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NAS Jax wins fourth consecutive safety award

By Miriam Gallet
NAS Jax Public Affairs Officer

NAS Jacksonville earned its fourth consecutive Chief of Naval Operations Occupational Health Ashore Safety Award in the large installation category.

Receiving the CNO Safety Ashore Award for the fourth straight year, a record for any Navy activity, is a strong endorsement of the station's impressive safety program and employees' total adoption and integration in a strong safety culture. Earning the prestigious award continues the station's long history of safety excellence.

"This is certainly a top honor for NAS Jax. We're all extremely proud of our safety programs and this award showcases the commitment to safety that our military and civilian personnel bring to work every day. They do an outstanding job of proactively fostering a culture of safety in the workplace," stated Capt. Jack Scorby Jr., NAS Jacksonville commanding officer.

"It's important to note that in order for these programs to be successful, all hands must participate and take responsibility for their actions and the actions of their coworkers. I am extremely proud because this is our fourth consecutive CNO Safety Ashore Award. This tells me that NAS Jax personnel are vigilant and constantly



The May 2008 Recreational Safety Rodeo at NAS Jacksonville coincided with motorcycle safety awareness month. After a demonstration on defensive driving, rodeo organizers presented a simulated motorcycle accident with response by NAS Jacksonville Fire and Rescue personnel.

embrace occupational health and safety as an integral part of their job while carrying out a fast-paced operational schedule," continued Scorby.

According to NAS Jacksonville

Safety Manager Ron Williamson, the main reason the station continues to foster an exceptional safety program is because NAS Jax has a safety culture that stresses safety in all of its operations. "We

have very strong support for safety within our command leadership. Additionally, our department heads, supervisors and employees have embraced safety, totally," Williamson explained.

"Several categories of mishaps showed marked improvement from the previous year. The military and civilian on-duty case rate dropped from 2.45 in 2007 to 1.88 in 2008, a 23 percent reduction," he continued.

"Also, we have set a goal of Occupational Safety and Health Administration Voluntary Protection Programs (VPP) "Star" status for NAS Jacksonville, and have completed stage one of our challenge program heading toward "Star" status in VPP. Along with a strong occupational safety and health program, we strive for a strong traffic safety program through our annual recreational safety rodeo, defensive driving classes and motorcycle safety training class for beginning riders, experienced riders and for riders of Sport bikes," Williamson added.

Other initiatives that contributed to the overall success of the base safety program include a successful fire prevention program; disaster preparedness drills; an ergonomic program; ordnance/explosives safety program; recreational safety program; Click It or Ticket campaigns, driver improvement classes and a medical surveillance program for civilian employees.

The award will be presented at the 17th annual Safety Professional Development Conference in San Diego March 17.



Photo by Kaylee LaRocque

ET2 Sam HerediaPerez greets his 7-year-old daughter, Aimee, during a special reunion at Dinsmore Elementary School Feb. 23. HerediaPerez, of the NAS Jax Air Operations Ground Electronics Maintenance Division, has been deployed to Afghanistan as an individual augmentee for the past nine months.

Air Ops Sailor returns home from Afghanistan

By Kaylee LaRocque
Deputy PAO

A special homecoming took place Feb. 23 as ET2 Sam HerediaPerez of the NAS Jax Air Operations Ground Electronics Maintenance Division, surprised his two children at Dismore Elementary School.

HerediaPerez was deployed as an individual augmentee to Afghanistan for the past eight months.

Although he returned home Feb. 19, HerediaPerez and his wife, Lena wanted to do something special for their children. So after a brief trip to Orlando, the couple and a group of Sailors from Air Operations and HSM-70 met at daughter, Aimee's school for a family reunion the following Monday morning.

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CMO-11 'Black Tips' to disestablish

By Clark Pierce
Editor

The era of wing-level maintenance ownership of P-3 Orion aircraft at NAS Jacksonville ends tomorrow with the disestablishment of Consolidated Maintenance Organization (CMO) 11.

Cmdr. Pat McCormick, CMO-11 commanding officer, recently discussed the short history of the organization that was established in October 2006.

"In preparation for the P-8A Poseidon (the P-3C replacement) transition, the Navy combined the P-3 squadrons' maintenance departments at Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii; Whidbey Island, Wash.; and Jacksonville, Fla. into CMO-2, CMO-10 and CMO-11 respectively to maximize efficiency and effectiveness.

"The CMO concept divided the command into maintenance deployment teams that were paired with squadrons - in our case, VP-5, VP-16, VP-45 and VP-62. When a VP squadron deployed, the CMO sent a maintenance detachment to accompany the squadron to ensure mission-capable aircraft," said McCormick.

"Leadership intended the CMO to mirror the new P-8 organization of 2012 that would be flown by Navy aircrew and maintained by contractor logistics support. The only Navy



Photo by Clark Pierce

During a recent tour of the flight line near Hangar 1000, CMO-11 Commanding Officer Cmdr. Pat McCormick observes AD2 Thomas Bacon and ADAN Jeffrey Chidester as they perform scheduled maintenance on a P-3C turboprop engine.

maintainers involved would be ordnance support. The idea was to focus solely on transitioning flyers to the P-8 without simultaneously transitioning maintainers," McCormick explained.

