



# NPS IN THE NEWS

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### [Terry Fellows New Extension Veterans Outreach Administrator](#)

*(St. Clair Times 8 Nov 22)*

Terry Fellows stepped into his new role as our Extension Veterans Outreach Administrator on Monday... Following his deployment, Fellows was selected to serve as the Aide-De-Camp for the Assistance Division Commander of 2nd Marine Division. Then a 1st Lieutenant, Fellows was selected to attend The **Naval Postgraduate School** in Monterey, Ca. to pursue a Master of Business Administration, specializing in material logistics management, which he was awarded in December, 2009.

### [Soldiers Who Transitioned to Become Florida Lawyers Recall Their Service to the Nation](#)

*(The Florida Bar 10 Nov 22) ... Jim Ash*

Both Dinsmore associates and beginning lawyers say Veteran's Day holds a special resonance as they honor former comrades and launch a second career that involves serving something greater than themselves

### [Get to Know Chip Cotton: Veterans Day Spotlight](#)

*(GE 12 Nov 22)*

At GE Research, we are lucky to have dedicated military veterans and servicemembers on our team. This month, we have the honor of highlighting their service and commitment. We spoke to Chip Cotton, an account executive in government relations for energy programs at GE...I retired as a captain after more than 23 years of Naval service. I was a Supply Corps officer responsible for logistical operations. I served sea tours on the USS HOUSTON (SSN 713) and USS KEARSARGE. On shore duty, I worked at the Defense Accounting and Finance Center in Cleveland, Ohio, earned a MS in Operations Research at the **Naval Postgraduate School** in Monterey, California, worked for the Military Traffic Management Command in Falls Church, VA, the Navy Personnel Command in Millington, TN, and was the Executive Officer at the Fleet Industrial Supply Center in Jacksonville, FL. Finally, I served as the lead readiness evaluation officer on the Chief of Naval Operations (CNO) staff where I also stood up Navy's Task Force on Energy. In 2006, while on the CNO staff, I served on a special assignment providing logistical support to all the Special Forces in the Middle East based in Doha, Qatar for nearly a year, including stints in Iraq, Afghanistan, Kuwait, Bahrain, Jordan, Kenya, and Lebanon.

### [Lewes Native Justin Kates Named to FEMA Advisory Council](#)

*(Cape Gazette 10 Nov 22)*

Sussex Technical High School alumnus and 2010 University of Delaware graduate Justin Kates was recently named to the Federal Emergency Management Association's new National Advisory Council...After graduating from the University of Delaware in 2010, Kates held the position of director of emergency management for the City of Nashua, N.H., for 10 years. He recently accepted the position of director of emergency management and communications for Somerville, Mass., after obtaining a master's degree from the **Naval Postgraduate School's** Center for Homeland Defense and Security. Kates has been a local firefighter, emergency responder and emergency



management instructor since college. He also has been an adjunct faculty member in search, rescue and emergency management for several New England colleges.

### **Fairfield Hires a New Fire Chief**

*(Journal News 11 Nov 22) ... Michael D. Pitman*

Thomas Lakamp will begin his tenure as Fairfield's fire chief on Dec. 5... He holds a Master of Arts in Securities Studies (Homeland Security) from the **Naval Postgraduate School** and a Bachelor of Science in Fire and Safety Engineering. He's also been a featured speaker at various fire service professional organization events and earned a number of awards, including the City of Cincinnati's Fire Chief's Award in 2016 and the Distinguished Service Award in 2015.

### **RADM Hash: China Lake Rebuild on Schedule**

*(Daily Independent 11 Nov 22) ... Jessica Weston*

RADM Keith Hash speaks to the China Lake Alliance Nov. 3, 2022 at the SpringHill Suites in Ridgecrest. Hash is Commander of the Naval Air Warfare Center Weapons Division... He also graduated from the United States Naval Test Pilot School Cooperative Program with a Master of Science in Aeronautical Engineering from the **Naval Postgraduate School** in Monterey, California, and he is also a graduate of the Carrier Airborne Early Warning Weapons School (CAEWWS), the Naval War College, and the Defense Systems Management College.

### **DocGo Launches Program to Hire Military Community Members Through Partnership with Hiring Our Heroes**

*(HealthCareDive 11 Nov 22)*

DocGo plans to hire service members, veterans and military spouses in entry-level to leadership position... David Schulz is instrumental in the implementation of this program at DocGo and is a current DocGo SkillBridge fellow. Schulz joined the company after serving more than 20 years as an Army Officer in roles as a White House Fellow, as a U.S. Diplomat at the US Embassy in Mexico City and San Salvador and as a front-line Infantry Commander in Afghanistan and Iraq. He brings a diverse range of expertise and is tri-lingual, holds advanced degrees from the University of Texas, the **Naval Postgraduate School** and UCLA, and is an Army Airborne Ranger.

### **Names in the News: November 13, 2022**

*(Fire Engineering 13 Nov 22)*

This bi-weekly series is dedicated to the latest promotions and other news within the fire service... THOMAS LAKAMP will take over as the new chief of the Fairfield (OH) Fire Department (FFD) on December 5. Lakamp is a 26-year veteran of the Cincinnati (OH) Fire Department, where he had been serving as the assistant chief of its administrative services bureau since 2016. He has a master's of arts in securities studies (Homeland Security) from the **Naval Postgraduate School** and a bachelor's of science in fire and safety engineering. Lakamp has been a featured speaker at FDIC International and earned Cincinnati's Fire Chief's Award in 2016 and Distinguished Service Award in 2015.

## **UPCOMING NEWS & EVENTS:**

**Nov 15-18:** [Strategic Planning for Execution: Assessment & Risk](#) (SPEAR)

**Nov 24:** Thanksgiving (Federal Holiday)

**Dec 5:** [Navy Senior Leader Seminar](#) (NSLS)

**Dec 6:** [NPS Defense Energy Seminar](#)

**Dec 6:** Fall Quarter Pre-Graduation Awards Ceremony

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“Our Defense Innovation Fund and Seed Program allow private funding to quickly and directly propel innovation in the Department of Defense and catalyze partnerships between industry, academia and government,” said Karen Hargrove, NPS Foundation Trustee and chair of the Foundation’s Funding Committee. “The myriad of threats facing our nation are diverse and complex. We must work together to advance our national security in the face of new and evolving challenges.”

The Naval Postgraduate School Foundation uses a competitive, venture capital funding model to select SEED and Seedling projects that are at the forefront of responding to the new threats facing our country. Earlier this year, the NPS Foundation invested \$625,000 in research and facility enhancements through the Foundation’s Defense Innovation Fund. This second round of funding for 2022 supports Naval Postgraduate School priorities and accelerates the adoption of new capabilities into the Naval services and the broader Department of Defense.

