

NASA parachute drop at YPG aborted

By Chuck Wullenjohn

Conducting an individual test can be an unbelievably complicated undertaking, particularly when dealing with an expensive one-of-a-kind system. Late June's test of the parachutes destined for use aboard NASA's Orion spacecraft is a case in point, for it involved a vast number of complex moving parts that had to mesh together in a precise, carefully planned and thought-out manner.

These included several aircraft flying out of Edwards Air Force Base, Ca., additional aircraft from Laguna Army Airfield, ground tracking stations at several points at YPG, and an exceptionally wide variety, dozens, of technical experts. The parachute system for Orion is a complex system of its own, comprised of 11 different parachutes which operate to slow it down and bring it to a safe earth landing. The system's three primary parachutes are made of tough nylon and are the size of football fields.

Though NASA has conducted 17 previous parachute drops at YPG, planners say each deployment is slightly different.

"The parachutes are packed under thousands of pounds of pressure—it takes over a week to pack a main parachute," said Koki Nachin, NASA chief engineer for the capsule

parachute assembly system. "In the final qualification phase, which we are in now, we will demonstrate that the parachute system works as expected within the predicted range of performance."

He says NASA plans for an unmanned Orion mission to go into lunar orbit in 2018, with the first astronaut flight occurring in 2022.

Ellen Ochoa, former astronaut and current director of NASA's Johnson Space Center, was on hand to witness what was to be the 18th YPG drop, but it was ultimately aborted due to an oxygen system problem aboard the C-17 aircraft carrying the parachutes and payload. She is a strong believer in the overall value of the testing.

"It doesn't matter how well the rest of a space mission goes, if the parachutes don't work properly at the end, you don't have a successful mission," she said. "I'm responsible for the safety of our astronauts and for the success of the Orion program, and what goes on here is a key component of that success."

Ochoa has an interesting background. An astronaut for 12 years, she was the first female Hispanic astronaut in world history. Her first flight occurred in 1993,

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It was "all systems go" for the NASA space capsule parachute test on June 29th until an oxygen problem aboard the C-17 aircraft flying the payload and parachute system forced the test to be aborted. If everything had gone as planned, this is how a successful descent would have looked.

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Your body repairs itself when you stop smoking

By Cate Kortzeborn,
Medicare Regional Administrator

It's never too late to quit smoking. While it's best to stop as early as possible, kicking the smoking habit at any age will enhance the length and quality of your life. As soon as you stop, the body begins to repair the damage caused by smoking. You'll also save money and you won't have to run outside your home or office every time the urge to light up hits you!

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15 years after quitting: Your risk of coronary heart disease is the same as that of a nonsmoker.

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VIEWPOINTS

Some people dislike math and have a strong aversion to working with numbers. Others have an intense fear of numbers called Numerophobia. This is obviously not true for those working with numbers and figures on a daily basis, so we asked members of YPG's Resource Management team why they chose their profession and what they enjoy most about it?



Tina Manns, Chief, Manpower & Force Management. Although I don't fear numbers, and deal with them every day in my job, I don't feel I am good with them. I retired from the Army as a signaller, so it is interesting that I am in a financial management profession. The great part of working in Manpower is that no two days are the same because the functional areas in Manpower are heavily influenced by external forces and numbers. I used to count my blessings that I do not work in budget or accounting because of numbers, but Manpower has its own unique set of numbers challenges. Growing up I always wanted to be a teacher, then life happened and here I am with no teaching certificate – but armed with an MBA, fighting with numbers!



Michele Dominguez, Staff Auditor. I originally attended school to study linguistics (American Sign Language and Spanish) in California. After serving in the Army, I attended the University of Houston at a satellite location that did not offer linguistics as a major. I researched the top 10 majors and selected the one I was most interested in, which was accounting. Accounting has allowed me the versatility of being a part of many different industries. What I like most about accounting is helping other people and being part of a team that works towards a common goal. They say you have to be a people person to work in accounting, so it's a perfect fit for me.



Minda Federmeier, Accountant. I have always loved math. No fear of numbers here, my fear involves writing or speaking! I originally began my studies in Nursing because I love helping people. I loved the math and chemistry elements, but didn't like the other things, like dealing with blood and guts, so I changed my career field to Business. For me, finance came naturally and accounting is challenging and interesting, so Resource Management is the best place for me to be.



Minerva Peters, Chief of Staff. I'm not in Resource Management, but was an ORSA for 25+ years. I like numbers because I love patterns. I like finding the number that doesn't fit with the rest of the data then trying to figure out why it is in my data. How did it get there? What caused it? Is there a problem or is it a legitimate value? Finally, what do the numbers tell me in terms of a pattern? To me it's like figuring out a puzzle.