"Things changed in November 2008 when patrol and reconnaissance leadership decided to revert back to legacy maintenance departments at the squadron level. This was not a negative reflection of CMO performance. It was simply determined that there is better synergy by deploying as a single unit, rather than two separate units of flyers and maintainers," continued McCormick.

"With the advent of P-8, leadership

believes traditional, squadron-level maintenance will maximize our expeditionary capabilities. So, we can go anywhere, any time - with flyers and maintainers operating as one unit."

At its height, CMO-11 mustered 680 officer and enlisted personnel.

"Our maintainers will all revert to VP squadrons. And junior officers will once again hone their leadership skills as branch officers in charge of the various maintenance shops. The only people losing their jobs are me, my XO and my command master chief," said McCormick.

The CMO-11 Disestablishment Ceremony is scheduled for March 6 at 10 a.m. in Hangar 1000.

TOUCHING BASE

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Where were you in '52?



An aircrew survival training chief adjusts the life vest of an NAS Jacksonville Sailor participating in "bail-out survival training." Since no parachutes are visible, the training appears to be for ditching an aircraft in water. *File photo*

New car rotation never works

By Sarah Smiley
Special Contributor

For as long as we've been married, Dustin has tried to implement a "new car rotation." The plan looks good on paper. If Dustin buys a new car, the theory goes that I won't get a new car for another four years. Then the system reverses: Dustin keeps his old car; I get a new one. Dustin's plan also involves having only one car payment.

So far, this plan has never worked. Part of my dowry, you could say, back in 1999 was a 10-year old Ford Bronco II, which Dustin worried might have problems on his dime. (Dustin's car at the time was a newer Volkswagen Jetta. One of the perks of going to the Naval Academy, incurring no debt, and having a salary fresh out of college.)

He was especially worried about my Bronco making the cross-country move to our new duty station in San Diego eight weeks after our wedding. My dad, however, who had maintained my Bronco since I was 16 years old, mentioned in his toast to us at the wedding reception that despite Dustin's anxiety about the aging Bronco, it was the "least expensive thing" Dad was handing over to him that day.

Ha. Ha. Ha. Everyone laughed. I blushed. Dustin felt relieved.

About two weeks later, as we drove to our temporary home in Pensacola, Fla., where Dustin was finishing up flight school, my Bronco's engine exploded at midnight in the middle of a dark, lonely highway. There wasn't a welcoming building or human for at least thirty miles. Dustin mentioned

my dad a few times as we sat there stranded on the side of the road.

One new, very expensive engine later (an engine that cost more than the car was worth), Dustin and I inexplicably chose to ship his Jetta with our household goods to San Diego and drive the Bronco across country to our new home. It had a new engine after all.

We weren't in San Diego long when I found out I was pregnant with our first son.

"I can't drive this old, unreliable car with a new baby," I told Dustin.

"But I just put a new engine in it," he said.

Soon, we were at a dealership trading in my Bronco, whose body would be sold for scrap metal, and whose shiny new engine (the one we just bought) would be used as a transplanted car-organ.

"Let me do the negotiating," Dustin said. "So we can get a good deal."

Turns out, he should have just left me at home, because when Dustin got tough with the salesman, I panicked about his hardball tactics and said (in front of the salesman), "Dustin, stop being so mean to him! He's trying to give us a deal!" It ended up being necessary to trade the Jetta and the Bronco to get the car I wanted. In this "new car rotation," the first of our marriage, Dustin left the deal with no car.

Once we relocated again, this time to Jacksonville, Fla., and Dustin returned from his first deployment, he bought himself a used pick-up truck

that shook like it would explode when it approached 40 miles per hour. A few years later, now in Pensacola, Fla., Dustin decided it was finally time to get himself a new car. And he wanted it to be a sports car.

But I had two children in car seats at this point. Dustin's conscience got the best of him, and he bought me and the kids a new Ford Freestyle instead. He rotated the "old" Ford Explorer to himself.

These days I have three children to transport in my car. The Freestyle was getting cramped, so I was shocked when Dustin came home last week and said, "I'm thinking about buying myself a new car."

"A new car? I can't even fit the boys in the one I have," I said.

"But I want to get a fun sports car," he said.

A few days later, Dustin inherited my "old" Freestyle and I drove away with a new mini-van.

"What happened to our rotation plan?" Dustin asked.

"We still have one. When I get a new car, we rotate, and your get my old one."

Dustin looked sad. So I told him, "Hey, if you really want the new mini-van to be yours, it can be."

He chose not to take me up on that offer. He might not have a new car, but at least he's not driving a mini-van.

Then, my friend Stephanie told him, "But you do have a new car, Dustin. You have a new-to-you car."

That works for me.

FROM THE HOMEFRONT

MEET A SAILOR . . .

ABF1 TROY SEAMAN



Job title/command:
NAS Jax Air Operations – Fuel Farm

Hometown: Interlachen, Fla.

Favorite duty station/Why? NAS Jacksonville. It's close to home.

Last book read: *One Shoot, One Kill*

Favorite pastime: Fishing

Most interesting experience: IA deployment to Afghanistan.

Who is your hero? My wife.

MEET A CIVILIAN . . .

