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A Brownsville native and recent El Paso chief patrol agent will be moving back to the Valley as head of the Border Patrol sector two months after the retirement of the former chief... She received her bachelor’s degree in criminal justice administration after she started her career with Border Patrol at the Imperial Station in San Diego Sector. She later received her master’s degree in homeland security studies at the **Naval Postgraduate School** in 2015.

[H.E. Ahmed bin Mohamed Al Jarwan: Preserver of Tolerance and Peace](#)

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Freedom, happiness, and satisfaction – all come under world peace. However, tolerance is a factor that requires different perspectives. World peace is a state when people from different countries develop a sense of harmony altogether. It is a way of creating one international community that can devote itself to a larger cause. It is a fact that when different countries interact, the benefits for all its citizens multiply. They get the chance to move freely for education, employment, or tourism without fearing cultural or discrimination disputes...H.E. Ahmed bin Mohamed Al Jarwan established his name in the community-based world peace and tolerance with the same perspective. He was born on August 25, 1962, in Sharjah, UAE. His efforts in world peace-building and tolerance are immense. Moreover, his academic achievements are applaudable. Al Jarwan completed his Master’s degree in Aeronautical Engineering from Institut Universitaire de Technologie de Ville d’Avery, France. The journey of his career started when he joined the Armed Forces. There, he undertook several leading positions and left with the rank of Colonel, Engineer Staff, receiving the Military Service Medal. Afterwards, he began his career as a diplomat. He polished himself in different areas by taking different courses and joining different international programs. He completed an International Defense Management course at **Naval Postgraduate School** in Monterey, California. He also enrolled in Georgetown University, the USA, to complete a diploma in leadership courses. The list of schools he attended included Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, Tufts University, and Zayed University.



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Cmdr. Joseph D. Foster, relieved Cmdr. Anthony S. Massy as the commanding officer of the Arleigh Burke-class guided-missile destroyer USS Curtis Wilbur (DDG 54) during a change of command ceremony, Sept. 8... Foster is a native of Lafayette Hill, PA, commissioned from the U.S. Naval Academy in 2004 with a Bachelor of Science in Systems Engineering. He holds a master's degree in Electrical Engineering from the **Naval Postgraduate School**. Previously he served as the Executive Officer of USS Curtis Wilbur.

UPCOMING NEWS & EVENTS:

Sept 12-13: [Blockchain and Beyond: National Security Symposium](#)

Sept 13: [Summer Awards Ceremony](#)

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Serio was selected to attend the **Naval Postgraduate School (NPS)** in Monterey, California, later this year to complete a fully-funded, in-residence graduate degree program that is available to WTIs through the WTI Scholar program.

“The WTI Scholars program allows me to pursue in-residence graduate education at NPS for specific programs while executing a production tour,” said Serio. “It’s a great fit for me because it allows me to execute my production tour immediately after completing my WTI course of instruction but also allows me to finish my shore tour with a master’s degree — it’s a best-of-both-worlds opportunity.”

The WTI Scholars program began when leaders at SMWDC saw a return on investment from officers in the WTI program who already had a master’s degree or were earning their degrees through the NPS distance learning program. The pilot initial program launched with four attendees in 2020 and has continued to grow.

Serio described the opportunity as a great chance to satisfy both personal and professional goals as a WTI, which will help make him competitive among his peers and allow him to earn a Master’s of Science in Space Systems Operations.

“It will allow me the chance to earn my master’s degree, which is something I have personal interest in as well as something required in order to pursue command at sea, which I have professional interest in,” Serio explained.

Previously, any WTIs have had to forgo the opportunity to obtain graduate education due to the WTI career path constraints precluding lengthy in-residence educational tours. To combat this, NPS has stepped in and tailored certain curriculums allowing WTIs to obtain a master’s degree at an accelerated paced and get back to the fleet to fill key billets.

“I recommend any WTI who wants the ‘best of both worlds’ opportunity to complete their in-residence graduate education while completing their production tour,” said Serio. “If you are willing to PCS for a year I do not see any reason eligible candidates should not apply. Talk to your chain of command and go for it!”

There are four WTI specialties:

- Anti-Submarine Warfare / Surface Warfare
- Amphibious Warfare
- Mine Warfare
- Integrated Air and Missile Defense

To accommodate these difference subjects, NPS was able to leverage the existing curricula and capabilities it already had and cater to each WTI specialty rather than having to create something entirely new.

