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Right On Crime recently welcomed its newest signatory, Tony Parker, former Commissioner of the Tennessee Department of Corrections with 38 years in the field of corrections and current President of the Fourth Purpose Foundation. Parker signed the conservative criminal justice reform organization's Statement of Principles pledging to support a cost-effective system that protects citizens, restores victims, reduces recidivism, and prioritizes public safety... Mr. Parker earned an Associate's degree in Criminal Justice from Dyersburg State Community College, a Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice from the University of Tennessee at Martin and a Master of Arts degree in Security Studies with an emphasis in Homeland Security from the prestigious **Naval Postgraduate School** (NPS) in Monterey, California.

[NAVSUP FLC Bahrain Holds Change of Command](#)

(DVIDS 23 June 22) ... Margaret Algarin

Naval Supply Systems Command (NAVSUP) Fleet Logistics Center (FLC) Bahrain held a change of command ceremony during which Captain Alex D. Wallace, III relieved Captain Timothy R. Griffin as commanding officer on June 23, 2022, at Naval Support Activity Bahrain.

Griffin, a native of Essex, Missouri and earned a Bachelor of Science at Southeast Missouri State University, a master of business administration at the **Naval Postgraduate School**, executive education at Duke University and Georgetown University, and joint military professional education at the naval command and staff college. He assumed command of NAVSUP FLC Bahrain on Aug. 20, 2020 and during his time as commanding officer NAVSUP FLC Bahrain executed 4,328 installation and ship support contracts valued at \$287.5 million; provided logistics support to 78 deployed ships during 534 port visits to the Kingdom of Bahrain, Djibouti, Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Sultanate of Oman, Pakistan, Qatar, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates; delivered 55,000 pallets of cargo and provisions; processed and delivered 16.7 million pounds of mail;



and executed 5,955 household goods shipments. Additionally, his team executed the first contracts within six hours of notification that facilitated the safe transit of more than 7,000 U.S. citizens and evacuees traveling from Afghanistan through the Kingdom of Bahrain during Operation Allies Refuge. Captain Griffin was awarded the Legion of Merit during the ceremony.

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The main speaker for the event recognizing 343 graduates, including three Guardians and 18 international students from 11 countries, was US Space Force Gen. John W. “Jay” Raymond, Chief of Space Operations. Raymond was also given the opportunity to tour the campus prior to graduation, allowing him to observe firsthand how NPS develops critical thinkers and innovation leaders to support the Department of Defense’s space mission.

Kicking off the ceremony, NPS President retired Vice Adm. Ann E. Rondeau addressed the graduating class along with their families and friends, noting that NPS is home to the learning, exploring and discovery that shapes warrior-scholars.

In her remarks, Rondeau discussed the university’s own legacy in space, noting that 44 NPS alumni have become NASA astronauts – more than any other graduate school in the world. She acknowledged NPS’ Space Systems Academic Group for its extraordinary work in preparing students for careers in space-related fields.

Rondeau reminded the graduates that they must keep sharpening their tool kit, citing a quote by basketball star Stephen Curry of the NBA champion Golden State Warriors.

“Our Space Systems Academic Group, which celebrates its 40th anniversary this year, has provided a clear avenue for many officers from the Navy, Marine Corps, Army, Air Force and now the Space Force to become space professionals through rigorous curricula focused on space systems engineering and operations. One of those officers is our very own Secretary of the Navy, the Honorable Carlos Del Toro,” she continued.

“Win, lose, whatever it is, wherever, however you play, you have to keep coming back to the well to keep sharpening the toolkit and finding ways to evolve your game,” she quoted.

“It’s about leadership, about knowledge that needs to be continuously refreshed and affirmed,” added Rondeau. “So, ladies and gentlemen and our warrior-scholar students, my comment is that our nation needs us to lead. And we will do that.”