JOSIE LADD



Job title/command:
MWR Recreation Attendant

Hometown: Cleveland, TN

Favorite duty station/Why? Here in Jacksonville. The weather is warm, the people are friendly and of course – the beaches.

Last book read: The latest Nicholas Sparks.

Favorite pastime: Singing Karaoke.

Most Interesting Experience: Swimming with dolphins in Key West on my honeymoon.

Who is your hero? My husband and mom.

HEY, MONEYCHIC!

Hey, MoneyChic!

Having four kids, it's a treat when we are able to eat out, even fast food. My problem is that my kids seem to think it's a free for all when they see the menu.

They want the dessert, the super-sized meal, fancy frozen drinks that are an extra on the kid's meal. I get tired of sounding like a broken record telling them no and it takes away from the fun of eating out at all. Any way I can turn this trend around?

MoneyChic says: Why don't you try this idea. Give each kid a gift card to your family's favorite eating establishment. Have them bring along their gift cards the next time your family is set to eat out. Let them know they will each be paying for their meal, using their own card.

You'll be surprised at just how much the requests change when they are paying for them on their own cards. If you have a hold out that still likes to splurge that is fine, but that child may miss out on a meal later or only get a "snack" during the next outing.

This is a small teaching tool for finances later in life as well.



A plane captain assigned to VP-30 signals to the crew of a P-3C Orion during start-up checks. VP-30 is the U.S. Navy's Maritime Patrol Fleet Replacement Squadron whose mission is to provide aircraft-specific training for pilots, naval flight officers, and enlisted aircrew men prior to reporting to the fleet. *File photo*

Register now for MPRF symposium set for April at NAS Jax

From staff

The 2009 Maritime Patrol and Reconnaissance Force (MPRF) Reunion and Symposium will take place at NAS Jacksonville April 2 - 3.

This event is open to all active duty, reserve and retired officers. The 2009 MPRF Reunion and Symposium agenda includes:

- Active duty and reserve flag officers briefing

- Dedication of the MPRF Weapons School
- Golf Tournament held at the NAS Jacksonville Golf Course
- VP/VQ Detailer Brief for junior officers and O-4s
- Retired MPRF Flag Luncheon
- Flight Suit Reception at NAS Jacksonville Officers' Club

There will also be a junior officer and VP/VQ Detailer no-host social at the "T-Bar" on April 1. Event prices and other information can be found

at www.mprfreunion.org – or by contacting Lt. Cmdr. Chris Artis at (904) 235-9955 or Lt. Cmdr. Chris Flaherty at (703) 695-2106.

Attendees must RSVP no later than March 26.

You may register and pay for all MPRF events online at www.mprfreunion.org – or make your check payable to "VP Reunion Fund" and mail to: Lt. Cmdr. Chris Flaherty, 100 N. Union St., Apt. A, Alexandria, VA 22314.

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Economic hardships due to our current recession are hitting nearly everyone. Of course those with money in the stock market have felt its effects, but people are feeling the pain in other ways as well.

Many are now saddled with adjustable-rate mortgages that have adjusted to rates and payments they simply cannot afford. Many argue that they couldn't afford to purchase those houses in the first place, but what's done is done. And people are losing their houses in record numbers.

It's not hard to imagine that people who have lost their jobs due to the sagging economy, or those who have lost their homes to foreclosure are having a hard time keeping up with their other bills as well. Credit card companies in particular are feeling the pinch.

keeping mum on specific decisions, but say they're just trying to avoid loss.

There are however unintended consequences to the credit card companies' actions. Having their limits cut gives consumers less available credit, which alters their credit-to-debt ratio and results in lower FICO scores. Like the woman we spoke to, many good customers are being adversely affected by these new credit card terms.

Many banks are in trouble too due to the number of people defaulting on their loans. With taxpayer help through the bailout, banks will eventually rebound. Until then they're taking a cue from the credit card companies, and they're scrutinizing every customer more closely and lending less.

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One credit card customer we spoke to, but who did not want to be identified, said that after 15 years with the same credit card company, they have cut her credit limit in half. "I've never had a payment and only been late a couple of times in 15 years. Why would they do that to me?" she asked. "I don't know, but I'm out there who

keeping mum on specific decisions, but say they're just trying to avoid loss.

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Military Justice Moot Court Competition



University of Georgia law student R.T. Collins presents his oral argument to the judges during the Region Legal Service Office Southeast Moot Court Competition at NAS Jax Feb. 26. Selected law students presented arguments in the fictitious case of U.S. vs. Jones to test their courtroom skills against opposing law schools from Florida and Texas.



Commander, Navy Region Southeast Rear Adm. Townsend Alexander (far right) and Navy Region Legal Service Office Southeast (RLSO SE) Commanding Officer Capt. Paul Kiamos (far left) congratulate the winning RLSO SE Moot Court team from Florida Coastal School of Law. (From left) Neal Buchanan, Kristin Rhodus, Wes Ridout and James Carson took home top honors for their briefs and oral arguments at NAS Jax Feb. 25-27.



(From left) Matthew Wildner (Stetson University), Tom Williams (Texas Tech University), Navy-Marine Corps Court of Criminal Appeals Chief Judge Clerk Lt. Cmdr. Jim Carsten and Chris Tolbert (Texas Tech University) discuss career opportunities available in the JAG Corps after visiting the Navy recruiting trailer during a recess in court proceedings.