SWOs interested in joining the SMWDC team and becoming WTIs can send an email to SWO_WTI@navy.mil for more information. For more information about SMWDC visit www.facebook.com/SMWDC or <https://www.surfpac.navy.mil/nsmwdc/>

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Before starting at the Naval Postgraduate School (NPS), Rachel Meyen-Faria, an engineer in the Naval Undersea Warfare Center (NUWC) Division Newport's Systems Safety and Reliability Engineering Branch, had been warned that the classes were a lot of work.

While she ultimately found this to be true, in the end the effort proved to be well worth it.

"While the experience was rewarding and directly applicable to my NUWC tasking, NPS was a time-consuming, but welcome, challenge," said Meyen-Faria, who earned a certificate in reliability and maintaining engineering in July 2019 and a master's degree in systems engineering in July 2022. "I truly enjoyed most of my courses and the NPS professors were knowledgeable, helpful and overall great instructors.

"The best aspect of NPS is the 'naval' part. The content of my courses applies to the Navy projects I support every day at Division Newport, and the textbooks, papers and resources provided by my professors I have saved and used for my NUWC tasking multiple times."

Meyen-Faria was one of 113 Division Newport employees to graduate from NPS since 2019 that were recognized at a ceremony held Aug. 16. A list of all the graduates is available [here](#).

"Continuous education is important to this command," Dawn Vaillancourt, head of Division Newport's Strategic Planning Office, said. "Our leadership has made a commitment to invest resources into advancing the education of our workforce."

This is something that was made apparent to Meyen-Faria when she interviewed for her job at Division Newport.

"Completing graduate school was always a goal of mine," Meyen-Faria said. "Then during my interview at NUWC, the importance and opportunity of continuing my education was discussed and encouraged."

Meyen-Faria began working on her graduate certificate in 2019, which she then applied toward earning her master's degree. She said she found her capstone project particularly rewarding, as her work had a Navy sponsor and was used to further research for real Navy applications.

"I would absolutely encourage other NUWC employees to participate in the NPS programs. There is so much value in taking the NPS courses and the experience is overall very beneficial individually, as well as for Division Newport and the naval programs we support," Meyen-Faria said. "I actually have a friend and fellow NUWC Division Newport employee who ended up starting an NPS certificate while I was in my master's program. When he was deciding if he should pursue the NPS certificate, I encouraged him to do so."

NPS is a unique academic opportunity that Division Newport offers to employees who are interested in pursuing an education through command funding. Employees who are selected to participate in this program pursue degrees or certificates at no financial cost of their own while continuing to work full time. NPS provides defense-focused graduate education, including classified studies and interdisciplinary research, to advance the operational effectiveness, technological leadership and warfighting advantage of the naval service.

At the ceremony on Aug. 16, Vaillancourt and Deputy Technical Director for Technical Excellence John Babb served as guest speakers representing Division Newport. Also in attendance were NPS professors Ronald Carlson, Kay "Kai" L. Gemba, Jessica Herman, Dr. Christina Hart and Dr. Warren K. Vaneman.

"On behalf of all the faculty and staff, we would like to congratulate you on your accomplishments," Carlson, who served as the master of ceremonies, said. "Your efforts are to be commended. Juggling the



academic requirements along with your workplace tasks is not easy, but I hope our program has instilled in you a love of lifelong learning.”

Those recognized at the ceremony earned master’s degrees in contract management, systems engineering, engineering acoustics, engineering management and systems analysis, as well as graduate certificates in anti-submarine warfare, lead systems integrator, cybersecurity fundamentals, cybersecurity defense, robotics engineering, reliability and maintainability engineering, and systems analysis.

“Professor Carlson already mentioned the relevance of the programs that NPS offers to the work that we do. That is certainly true,” Vaillancourt said. “What NPS also offers our workforce is flexibility and adaptability with their distance learning, their multitude of program offerings, and their stackable certificate programs. These are options the workforce of today needs to balance work, school and life.”

More information about NPS can be found on its website at: <https://nps.edu/>

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RESEARCH:

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About a year and a half ago, Alamosa Police Department officers responded to a call of a person armed with a weapon who was threatening suicide.

“Those can be dangerous situations,” said Police Chief Ken Anderson. “There’s a risk of people getting hurt or worse. It could be the person in crisis. It could also be one of my cops. Everybody’s at risk.”

Fortunately, the officers on scene managed to de-escalate the situation and the individual eventually handed over the weapon.

Most people would assume the call ended there, but it didn’t.

The officers couldn’t just drive away when, moments before, a person threatened to kill themselves. APD needed to get mental health services involved to provide help that was clearly needed.

That’s not what happened.