The Foundation provided \$75,000 in Seedling funding to support the Fifth Generation Maintainer project, led by Dr. Imre Balogh and the NPS MOVES Institute, which explores the use of augmented reality to support maintenance processes, documentation and quality assurance across the Naval enterprise. The research team already has two patents granted, with seven more in process, and is working with a number of Naval Warfare Centers. The funding supports the continued research and development of processes and technologies that are adaptable, scalable, and resource efficient.

The following seven projects received \$10,000 each in SEED funding:

- Leveraging Commercial Capabilities for Spacecraft Design, under the direction of Dr. Wenschel Lan, will explore the use of current national technical means (NTM) systems using disaggregated assets to provide improved timing accuracy in support of space and distributed maritime operations. NPS’ Small Satellite Lab aims to collaborate with TrustPoint to develop a payload prototype and design a spacecraft mission to investigate the feasibility and fidelity of this cutting-edge technology against ground-based timing sources.
- Autonomous Small Satellite Ground Station Environmental Modeling, under the direction of Dr. Giovanni Minelli and Noah Weitz, will test autonomous data collection through monitoring hardware and machine learning algorithms on the Mobile CubeSat Command and Control (MC3) ground station site at NPS to improve situational awareness, reduce troubleshooting durations, and test and improve currently existing software and infrastructure within the space domain. This project also enables integration and testing of Microsoft’s Azure Stack Edge hardware as part of the Cooperative Research and Development Agreement between NPS and Microsoft, further expanding machine learning capabilities at remote ground sites and in the cloud.
- Cryophones: Air Deployable Arctic ASW Sensors, under the direction of Ben Reeder and John Joseph, seeks to further develop a new type of air-deployed sensor that takes advantage of the acoustic propagation physics of ice to better support undersea warfare operations and enable novelty capabilities aligned with the U.S. Navy’s 2021 Arctic Strategy, A Blue Arctic: A Strategic Blueprint for the Arctic.
- Building Education Programs from Required Competencies using AI, under the direction of Dr. Miriam Alves and Dr. Dennis Lester, seeks to specify an innovative approach to review and re-design inter- and multidisciplinary education programs using artificial intelligence and intelligence augmentation to adapt



the education offerings to current and emerging warfighter's competency needs. This project supports the 78th Secretary of the Navy's strategic guidance "to develop leaders with the warfighting rigor, intellectual dynamism, and innovative creativity to maintain strategic advantage against competitors and global adversaries."

- Asynchronous Distance Learning for Naval Students, under the direction of Dr. Don Brutzman, focuses on course adaptation for asynchronous learning by Naval officers and NPS graduates, providing options for assessment and Distance Learning credit by prospective students, encouraging graduate study.
- Open-Source System Modeling Library, under the direction of Dr. Ray Madachy, seeks to further the open-source software Python Modeling Library (PyML) for wide adoption of engineers across disciplines in support of digital engineering practice, teaching and research in the DOD.
- Communication and Disinfection Lighting System, under the direction of Dr. Weilan Su, explores the development of a smart lighting system based on LEDs with UV and communication capabilities that simultaneously sanitize the air. This initial funding supports the development of a detailed research proposal and initial research.

In addition to supporting Naval Postgraduate School priorities, projects such as those exploring space systems technologies and undersea warfare technologies align with the DOD's Technology Vision, the Chief of Naval Operations NAVPLAN 2022 and the 2022 National Defense Strategy to increase collaboration with commercial partners to augment existing capabilities and foster rapid future capability employment.

"The SEED and Seedling funding from the NPS Foundation allows NPS to be highly flexible and responsive to emerging threats and innovative technologies. This support is critical to ensuring that we maintain a competitive advantage over our near-peer adversaries," said Dr. Kevin Smith, NPS Vice Provost for Research. "The opportunities provided by the NPS Foundation to engage and partner with industry has greatly expanded our capabilities. These relationships are recognized as mutually beneficial and provide a unique opportunity in support of the warfighter."

The NPS Foundation's Defense Innovation Fund moves projects from concept to capability by providing the initial investment to develop projects to the point where they can compete for federal spending. The SEED program uses a venture capital model to support research projects that address operational challenges and educational advancement. If the initial research shows sufficient progress and potential, those projects can become "Seedlings" and receive additional funding. The investment in early-stage research creates opportunities for the Naval Postgraduate School to develop capabilities well before the military services uncover a vulnerability or opportunity. By funding early-stage projects, ideas from some of our nation's brightest are transformed into scalable and world-changing solutions for defense, technology, energy, climate and more.

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During the pandemic, most types of violent crime decreased. But new research out of the University of Pennsylvania and the **Naval Postgraduate School (NPS)** published in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences found that in 2020 risk of street crime victimization increased, with the possibility of robbery and assault in public places jumping by 15% to 30%.

“The chance of this sort of attack was still very small,” says Penn criminologist Aaron Chalfin, co-author on the paper. “But it’s true that at that point in time people were less safe outside.”

Chalfin and Maxim Massenkoff, an NPS assistant professor and paper co-author, decided to investigate these statistics after seeing the disturbing—and somewhat confusing—2020 homicide trend. “Homicides went up the most that they’d ever gone up, by 25% to 30%,” Chalfin says. “Rarely do you see murder rates go one direction and other crimes go another. Usually when one is up, everything is up. When one is down, everything’s down. They tend to move together.”

Yet occurrences of all other violent crimes dropped. The researchers wanted to understand this divergence and whether, in the early pandemic days, it affected how safe people were when they left their homes.

“We don’t often give this idea of crimes per capita a second thought. But why per capita? It’s meant to capture a notion of risk because otherwise any big area would seem more dangerous than a small area,” Massenkoff says. This shorthand may have become less reliable during the pandemic, he says. “If risk is what we’re after, we needed to adjust for the fact that people were far less likely to venture outside at that time. It’s a fundamentally simple question: We know we want a denominator when we measure crime rate, but what should that be?”

Chalfin and Massenkoff used several approaches to evaluate changes to victimization risk. First, they analyzed crimes known to law enforcement using data from the FBI’s Uniform Crime Reporting Program and the National Crime Victimization Survey. They then zeroed in on serious crimes that took place “in public,” which they defined as anything not within the confines of a residential building or connected property, including streets, parks, alleyways, commercial establishments, and office buildings.

To measure total time in public, Chalfin and Massenkoff turned to new anonymized cellphone mobility data. They also used time-use data, for which respondents reported how they spent the past 24 hours.

The cellphone and survey data, combined with the different crime sources, suggest the same conclusion: In March 2020, public victimization risk matched what it had been in March 2019, but April 2020 looked significantly different than April 2019. Street crimes such as assault and robbery dropped by more than 30% yet the risk of experiencing these skyrocketed by 40%.