Law students build skills in moot court

By Natalie Morehouse
Special Contributor

Navy legal professionals from Region Legal Service Office Southeast (RLSO SE) hosted their inaugural Military Justice Moot Court Competition at NAS Jacksonville Feb. 25-27.

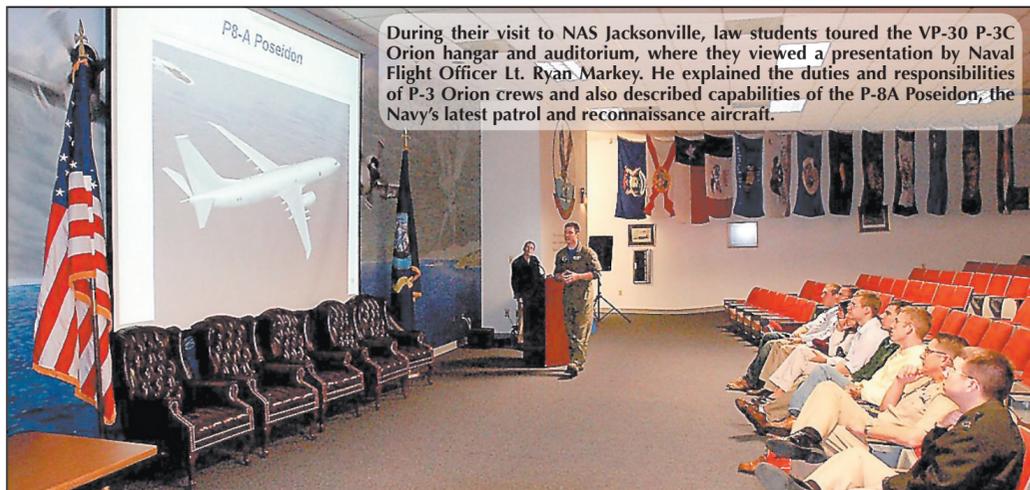
"This competition promotes legal education and awareness of the actual issues arising in the military justice systems," said RLSO SE Commanding Officer Capt. Paul Kiamos. "In moot court, the 'case' is purely fictional – but the experience for law students is truly invaluable."

In an effort to uniquely implement the Navy Judge Advocate General Corps recruiting guidance, RLSO SE created this inaugural military moot court competition for six invited law schools located in the Southeastern United States. The competition attracted 18 law students interested in the military justice system from:

- Florida Coastal School of Law
- Stetson University College of Law
- Texas Southern University, Thurgood Marshall School of Law
- Texas Tech University School of Law
- University of Florida, Fredric G. Levin College of Law
- University of Georgia School of Law

"This is a wonderful opportunity for law students to come here and participate in a great competition, build camaraderie and learn team-building skills," stated NAS Jax Commanding Officer Capt. Jack Scorby Jr. "It's also a great opportunity for us to showcase what the Navy has to offer – and hopefully, some of these aspiring lawyers will become Navy JAGs."

RLSO SE invited six distinguished Navy judges to NAS Jax to participate in the moot court competition, including: Navy-Marine Corps Court of Criminal Appeals Chief Judge Daniel O'Toole, Judge Eric Price, Judge Lt. Col. Vernon Couch, Judge and Naval Legal Service Office Southeast Commanding Officer Capt. Kirk Waits, Central Judicial Circuit Judge Moira Modzelewski from Norfolk and Judge Bethany Payton-O'Brian Trial Judge from San Diego.



During their visit to NAS Jacksonville, law students toured the VP-30 P-3C Orion hangar and auditorium, where they viewed a presentation by Naval Flight Officer Lt. Ryan Markey. He explained the duties and responsibilities of P-3 Orion crews and also described capabilities of the P-8A Poseidon, the Navy's latest patrol and reconnaissance aircraft.



Florida Coastal School of Law students Neal Buchanan (left) and James Carson (middle) take a fly-over tour of downtown Jacksonville with VP-30 Legal Officer Lt. Brandon Decker in a P-3 simulator during their participation in the moot court competition.



Florida Coastal School of Law student James Carson carefully maneuvers the flight controls of a P-3 simulator during a tour of NAS Jacksonville.



Moot court competition law students and Navy Region Legal Service Office Southeast JAG officers toured NAS Jax Heritage Park Feb. 25 to learn about naval aviation history.



Lt.j.g. Randy Schimpf gives a tour of guided-missile cruiser USS Hue City (CG 66) to law school students visiting Naval Station Mayport Feb. 25. The students were attending the Judge Advocate General Corps Military Moot Court Competition hosted by Region Legal Service Office Southeast.



Florida Coastal School of Law student James Carson presents his opening statements during the Region Legal Service Office Southeast moot court competition held at NAS Jax Feb 26. Visiting law students presented arguments in the fictitious case of U.S. vs. Jones to test their representational skills against opposing team members in a bid to win top prize in the competition.



(From Left) Navy-Marine Corps Court of Criminal Appeals judges Navy Region Legal Service Office Southeast (RLSO SE) Commanding Officer Capt. Kirk Waits, Senior judge Lt. Col. Stuart Couch and Cmdr. Beth Payton-O'Brien listen to arguments presented by law students during the moot court competition hosted by Navy RLSO SE at NAS Jax.