With that, Rondeau turned the podium over to the ceremony’s commencement speaker to a sea of applause. Raymond addressed the graduates, talking about the issues they will face and how NPS has enabled them to meet our national security needs. “Solutions to the many challenges to our national security will require analytical thinking and creative problem-solving ... Luckily, as graduates of NPS I know we can count on you for answers,” said Raymond.

Drawing similarities between NPS and the Space Force, Raymond spoke on how they came to be when the U.S. Navy and national leaders, respectively, recognized growing threats and the need to counter them. Continuing down that trail of thought, he mentioned how the Navy and Space Force work in environments that are global, shared between nations, rich in resources, and critical habitats for our prosperity and security. “As a global power, it’s no surprise the United States is both a sea- and a space-faring nation,” said Raymond. “The two domains share a certain allure — a sense of mystery. The ‘wine-dark sea,’ in Homer’s words, calls to us... whether it’s the vast, deep oceans or the infinite skies above.”

Raymond continued by stressing the importance of NPS and the role its graduates play in the defense of our nation. “This school’s focus on technical knowledge and hands-on expertise is unparalleled,” noted Raymond. “And this technical focus allows you, as a graduate, to drive the pace of change because you understand at a very granular level what is possible and what is not, both tactically and strategically. The Naval Postgraduate School educates you on how to think and analyze a problem; this provides profound value to our entire joint force, and to the Space Force in particular.”

Raymond finished his remarks by reminding the graduates to embrace the change and remember their own and their service’s values. “Center your values in everything you do. Lead the people whose lives



America has entrusted you with integrity and with humility; never ask them to do something you wouldn't do yourself," said Raymond. "Finally, and most importantly, be a good person. Treat everyone with dignity and respect."

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The vigils, memorial services and funerals are winding down in the southwest Texas Hill Country town of Uvalde, but the mourning is far from over.

It's been one month since a gunman stormed into Robb Elementary School in Uvalde and opened fire, killing 19 children and two teachers. More than a dozen others were wounded, as was the psyche of the quiet town that burst sadly into the national spotlight.

Services took place Saturday in San Angelo for Uziyah Garcia, 10, the last child to be buried. His aunt, Leticia Garcia, read a eulogy about the life "Uzi" lived and how the family has dealt with his loss.

"A couple nights ago, I got to see Uzi in my dream," she said. "I kiss him, I hugged him and told him I loved him, and he told me he loved me. I told him 'Jesus loves you,' and he told me 'Jesus loves you,' in my ear."

Funerals can provide a sense of closure, a "container" for grief and a ritual that helps communities process loss, said clinical psychologist David Read Johnson, co-director of the Post Traumatic Stress Center in New Haven, Connecticut.

The community will require strong social and emotional support, beginning with the families of the victims, then for the students in the schools, he said.

Trauma-informed strategies and "safe spaces" to share and process feelings will be vital to the community's long-term healing, Johnson said.

"Moving beyond the immediate response, families will be faced with the long, difficult reality of life without their loved one," Johnson told USA TODAY. "The community, no longer focused on a specific task at hand, will need to face the harder questions of what comes next for Robb Elementary School, for education and for school safety."

Uvalde is a grim symptom of a national illness. More people have died in mass killings in schools in the past five years than in the prior 12 years combined, according to a database of mass killings kept by USA TODAY, The Associated Press and Northeastern University.

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"One of the most traumatizing aspects of mass shootings in the U.S. is that our many circles of communities – family, local and national – do not have time to process the horror of our loss before we are battered by another ghastly shooting," said Kari Winter, professor of American studies at the State University of New York at Buffalo. "We are basically in a state of undeclared civil war."

Uvalde and its 16,000 residents are a small town with a strong Latino culture and a big heart. Coming together to support friends and loved ones is a given. Two funeral homes in Uvalde said they would not charge families of victims for services. Aided by nationwide support, GoFundMe campaigns for the families of the victims raised more than \$5 million within days of the carnage.

Also within days, Amerie Jo Garza, 10, was one of the first to be laid to rest. Classmates said she was trying to call 911 on her new phone when she was shot.