One of the officers called several agencies but kept being referred to someone else. Eventually, the officer called his sergeant. The sergeant made some calls but his luck wasn’t any better.

“That’s when the sergeant called me,” Anderson told the Valley Courier when this story was first reported in March. “I was on the phone for twenty-five minutes. One agency told me they couldn’t take the individual and to call a different agency. That agency told me to call somebody else. Eventually, we got the person some help but that’s when I called the city manager and told her we had to do something.”

This story is worth repeating, not because it’s unique but precisely because it isn’t.

The American Psychological Association estimates that, in 2021, 20% of police calls involved mental health services.

A nationwide survey of more than 2,400 senior law enforcement officials conducted by former New York State Association of Chiefs of Police and the **Naval Postgraduate School**, Michael C. Biasotti, showed that 84% said that mental health-related calls have increased during their careers. Sixty-three percent said the amount of time their department spends on mental illness has also increased.

The report goes on to state that more than half the reported increased time is due to an inability to refer people to needed treatment. Referring people to appropriate resources, as well as following up with treatment, takes time and resources for already strained departments.



According to Anderson, APD is dispatched from six to 10 times per week on calls related to mental health, a number that “has increased dramatically” in recent years. Five hundred calls a year may seem like a drop in the bucket compared to the 25,000 to 30,000 APD receives annually. But, as the incident demonstrates, the numbers don’t tell the whole story.

Law enforcement officers being sole responders to mental health calls can have a cascading impact, not just on the department but on the community.

The calls can tie up multiple officers, leaving a smaller number of cops on duty to answer other calls.

Responding to a mental health crisis takes time. Officers trying to involve mental health services have historically been bounced from agency to agency due to, among other things, not having the training to know exactly what is going on with the person.

The longer it takes to resolve the situation and get the person help that is needed – in that moment – the greater the likelihood that the situation could – in that moment – begin to re-escalate, increasing the likelihood that someone gets hurt.

“Taking the person to jail isn’t the answer,” Anderson says. “Knowing which agency to call is confusing. And if we take the person to the hospital, the officer has to stay there until someone with mental health shows up.”

Officers have spent their entire shift in the emergency department waiting for a mental health professional.

“But the main problem is that we’re not trained to do this,” Anderson said. “We’re not counselors. We’re cops.”

When Anderson told Alamosa City Manager Heather Brooks that they “had to do something”, he wasn’t just venting frustration. He was identifying a serious, growing problem in need of a solution.

After visiting other police departments for a best practices approach, Anderson and Brooks decided on the program they wanted to model, one that is being run by the Evans Police Department with great success. Brooks then went to work finding the resources to fund what they wanted to do.

As a result, APD and the city just took a huge step forward in getting something done.

Tim Delleite, a certified clinician, was hired by APD as its first co-responder. He began working on Aug. 29. Delleite, from Virginia, is already known to some organizations in Alamosa, including La Puente, Tu Casa, PALS and Adams State University – where he’s conducted group therapy sessions.

When APD officers are dispatched to a mental health situation, Delleite will be on call to respond at officers’ requests. He will not be uniformed or carrying a weapon and won’t become involved until it’s clear there’s no risk to his safety.

Delleite will step in to meet the needs of the situation. According to Brooks, he may be called to respond when there is a barricaded suspect or an incident of domestic violence, but his job is not to directly provide services.

His job is to identify what “is going on” with the person in crisis and to then navigate the mental health system and connect the person to the appropriate agency whose job it is to provide the help, freeing up officers to resume their duties.

Brooks said Delleite can also identify when adult protective services should be contacted. And, in a case where a 72-hour psychiatric hold is necessary. Delleite will stay with the person until they are transferred to a psychiatric facility – again, freeing up officers to be on patrol.

Sometimes APD is dispatched to situations involving people they have had contact with before. In cases where people are getting ticketed for “nuisance behaviors”, having the co-responder position on staff will pave the way to build relationships and have crucial conversations.

They can determine things such as: Is the person seeing a therapist? Are they taking medication that has been prescribed?

Delleite, who is a city employee, is officed alongside APD officers at the police station, allowing him to brief officers on how a situation was resolved without sharing any medical information that would violate HIPPA compliance.

“He’s just been there a week, so right now he’s onboarding,” Anderson said, referring to the steps involved in getting someone hired as a city employee and equipped to do the job.



Over the next few weeks, Dellette will attend training provided by the Evans Police Department, where, among other things, he'll do ride-alongs with Evans PD co-responders and take the same training Evans PD co-responders attend.

