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Seasons Greetings



Code 51 wins Holiday Decorating Contest

Congratulations to the members of Code 51, Business Process Solutions Division, for winning the 2003 FISC Norfolk Holiday Decorating Contest. They were all dressed in their pajamas and ready for Santa's arrival when the judges came to visit. They are (left to right) Sheryl Harris, Phil Hannaford, Elene Kalivas, John Cochran, Joan Redfearn, Mike Drain, Julie Nielson-Neas, and Sandy Harris. For more holiday photos and winners, see pages 4-5.

Regional Navy Mail Center salutes Murray, welcomes a familiar face



Steve Murray is congratulated by FISC Norfolk Commanding Officer Capt. L.V. Heckelman.

FISC Norfolk recently said goodbye to Steve Murray, who served as the director of postal operations at Regional Navy Mail Center Norfolk. His more than 39 years of government service (active duty and civil service) were celebrated at a retirement luncheon where he was joined by friends, family and colleagues to remember a career that began in San Diego in 1959 – when Dwight D. Eisenhower was president of the United States. Ten presidents later, he retired on the opposite side of the country.

Murray spent his active-duty time as a yeoman. After retiring from active duty, he worked as a contractor for the Navy Manpower and Analysis Center for five years before taking a civil service position at Naval Air Station Sigonella, where he managed all

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From the Commanding Officer ... Happy Holidays and New Year

FISC Norfolk Teammates,

I want to take this opportunity to thank you all for a fantastic year of outstanding support and service to our customers... whether they are fleet, industrial or regional customers. You all have continued the legacy for which the Norfolk Supply Center is known worldwide and I am proud to be serving with each and every one of you. As we began this past year, we talked about the dynamic changes we would experience and the challenges we would face. The change has been more dramatic and it has come faster than we have ever experienced in the past. Through it all we wanted to stay focused on our mission and ensure that nothing interfered with our delivery on that mission. You have implemented the changes and continued to meet and exceed all expectations for logistics support and services to all our customers. No one does it better than the professionals of FISC Norfolk. Thank you

all for what you do each and every day in support of our Navy and our country.

I also want to wish everyone a very safe, happy and warm holiday season. This is a time for family and for keeping in mind the many blessings and freedoms all of us enjoy as citizens of the United States of America. We all have much to be thankful for and I hope you'll take a moment during this season to reflect on that thought. We should also reflect on the many accomplishments and achievements of the past year and on the great service we provide to our country and to each other as we go about our daily business here at the Supply Center. Be sure to set aside time for family and friends during the holiday season. There will no doubt be more change ahead but I am confident we will continue to get the job done through the dedication and commitment of our team. You truly are the best at what you do. Thank you for your service and have a wonderful holiday season.



Capt. L. V. Heckelman

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Holiday greeting from the Secretary of the Navy

During this joyful season, all members of the Navy/Marine Corps team are a beacon of hope and freedom for people around the world. Your service is the gift of liberty that is now being shared in parts of the world that have never seen such a promising future.

Each of us is blessed to live in a land where people of all faiths, ethnic backgrounds and cultures can celebrate holidays of their choosing whenever they may occur throughout the year. With this blessing, however, comes a responsibility. Our commander-in-chief clearly understands that our nation plays a unique role in the world. With great clarity of vision and unwavering resolve, President Bush has expressed our responsibility this way, "the advance of freedom is the calling of our time; it is the calling of our country...we believe that liberty is the design of nature; we believe that liberty is the direction of history. We believe that human fulfillment and excellence come in the responsible exercise of liberty. And we believe that

freedom - the freedom we prize - is not for us alone, it is the right and the capacity of all mankind."

To preserve and to give the gift of liberty is why brave men and women wear the cloth of our nation. The greatest gift is not given in a box and wrapped with a bow. Rather, it is service to others. Our citizens, our national leaders and people across the globe cherish this gift from you.

Hopefully, many of you will be home with family and friends for the holidays. Enjoy your time together and be safe. If you can't be home, please know that you are foremost in our thoughts and prayers, and we are thankful for your service in distant places.