Amerie Jo was a Girl Scout and proud of the badges she earned. The Girl Scouts were proud of her, too, posthumously awarding Amerie one of the highest honors in Girl Scouting: the Bronze Cross. It is awarded for saving or attempting to save a life at the risk of the Girl Scout's own life.

"On May 24, Amerie did all she could to save the lives of her classmates and teachers," the organization said. "We will carry her story with us always and ensure her brave actions will endure for generations."

A few days later, Eliahna "Ellie" Garcia was buried – the day after she was supposed to turn 10. Her family had been planning a big party, and Ellie hoped to receive gifts related to the Disney movie "Encanto."

Ellie loved making videos and practiced a dance with her older sister for her quinceañera party – the celebration of a girl's 15th birthday – even though it was years away.

The family faces a long road to recovery, said Ellie's aunt, Siria Arizmendi: "It is just sad for all the children."

Layla Salazar, 11, was one of the last children to be buried. Layla loved swimming and running, she was a fan of the Dallas Cowboys and loved dancing to TikTok videos, said her father, Vincent. She won six races at Robb Elementary's field day. He shared photos of her with her ribbons on social media.

"Grieving is a process," said Ogbonnaya Omenka, an assistant professor and director of diversity at the Butler University College of Pharmacy and Health Science. "For public health, the more the support for the grieving, the shorter their recovery process and return to their roles in society."

Controversy over police actions in the minutes after the shooting started has not made the healing process easier. There were enough officers on the scene to have stopped the gunman three minutes after he entered the building, the director of the Texas Department of Public Safety testified this week.

Steve McCraw described the police response as an "abject failure" that ignored lessons from previous shootings and put the lives of officers ahead of the lives of children. McCraw blamed the incident commander, Pete Arredondo, the school district's police chief, for stopping officers from quickly confronting the gunman.

Arredondo said he did all he could and pointed to the effort to evacuate hundreds of students from other classrooms during the tragedy. Many parents want him out.

"In any public health intervention, controversy, unfortunately, can become a weakening distraction against the solutions, immediate and long-term," Omenka said, referencing an African proverb: "When elephants fight, the grasses suffer."

Nancy Sutton, a professional school portrait photographer, has taken pictures of virtually every student at Uvalde schools for the past 20 years. That includes victims of the attack at Robb Elementary.

Sutton said the community is taking great care of the families. Recovery has been made more difficult by "bad press" over how the shooting was handled, she said, and most residents are upset with the police and city officials and want action.

"We are all still grieving, and it will take a while," she said. "The families are holding strong but, of course, want answers. I don't blame them. It's so heartbreaking to see what it's done to our community and our school district."

Part of a population's recovery from a public health tragedy is understanding the contributing factors to the problem and figuring out ways to prevent it from recurring or to "deal with it" if it returns, Omenka said.

"This might result in controversy and exacerbation of the emotional suffering brought about by the problem, if, for instance, there is evidence or the public believe that more actions could have been taken to prevent or solve the problem," he said.

Community grieving may transform in a number of ways, said Johnson, the clinical psychologist. The event can be avoided and its memory suppressed, leading to unaddressed trauma that will fester for years.

Or, as in Parkland, Florida – where a teen fired on students and staff at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School, killing 17 people in 2018 – it can build into sustained activism and community conversation, Johnson said.

"Only by accepting the reality of what has happened can a community find creative new ways to support each other and heal together over time," he said. "The trauma and loss of May 24, 2022, will



never leave the community of Uvalde, but if properly and consistently addressed, hopefully, its suffering can be transformed into a more compassionate and empathetic society."

Pain and shock are part of the process, said Sandy Phillips, who lost her daughter, Jessica Redfield Ghawi, in a shooting in 2012 at a movie theater in Aurora, Colorado. Ghawi was among 12 people who were killed during a midnight screening of "The Dark Knight Rises."

Phillips has an idea of what Uvalde survivors face.