Once Delette is back in Alamosa, Anderson predicts he will be "independent" in about two weeks. Until then, he won't respond to a call without Anderson going along.

Delette will not have a set schedule until APD has a better sense of when he is most needed. APD and the city have also entered a partnership with Valleywide to provide joint supervision of Delette on the job. Funding will come from money received as part of the American Rescue Plan Act until 2026, when Brooks says they will pursue grants to cover the position.

When asked how his cops were responding, Anderson said, "the officers are very open to the new position and receptive to knowing it's going to take a while before the position is complete and functioning. But this is a very, very important program. We're all open arms."

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The Naval Postgraduate School Foundation held a ceremony Sept. 6 symbolizing the transfer of Athena, a collaborative research tool, to the Naval Postgraduate School.

Athena empowers researchers, sponsors, and leaders across the Naval Education Enterprise to access and query information currently stored in numerous separate databases by use of keywords, topics of interest, service priorities and other filters. The application is built on Microsoft Azure and Microsoft Teams to assure security, enhance scalability, and deliver content across all devices.

For over a year, the NPS Foundation has been working with a team of developers to build a scalable platform that can empower the national security innovation ecosystem. The NPS Foundation made a significant financial investment and contributed thousands of volunteer hours on the design and development of Athena in fiscal year 2022 to support the expansion of innovation at the Naval Postgraduate School and enhance internal and external collaboration. The ceremony signified a key milestone for the NPS Foundation and NPS with the gifting of the beta version of Athena.

Part of the Campus of the Future initiative, Athena is one of the first efforts to be delivered and have a strategic impact under the Cooperative Research and Development Agreement (CRADA) between NPS and Microsoft.

"Athena increases the impact of the Naval Postgraduate School on the U.S. Navy and Department of Defense by creating a living hub for research at NPS and beyond, making it accessible to the entire community of students and faculty, as well as potential partners, sponsors and collaborators across the DOD," said Karen Hargrove, NPS Foundation Trustee and project lead for Athena's development. "The national security challenges we face require close collaboration across the Joint Force for us to spur innovation and achieve a competitive advantage."

Athena will enable students, faculty, researchers and sponsors at NPS and across the DOD to discover, connect and collaborate to deliver results at the speed of relevance. Leaders at every level can see who is doing the work in their area of interest, connect with the right people, and create collaboration across boundaries of organization and academic discipline.

"The DOD must accelerate the adoption of innovative solutions and develop top talent to compete effectively in the current operational environment," said NPS President, retired Vice Adm. Ann E. Rondeau. "We recognize the world around us is changing, and Athena is an exemplar of how we are working very hard to transform not only NPS, but how NPS can be more transformative for the Department of the Navy as an innovation hub. This work is about empowering our warrior-scholar students to make a difference by developing real solutions to operational problems and the intellectual decision advantage we need to defend our nation and this great democracy."

Many students come to NPS with years of operational experience and multiple deployments behind them. More than 1,000 applied research theses and capstone projects are delivered every year with the aim of solving real challenges for the fleet and force. Student and faculty work results in 10 to 20 patent-eligible technologies every year. Athena will allow incoming students to select thesis topics that compound on ongoing and completed research, accelerating developments that can result in real actionable solutions for the Department of Defense.



The Information Technology and Communications Services (ITACS) department is currently working with the NPS Foundation to complete the review and deployment of Athena on the NPS tenant, while Microsoft is supporting the Azure cloud architecture.

The NPS Foundation is supporting beta testing for a limited number of users to test current features and plan for future features in the application. The NPS Foundation is committed to supporting the development of future versions of Athena to enable increased functionality when launched to the larger NPS community, and eventually, other communities throughout the Joint Force.

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Can we teach leaders to become better strategic decision makers? Our guest Zach Shore says we can.

Part of the problem he says is that people get stuck in rigid mindsets, which often involve the failure to take alternative perspectives.. In his books “Blunder: Why Smart People Make Bad Decisions,” and “sense of the enemy’ he aims to create a taxonomy of blunder causing mindsets and recount examples of effective strategic empathy through historical story telling.

Zach Shore is a historian of international conflict. He focuses on understanding the enemy. He is currently a professor of History at the **Naval Postgraduate School** and Senior Fellow at the Institute of European Studies, University of California, Berkeley.

Greg and Zach discuss types of empathy, pattern breaking moments, definition of a “blunder,” an analysis of Putin, and the importance of truly understanding our enemies.

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President Bennett thanked each one of the club members who helped organize the event and who came out to help on Saturday. She said it was her first time ever helping with a golf tournament, and she learned a lot and would be better prepared for next year.