Photos by ATAA Adam Thomas



Texas Southern University law student Reshae Ridley presents her argument to the judges during the Region Legal Service Office Southeast moot court competition held at NAS Jacksonville Feb 26. Each team had one month to prepare their brief for the moot court competition. Oral arguments were judged and scored by the panel of Navy JAG judges.

MOOT COURT: Students taste military law

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In addition to the moot court competition, the students toured commands at NAS Jax as well as Naval Station Mayport. They also enjoyed significant interaction with RLSO SE command members and competition military judges.

"I've enjoyed my visit to NAS Jax immensely. Touring the flight simulator was golden, it was so much fun!" said Reshae Ridley, a law student at Texas Southern University. "Being in the Navy environment has given me a great insight into becoming a JAG officer. I've seen the TV show JAG, but seeing the real thing lets me observe the authentic polished and professional officers in a real environment."

To prepare for the competition, each team was given a problem that was a post-trial argument to the Navy-Marine Corps Court of Criminal Appeals. Each team had one month to prepare their brief for the moot court competition. Teams were randomly assigned to serve as counsel for either the appellee or appellant – so each team had to prepare to argue both sides before the court. Oral arguments were judged and scored by the panel of judges.

"These students are very bright and exceedingly well prepared. The competition was keen and close. I think it's very important for the future bar to have law students who want a career in the Navy with mentoring by senior naval judges and lawyers," stated Chief Judge Capt. Dan O'Toole.

"This is a great opportunity for students to see the military justice system and the Navy lifestyle up close. It's a valuable recruiting event for

the JAG Corps," said Cmdr. David Berger, RLSO SE executive officer. "It gives us an opportunity to review each student's research and evaluate their ability to make legal arguments. It's an exciting opportunity and we hope to include more law schools in the future."

The final round of the com-

petition took place at the NAS Jax Officers' Club Feb. 27 and was followed by the awards ceremony. The first place winner of the over-all competition was Florida Coastal School of Law. Tom Williams of Texas Tech University School of Law was recognized for best oral argument.



Commander, Navy Region Southeast Rear Adm. Townsend Alexander congratulates Tom Williams of Texas Tech University School of Law. Williams won the award for "best oral argument" at the Region Legal Service Office Southeast (RLSO SE) Military Justice Moot Court Competition.

Let there be light

By Chaplain (Lt.j.g.) Justin Top

Many years ago I was exploring a cave with some friends. It was dark, damp and full of tight spots and difficult obstacles.

About an hour into our adventure my flashlight died and I had no spare batteries. Initially I thought I could navigate with the lights from those around me. But then, I blindly bumped into and stumbled over obstacles. I discovered that, without my own light, I couldn't see the path ahead of me well enough to avoid danger.

This story has great parallel to our lives. As we navigate life's perilous environment, we find ourselves stumbling with decisions and getting knocked around by life because we can't see where we're going.

To plot a course through life's challenges, each of us needs to increase our spirituality to brighten our path.

By spirituality, I don't necessarily mean religion. Religion often helps produce spirituality, but there are other ways people can be spiritual as well.

Some people rely on prin-

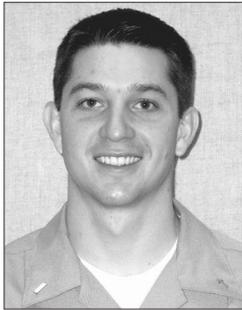
ciples such as patriotism, love, service, pursuit of knowledge, and the improvement of society as sources of light to guide them. Spirituality is an inner source of strength and light that helps a person fashion his or her ideals and helps create a connection to something outside of self.

True spirituality provides tremendous internal motivation to help us progress in life. Research has shown that people who have deep spirituality are healthier, happier, do better in school/work, and seem to deal better with problems.

Even though spirituality is extremely important, many don't really understand what it is. Here are elements of spirituality and some questions you can ask yourself to help discover or increase your spiritual "light."

MEANING – Spirituality comes partly by discovering the answer to the question What is life all about? It seeks to help you see beyond yourself and understand the "big picture."

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER



Chaplain (Lt.j.g.) Justin Top

SELF-WORTH – Who am I? In a world that pulls us in many directions, great power comes from knowing who you are and how you fit into the "big picture."

DIRECTION – Spirituality also guides our behavior. What am I supposed to do? How can I contribute to making life meaningful?

PASSION – What do I feel strongly about? The deeper your answer, the deeper your passion and spirituality will be. A passion about football will be dim in comparison to a passion about helping people.

CONNECTION – A healthy spiritual attitude includes our inter-personal relationships as well as our relationship with nature. Are you moving toward connection or isolation? What makes you feel close to the world around you?

Whatever your source of spiritual light, remember that the more powerfully it shines, the more clearly you will guide yourself and others through life to experience lasting happiness.

CHAPEL CENTER CALENDAR

Sunday Services

8:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist Episcopal
 9:30 a.m. Catholic Mass
 9:45 Protestant Sunday School
 10:45 a.m. Catholic CCD
 11 a.m. Protestant Worship
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NCIS targets identity theft

By MCI(SW/AW) Kristen Allen
Naval Criminal Investigative Service Public Affairs

The Naval Criminal Investigative Service (NCIS) is focusing its crime reduction program (CRP) campaign on identity theft through March 31. "Identity theft is one of the fastest growing crimes in our country," said NCIS Special Agent Carrie Nelson, CRP coordinator. "This campaign is designed to highlight the protective actions individuals can take to safeguard themselves from becoming a victim."