"They're in shock," she said. "They can't think clearly. I could not comprehend things. I was unable to read a book from cover to cover for nine years. And that is not unusual."

Frank DeAngelis was the principal at Columbine High School in 1999 when two students opened fire, killing 12 students and a teacher.

He said Columbine High is stronger than ever.

"So many times, people ask me when will we get back to normal. But you really do have to redefine what is normal," he said. "This doesn't have to define the community."

Authorities plan to raze Robb Elementary, but experts said unseen scars can linger for decades. In Uvalde, residents said some things won't change. Jesse Flores, 51, said he won't lock his doors more often and won't treat outsiders any differently after the shooting.

"We can tell when people come from out of town. We treat them like anyone else, like they're family," said Flores, who runs a store downtown. "One event is not going to change the way I act."

[Uvalde funeral: Another child buried, one month after school shooting \(usatoday.com\)](#)

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The report was prepared for the NPS and was presented at the Nineteenth Annual Acquisition Research Symposium.

It outlines the significant shrinking of the defense industrial base and the negative ramifications for the Department of Defense's ability to access to innovation and cutting-edge technologies from the private sector. The defense industrial base has shrunk over the last decade in contrast to the overall growth in the U.S. economy over the same period.

Schwartz highlights the key policy, regulatory, workforce and business practices that have driven industry away from working with DoD and the government in general, and the government's approach to the allocation of intellectual rights as a disincentive for commercial firms doing business with DoD.

Notably, the report coins a new term, the National Security Innovation and Industrial Base (NSIB), emphasizing the critical importance the commercial market plays in driving innovation in defending our nation.

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In their retrospective study, researchers led by corresponding author Renee Hsia, MD, MSc, of the Department of Emergency Medicine at UC San Francisco, tracked patient demographics of general acute-care hospitals in the United States that offered stroke certification over a 10-year duration. Of the 4,984 hospitals, 961 were stroke certified in 2009, versus 1,763 in 2019, the researchers reported in their study publishing in *JAMA Neurology* on June 27, 2022.

Stroke center certification ranges from primary stroke centers, which provide standard care, to comprehensive stroke centers that can treat the most complex cases. Treatment at stroke centers is associated with lower rates of mortality and severe disability, according to recent studies that point to features such as rapid triage, specialized neurosurgeons, advanced imaging facilities and swift access to thrombectomy, a surgery to remove a blood clot from inside an artery or vein.

The researchers found that residents of majority Black communities, which were served by 10% of the hospitals in the study, were 1.67 times more likely to live close to hospitals with specialty stroke centers, compared to residents of majority white communities. However, when adjusting for population and hospital bed capacity, these patients were 26% less likely to receive care there, the researchers stated.

Greater Demand for Stroke Care in Black Communities

“Black, racially segregated communities tended to cluster in areas with large populations, where stroke care must accommodate a much higher level of demand,” said Hsia, who is also a core faculty member at the UCSF Philip R. Lee Institute for Health Policy Studies. “Crowding may prevent patients from accessing the stroke center, and even if they do access it, they may not be able to be seen as quickly due to shortages of beds, critical care physicians, nurses and equipment.”

The researchers also found a significant disparity in access to stroke centers when they compared residents’ resource levels. Residents in predominantly high-income areas were 3.4 times more likely to live close to a hospital with a certified stroke center compared with residents in predominantly low-income areas. Similarly, patients in rural areas were markedly less likely to be served by hospitals with certified stroke centers than those living in urban areas.

The decision to open a new stroke center should take into account population size and underlying needs of the community that the center will serve, said Hsia. “Currently, the distribution of stroke care is more motivated by profit potential, rather than community need. We found that for many in low-income, minority and rural communities, specialized stroke services are not even an option. Policymakers may want to consider how they can reduce financial barriers for hospitals in these communities where certified stroke centers are needed.”