This elevated risk continued throughout the summer of 2020, though to a slightly lesser degree. All told, for the 10 months between March and December of that year, incidence of public violence dropped by 19% compared to the previous year, but the risk of victimization was up by about 14%.

“We were trying to resolve what was really happening,” Chalfin says. The researchers determined that, despite lower crime levels, the threat of violence people might experience outside their homes had increased.

The analysis doesn’t explain why there was greater risk, says Chalfin. “Was it frustration over COVID? Something to do with the police? Loss of trust in societal institutions? Maybe just fewer eyes on the street. We make no claims about what it was.” They do know, however, that it wasn’t about people simply reporting fewer crimes, a factor their analysis refuted. They also ruled out the notion that the mix of people spending time in public—for instance, a group with a higher baseline risk of victimization—might have played a role.

These findings point to the fact that looking at one dataset in a vacuum, even if it’s one that’s commonly used, can lead to incorrect conclusions; in this case, Chalfin says, crime rate on its own was masking the public health issue at play, something people were likely feeling and noticing regardless of what the “official” crime data suggested.

“My view is, we shouldn’t bury our head in the sand about this or use a creative reading of the data to deny it,” he says. “It’s just a question of what do we want to do now? Different political ideologies have different ideas; surely, we can come to some consensus that works for a given city or given county.”

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“When it comes to understanding the ocean, sound is everything, but persistent listening is extremely difficult and expensive,” explains Yi Chao, Ph.D., Seatrec’s CEO and Founder. “The Naval Postgraduate School is a great partner, and we are excited to help them research acoustic impacts more effectively and affordably. Providing the necessary scientific instruments that are powered by the ocean’s own temperature differences opens the door to persistent monitoring of our oceans in an economical manner.”

Studies show that noise from humans adversely affects a broad range of organisms including whales, fish, jellyfish, squid and octopuses. High noise levels even contribute to deformities among scallop larvae. However, the true extent of impacts from noise pollution is not well understood.

The emergence of the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020 brought with it unprecedented silence as human activities related to commerce and recreation all but ceased. That reduction in human activity gave scientists a new baseline for ocean noise and highlighted the impact that human noise pollution has on life in the ocean.

“Sound is the way the Navy and many marine animals ‘see’ through the ocean,” says John Joseph, the principal investigator and faculty associate for research at the Naval Postgraduate School. “It’s critical that we understand the reach and scale of the collective human impact on the ocean soundscape to inform strategies for protecting marine species and improving naval operations for the defense of our ships and Sailors at sea.”

The COVID-related silence also offered a powerful argument for broadening the deployment of hydrophones to monitor ocean noise and to include hydrophones on autonomous platforms to provide real-time acoustic data for the dynamic management of vulnerable areas. Underwater gliders have been used in this role and are also used by the Navy for passive surveillance, but they are powered by batteries with a limited lifetime and are usually confined to near the coast.

Traditional hydrophones are positioned at depths around 1,000 meters (3,300 feet), within the SOFAR (SOund Fixing And Ranging) channel, where the sound speed is minimum. Sound is trapped within this SOFAR channel by refraction and can travel slowly over great distances. Hydrophones can be lowered into the SOFAR channel from a ship, which is expensive to operate – often starting at \$50,000 per day. They can also be placed on the seafloor and powered by fiber optic cables connected to a shore station on land, but there are only a handful of places with this infrastructure.

“Our hydrophone float powered by Seatrec’s patented energy harvesting system can be deployed into the SOFAR channel anywhere over the world’s ocean,” said Yi. “It offers nearly unlimited persistent surveillance of the ocean without the need for ship support as the float battery is recharged by the temperature differences in the ocean.”

Naval forces have an inherent operational reason to be quiet at sea, and the research into ocean noise may provide additional insight for the Navy and Marine Corps in planning for future underway operations.

“Passive acoustic listening has many operational and research applications in the Navy, and our students at NPS conduct applied research to meet naval-unique needs for at-sea operations that require measurements of ambient noise, understanding soundscapes and monitoring of marine mammals,” added

Joseph. “Because the Seatrec platform will be long-lived, and is remotely operated, it can provide extensive time series of information to oceanographers and naval researchers to measure acoustics and how they are changing from human impact including climate change.”

This research effort is supported by the Consortium for Robotics and Unmanned Systems Education and Research (CRUSER) at NPS, which is funded by the Office of Naval Research to provide a collaborative environment for the advancement of educational and research endeavors across the Navy and Marine Corps.

This project comes on the heels of Seatrec’s recent launch of Project NEMO – an initiative in partnership with The Nippon Foundation-GEBCO Seabed 2030 Project to install an active acoustic echosounder to Seatrec’s thermally powered float.

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Six-game champion Eric Ahasic won his quarterfinal last Friday against four-time champ Jackie Kelly and Jeopardy! National College Championship winner Jaskaran Singh. After picking up both Daily Doubles in Double Jeopardy! and coming up with the correct Final Jeopardy! response, the meteorologist from Minneapolis finished first with a whopping score of \$39,201.

John Focht, a software developer originally from El Paso, Texas, put on an equally impressive performance during Thursday’s matchup between seven-game champion Courtney Shah and Second Chance winner Rowan Ward. The four-time winner advanced to the semifinals with a runaway victory and score of \$32,000.

Seven-time champion Brian Chang, five-game champ Tyler Rhode, and four-game winner Margaret Shelton went head-to-head Wednesday in the third game of the quarterfinals. Tyler, a director at a start-up in New York City, proved victorious and advanced to the semifinals with a score of \$34,800.

Tuesday’s game between 11-game super-champ Jonathan Fisher, five-time champion Andrew He, and four-game winner Christine Whelchel ended with a nail-biting Final Jeopardy! round that left all three contestants stumped. But, thanks to his calculated wagering strategy, Andrew, a software developer from San Francisco, prevailed and won his game by \$2 with a score of \$12,001.

Four-time winner Maureen O’Neil scored the first win in the tournament last Monday during her game against 16-game super-champion Ryan Long and six-game champ Megan Wachspress. Maureen, an executive assistant from Cambridge, Massachusetts, won the game with a score of \$16,799 and earned her spot in the semifinals.

The six winners of the quarterfinal games will go up against the three seeded super-champions – Amy Schneider, Matt Amodio, and Mattea Roach – in the semifinals, which start on Wednesday, November 9. They are now one step closer to securing the Tournament of Champions title and grand prize of \$250,000.





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Jeopardy! Tournament of Champions 2022 aired its second game of the semi-finals on Thursday, November 10, 2022.