NCIS has been working closely with the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) to provide the most current information on identity theft to all Sailors and Marines during this campaign. The FTC is the federal government's center for resources, information, and coordination with other agencies on identity theft issues. FTC's campaign motto in fighting identity theft is to deter, detect, and defend.

"We do training around the country for federal, state and local law enforcement officers on how to investigate identity crimes and how to assist victims who come to them with identity theft problems," said Betsy Broder, assistant director, FTC Division of Privacy and Identity Protection. "We have a very comprehensive program on consumer education at large and victim assistance."

Victims can report identity theft by writing to the FTC, completing an online complaint form at <https://www.ftccomplaintassistant.gov/>, or calling FTC's toll free hotline 1-877-ID-THEFT (438-4338). Complaint forms and identity theft information materials are available in English and Spanish.

Broder noted more than 300,000 identity theft complaints were filed with the FTC in 2008. She said service members can have particular problems with identity theft because their Social Security numbers are so closely intertwined with their identities, and Social Security numbers



are often what identity thieves are looking for to open up new accounts. Deployments and being stationed overseas also put Sailors and Marines at risk.

Broder advised service members to be vigilant when handling personal identifying information, especially for those living on ships, or in barracks or other communal living areas where it may not be as easy to protect information. She said, "With computers, every file that has information about you should at least be password protected, and you should have appropriate filters and firewalls to help prevent electronic ID theft."

Broder explained members of the armed services who are deploying can place an active duty alert on their credit file, which serves as a red flag to help prevent fraudulent accounts from being opened. If someone attempts to open an account in the service member's name while they are away from their home duty station, it will alert the creditor to ask the applicant for more information and pieces of identification.

She also suggested checking a credit report before and after deployments. "You are entitled to one free credit report per year from each of the three credit reporting agencies," said Broder.

"It's a good idea to check one before you deploy to make sure everything is okay, and then check a report from another agency when you return from the deployment to make sure no fraudulent accounts were opened in your absence." Broder said there are other important steps service mem-

bers and their families can take to prevent identity theft. They include shredding documents with personal information; not carrying Social Security numbers in wallets or purses; safeguarding military IDs; not giving out personal information on the phone, through mail, or over the Internet unless a person knows who they're dealing with; not lending out credit cards or account information; not clicking on unsolicited e-mails; not letting mail pile up if unable to collect it; and not using obvious passwords like your birth date, mother's maiden name, or the last four digits of your Social Security number.

For those who do fall victim to identity theft, Broder said the first thing to do is put a fraud alert on your credit file. Service members can call one of the credit reporting agencies to place the alert, and they will convey the alert to the other two agencies. All fraudulent accounts need to be closed as soon as possible by phone and followed up in writing, and the service member needs to keep good records of all papers and correspondence sent out regarding the fraudulent accounts.

Identity theft victims need to file a police report in order to pursue their rights and start clearing their name and cleaning up credit reports. Sailors and Marines in the United States can make a report at any police department. Personnel who are deployed or stationed overseas, can file a report with base law enforcement.

Broder also advised bringing the issue to the attention of your command because it may require quite a bit of time to resolve the issues, and reporting identity theft issues to the FTC.

The FTC's main identity theft website is <http://www.ftc.gov/bcp/edu/microsites/idtheft/>. The site contains links for consumers, businesses, military, law enforcement, and a reference desk with resources including pamphlets and brochures.



Photo courtesy FISC Jax
(From left) FISC Commanding Officer Rear Adm. William Brown, FISC Jax Commanding Officer Capt. Karl Rau, Ensign Christian Grau (youngest supply corps officer in attendance) and retired CWO3 Ike Wiles (oldest supply corps officer in attendance) celebrate 214 years of Navy Supply Corps accomplishments.

Navy Supply Corps celebrates 214 years

By Kari Hansen
FISCJ Corporate Communications

The Navy Supply Corps 214th birthday was celebrated Feb. 24 at the NAS Jacksonville Officers' Club. Held in conjunction with the Fleet and Industrial Supply Center (FISC) Jax Regional Supply Officers Conference (RSOC), the event was attended by over 100 active duty, retired and civilian logisticians.

Guest speaker was Rear Adm. William Brown, commander, Fleet and Industrial Supply Centers. He stressed the importance of recognizing the supply community workforce is skilled in a wide array of disciplines, such as supply chain management, contracting, fuels management, transportation, physical distribution and ordnance inventory management.

"As we celebrate the founding of our Navy Supply Corps, keep in mind the Commander's Guidance of Rear Adm. Mike Lyden (Commander, NAVSUP). Remember how our supply community superbly supports our Navy, Marine Corps, joint and coalition forces around the clock and across the globe," said Brown.

He presented a slide show of photos depicting Navy Supply operations all over the world. "As we build the Navy of the future, we need to keep diversity in mind as we recruit in a wide array of positions supporting today's Fleet readiness, our Sailors and their families."