Quest speaker for the day was District Governor Dan McCarthy.

McCarthy completed a 38-year career in the United States Navy in 2007. Retiring as a Vice Admiral, his final assignment was as Deputy Chief of Naval Operations, Fleet Readiness and Logistics, during which he was responsible for Navy-wide policy, programming, and resourcing for fleet readiness, logistics, strategic sealift, Navy installations and environmental programs. Following his retirement from military service, Dan established Silver Eagle Consulting, a firm dedicated to providing business and leadership consulting support to both public and private sector organizations. During this period, Dan acted as a Visiting Lecturer at the graduate business schools of the University of Virginia, University of North Carolina and the Naval Postgraduate Schools. A lifelong Scouter leader, Dan became the Group Director of the Boy Scouts of America's Summit Bechtel Family National Scout Reserve in April 2012, where he oversaw the development and opening of the 14,000 acre recreational facility. Retiring in March of 2017, Dan continues to be involved in various Scouting capacities, including West Virginia's Buckskin Council. He is a Board member of the West Virginia Humanities Council and a Task Force member leveraging the combined capabilities of WVU and the Summit Bechtel Reserve to further economic development in the State. Dan is married to Carol Ann McCarthy, also a Rotarian. Together they have three adult sons, all Eagle Scouts, active in their respective communities.

He has the following degrees: B.S. Engineering, Oakland University; M.S. Management, **Naval Postgraduate School**; Honorary Presidential Doctorate, West Virginia University.

While talking to the local club about his involvement with Rotary, he posed questions to the group concerning the local clubs membership and their involvement in activities. He gave his views on what the local club can do to increase membership and stay active. His challenge to the New Martinsville club was to think inclusion. Focus on your area, through membership, community service, public image, foundation giving and having fun. Also as a club, his challenge was to grow your club, post your service, publish your stories, increase your giving and make it fun, and as a member to expand your participation, be an advocate for Rotary, give something and have fun.

He spoke of his experience with the scouts and also how he was introduced to Rotary. Following a question and answer session he presented local Rotarians Larry Blalock and Dr. David F. Bridgeman with Paul Harris Fellow Pins. Larry with 33 years service received a level 4 pin, while David received a level 1 pin.

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Five People Added to Bob Jones Hall of Fame

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The excitement of high-school homecoming creates lasting memories. Adding to the atmosphere, the Hall of Fame at Bob Jones High School has five inductees for 2022.

Bob Jones Hall of Fame recognizes outstanding alumni who have maintained a high standard of excellence and compiled a significant contribution in their fields of endeavor. People who are not alumni qualify if they made a major gain for Bob Jones in leadership or service.

Hall of Fame members serve as role models for current and future Bob Jones students.

“We are so proud of our 2022 inductees as their service and commitment to excellence is a tradition that we strive to instill in our students each day. We are grateful for their legacy,” Bob Jones Principal Sylvia Lambert said.

Hall of Fame inductees will serve as Grand Marshals for the homecoming parade on Sep. 8. They then will be honored with a reception catered by Bob Jones Culinary students and recognized at halftime during the homecoming game on Sept. 9.

* Bridget Chambers Drummond – Worked at Bob Jones from 1996 to 2021 as receptionist, teacher and coach. She taught social studies, coached dance team, led cheer squad to state championship and was instrumental in starting “Peer Helping and Innovations” class at Bob Jones.

Building relationships and mentoring students was second nature for Drummond. Peer Helpers worked tirelessly to confirm that new students never felt alone, informed students about dangers of alcohol and drugs and raised money and supplies for charities locally and nationally. With Drummond’s guidance, Peer Helpers developed as a recognized, respected group in the community.

Drummond loved Bob Jones High School. She was proud to serve as a Patriot for 25 years, and her commitment showed in tireless work.

Drummond, husband Brad and twin daughters, Brooke and Blaire, live in Eva.

* Michael Gunner – Started working at Bob Jones in 2000 as head coach for swimming. Gunner led students to nine state championships for boys and one state championship for girls. In 2007, the Patriots won both the boys’ and girls’ state titles.

In 2016, Gunner was selected “National High School Boys Swimming Coach of the Year” by the National Federation of State High School Coaches Association. In 2020, he was inducted into Huntsville-Madison County Athletic Hall of Fame.

In his career, Gunner worked at Decatur, Austin and Athens high schools, along with Rainbow Elementary School as teacher and assistant principal. Gunner retired from coaching after the 2017 swim season and works as MCS Coordinator of Operations.