Season 38 champion Matt Amodio was one of the competitors on the episode. While the remaining two players earned a spot in the semi-finals after winning their quarter-final rounds held last week, Matt had a direct ticket to the latest episode.

Matt advanced directly to the semi-finals as he was the second-highest scorer of season 38, after Amy Schneider (40 wins). Take a look at the list of players of the November 10 episode:

Matt Amodio (38 wins, \$39,082 average score): a postdoctoral researcher from Cambridge, Massachusetts.

John Focht (4 wins: \$22,016 average score): a software team lead originally from El Paso, Texas.

Sam Buttrey (Professors Tournament champion): an associate professor of operations research at the **Naval Postgraduate School** from Pacific Grove, California.

## Today's Jeopardy! winner is Sam Buttrey

The November 10 game was pretty intense. The players played wonderfully, however, 38-day-winner Matt seemed nervous as he struggled to win.

The categories for the first round were "All Over The Map, Organizations, Nutrition, 21st Century Bestsellers, Celebs, Drop The Mic."

The scores of all three players were quite close to each other. While Sam Buttrey took the lead with a score of \$4,600, John Focht earned \$4,200 and Matt banked \$4,000. None of them gave an incorrect answer, except Matt, as he delivered one wrong answer.

In the second round, the categories included "The Lore Of The Land, Scientific Trios, The Rock Bassist'S Group, We Spy, With Our Little 'I', Something That Is..."

Matt found the first Daily Double and his score went up to \$16,800. While he was searching for another Daily Double, Sam found it and won \$6,000. Towards the end of the Double Jeopardy round, Sam's total was \$23,000. John landed in third place with \$12,600.

In the Final Jeopardy, all the players gave the right answer to the final question. While Matt played it safe and wagered \$0, John and Sam's wagering amounts went up over \$10,000. Sam was the highest scorer on the November 10 episode.

Hence, Sam Buttrey won Jeopardy! today.

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Buttrey, an associate professor of operations research at the **Naval Postgraduate School**, secured his spot in the finals after winning in the semifinals on Thursday, Nov. 10.

It came down to Final Jeopardy. The clue: "By ferry, the distance between these 2 paired Mediterranean islands is about 40 miles from Alcludia to Ciudadella," Buttrey correctly answered, "what are Majorca and Minorca?" His \$10,601 wager was enough to advance him to the finals.



The NPS professor is now vying for a second "Jeopardy!" title after he won the inaugural Professors Tournament last December. But winning that second title will not be easy. Buttrey faces Andrew He and super champion Amy Schneider.

A champion will not be crowned in one night. The finals will follow a best-of-seven format. The first contestant with three wins gets the tournament title and a grand prize of \$250,000.

While we don't know who will win quite yet. One thing is clear. The winner will be from California because all three contestants are from the Golden State. He is from San Francisco and Schneider is from Oakland.

[California professor chases second Jeopardy! tournament title \(ksbw.com\)](https://www.ksbw.com)

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## **ELECTIONS 2022: Williamson, Albert in Tight Race for Monterey Mayor**

*(Monterey Herald 8 Nov 22) ... Tess Kenny*

After the first wave of local election results, the contest for Monterey's new mayor is staying close, with candidates Tyller Williamson and Dan Albert within just a couple hundred votes of one another in early returns.

With 37.6% of ballots cast tallied so far, Williamson is leading the head-to-head contest with 51.6% of votes counted, while Albert is trailing with 48.4% of the share, per the latest results released by the Monterey County Elections Office just ahead of midnight Wednesday.

Though holding on to just a slight lead, Williamson was in high spirits following first insight into the election's outcome. Spending Tuesday evening at Oscar's Playground on Cannery Row for an election party alongside friends and supporters, the councilman said while he "doesn't want to jump to conclusions, we're off to a good start."

"Just seeing the numbers, I anticipate maintaining support through the night. ... Obviously, I would have liked a little bit more of a comfortable lead, but I think this is just an example of the democratic process," Williamson remarked. If elected, Williamson would be Monterey's first Black and openly gay mayor.

"I think it's a message that people want change," he continued. "They want to find a way for Monterey to move forward."

Albert said over the phone Tuesday night that he could not provide any comment on the election until more results come out, noting that the race is close and the majority of votes still have yet to be accounted for.

Sharing an aspiration to rise ranks from councilman to mayor, Albert has served on the Monterey City Council since 2016, while Williamson has served on the council since 2018.

Williamson, 35, set his sights on mayor with the hope of ushering Monterey into a new era and engaging younger generations of residents, he told The Herald earlier this year. When elected in 2018, Williamson became the city's first Black and openly gay council member.

Apart from four years on the Monterey City Council, Williamson's experience in public service includes time spent working on President Barack Obama's 2012 re-election campaign and, more recently, co-founding Monterey Peninsula Pride.

Williamson ran policy on a platform of developing a sustainable source of affordable housing, addressing the needs of renters in Monterey and finding a long-term solution to limited water access on the Monterey Peninsula. Other issues on the councilman's to-do list if elected are ensuring the city's financial stability as it continues to recover from COVID-19 and promoting greater citizen participation.

For Albert, the mayoral seat became a possibility after Mayor Clyde Roberson announced he would not be running for reelection in July. Tapped by Roberson to be his successor, Albert stepped up because he believed it would be "a good time to put my experience into the city," he said previously.

Should he be elected, Albert would be following in the footsteps of his father, Dan Albert Sr., who served 27 years on the Monterey City Council, including 20 years as mayor.



Albert focused his campaign on securing a sustainable water source to support future city projects and expansion, housing and development, rental assistance, reducing homelessness and bolstering the city's Neighborhood Community Improvement Program.

Meanwhile, the city of Monterey, which held district-based elections for the first time this year, had two other council races this cycle that were uncontested.

Current Councilman Ed Smith ran for reelection unopposed in District 2.

Kim Barber, university administrator at CSU Monterey Bay, ran unchallenged for the council's District 1 seat, filling the slot left open by Williamson.

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## ALUMNI:

### Terry Fellows New Extension Veterans Outreach Administrator

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Terry Fellows stepped into his new role as our Extension Veterans Outreach Administrator on Monday.

“The St. Clair County Commission provides funding for this position and we are very thankful for their support,” said Lee Ann Clark, the St. Clair County Extension Coordinator. “Prior to joining our team, he worked for the Chicago Cubs as a Minor League Clubhouse/Equipment Manager for five seasons and two seasons with the Tampa Bay Rays system, which included his first season with the Montgomery Biscuits.”

Prior to baseball, Fellows served in the United States Marine Corps for nearly 21 years.

He served in the enlisted ranks for 10 years as an infantryman, serving in various roles, from squad leader to platoon sergeant.