Brown also highlighted accomplishments FISC Jax in the local tri-base area operations. "Capt. Rau and his team are highly respected within the Southeast region. This reputation is critical to our customers, especially with the establishment of the 4th Fleet at Mayport. Rear Adm. Joe Kernan (Commander, U.S. 4th Fleet) understands that expert logisticians are just a phone call away for superior support."

FISC Jax Commanding Officer Capt. Karl Rau presented a plaque to Brown with his last name spelled out in phonetic alpha- bet flags.

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HS-15 to support special warfare in Iraq

By Clark Pierce
Editor

“Regardless of our assigned mission, the Red Lions are trained to provide the right aircraft, in the right configuration, with the right crews – at right-on readiness,” said HS-15 Commanding Officer Cmdr. Chris Misner in a recent interview at his hangar office at NAS Jacksonville.

That “right” attitude has taken shape as an unconventional, land-based deployment of HS-15 in support of joint special operations units in Iraq. The six-month mission involves 70 aircrew and maintainers who will operate four HH-60H Seahawk helicopters from a combined special forces base in the vicinity of Baghdad.

“In 2008, our squadron leaders saw potential to deploy outside of the traditional FRTP (Fleet Readiness Training Plan) deployment cycle and utilize our assets to support NSW (Navy Special Warfare) in an innovative manner,” said Misner. “We consulted with our brethren, the ‘Red Wolves’ of HSC-84 at NS Norfolk, Va. They are a Naval Reserve Helicopter Sea Combat squadron and the only one dedicated to NSW support. As a result, we mapped out our training plan that involved exercises with a number of Navy SEAL teams based on both the east and west coasts.”

Misner explained that no new mission skill sets were required. “Our aircrews are well-versed in the HH-60H’s primary mission of combat search and rescue, NSW support, anti-surface warfare, medical evacua-



Photos by Clark Pierce

AD3 Rintel Iatlia performs scheduled maintenance on the rotor of an SH-60F Seahawk assigned to the HS-15 “Red Lions” based at NAS Jacksonville.

tion and logistics support. For this deployment, we naturally concentrated our training on NSW support, which includes covert missions against high value targets utilizing night vision devices. In fact, our people will rarely see the light of day. Every mission will take place under the cover of darkness.”

Last fall, the Red Lions conducted insert and extract operations in Virginia with SEAL Team 10. At Fort Knox, Ky., they conducted intelligence-surveillance-reconnaissance and call-for-fire missions with SEAL Team 2.

In 2009, the squadron flew four Seahawks across the country to the National Training Center at Fort Irwin, Calif. for counterin-



Troubleshooters from the maintenance shops of HS-15 give their newly acquired HH-60H Seahawk a thorough going-over Feb. 27 before starting the engines for a flight check. Four helicopters and 70 “Red Lions” personnel will soon deploy to Iraq in support of special warfare operations.



HS-15 Aircrew Survival Equipmentmen PR2 Joshua Underwood said the new PRU-70 body armor flight vest is required for aircrew and pilots flying missions in Iraq.

surgency training missions in the Mojave Desert. The detachment also supported SEAL Team 7 in its pre-deployment certification exercise. From Fort Irwin, the detachment flew to Marine Corps Air Station in Yuma, Ariz. to support SEAL Team 1 in low-light missions. Red Lion pilots also experienced desert brownout conditions similar to those they’ll encounter in the deserts of Iraq.

One new requirement for maintainers and aircrew was small-arms weaponry school and certification at the Florida National Guard’s Camp Blanding Joint Training Center near Starke, Fla.

Two C-5 Galaxy transports (the largest aircraft in the Air Force inventory) will fly the Red Lions’ helicopters, equipment, parts and personnel from NAS Jax to Iraq. HS-15 Executive Officer Cmdr. Larry Getz is officer in charge of the detachment.

In Iraq, the Red Lions will report to Combined Joint Special Operations Air Component Commander. They will share the flight line with four HH-60Hs of HSC-84, as well as Army units flying the UH-60 Blackhawk.

NEX introduces new virtual phone card

By Kristine Sturkie
NEXCOM PAO

The Navy Exchange (NEX) announces a new way to talk to a loved one back home. With its vendor partner AT&T, the NEX is offering a new worldwide virtual prepaid phone card.

The virtual phone card lets Sailors call from anywhere in the U.S. and to and from 200 countries around the world.

However, these cards cannot be used to on board U.S. Navy or Coast Guard ships.

“AT&T worldwide virtual prepaid phone cards are a great addition to the services NEX offers,” said Jennie Zack, telecommunications program manager, Navy Exchange Service Command (NEXCOM). “Our customers can now purchase a personal identification number (PIN) online no matter where duty calls.”

To purchase a card, visit the NEX Web site at www.navy-nex.com and click on the virtual phone card button on the left-hand side. Once shopping privileges are validated, click into the on-line shopping mall. From there, click the AT&T button to be taken to the AT&T secure website to purchase either a \$10 or \$20 AT&T worldwide phone card PIN. Once purchased, the virtual card’s PIN and toll-free dial num-

ber will be delivered online.

To make a call, call the toll-free dial number of the Virtual AT&T Worldwide PrePaid Card, enter the Personal Identification Number (PIN), and dial the number of the person receiving the call.