Gunner and his wife Christian are Madison residents. Their three children graduated from Bob Jones.

* Elise Toney Kirkland – Graduated from Bob Jones in 1975. A lifelong Madison resident, she recently retired after 43 years as a City of Madison employee. Kirkland served many Bob Jones students and staff in recreational activities, both as mentor and friend.

In high school, Kirkland first worked for Madison Recreation Department as a temporary playground worker in 1973-1975. After graduation, she worked as clerk typist at City Hall.

In 1978, Kirkland was hired as clerk stenographer for the City Clerk. In 1980, she transferred to the department’s Secretary/Director’s Aide until 1984 when she accepted the job of Administrative Assistant to Director of Parks and Recreation Department. In 1997, she was promoted to Recreation Administrative Supervisor.

She and husband Marc live in Madison. Their sons, James and Brian, are also Bob Jones graduates.

* Catessa Malone Robinson – Graduated in 2006 from Bob Jones. Robinson participated in Junior Varsity Dance Team, Beta Club, Key Club, Mu Alpha Theta, Girls Inc. and Boys and Girls Club, along with support of her church.

Robinson graduated cum laude from the University of Alabama at Birmingham with a bachelor’s degree in health information management. At UAB, she served as mentor with Big Brothers/Big Sisters, tutored at elementary schools and volunteered as patient pal at Children’s Hospital.

Robinson’s high scholastic achievement and commitment to service led to initiation in Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc. and numerous honor societies. Robinson earned a Juris Doctorate degree from the



University of Alabama School of Law and received the “Order of Samaritan Award” for pro bono legal service.

In Texas, Robinson worked as Assistant District Attorney for Dallas County District Attorney’s Office. Currently, she is in-house attorney at Citibank.

Malone Robinson, husband Steven and daughter Samara are Dallas residents.

* Megan Brown Shumate – Graduated in 2002 from Bob Jones. She participated in several clubs and Varsity Dance Team for four years. As a senior, Shumate was dance co-captain, selected as Ms. Bob Jones and graduated in top 10 percent of her class.

In 2006, she graduated magna cum laude from Auburn University with a bachelor’s degree in aerospace engineering. In 2018, Shumate graduated from **Naval Postgraduate School** in Monterey, Calif. with a master’s degree in program management.

Currently, Shumate works as Air-to-Ground Missiles Team Lead for DEVCOM Aviation & Missile Center’s RAM Engineering and System Assessment Division. Since 2008, she has led Missile Stockpile Reliability Programs for the U.S. Army, Joint Services and Foreign Military Sales customers.

Shumate often visits Bob Jones as guest speaker for Society of Women Engineers Club and “Introduction to Engineering” classes. Shumate stands as role model for female students interested in STEM careers.

She lives in Madison with husband Josh and their children, Noah and Logan.

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Brownsville Native Returns Home to Lead RGV Border Patrol Sector

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A Brownsville native and recent El Paso chief patrol agent will be moving back to the Valley as head of the Border Patrol sector two months after the retirement of the former chief.

Gloria I. Chavez, an agent with 27 years experience in law enforcement, was announced as the new chief on Wednesday, though she will officially take command Oct. 9. She will be replacing interim Chief Joel Martinez appointed after Chief Brian S. Hastings retired at the end of June.

“Being the U.S. Border Patrol Chief of the Rio Grande Valley has always been a goal of mine with the added value of finally being home after many years away,” Chavez said via Wednesday’s news release.

The Rio Grande Valley will be the busiest sector that has ever been under Chavez’ command. It will also be the fourth sector she leads; previously she was chief patrol agent of the El Paso, El Centro and Spokane sectors.

“I have spent my entire career strengthening the organization from within and expanding transparency while building valuable partnerships with stakeholders in different regions,” Chavez said. “The experience I have gained through the years on the Northern and Southern border has allowed me to grow as a leader to work through the everyday challenges that exist in our complex border environments.”

Chavez graduated from Gladys Porter High School and attended Texas Southmost College before moving to Corpus Christi to begin her law enforcement career with the Nueces County Sheriff’s Office and then the Taft Police Department, according to the news release.

She received her bachelor’s degree in criminal justice administration after she started her career with Border Patrol at the Imperial Station in San Diego Sector. She later received her master’s degree in homeland security studies at the **Naval Postgraduate School** in 2015.

Beside Chavez’ studies and experience within Border Patrol sectors, she’s also had multiple assignments in the U.S. Border Patrol Headquarters.