Fellows participated in various deployments, which included the 22nd Marine Expeditionary Unit, which provided ground support for Operations Guardian Retrieval and Nobel Oblisk off the coast of Africa in the Congo and Sierra Leone.

Additionally, he participated in UNITAS deployment, which was designed to train forces in joint maritime operations through littoral warfare exercises. These exercises were conducted with every coastal country in South America.

In 2001, Fellows was selected to participate in the Marine Enlisted Commissioning Education Program. During this program he attended The Citadel as an Active Duty Enlisted Marine in pursuit of his criminal justice degree. It was there where he prepared for and received his commissioning as a Second Lieutenant upon graduation in 2004.

Fellows went on to complete officer training at The Basic School and Infantry Officers Course before joining 1st Battalion 2nd Marines at Second Marine Division aboard Camp Lejeune, NC., where he was assigned as a Platoon Commander and lead his Marines in Iraq during Operation Enduring Freedom from 2005 to 2007.

Following his deployment, Fellows was selected to serve as the Aide-De-Camp for the Assistance Division Commander of 2nd Marine Division. Then a 1st Lieutenant, Fellows was selected to attend The **Naval Postgraduate School** in Monterey, Ca. to pursue a Master of Business Administration, specializing in material logistics management, which he was awarded in December, 2009.

Upon graduation, he was issued orders to Marine Corps Logistics Base, Albany, Ga.

During this tour, he fulfilled the duties of Assistant Operations Officer while deployed to Operation Enduring Freedom (OEF) at Camp Leatherneck, Afghanistan and upon his return from OEF he was selected, for a second time, to be the Aide-De-Camp for the Commanding General.

In 2012, he reassigned to the 3rd Battalion 6th Marines and was assigned as a Company Commander for Kilo Company and deployed to Okinawa while participating in Unit Deployment Program (UDP) and



then was internally transferred to be the Company Commander for the Headquarters Company for 6th Marine Regiment, leading nearly 600 Marines before retiring in 2015.

Fellows was born in Waterloo, N.Y., and spent the majority of his childhood in Alaska before moving back to Upstate New York to complete high school at Avon Central High.

He currently resides in Talladega with his bride, Jennifer, at their dream home on the lake.

Fellows has two boys, Andrew and Evan, who serve as a Police Officer and a Marine respectively.

He enjoys fishing and observing all that Mother Nature provides as his greatest joy during his free time, as well as spending time with senior veterans in the community.

“He is enthusiastic about getting started in this role,” Clark said.

She said his first priority is to work to gain confidence and build trust among his fellow veterans through personal engagement, while seeking to understand each individual situation they are facing.

“He also realizes that there is a lot to learn in order to ensure that the veterans, military families, and those who continue to serve within St. Clair County receive the support available to them,” Clark said.

“He feels strongly that there needs to be a platform established that will bring our veterans closer to each other. He hopes to establish one by pulling together potential programs that are specifically designed to establish a network within the county and bring back a band of brotherhood/sisterhood.”

She said Terry intends to accomplish this by maintaining and strengthening the solid foundation that has already been established before him by Curtis Pippin, Wayne Johnson, and Greg Jacobik.

“Collectively, the St. Clair County Commission, Extension Office and Auburn University will effectively seek, assess and meet the unique needs of those we serve,” Clark said.

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## **Soldiers Who Transitioned to Become Florida Lawyers Recall Their Service to the Nation**

*(The Florida Bar 10 Nov 22) ... Jim Ash*

Both Dinsmore associates and beginning lawyers say Veteran’s Day holds a special resonance as they honor former comrades and launch a second career that involves serving something greater than themselves

From deployments to Iraq and Kuwait as a combat medic, to his law school days volunteering at a veteran’s legal clinic, to his Bar oath not to reject the “defenseless and oppressed,” Tampa attorney Christopher Odgers’ life has revolved around service.

“When I was in basic training, we had one sergeant who would say that there’s only three professions that have to take an oath, and that is lawyers, doctors and military members,” he said. “I think about that. A lot.”

Three decades of military service for Tampa attorney Andrew Zacherl involved multiple combat tours of Iraq and Afghanistan, and humanitarian assistance missions to New Orleans after Hurricane Katrina, and Thailand after the Indian Ocean earthquake and tsunami killed nearly 230,000.

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“As lawyers, I’m afraid we’re too hard on ourselves sometimes,” Zacherl said. “Whether [clients] are facing dire consequences, criminal charges, the potential loss of life, liberty, and property, or whether they need to figure out how they are going to hand down their property to the next generation, we are making the rule of law real to somebody. It’s all service.”

Odgers didn’t mention his Army enlistment until a week before basic training. The Iraq war was on, Odgers was a recent high school graduate, and his parents were dead set against it.

“My parents worked very hard to provide for us, and they didn’t want to see their son coming home in a body bag,” he said.



A California native who was raised in Las Vegas, Odgers figured his future was in medicine or the law. But when the 2008 recession hit and jobs evaporated, the Army's offer seemed too good to ignore.

"I was looking for other ways to find a career path, and the Army had a combat medic position, and I figured if I was going to join, I would join as medic and be able to help people," he said.

The military wasn't a stretch, given his family history.

"My grandfather was in the Air Force and the Navy, my dad was in the Marine Corps, I have a cousin who is in the Army, I have another cousin who is in Coast Guard, and another cousin was Air Force, if I'm remembering correctly," he said.

Odgers served from 2009 to 2015 — four years of active duty and two years in the Army Reserves — before he decided to go to law school.

After basic training at Fort Sill in Oklahoma, and medical training in Fort Sam Houston in San Antonio, "my first really only duty station was Fort Hood, in Killeen, Texas," he said.

For about a year, between 2011 and 2012, Odgers' unit was deployed to Iraq and Kuwait.

In October 2011, President Barack Obama announced the war was over, and with Iraqi President Nouri al Maliki agreed, 40,000 U.S. troops would return home.

"My unit was in the drawdown, we were one of the last convoys out of Iraq, and then we stayed in Kuwait as an emergency response team after the drawdown," Odgers said. "My unit was tasked with breaking down outposts, and then convoying all of the materials back to Joint Base Balad, where it was air-lifted out."

Joint Base Balad was a sprawling Iraqi/U.S. air base about 40 miles north of Baghdad. There were occasional enemy mortar rounds, but they failed to inflict serious damage, Odgers said.

"At that time, we had a fairly peaceful relationship with the Iraqis because we were breaking everything down and moving out," he said. "So, we were fortunate enough not to have any serious injuries during our deployment."

Odgers' assignment was "senior line medic."

"I had four medics underneath me, three to four at the time, who were working directly with the soldiers, and then I was riding with the troop leadership, the sergeants, the first sergeants, the commander," he said.

Odgers' medical training still came in handy.