PARACHUTE

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with her last of four in 2002. This was her second visit to YPG, her first occurring many years ago when NASA conducted a test of parachutes used aboard the X-38 vehicle, which was proposed to be an emergency escape vehicle for the international space station. That project was later cancelled.

Ochoa says American astronauts have traveled in space each day for the past 15 years as members of the crew aboard the international space station that flies between 230 and 250 miles above the earth. All crews are transported to and from the station by Soyuz spacecraft launched in Russia and says the partnership between NASA and the Russian

NASA Johnson Space Center Director Ellen Ochoa was on hand for the aborted drop early on a breezy morning in late June. The first female Hispanic astronaut in history, she completed four space flights between 1992 and 2002.
PHOTO BY MAYA ROBBNET OF KAWC RADIO



Space Agency is extremely strong.

"Several hundred scientific experiments are ongoing aboard the international space station at any one time," she says, "plus we use the station as a test bed for further space exploration."

Ochoa says NASA tests components and systems aboard the station will help the agency conduct deep space missions. The Orion spacecraft, the largest spacecraft ever built, will be capable of revisiting the moon, an asteroid, and even the planet Mars.

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SECURITY CORNER

Updates to REAL ID (what you should know)

By Lt. Sean Underhill, Operations Officer, Directorate of Emergency Services

In order to gain access to Yuma Proving Ground, as well as any other military installation, driver's licenses and identification cards must be compliant with the REAL ID Act of 2005. This includes Arizona.

The Arizona Voluntary Travel ID is the credential that complies with REAL ID. The ID is available as both a driver license and identification card. It serves as valid identification to pass through airport security to board commercial aircraft as well as access restricted areas in federal facilities, nuclear power plants and military facilities.

It is important to note that there is no reason to rush to obtain your ID. All Arizona credentials (both federally-compliant and non-compliant) will be accepted at airport security stations, restricted federal

buildings and military installations until Oct. 1, 2020. This gives residents a few years to obtain one. The cost is \$25 for first time issuance and renewals. In most instances, it will be valid for eight years.

Anyone who obtains a non-compliant driver's license or ID card after the Voluntary Travel ID is available will receive a credential with the phrase "not for federal identification" marked on it. It's important to note that these credentials are still good for airport security and federal building access until Oct. 1, 2020.

Security professionals at YPG currently will only accept the "not for federal identification" IDs from Arizona, due to the fact that there are about 13 other licensing states/territories that offer similarly marked

IDs based upon immigration status.

Those who present licenses from states that have not yet complied with the law's requirements are now being denied entrance to military installations.

For most people who work at Yuma Proving Ground this is a moot point, since they have separate DoD-issued ID cards. But vendors and other visitors, including non-dependent family members, are now being turned away unless they are escorted or provide an alternate form of identification.

An acceptable alternate identification card would be one issued by a Federal, state, or local government agency, provided it contains a photograph and biographic information such as name, date of birth, gender, height, eye color, and address. Enhanced Driver's Licenses (EDLs) from non-compliant states

are also acceptable for accessing the proving ground. Alternate identification cards are not required if the person is on a guest list, appointment roster, or attending a special event authorized by the garrison manager, YPG commander and/or the emergency services director. The REAL ID Act does not apply to persons requiring physical access for a benefits purpose, (medical appointment, obtain a military ID card, etc.), or for life and safety.

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Charles Bowery, executive director of the Army's Center of Military History, meets with Yuma community leaders during his late June visit to the YPG Heritage Center. He actively listened to the passionate individual stories of Heritage Center support by everyone who took time to attend. Bowery explained the purpose of his visit and future changes he envisions for the Army museum program, which currently incorporates 57 individual museums, each of which was established and grew in a slightly different manner. Some museums might be consolidated or closed, but he intends to coordinate and focus the efforts of each to maximize benefits for the Army and the American people.

SHOOT'IN THE BREEZE

It's "Magic"

By David J. Horn

One of the things about living in Yuma, is although we're very fortunate to have the Colorado River and several lakes in the area, if you are a water sports enthusiast, you still can't be too picky. People moving into Yuma from areas with big water need to spend their first couple of months in town looking at nothing but sand and creosote bushes, so when they finally do see Mittry Lake or Senator's Wash for the first time, their honest reaction is, "Wow!! Look at all that water!"

Like a lot of people in Yuma, I have a small house, with a small back yard, and even smaller side yards with only room for a small trailer with a small toy on it. So, when a guy in the office said that he had a small sailboat he wanted to sell so he could get the money to buy a new battery for his pickup, I couldn't resist. Even so, compared to the big boat I sailed in a previous life, it would be like going from a Harley down to a whizzer.

Anyway, two hundred bucks and one handshake later, I was the proud owner of a "Montgomery 10."

