COMFRC volunteerism rises amid COVID-19 pandemic

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Fleet Readiness Center employees worldwide are using their expertise and personal resources to provide product and services to healthcare and other essential workers in the fight against COVID-19.

Employees assigned to Commander, Fleet Readiness Center (COMFRC) headquarters, Patuxent River, Md., and Fleet Readiness Centers around the globe are rising to the occasion, providing products and services to essential workers and those in need during this difficult time.

“Our community heroes are doing so much,” Adrienne Somerville, COMFRC acquisition group lead said. “This is just a small token of my gratitude,” referring to meals she dropped off to the St. Mary’s County Sheriff’s office.

In the last year, COMFRC employees have logged more than 2,000 community service hours, with an average 200 hours per month. Organizations that benefit include the local volunteer fire departments and rescue squads in Southern Maryland, Special Olympics, and mentoring and tutoring assistance for local youth, just to name a few.

“Current events are bringing the FRCs’ strong volunteer spirit to the forefront,” Harris said. “They are applying the same ingenuity and passion they bring to the maintenance, repair and overhaul of naval aviation aircraft.”

One such Sailor is Chief Petty Officer Christopher Allen, an aviation electronics technician and the COMFRC volunteer coordinator. Using his 3D printer, Allen made 22 face shields for the local hospital so far. “I own a nylon 3D printer and plan to make more,” said Allen. “I’ve been dropping them off to the staff out in front of the hospital.”

Brandy Worley, part of the Command Operations Group, is making headbands with buttons so healthcare workers can loop their masks around the buttons instead of behind their ears.

“Many of these folks were getting sores behind their ears because of the constant wearing of their masks,” Worley said. “So far, I have been able to help 600 individuals, spanning...