"I got very good at diagnosing knee and back problems," he said. "I'm also very familiar with diagnoses for flus and colds."

In addition to the mortar attacks, "improvised explosive devices" (IEDs) were a constant threat to the convoys. Months of separation from family and friends could be challenging, Odgers acknowledges.

"While I was deployed, my grandmother died, and I had to miss the funeral, and that was probably the worst part," he said. "Christmas is tough, but there's a lot of support groups out there that send well wishes, cards and packages to make the experience a little less difficult."

Toward the end of his military career, Odgers considered becoming a doctor, but figured 27 was too late to begin medical training. A roommate at Texas State University, where Odgers completed his undergraduate degree, raved about his hometown, Ft. Myers.

Odgers looked at Florida law schools, and Stetson looked especially appealing when Odgers learned about the Veterans Law Institute, where students help ex-military and their families navigate the VA benefits system.

"The first semester, you get to assist with helping veterans file VA claims for disability benefits," he said. "The second semester, you get to help veterans appeal denials of claims in front of the court of appeals for veterans' claims."

Odgers joined the Bar September 24, 2021. An associate, he focuses primarily on construction, consumer finance and health care law. When he's not practicing, he spends a lot of time volunteering with the Florida Association of Veteran-Owned Businesses.

Odgers will spend Veteran's Day reminiscing with an Army friend who is visiting from Texas.

Odgers has no regrets about volunteering for military service.

"It takes a lot, but there's a lot of great things that come out of it as well," he said. "There's camaraderie; some of my closest friends are people I served with in Iraq, and they always will be."



Zacherl retired from MacDill Air Force Base as chief of psychological operations in 2019, a full Army colonel. Nine days later, he was attending Stetson law school orientation.

Zacherl was 50. His youngest classmate was 19.

“I lost count of the number of times that people asked me for directions during the first week, because I couldn’t be a student, right?”

Zacherl entered law school with a master’s degree in international relations and defense analysis, but he muzzled any reflex to “look down” on his less experienced classmates.

“One of the things I loved about law school was, I did feel different, but not excluded,” he said. “I have many law school friends who are many years my junior.”

Zacherl joined the military after graduating high school in 1987 in Chicago. His family wasn’t wealthy, and he needed help paying for college.

Organic chemistry “cured” him of his initial desire to become a veterinarian.

“For four years I was an infantryman in the Oklahoma National Guard, in the 45th Air Assault Brigade,” he said. “I was commissioned as an officer in armor, in tanks.”

He served as a tank officer for eight years, and as his career progressed, he crossed the country and the world. He served variously in Fort Knox, Fort Bragg, and Germany. In 1995, he applied for and was accepted into a special operations field, psychological operations.

Training for the specialty included earning a master’s degree from the **Naval Postgraduate School** in Monterey, California. He returned to Fort Bragg for special operations language school, where he learned French. In 2002, he was assigned to a psychological operations battalion.

A year later, after a brief, post-911 deployment to Kosovo, his unit was transferred from Fort Bragg to U.S. Special Operations Command at MacDill Air Force Base in Tampa.

During two subsequent deployments to Iraq, and two deployments to Afghanistan, Zacherl experienced combat.

It never unfolds as planned, he said.

“Combat is like being in the middle of a bull ring with a bag over your head, and people running up and tapping you on the shoulder from every direction, while you’re trying to avoid the bull,” he said.

He can’t describe his psychological operations work in detail, but he gladly recites the Army definition.

“Planned operations to effect the opinions, attitudes, and ultimately, behaviors of directed audiences, in support of US national security objectives.”

Military training gave him the discipline he needed to complete his law school studies, Zacherl said, and his military specialty will make him a better trial attorney when the time comes. He joined the Bar in March.

Psyops, like litigating, involves “influencing,” he said.

“We want the judge or adjudicator to see things our way,” he said. “Some of that is the facts that surround the case, definitely, but then also presenting them in a way that resonates with the audience that you are presenting them to.”

The military gave Zacherl a ticket to see the world, and that, in turn, gave him a greater appreciation of his own country, he said.

“When you spend time in places where the rule of law has obviously and undeniably broken down, it’s impactful,” he said. “It’s hard to overstate the importance of the rule of law, to be a nation that is bounded by the rule of law. So many Americans, including attorneys, frequently think that’s just a given. It is not a given. It requires maintenance.”

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## Get to Know Chip Cotton: Veterans Day Spotlight

(GE 12 Nov 22)

At GE Research, we are lucky to have dedicated military veterans and servicemembers on our team. This month, we have the honor of highlighting their service and commitment. We spoke to Chip Cotton, an account executive in government relations for energy programs at GE Research, who shares how his military service in the US Navy helped to shape his 13-year career at GE.

Q: What was your position and where did you serve in the US military?

A: I retired as a captain after more than 23 years of Naval service. I was a Supply Corps officer responsible for logistical operations. I served sea tours on the USS HOUSTON (SSN 713) and USS KEARSARGE. On shore duty, I worked at the Defense Accounting and Finance Center in Cleveland, Ohio, earned a MS in Operations Research at the **Naval Postgraduate School** in Monterey, California, worked for the Military Traffic Management Command in Falls Church, VA, the Navy Personnel Command in Millington, TN, and was the Executive Officer at the Fleet Industrial Supply Center in Jacksonville, FL. Finally, I served as the lead readiness evaluation officer on the Chief of Naval Operations (CNO) staff where I also stood up Navy's Task Force on Energy. In 2006, while on the CNO staff, I served on a special assignment providing logistical support to all the Special Forces in the Middle East based in Doha, Qatar for nearly a year, including stints in Iraq, Afghanistan, Kuwait, Bahrain, Jordan, Kenya, and Lebanon.

Q: How has your service helped shape your career?

A: I would attribute much of who I am today on the job to my military service. Most of the lessons learned could be categorized as leadership lessons, but I have also learned to look at challenges differently... from different perspectives and with constant evaluation. My time in the military taught me how to adapt to what you are experiencing rather than blindly adhering to what you planned for. I learned that personal responsibility is paramount and that guarding your do-say ratio is imperative. I have found that my time spent in the military helped with integrity and commitment, including seeing a task through to completion.

Q: Could you please share a valuable experience or lesson from your time in the military that has contributed to the development of your career here at GE?

A: On my submarine tour I ended up with a commanding officer that was never satisfied with anyone's effort or results. He ended up trying to do everyone's job and demeaning them versus coaching them on what he wanted to see improved. Before too long, much of the crew gave up trying to please the new commanding officer and stood by as our unit failed when he was unable to manage everyone's responsibilities. We sunk a tugboat killing three civilians, had an avoidable flooding casualty (we were less than six seconds away from being unable to recover the boat), and ruined an expensive piece of test equipment. It was a very bad six months. These experiences have taught me to be the expert in what you do, be quite when others are doing what they should, and don't feel like you must speak up to prove your worth. Don't be afraid to manage your manager when necessary. If they are taking a wrong turn, it is your responsibility to tell them so in an appropriate fashion.