Although the Rio Grande Valley will be the busiest sector she's led, Chavez arrived to the El Paso Sector as an interim chief in July 2019 when they experienced a large increase in migrants entering through that region. She became the permanent chief in March of 2020.

As chief, she focused her efforts on increasing lines of communication and transparency with federal, state, local and international stakeholders.

Chavez' looks forward to her return for personal reasons, too.

"My family is so very happy to know that soon I will be back in their daily lives as I had been away for so long. My parents, as any other parent would be of their children, are so very proud of my achievements in life," Chavez said.

Once she assumes command next month, she will have direct oversight of 3,200 agents spread across nine stations responsible for securing 277 river miles and 316 coastal miles throughout 34 counties.

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H.E. Ahmed bin Mohamed Al Jarwan: Preserver of Tolerance and Peace

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Freedom, happiness, and satisfaction – all come under world peace. However, tolerance is a factor that requires different perspectives. World peace is a state when people from different countries develop a sense of harmony altogether. It is a way of creating one international community that can devote itself to a larger cause. It is a fact that when different countries interact, the benefits for all its citizens multiply. They get the chance to move freely for education, employment, or tourism without fearing cultural or discrimination disputes.

To achieve world peace, it is necessary to practice and preserve tolerance. Peace and tolerance go hand in hand as a result of which, several benefits around the world can be observed. Globalization is the most revolutionary benefit of world peace. It results in valuable outcomes, including developed economies, people's freedom, cultural exchanges, reduced wars, and much more.

H.E. Ahmed bin Mohamed Al Jarwan established his name in the community-based world peace and tolerance with the same perspective. He was born on August 25, 1962, in Sharjah, UAE. His efforts in world peace-building and tolerance are immense. Moreover, his academic achievements are applaudable. Al Jarwan completed his Master's degree in Aeronautical Engineering from Institut Universitaire de Technologie de Ville d'Avary, France. The journey of his career started when he joined the Armed Forces. There, he undertook several leading positions and left with the rank of Colonel, Engineer Staff, receiving the Military Service Medal. Afterwards, he began his career as a diplomat. He polished himself in different areas by taking different courses and joining different international programs. He completed an International Defense Management course at **Naval Postgraduate School** in Monterey, California. He also enrolled in Georgetown University, the USA, to complete a diploma in leadership courses. The list of schools he attended included Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, Tufts University, and Zayed University.

After retiring as the staff colonel Engineer, he was elected as member of the National Federal Council of the United Arab Emirates, from 2011 to 2019, where he worked hard to serve his country and contributed to achieving the goals of the council meeting the needs of his country, UAE.

The list of Al Jarwan's success continued when he served as a member of the board of directors of the Sharjah Chamber of Commerce and Industry, the founder and manager of Sharjah Old Cars, Club, Museum, and a member of the National Federation Council of UAE.



Arab Parliament

Al Jarwan was elected as the first president of the Arab Parliament for two consecutive rounds between 2012 and 2016 which proved to be a rich and fruitful chapter for Mr. Ahmad. During his first legislative term, he proved to be a great leader, visionary, mentor, communicator, and a change-maker. His achievements were visible and varied between the representation and definition of the Arab Parliament regionally and internationally. He played a vital role in different committees such as the Foreign Affairs Committee, Political Committee, and the National Security Committee.

He had a clear vision of the role of the Arab Parliament and its movement- the aim to work on the development and the evolution of the Arab nation.

Believing in human capital and its development, he organized many workshops and training programs to support Arab women along with several important issues.

He has proven to be a very important resource for UNESCO and formed a joint committee of the Arab Parliament, the Arab League, UNESCO, ISESCO and ALEXO.

The Arab Parliament has become an essential participant in all activities of international parliamentary organizations, especially the Inter-Parliamentary Union, Arab Parliamentary Union, Association of Senates, Shoora and Equivalent Councils in Africa and the Arab World, The African Parliament, The Union of the Member States of the Organization of the Islamic Conference, The European Parliament, The Latin American Parliament, The Parliamentary Assembly of the Mediterranean, the Parliamentary Assembly – Union for the Mediterranean, and the Asian Parliamentary Assembly.