And, it is fun...to sail around Mittry Lake past all the fishermen who don't seem to have much else going on except to watch me, with one hand on the tiller and the other on the mainsail's sheet line, cruise around their fishing lines and anchor ropes as I go up, down, and across the lake. When I approach the shore during a tacking maneuver, little kids run to the edge of the water with their eyes wide open...to them, it's like a big white 747 coming in to land on their campsite. Just like staring into

a glowing campfire, sailing is magic. But, since this boat is really small, it's also really squirrely. All wind gusts must be taken very seriously very quickly, or you're gonna get wet. There is no time to reach over and put on a life jacket within the 2 micro-seconds it takes that boat to heel over. There is no texting while sailing.

The boat launch ramp too, is one of the most entertaining shows in town. A couple of weeks ago, a guy with his first new fishing boat was trying to use the big motor to run it up on a semi-submerged trailer, when with a little too much throttle, he launched that boat right up over the front roller and into the rear window of his pickup topper. And then there was the guy who after getting his boat positioned and sitting on the rollers, but not yet strapped down, drove up the ramp so fast that when he hit a big bump with one trailer wheel, he literally bounced the boat off the trailer where it landed upside down on the concrete. Never a dull moment.

As for me, I've always noticed that when I bring my sailboat back to the dock, there are people who ask me, "So, how do you sail against the wind?" I always just say, "It's Magic." After saying that so many times, I put letters on the stern officially naming the boat "Magic."

Anyway, whether you have a 300 HP bass boat, a pontoon, waterski boat, Jet Ski, kayak, or inner tube... put on some sunscreen and enjoy the water around Yuma. Get out there and do whatever floats YOUR boat. But, always wear a life jacket and do... watch yourself around that boat ramp.

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

The Measure of a Man

Submitted by Chaplain (Maj.) Douglas Thomison

June 19th this nation celebrated "Father's Day" and it was Great! I preached a message that Sunday which is the title of this article, "The Measure of a Man". I won't get too preachy, but I felt it would be important to share this with the readers of the Outpost.

In measurements, we live in a world that depends on agencies that go around surveying and devices that make sure that companies are being honest in the selling of goods. From the Gas pumps to the Food and Drug Administration to the building industry, there has to be some form of measurements for accuracy and honesty.

On the spiritual side, a man could be measured by what he flees from, what he follows after, and what he fights for. We are to flee from something because it is abhorrent (disgusting) to your soul. In the Bible, 1 Timothy 6:11-12, Paul gives the indication that it is to be a lifelong pursuit that we are never to stop pursuing after the things of God. Fight the good fight. . . Literally agonize the good agony. Paul is informing us that every step of the way, there will be a fight to contend with.

I have a list from a very old book which dates back to the 1600's. The title of this little book is The Godly Man's Portrait by Thomas Watson. The reason I feel this book is important is because Watson describes what he feels a Godly man, according to the Bible, is supposed measured by.

A man: of knowledge, moved by faith, fired by love, like God, of humility, of prayer, of sincerity, zealous, patient, thankful, walks

with God, serves God, trained in religion, and can weep. I asked myself, how do I measure against these in my walk with God and those around me?

Instead of men who are pursuing the American dream, or chasing after empty pots of gold, or giving themselves a pass that leans toward laziness and checking out from responsibility, these are some measurements that are going to require work to obtain. MEN, I ask you how do you measure up? But what if there were just a handful of men who wanted to say, "I want to measure up to what God wants me to be!" Our churches would change, our families would change, and our destinations would change.

My prayer for Father's Day 2016 is that we pursue the things that God measures men by.

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Winter weather

- Get a complete tune-up prior to the onset of winter season, paying special attention to:
 - Check the air, fuel and emission filters
 - Check the battery, and antifreeze levels
- You might want to add this additional equipment in your trunk:
 - Shovel; tow and tire chains; bag of salt or cat litter; tool kit; ice scraper/brush; items to keep you warm such as heavy woolen mittens, socks, a cap and blankets
- Be prepared if you become stranded:
 - Do not leave your car unless you know exactly where you are, and how far it is to possible help
 - If you are sure the car's exhaust pipe is not blocked, run the engine and heater for about 10 minutes every hour or so depending upon the amount of gas in the tank

- Keep at least one window open slightly. Heavy snow and ice can seal a car shut

Rain

- Change windshield wiper blades at least twice a year or every 6,000 miles
- Check your tires regularly for visible signs of wear or damage
- Don't use cruise control or overdrive on wet roads

Flash floods

- "Turnaround, Don't Drown"; if you don't know the depth of water before crossing
- Abandon a stalled vehicle immediately, and seek higher ground

Heat

- Check your tire pressure often with a gauge, especially on long trips
- Never leave your child (or pet) unattended in a vehicle, even with the windows down
- Check child seating surfaces and safety belt buckles to prevent burning when securing your child in a safety seat in a car that has been parked in the heat
- Use car shades to shade seats (and steering wheel) of your parked car
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