Q: How would you advise your fellow veterans that are in the process of transitioning to the civilian workforce?

A: The first thing is to know yourself, your strengths/weaknesses, what you enjoy and dislike about a job, and what you are willing to do when considering your personal and family situation. Then, network, network, and then network some more. Each person you speak with will give you a nugget of advice that you can shape into your story and plan. What's better, they are always generous in helping you connect with the right people.

Q: Have you been involved with the GE Veterans Network? If so, what was this experience like and why are Employee Resource Groups like the GEVN so important?



A: I had the great honor and privilege of being selected to serve as one of the earliest national co-leaders of the Veterans Network when it was established in 2010. I was blessed to have the opportunity to learn from company executive sponsors like David Joyce and Beth Comstock. Even more importantly, I worked with a tremendous team from across the company that came together to grow the original 13 units to more than 30 active units in four years. We developed targeted missions to support GE and the veteran community by hiring top quality veteran talent, developing the talent we brought into the company, and supporting veteran populations through community outreach in the areas where GE does business. I have also used my experience here at GE to help Walmart and Exxon establish Employee Resource Groups (ERGs) for veterans. To me, diversity comes in many flavors, but my first principles of diversity will always be that of thought and perspective. ERGs, especially the Veterans Network where you may represent several groups, are critical to both preventing the real dangers of group think, and at the same time, expanding everyone's professional and personal growth through the sharing of diverse perspectives and experiences.

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## **Lewes Native Justin Kates Named to FEMA Advisory Council**

*(Cape Gazette 10 Nov 22)*

Sussex Technical High School alumnus and 2010 University of Delaware graduate Justin Kates was recently named to the Federal Emergency Management Association's new National Advisory Council.

The council advises the FEMA administrator on all aspects of emergency management, including preparedness, protection, response, recovery and mitigation for disasters and national emergencies. Kates is one of only 16 new appointees selected from a cross-section of the nation's top emergency managers and emergency response providers.

After graduating from the University of Delaware in 2010, Kates held the position of director of emergency management for the City of Nashua, N.H., for 10 years. He recently accepted the position of director of emergency management and communications for Somerville, Mass., after obtaining a master's degree from the **Naval Postgraduate School's** Center for Homeland Defense and Security. Kates has been a local firefighter, emergency responder and emergency management instructor since college. He also has been an adjunct faculty member in search, rescue and emergency management for several New England colleges.

Kates is the son of Denise and Minor Kates of Lewes. He and his wife Megan reside in Nashua.

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## **Fairfield Hires a New Fire Chief**

*(Journal News 11 Nov 22)* ... Michael D. Pitman

Thomas Lakamp will begin his tenure as Fairfield's fire chief on Dec. 5.

A Cincinnati assistant fire chief will lead the Fairfield Fire Department.

Thomas Lakamp, who has served as Cincinnati's assistant chief of its administrative services bureau since 2016, was named on Friday.

His first day with the city is scheduled to be Dec. 5. His starting salary will be \$130,000 annually.

ExploreFairfield to name fire department HQ after its former chief

"We are excited for the opportunity to bring Tom onto our city team," said Fairfield City Manager Scott Timmer. "His dedication to the fire service is tremendous, and we believe he can help lead our department as it transitions to a full-time service provider."





Lakamp will succeed retired chief Don Bennett, who retired after 52 years in the fire service, the last 38 leading the Fairfield Fire Department as chief. The city's two deputy chiefs, Tom Wagner and Randy McCreadie, have jointly served as interim chiefs during this transition period.

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Lakamp has been with the Cincinnati Fire Department since 1996, and Fairfield City Manager Scott Timmer said he "brings a tremendous amount of expertise, skill, and operational knowledge to Fairfield."

He holds a Master of Arts in Securities Studies (Homeland Security) from the **Naval Postgraduate School** and a Bachelor of Science in Fire and Safety Engineering. He's also been a featured speaker at various fire service professional organization events and earned a number of awards, including the City of Cincinnati's Fire Chief's Award in 2016 and the Distinguished Service Award in 2015.

Explore Retiring Fairfield fire chief served 38 years with city

Lakamp has assisted other Greater Cincinnati fire departments through initiatives, like the design and implementation of training programs that were adopted by various departments across Hamilton County, Fairfield said.

Fairfield is in the transition of converting its fire department from a combination service to a professional service, meaning they are converting all part-time positions to full-time ones. This is being done because of the difficulty of finding firefighters to fill spots because there are too many full-time fire jobs elsewhere.

Timmer said Lakamp's "expertise and guidance will be very beneficial" during the transition.

"Filling critical vacancies is vital to the success of any city, the opportunity to bring on a high-caliber individual who complements our current command staff will enable the department to enhance the service it provides to our community," the city manager said, adding that he is confident Lakamp's skillset and leadership experience "are directly in line with the needs of the department."

[Fairfield hires a new fire chief \(journal-news.com\)](http://journal-news.com)

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## **RADM Hash: China Lake Rebuild on Schedule**

*(Daily Independent 11 Nov 22) ... Jessica Weston*

RADM Keith Hash speaks to the China Lake Alliance Nov. 3, 2022 at the SpringHill Suites in Ridgecrest. Hash is Commander of the Naval Air Warfare Center Weapons Division.

The massive China Lake rebuild is on track.

That was one message from RADM Keith Hash when he spoke at the China Lake Alliance meeting Nov. 3. Hash took over as Naval Air Warfare Center Weapons Division Commander June 30. NAWCWD includes China Lake and Point Mugu as well as other smaller locations.

The post-earthquake rebuild is being carried out under the Officer in Charge of Construction China Lake and is intended to replace and upgrade capabilities after the 2019 earthquakes.

"Many of you are aware of the tremendous amount of building happening on the base," Hash said. "We are making tremendous progress and looking forward to opening and moving our workforce into these new and modern facilities."

He added that 13 ribbon cuttings are expected in the next year, six of which will be on the new airfield.

Openings for the chapel and gym are scheduled for early December.

Hash attributed the rebuild being on schedule to the "top talent" working on the project.

"We have broken ground on projects that will modernize the airfield, upgrade our energetics capabilities, improve administrative and security functionality in multiple areas," he said.

"Speaking of our workforce, we are hiring," Hash added. "We are hiring at all levels of our organization for both business and STEM-related functions. At the moment we are almost 200 people



short of our target that we want to have across the NAWCWD community, China Lake and Point Mugu. We've got a lot of hiring work going on."