Merry Christmas and happy holidays! Our heartfelt thanks to each of you for your magnificent gift of liberty and hope. May God bless you, your families, and loved ones during this special season and in the year to come, and may God continue to bless America.



Gordon R. England, Secretary of the Navy

15-minute haircut saved Geico executive a mustache

By Margaret Windley
Virginia Beach Beacon

Joe Thomas regrets he had just one head of hair to give up for the United Way.

Thomas, vice president for GEICO's regional service center in Virginia Beach, yielded his strands to an electric razor-bearing Marion Carter on Nov. 21 after his company's associates exceeded their United Way pledge of \$210,000.

After the executive received his buzz cut, GEICO presented the United Way a check for \$212,461.

The idea for Thomas' haircut came from Richard Seamster and Nikki Bardell, GEICO's United Way Committee co-chairs, with assistance from Nicole Piette, last year's chair. Given a choice between losing his hair or his mustache, Thomas preferred to keep his mustache.

Mike Hughes, president of the United Way of South Hampton Roads, was appreciative of GEICO's fund-raising efforts.

"The contributions from their employees provide one of the largest responses from people in South Hampton Roads, and we are grateful for their generosity," Hughes said.

United Way, an umbrella agency, provides assistance to 70 member agencies and their initiatives across the region. Its fund-raising goal this year is \$17.8 million.

Thomas expressed pride in the generosity of GEICO associates and pronounced them achievers, willing to do whatever needs to be done.

Last year, the insurance company raised \$187,000 for the United



SHC(SW) Marion Carter, Fleet Assist Team, gives a Navy haircut to Joe Thomas, vice president for Geico's regional service center in Virginia Beach. Thomas agreed to the haircut after GEICO employees exceeded their United Way pledge of \$210,000.

Way, and Thomas dressed up as Little Bo Peep to kiss two baby lambs in response to employee willingness to donate.

"The lambs were protesting that I was kissing them," said Thomas. "They were a week old. They were twins."

Chief Carter, a barber from the U.S. Navy's Fleet Assist Team and a GEICO policyholder, was assisted by Seaman Sean Estes.

FISC Norfolk 2003 Holiday Decorating Contest and



Code 302 Ocean Terminal Division placed a very close second in the decorating contest. They turned two CONEX boxes into two starkly different holiday scenes. One showed how military members in Iraq might be spending their holiday. The other depicted a traditional home during the holidays. Despite the miles that separate them, families are still able to be with their loved ones through telephone calls, as depicted in these two scenes.

Congratulations to all who participated in this year's decorating contest. There were 15 entries this year, and they all helped brighten up FISC Norfolk spaces and made sure that everyone was in the holiday spirit.



Code 40's reindeer posed with Santa and Mrs. Claus to show the judges that they were ready for Christmas. They placed third in the decorating contest.



Santa and Mrs. Claus visit with guest pianists Tara Hoover (left) and Austin Hanbury, who accompanied the carolers. Tara and Austin are both students at Deep Creek High School.

Holiday Caroling Contest rings in the holiday season



Mrs. Claus greets everyone who attended the caroling contest and holiday celebration.



Santa asks Capt. Heckelman if he's been naughty or nice.



Codes 40 and 50 joined forces to deliver a unique version of Santa Claus is Coming to Town. Their performance brought the house down and earned them top honors in the caroling contest.



DDNV's Shirley McGill was the big winner in the DDNV raffle that benefited the Combined Federal Campaign. She won a DVD/video player.



Code 100's rendition of Deck the Halls earned them second place in the caroling contest.



Code 200 and Legal extensively researched the 12 items in the Twelve Days of Christmas and melodically explained them in detail to the delight of the audience.

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manpower assignments and justifications for the air station. After a two-year stint with Commander Mid-Atlantic Medical Command, he joined the staff of Commander, Naval Base Norfolk (now Commander, Naval Region Mid-Atlantic) in December 1988. He was designated as the mid-Atlantic Official Mail Manager in December 1989. He joined FISC Norfolk in October 1996 under regionalization.