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Heindrichs, who serves as a systems safety engineer for the Platform Systems Integration Branch at Naval Surface Warfare Center Dahlgren Division (NSWCDD), dedicates his personal time as a certified active advanced life support (ALS) rescue squad member and volunteer firefighter for the Aquia Harbour Volunteer Rescue Squad in Stafford.

For Heindrichs, every mission is essential, bringing enriching experiences that further his dedication to his rescue squad and as a vital member of the Dahlgren workforce. "I am very much a problem solver and value interacting with people. Volunteering in this capacity, doing what I can and incorporating the skills I've learned to help someone, provides a certain kind of balance for me and drives me to continue, personally and professionally," Heindrichs stated.

He first became involved with rescue missions in 2016 as a college student while attending Virginia Tech, where he earned his bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering. "Since my dad was a firefighter for 25 years, helping people in need has always been a part of my life," he said. "When I was in college, I took the opportunity to try out for the local rescue squad and became a part of an amazing team. It was a rewarding experience and I wanted to stay involved in that capacity in my local community." He recently earned his master's degree in robotics engineering from the **Naval Postgraduate School**.

The training and certification process that Heindrichs underwent to obtain a high-level of patient care took commitment and stamina. As an ALS squad member and firefighter, he devoted countless hours to training and preparation while expanding his knowledge base. The result of his hard work is demonstrated in his ability to provide advanced support in emergency situations, stemming from non-urgent care to life-threatening circumstances. Heindrichs is also licensed to operate various rescue vehicles, such as ambulances and fire engines.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, Heindrichs worked around the clock, providing critical healthcare and fulfilling his duties as a systems safety engineer for the warfare center. He reflected on overcoming challenges he faced and finding viable solutions stating, "we were experiencing such an increased volume of calls at that time. We had to observe cautionary health restrictions and regulations, including putting on extra protective gear and following strict sanitizing and cleaning procedures for the rescue vehicles. I needed to find effective ways to combat the health crisis and ensure we did everything correctly."

Heindrichs attributes the efficient balance between his career and volunteerism to the support and encouragement he received from his colleagues and leadership. "It became almost another full-time job for me, and I couldn't have done it without the flexibility and understanding from my department and branch leaders that supported me along the way."

Heindrichs' field expertise, capabilities and contributions through his volunteer efforts did not go unnoticed by his peers and department leadership. As one of seven civilian candidates selected, Heindrichs received the NSWCDD Distinguished Community Service Award for his service and dedication to rescue missions. The award citation reads in part, "his commitment to others' safety exemplifies the values of both bravery and selflessness."

"I am truly honored for the recognition and appreciate the nomination," said Heindrichs. "I often tell people who ask me about my rescue squad work that they can do what I do. All it takes is to walk through the door and dedicate yourself." Heindrichs also serves as the rescue squad's training sergeant and treasurer.



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Laguna Beach Taps Sacramento Deputy Chief to Lead Fire Department

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A Sacramento deputy fire chief has been tapped as the next Laguna Beach fire chief, city officials said Wednesday.

Chief Niko King brings almost three decades of fire service experience to the position and will start July 5, following the retirement of Chief Mike Garcia.

“Chief King is recognized as a professional, dedicated, fair leader of high integrity who motivates others and has a great passion for the fire service,” City Manager Shohreh Dupuis said in a press release. “We are delighted to have Chief King continuing the Fire Department success in providing outstanding services to our community in fire prevention, fire protection, and emergency management.”

Prior to becoming deputy fire chief of operations, King served over five years as Sacramento’s assistant fire chief overseeing the Training Division and the launch of a new recruit academy. He also has years of interfacing with the Federal Emergency Management Agency as a strike team leader on several federal activations to large-scale disaster sites across the nation.

King earned a master’s degree in Homeland Security Studies from the **Naval Postgraduate School** and a master’s degree in Emergency Services Administration from California State University Long Beach.

King said he’s excited and honored to be selected as the next Laguna Beach fire chief.

“I look forward to working with the great men and women of the Fire Department, the City’s leadership team, local residents and business owners in continuing to ensure the Department carries out its mission at the highest level,” King said in a press release.

