

The Nerve

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Service above self



This Week — May 3, 2016

Commander Nathan Hancock

Executive Officer, National Water Center

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Commander Nathan H. “Herb” Hancock is the executive officer of the National Water Center (under the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration’s National Weather Service) at the University of Alabama. Commander Hancock received his commission in May 1997 as a Second Lieutenant, U.S. Army, Engineer. After seven years as a combat engineer, he received an interservice transfer to the NOAA Corps in July 2004.

His sea service began following his interservice transfer. Since joining the

NOAA Corps, he has been assigned to NOAA Ships McArthur II, Pisces, Ka’imimoana and Gordon Gunter. On those ships, he conducted hydrographic surveys, marine sanctuary assessments, Deep Ocean ROV sampling, deployment of buoys supporting ocean and atmospheric research and tsunami warning, fisheries stock assessments and marine mammal surveys.

His other shore assignments include two tours with the 317th Engineer Battalion; the 36th Engineer Group with a combat tour in support of Operations Enduring and Iraqi Freedom; and his first shore assignment with NOAA Corps at the Commissioned Personnel Center.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

MAY 10

Adam Flatt

Tuscaloosa Symphony

MAY 17

Brent Hardin

Adapted Athletics
University of Alabama

Commander Hancock's awards and badges include the Bronze Star Medal, NOAA Corps Commendation Medal, Army Commendation Medal, NOAA Achievement Medal, Army Achievement Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary and Service Medal, NOAA Atlantic, Pacific, and International Service Ribbons, and the Army Service Ribbon; NOAA Senior Watch Officer and Working Diver badges, and Army Parachutist and Air Assault badges.

A native of Gulf Shores, Commander Hancock holds a bachelor's degree in environmental science and systems engineering from the United States Military and a master's degree in geology and geophysics from Missouri University of Science and Technology.

He and his wife, Amanda, have two daughters, Isabella and Savannah Grace.



Last Week — April 26, 2016

Bryan Davis, research/media coordinator for the Alabama Center for Real Estate, spoke to the club about recent real estate trends, saying after a few years of unease after the recession the market has begun to improve. The Alabama Center for Real Estate is housed within the University of Alabama's Culverhouse College of Commerce and is responsible for collecting, maintaining and analyzing the state's real estate statistics. It is also a resource for Alabama real estate research, forecasting and professional development.

At the head table

Lee Tolbert — Pledge of Allegiance – Premier Service Co.

Kirk Cornelius — Invocation – West Alabama Bank

Caroline Williams — Introduction of Guests – BBVA Compass

Chuck Turner — Introduction of Guest Speaker – Past Rotary President

Guests

Cherie Moman, guest of Omar Smith; **Sarah Kate Sullivan**, guest of Pam Parker.



Announcements

- This week's Rotary meeting will be at the National Water Center on the University of Alabama campus, *not* at Indian Hills. The National Water Center is at 205 Hackberry Lane. The Campus Drive parking deck will be open from 11 a.m.-noon. Other options are the Riverside East deck and the connecting surface lot. You will not be ticketed at any of these locations.
- It is time to select the Rotary Rose for this year. The J. Clemson Duckworth Rotary Rose Award for Outstanding Community Service honors a local citizen for significant but largely unrecognized service to society. Please send your nomination with supporting information to Alan Hartley by Monday, May 16.
- Jerry Shepherd will represent our club at the District Conference next weekend. The conference service project is "Heels for Heals." Please bring new athletic shoes (any size) in boxes to our meeting on Tuesday and Jerry will deliver.
- If you are interested in paying your dues via credit card or EFT, please email Patricia Powe at PPPowe@ua.edu. Please let her know if you would like to be billed annually instead of quarterly, as well."
- Feb. 14, 2017, marks the 100th anniversary of the founding of Rotary. The Rotary Club of Tuscaloosa is forming a planning committee to prepare for celebrating this occasion. To find out more or to volunteer, please contact David Pass, who is heading the committee.
- The club's next Honor Flight will be May 11 and the Honor Flight committee is offering corporate sponsorships to help with expenses. For more information, contact Jordan Plaster at james_plasterjr@ml.com or 205-759-9534.

ABSENT? MAKING UP ATTENDANCE IS EASY

- Visit with the Morning Rotary Club every Thursday at 7 a.m. at Indian Hills Country Club
- Attend another club's meeting within two weeks before or after an absence.
 - Participate in a Rotary event, such as a committee meeting, social function, interactive event, etc.
 - Make up at E-club online: www.rotaryclubone.org

Report all makeups to club secretary Caroline Williams at caroline.williams@bbva.com.