He directed potential job-seekers to USAJOBS at <https://www.usajobs.gov/>

Hash said work is going on for "a strategic plan for NAWCWD to fulfill our part of the business plan and to develop the infrastructure and the workforce that we need to serve our Navy in the coming decade. We will share some of those elements with you of our strategic plan as we roll it out in the new year."

Asked if he anticipates the area receiving new work as the result of the rebuild, Hash responded, "I anticipate continual work coming for sure."

He later added, "With all that construction going in, the Navy and the nation has put in a huge investment into this facility and they are going to use it."

Hash is a Texas native and a 1994 graduate of the United States Naval Academy with a Bachelor of Science in Aeronautical Engineering.

He also graduated from the United States Naval Test Pilot School Cooperative Program with a Master of Science in Aeronautical Engineering from the **Naval Postgraduate School** in Monterey, California, and he is also a graduate of the Carrier Airborne Early Warning Weapons School (CAEWWS), the Naval War College, and the Defense Systems Management College.

He described himself as "a person of faith, of family, of service."

Since taking over in June, Hash said, he has been learning a lot about the command, the job and the community.

He was complimentary of the community, saying he and his wife Misha have been welcomed warmly by people who had no idea he was the new commander of the base.

He added he and Misha are enjoying the area's many outdoor activities and are currently learning to play pickleball.

"When we go back east folks ask us, how are we doing? Like they're worried about us living in the desert," he said with a laugh.

"Actually we're kind of warm weather people," he said. "In fact we're excited about the warm weather coming back."

"We got here in June and we lived through July and August. It didn't scare us off, we're happy. We like it."

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## **DocGo Launches Program to Hire Military Community Members Through Partnership with Hiring Our Heroes**

*(HealthCareDive 11 Nov 22)*

DocGo plans to hire service members, veterans and military spouses in entry-level to leadership position

DocGo (Nasdaq: DCGO), a leading provider of last-mile mobile health services, today announced a partnership with Hiring Our Heroes, a nationwide initiative of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation to help veterans, transitioning service members, military spouses and caregivers find meaningful employment.

For over a decade, Hiring Our Heroes (HOH) has connected the military community with American businesses to create economic opportunity and a strong and diversified workforce. Through the program, DocGo will tap into HOH's pool of top military talent looking for career opportunities and ways to apply their advanced degrees and military experience in field roles including emergency medical technicians (EMTs) and telehealth providers, as well as corporate leadership and operations roles.

"Hiring Our Heroes provides the opportunity to hire service members and their families who have already demonstrated a commitment to helping those in their community," said Greg Hambric, National Director Of Talent Acquisition at DocGo. "At DocGo, we are passionate about making quality healthcare



accessible to everyone. By tapping into this highly trained and extremely motivated workforce, we will be able to care for more patients in more locations, while giving veterans a bright new career path in the fast growing mobile healthcare services industry.”

David Schulz is instrumental in the implementation of this program at DocGo and is a current DocGo SkillBridge fellow. Schulz joined the company after serving more than 20 years as an Army Officer in roles as a White House Fellow, as a U.S. Diplomat at the US Embassy in Mexico City and San Salvador and as a front-line Infantry Commander in Afghanistan and Iraq. He brings a diverse range of expertise and is tri-lingual, holds advanced degrees from the University of Texas, the **Naval Postgraduate School** and UCLA, and is an Army Airborne Ranger.

“DocGo offers a hands-on experience where I can put my leadership skills, strategy experience and recent MBA education to use immediately,” said David Schulz, a military veteran and current DocGo SkillBridge fellow. “On a daily basis, I am learning from professionals on how the private sector operates. I am so happy that I chose DocGo to help me transition from the military to a life of civilian work, and now I can help other military men and women make their own transition to a welcoming, growing company.”

Since 2011, HOH has used hiring events, digital programs and internships to cultivate a rich pipeline of military talent ready for the American business community. Through these initiatives, HOH has worked to connect more than half a million veterans and military spouses with employment opportunities no matter where they are in the world.

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## Names in the News: November 13, 2022

*(Fire Engineering 13 Nov 22)*

This bi-weekly series is dedicated to the latest promotions and other news within the fire service.

LARRY SNYDER JR. was named the new chief of the Williamsburg (VA) Fire Department (WFD). Snyder had been serving as WFD interim chief since March, and has been its deputy chief since 2014. A 27-year fire and EMS veteran, he will also serve as the city’s coordinator of emergency management. Snyder served with the Hanover County (VA) Fire-EMS Department, starting in the field at 16, volunteering for the Ashcake Volunteer Rescue Squad. After graduating from William & Mary with a bachelor’s degree in biology, Snyder returned to Hanover, working as a full-time firefighter/medic with Hanover Fire and EMS.

CLAYTON FARR JR. was named the new chief of the Columbia (MO) Fire Department (CFD), where he has been serving as acting chief since September. Farr has multiple law enforcement and fire service certifications at the state, federal, and international levels, and has degrees from the University of Missouri and Columbia College, where he studied electrical engineering and business administration, respectively. Farr is now working on a public safety curriculum for all Boone County high school students, which will allow students to be certified in fire and emergency medical services and 911 center operations.

THOMAS LAKAMP will take over as the new chief of the Fairfield (OH) Fire Department (FFD) on December 5. Lakamp is a 26-year veteran of the Cincinnati (OH) Fire Department, where he had been serving as the assistant chief of its administrative services bureau since 2016. He has a master’s of arts in securities studies (Homeland Security) from the **Naval Postgraduate School** and a bachelor’s of science in fire and safety engineering. Lakamp has been a featured speaker at FDIC International and earned Cincinnati’s Fire Chief’s Award in 2016 and Distinguished Service Award in 2015.

TODD TUGGLE will take over as the new chief of the San Luis Obispo (CA) Fire Department (SLOFD) on December 5. Tuggle is currently the chief of the Santa Maria (CA) Fire Department, where he has served since 2020. He is a 17-year veteran of the Fresno (CA) Fire Department, where he served as



deputy chief of training and special operations. Tuggle also worked with state incident management teams for more than 10 years and graduated from the **Naval Postgraduate School** in Monterey with a master's degree in homeland security. He will replace current SLOFD chief Keith Aggson, who will officially retire on December 9.

MICHAEL A. CONTRERAS was announced as the new chief of the Cathedral City (CA) Fire Department. Contreras is a 32-year veteran of the Orange County Fire Authority (OCFA), where has been a member of the executive leadership team as well as a member of the urban search and rescue team. Contreras has also held several positions at the OCFA, including training officer, recruit academy instructor, academy fitness coordinator, academy coordinator, department safety officer, hazardous material specialist, and assistant public information officer.

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