Laguna Beach’s new fire chief will join the agency on the heels of two major wildland fires in the last six months.

A Laguna Beach Firefighters Association spokesperson said Thursday that the union is pleased with King’s appointment.

“The City did a pretty good job of keeping all of the candidates on lockdown. We had a good idea of who was in the process,” Fire Capt. Tom Padden, president of the local firefighters’ union. “We think that Chief King from Sacramento City [Fire] is going to be a good fit. We’ve spoken with him and are looking forward to the new partnership.”

[Laguna Beach taps Sacramento deputy chief to lead fire department - Laguna Beach Local News \(lagunabeachindy.com\)](#)

[Laguna Beach selects Niko King as new fire chief - Los Angeles Times \(latimes.com\)](#)

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Commander Horning Retires from U.S. Navy

(Sequoayah County Times 22 June 22)

Commander Jamie Linn (Humphrey) Horning, a native of Sallisaw and a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, retired on June 2 after serving 28 years serving on active duty in the United States Navy.

Commander Horning graduated from Sallisaw High School in 1994 before entering the U.S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, Maryland, graduating in 1998 with a Bachelor of Science. She earned a Master of Business Administration in 2017 from **Naval Postgraduate School**, Monterey, Calif.



Commissioned as a surface warfare officer, she served aboard USS Ticonderoga (CG 47) and USS David R. Ray (DD 971.) She transitioned to Naval Intelligence serving in combat in Bahrain, Qatar, and other Southwest Asia location during Operation Iraqi Freedom and the Global War on Terrorism in the Pacific, Europe, and Africa areas of operation.

Commander Horning served for six years at the Pentagon on the Chairman Joint Chiefs of Staff in the National Joint Operations Intelligence Center, National Military Command Center, she served as Assistant Executive Officer for the Director, Defense Intelligence Agency. She completed her first of two Pentagon tours as a Joint Staff Officer in 2012 within the J25 Plans, Policy, Current Operations as the Intelligence, Surveillance, Reconnaissance (ISR) division.

In addition to serving three years at the Office of Naval Intelligence in Suitland, MD as the Asia Pacific Intelligence Division Head, she again served on the Joint Staff as the ISR Assessments Division Chief for the Joint Staff J32 ISR Operations Directorate. Her final assignment to DIA's Office of Corporate Communications Strategic Outreach.

Her decorations include the Defense Meritorious Service Medal (3), Joint Service Commendation Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (6), and other personal, service, unit and campaign awards.

Her family includes her sons, James, 16, and Brayden, 10, their father, Lieutenant Commander Brad Horning, U.S. Navy retired, and Markus Perrey, 16.

Her retirement ceremony was held at the U.S. Naval Academy with her Commanding Officer and 1998 classmate, Captain Jillene M. Bushnell, U.S. Navy presiding. The guest of honor and speaker was Hull Maintenance Technician Master Chief William Betterton, U.S. Navy retired who was Commander Horning's, then Ensign Humphrey's, first senior enlisted trainer while onboard the USS Ticonderoga CG47.

Distinguished attendees included Brigadier General Melvin Carter, U.S. Marine Corps, Mr. Soren Jones, Undersecretary for Defense Intelligence and Security's Chief of ISR Operations, and Rear Admiral Thomas Lynch, U.S. Navy retired.

Family who attended the ceremony included her mother, Gloria Jean Whitaker, of Sallisaw; aunt, Kathy Fine of Edmond; cousins, Shelly and Ron Kantola of Fort Smith, and Jeff and Tarah Fine, and Kimberly Fine Eppes all of Edmond; and friends, LeAnn (Kain) and Daniel Kanatzar of Corinth, Texas.

Following retirement, Commander Horning will continue serving as a National Security Strategy Consultant in a civilian capacity in the Washington D.C. area.