Global Council for Tolerance and Peace

Al-Jarwan has significant contributions in world peace building activities. He wanted to make a difference by preaching peace and tolerance to, if not all, then most of the population in his then residence. In 2017, Al Jarwan co-founded the Global Council for Tolerance and Peace, along with eight other members at the international level (Ambassador Sam Zakhem, Dr. Fatlinda Tahiri, Dr. Hersh Chadha, Dr. Mufeed Chehab, Mr. Hugo Barabucci, Mr. Bourhane Hamidou, Mrs. Yenny Zannuba, and Mr. Joseph Ellul). It is headquartered in Malta and has privileges and immunities agreements with the government of Malta. The International Parliament for Tolerance and Peace is the legislative body of the Global Council for Tolerance and Peace. The IPTP is composed of MPs representing their national parliaments. Meeting of the Parliament shall be held quarterly. It may be exceptionally held, if necessary. IPTP includes more than 90 countries. The International Parliament of Tolerance and Peace is a permanent observer in the Inter-Parliamentary Union.

The General Assembly is a gathering place for those who are concerned with tolerance, security and peace around the world, held every year, and concerned with studying ways to promote tolerance and peace, ways to overcome obstacles to the application of the standards recognized by the United Nations. It includes more than 50 universities, NGOs and hundreds of individuals.

The following year 2018, Al Jarwan was elected president of the General Union of Arab Experts, where he fulfilled the role impeccably. Three years later, he took the rank of president of the Paris Forum for Peace and Development, a French international non-profit organization based in Paris. The same year, he was also elected chairman of the Executive Office of the Arab Federations' Forum.

He has been quite an active personality when it comes to international relations. He has also been received by many presidents of States, including the president of UNAOC, the president of Guatemala, the president of the Union of Comoros, the president of Armenia, the president of Indonesia, the president of North Macedonia, the president of Costa Rica, the president of Burkina Faso, and many others.

Al Jarwan's list of achievements were recognized when he was named the Ambassador of Excellence and Powerful Leader by the Global Excellence Assembly. His efforts to preserve peace and tolerance were also honored in many ways. He received the Distinguished Humanitarian Award in 2020 by Marquis Who's Who. Recently, he was awarded a Golden Medal from the Gran Gruz Category by the Government of Colombia in 2021. He was also featured in the Wall Street Journal and Millennium Magazine in 2021.

Al Jarwan's journey has been a complete inspiration for other leaders as well. He is, in fact, a revolutionizer in the world of peace, a great leader and a businessman.



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Curtis Wilbur Holds Change of Command Ceremony

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Cmdr. Joseph D. Foster, relieved Cmdr. Anthony S. Massey as the commanding officer of the Arleigh Burke-class guided-missile destroyer USS Curtis Wilbur (DDG 54) during a change of command ceremony, Sept. 8.

Massey served as Executive Officer previously on Curtis Wilbur before fleeting up as the Commanding Officer. During his tour, Massey commanded Curtis Wilbur through rigorous underway periods and advanced mission tasking.

"Getting to this moment has been challenging but also very rewarding." said Massey. "I am thankful that the Navy provided me an opportunity to command and I can't help but thank all the support I've received to be successful".

Massey looked back on his time onboard Curtis Wilbur and reflected on the hard work and dedication of her crew.

"You executed every task and every mission professionally and should be proud of all that you accomplished." said Massey. "We executed regional, theater and national level tasking. Our enormously successful patrol was a culmination of your dedication to your job, to the ship and to your shipmates."

While underway, Curtis Wilbur completed patrols throughout the U.S. 7th Fleet area of responsibility, including the East China Sea, South China Sea, and the Philippine Sea. Underway highlights also include freedom of navigation operations, Taiwan Straits transits and multi-lateral exercises with partner navies. Additionally, Curtis Wilbur recently executed a homeport shift after 25 years of being forward-deployed to Fleet Activities Yokosuka, Japan.

Cmdr. Foster takes command as the ship transitions from an arduous sustainment phase to a long yard period as USS Curtis Wilbur enters the maintenance phase.

"Day in and day out you put in the hard work that produces awe inspiring results." said Foster "I am committed to showcasing your amazing work to our community and continuing our reign of success. I look forward to serving as your Commanding Officer, continuing to bring positive changes to the Ship and cultivating innovative solutions"

Foster is a native of Lafayette Hill, PA, commissioned from the U.S. Naval Academy in 2004 with a Bachelor of Science in Systems Engineering. He holds a master's degree in Electrical Engineering from the **Naval Postgraduate School**. Previously he served as the Executive Officer of USS Curtis Wilbur.

USS Curtis Wilbur is Home ported in San Diego, CA and part of U.S. 3rd Fleet, which leads naval forces in the Indo-Pacific and provides the realistic, relevant training necessary for an effective global Navy. U.S. 3rd Fleet works consistently with U.S. 7th Fleet to complement one another and provide commanders capable, ready assets across the spectrum of military operations in the Pacific.

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