Military Sealift Command hospital ship USNS Mercy (T-AH 19) for Pacific Partnership 2012.

In addition, Hildreth is a qualified surgical technician, formal instructor and field medical technician.

It is known that junior Sailors need some help to guide them along their career path. Leaders like Hildreth, know one of the ways to be successful is through hard work. As one of the First Class Petty Officer Association mentors who conduct the NMCSD Enlisted Advancement Review Course, he shows each Sailor the more time they spend acquiring knowledge, the more they will be rewarded with rank and responsibility.

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Above right: Shadrach Smith, 5, receives a present from Santa Claus after meeting him during a visit to Naval Medical Center San Diego (NMCSD). Sailors from USS Higgins (DDG 76) organized the visit to spread holiday joy and raise morale for patients in various pediatric clinics and inpatient wards.

Above left: Tina Robinson, 8, receives a present from Santa Claus after meeting him during a visit to Naval Medical Center San Diego (NMCSD).

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Nineteen years: Raymond Lindsey
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**Biomedical specialist Category II company grade officer - Capt. Heidi McMinn, 81st MDTS blood services chief**

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By Lisa Campbell
Base Operations Support Civil Engineering

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PLC controlled devices in the medical center’s energy plant range from actuators and transmitters to temperature probes, and a number of these devices can be found within each highly complex system.

Like all systematic machinery, one faulty component can cause the entire system to fail. “We could lose performance of an entire chiller due to just one PLC controlled device malfunction,” said Joey Wehrman, the energy plant’s lead electric technician. “These are big machines, so trying to figure out where the issue is can take a lot of time.”

The medical center may not have time with its critical mission and stringent safety requirements, so it’s imperative that PAE’s operations and maintenance team keeps the medical center and supporting systems at peak performance at all times.

“We knew there was a better way to troubleshoot issues and run diagnostic tests, one that had less impact on live system performance,” Wehrman pointed out.

With a little creativity and less than a thousand dollars, Wehrman and his team found a solution. They acquired a calibration multi-meter and built a mini test bench in-house for conducting PLC controlled device tests.

The multi-meter can be taken into the field for diagnostic testing or used with the test bench. The bench allows technicians to troubleshoot control actuators and other PLCs in an artificial environment that replicates live performance. The clinical/controlled environment of the test bench protects the equipment and permits technicians to take each device through a full spectrum of testing scenarios.

Using the equipment for troubleshooting, as well as preventative maintenance, benefits both the O&M team and the medical center. Once consumed with reactively fixing broken equipment, Base Operations Support electricians can now identify potential failures before they happen, allowing more time to develop long-term solutions, order parts and schedule repair outages.

“This initiative goes hand-in-hand with the base civil engineering initiative to develop a comprehensive reliability centered maintenance program,” said John Floyd, Base Operations Support civil engineering manager. “These are big machines, so trying to figure out where the issue is can take a lot of time.”

This new testing equipment and proactive maintenance process dramatically reduces system downtime too - from days down to hours - meaning less impact on the mission and less man-hours spent troubleshooting. The cost and time savings go back into RCM program development.

To further enhance the value of their investment and benefits to the medical center, the Base Operations Support O&M team plans to expand employee training, further develop their preventative maintenance program and establish an adequate bench stock for critical items.
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