Commander Horning owes her desire to serve her country to the citizens of Sallisaw who showered her with love and support as a child growing up. To those of you who dedicated your time and talents to bringing her home to Sallisaw from two kidnappings in her childhood, no matter where she serves in the future, the people of Sallisaw will always represent her home. She said, "God bless our country and those that serve His purpose."

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Right On Crime Welcomes Former Tennessee Corrections Commissioner as Newest Signatory

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Right On Crime recently welcomed its newest signatory, Tony Parker, former Commissioner of the Tennessee Department of Corrections with 38 years in the field of corrections and current President of the Fourth Purpose Foundation. Parker signed the conservative criminal justice reform organization's Statement of Principles pledging to support a cost-effective system that protects citizens, restores victims, reduces recidivism, and prioritizes public safety.

"I am honored to support the work and principles of Right On Crime," said Parker. "As Americans, we must question the return on investment we receive from the practice of incarcerating individuals when



there is no focus on the most important aspect of the correctional mission, which is effective rehabilitation.”

Parker adds, “When people see the only mission of corrections as being retribution, the true mission of corrections is lost and the product we receive is a broken system that recycles individuals in and out of our prisons resulting in high recidivism rates, increased crime and more victims. Our citizens deserve the most effective criminal justice system possible, and Right On Crime is working hard to make that a reality.”

“I look forward to working with Tony Parker and leaning into his correctional expertise and leadership in this critical area of criminal justice reform,” said Brett Tolman, Right On Crime Executive Director and former U.S. Attorney. “Our criminal justice system must be transparent and be held accountable at every step. As a prosecutor, I’ve put thousands of criminals behind bars, but when the majority are eventually released, how do we want them returning to our communities? Public safety must be our focus.”

Parker began his career as a Correctional Officer and rose through the ranks to Warden, Assistant Commissioner, and finally Commissioner. Mr. Parker was first appointed Commissioner in June of 2016 by former Governor Bill Haslam and was reappointed in January 2019 by Governor Bill Lee. Parker also currently serves as the President of the American Correctional Association (ACA).

Mr. Parker earned an Associate’s degree in Criminal Justice from Dyersburg State Community College, a Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice from the University of Tennessee at Martin and a Master of Arts degree in Security Studies with an emphasis in Homeland Security from the prestigious **Naval Postgraduate School (NPS)** in Monterey, California.

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NAVSUP FLC Bahrain Holds Change of Command

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Naval Supply Systems Command (NAVSUP) Fleet Logistics Center (FLC) Bahrain held a change of command ceremony during which Captain Alex D. Wallace, III relieved Captain Timothy R. Griffin as commanding officer on June 23, 2022, at Naval Support Activity Bahrain.

Griffin, a native of Essex, Missouri and earned a Bachelor of Science at Southeast Missouri State University, a master of business administration at the **Naval Postgraduate School**, executive education at Duke University and Georgetown University, and joint military professional education at the naval command and staff college. He assumed command of NAVSUP FLC Bahrain on Aug. 20, 2020 and during his time as commanding officer NAVSUP FLC Bahrain executed 4,328 installation and ship support contracts valued at \$287.5 million; provided logistics support to 78 deployed ships during 534 port visits to the Kingdom of Bahrain, Djibouti, Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Sultanate of Oman, Pakistan, Qatar, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates; delivered 55,000 pallets of cargo and provisions; processed and delivered 16.7 million pounds of mail; and executed 5,955 household goods shipments. Additionally, his team executed the first contracts within six hours of notification that facilitated the safe transit of more than 7,000 U.S. citizens and evacuees traveling from Afghanistan through the Kingdom of Bahrain during Operation Allies Refuge. Captain Griffin was awarded the Legion of Merit during the ceremony.

Captain Griffin stated, "Leading this command has been the biggest honor of my career and I will cherish the time I had with this outstanding team more than I can put into words. I'm extremely proud of the climate we built and the support we provided our mission partners across the U.S. Naval Forces Central Command area of responsibility. It has been inspiring to see the great work this team does every day to support the fleet and keep them in the fight."