Replacing Murray at the Mail Center is a familiar face from building W-143.

Retired Cmdr. David Wiggs, former Code 300 director, will be taking his place at the Mail Center. Wiggs retired from the Navy this month after 23 years of active duty with the Navy. During his Navy career, he served aboard three ships and at four shore-based commands prior to reporting to FISC Norfolk in 1999. Prior to reporting to FISC Norfolk, he was commanding officer of the Fleet Hospital Support Office in Williamsburg, Va. He will report to the Mail Center after a short holiday break.



Cmdr. David Wiggs is congratulated by FISC Norfolk Commanding Officer Capt. L.V. Heckelman.

HRO Notes

There were 16 employees in the Voluntary Leave Transfer (VLT) Program for FY-03. A few have returned to work but are still under the care of their doctors. The employees listed below are currently in the VLT Program and if you wish to donate annual leave to them, please forward the form (OPM 630-A (Request to Donate Annual Leave to Leave Recipient Under the VLT Program)) and a current LES to Helen Taylor, HRO FISC Satellite.

- Laverne Baker, Code 304
- George Washington, Cheatham Annex
- Howard Hill, Code 303
- Raymond Barnes, Code 302
- Stephen Michielson, Code 41
- Luther Banks, Code 101
- Sheila King, Code 308

The following employees were awarded Special Act Awards for their participation in the Beneficial Suggestions Program.

- Patricia Johnson, FISC NNSY
- Ronald Palmer, Sr., FISC NNSY

The agency is interested in your "idea" that achieves one or more of the following:

Simplify or improve operations; save time required to accomplish a task; speed up production; increase output and enhance productivity; improve working conditions, procedures, operating methods or equipment, plan layouts, and organizations; save material and property; save manpower or money; promote health (such as promoting a sanitary work environment); increase safety; improve morale through desirable and feasible personnel services that increase productivity.

The Beneficial Suggestions Program and Military Cash Award Program (MILCAP) - Beneficial suggestions should be forward to Helen Taylor, HRO FISC Satellite for processing. MILCAP should be forwarded to the executive officer who will forward it to the point of contact in HRO FISC Satellite. These programs were established to encourage and stimulate the submission of ideas which will improve the opera-

tion of the Navy and/or U.S. Government.

The Quarterly Incentive Awards Program was a great success in FY-03. A total of 75 nominations were submitted for evaluation. The 2nd Quarterly Incentive Awards winner for Work Team of the Quarter was the largest which included 52 employees. Capt. Heckelman presented Length of Service certificates & pins totaling more than 405 years of civilian service.

Delivering holiday cheer to children



FISC Norfolk employees load gifts into a truck for delivery to children from Oceanair Elementary School. FISC Norfolk has had an active relationship with the school for more than ten years, and participates in a wide-variety of holiday-related activities with the school.





FISC Norfolk Commanding Officer Capt. L.V. Heckelman presents a Navy/Marine Corps Achievement Medal to Cmdr. Peter Decker, FISC Norfolk Det. 106.



FISC Norfolk Commanding Officer Capt. L.V. Heckelman presents a Navy/Marine Corps Achievement Medal to SK1(SW) James McDermott.



CWO4 Paul Jones, Navy Food Management Team, receives his new collar device from his wife Patricia at his recent frocking ceremony.

Length of Service Awards

Capt. Heckelman presented several length of service awards before the holiday break. They are shown below and on page 8.



Diane Burnett - 20 years



Darlene Knight - 20 years



Marvin Peralta - 20 years



Doug Ernest - 20 years



Morris Champion - 25 years



Terry Bledsoe - 25 years



David Zareczny - 20 years

Bravo Zulu



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Larry Anthony - 30 years



Lovato Ahmad - 30 years



Leon Jefferies - 30 years



Anthony Harris - 30 years



Gail Dinelle-Freeman - 20 years



Patricia Fulton - 25 years



Inez Grant - 20 years



Paula Sawyer - 20 years

Bravo Zulu