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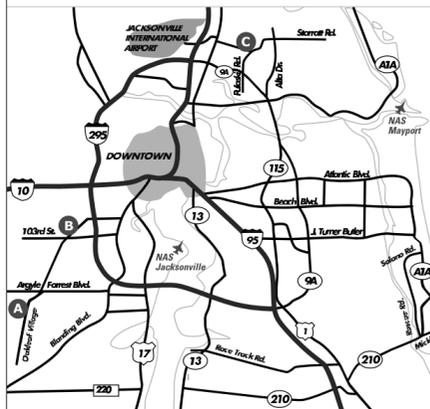
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'Mad Foxes' build community in Okinawa

By MC3 Jason Wilson

Dressed in their winter working uniforms, Sailors from VP-5 cautiously approached the Tsukushi-En Childcare Center in Okinawa, Japan Feb. 12.

The contingent of "Mad Foxes" was unsure how the children would respond to them. They were told that the kids might be intimidated by military uniforms. As they got closer, voices and many sets of young faces greeted them through a window.

A young Japanese boy, armed with a playful expression and a cowboy hat, met them at the front door. Squeaky, lighthearted voices bounced off of the walls and seemed to come from every direction.

The children's mothers were with them on this day, and although there was a major language barrier, the Sailors learned that communication can be so much more than just spoken words.

At first, the distance in ages and cultures was disorienting, but as the children quickly warmed up to the smiles of the Sailors, as the singing and dancing began.



Photo courtesy VP-5
(From left) MC3 Jason Wilson, PS3 Lucas Parish, AZ1 Arlene Williams, YN3 Antwan Ford, NC1 Tanarsha Fabian, YN3 Michael Brodnicki, CS2 Hashan Morgan and AE1 John Henry, with two of the children from the Tsukushi-En Childcare Center in Okinawa.

"My favorite part was when we were dancing with the kids and counting in our language while they were counting in theirs. It was definitely a learning experience for all of us," said NC1 Tanarsha Fabian, VP-5 community relations coordinator.

Community relations, or COMREL, are an integral part of the U.S. military, especially in territories where there is a major U.S. presence.

"It is beneficial that we do these events to secure good relations with the Japanese people," said CS2 Hashan Morgan.

"There are many locals here in Japan who see us as bad guys. These events help us change the way the Japanese look at the U.S. military."

Last month, the Mad Foxes went to a park in Okinawa to pick up trash and rake leaves. Fabian coordinates all events through the COMREL coordinator for the Commander Fleet Activities Okinawa (CFAO).

"There are many more COMREL events to come," said Fabian. "For the next one we are working with English teachers here on base. Our Sailors will help tutor children."

Children seem to be an important link between native communities and our military members.

As the Mad Foxes wrapped up their day at the Tsukushi-En Childcare Center, they passed out personalized valentines to each child.

The children were eager to give the Sailors high-fives and hugs in return. The Sailors departed to the sounds of warm applause and cheery goodbyes.

Sailor reups



Photo by MCI(SW) Arthur De La Cruz
Navy Medicine Support Command HM1(FMF) Tommy Childress is administered the oath of enlistment by Lt. Cmdr. Denise Hoffman Feb. 20 at a reenlistment ceremony at the home of Childress' father- and mother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. David Bryant. "It's important to have my wife's family be a part of this because I'll be gone for the next three years on unaccompanied orders," explained the 15-year veteran. Childress departs for his next duty station in Kaneohe, Hawaii, this summer.

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AM1(AW) Dennis Courtney and his family are piped ashore at the conclusion of his recent retirement ceremony at VP-30.

Photo courtesy VP-30

Courtney retires after 20 years

From VP-30 Public Affairs

AM1(AW) Dennis Courtney celebrated the end of his Navy career spanning 20 years in a Feb. 13 ceremony at the VP-30 auditorium. The presiding officer and speaker for the ceremony was VP-30 Commanding Officer Capt. Rich Fite. Courtney hails from

Baton Rouge, La., where he enlisted in the Navy in 1989, and attended recruit training in San Diego. He attended Aviation Structural Mechanic "A" school in Millington, Tenn. In November 1989, Courtney reported to VS-22 at NAS Cecil Field, Jacksonville, Fla., where he maintained S-3 Vikings. He completed two

Mediterranean deployments aboard the USS John F. Kennedy and was advanced to petty officer third class.

In May 1993, he reported to NAS Patuxent River, Maryland. He worked on the P-3C, S-3B, ES-3A and SH-60 Bravo, Foxtrot and Hotel aircraft and was advanced to petty officer second class.

PCS orders took Courtney to NAS Jacksonville, where he joined VP-5 and successfully completed three deployments with the P-3C Orion to Keflavik, Iceland, Sigonella, Italy, and Puerto Rico.

He advanced to petty offi-

cer first class in December 2000 and was transferred to NAMTRAU DET in Jacksonville where he worked as an instructor specializing in the SH-60 and P-3C aircraft.

In January 2004, Courtney returned to VP-5 and completed deployments to Sigonella, Italy and El Salvador. He transferred to VP-30 in October 2007.

Courtney's decorations include the Navy Marine Corp Commendation Medal, five Navy Marine Corps Achievement Medals and various unit awards and campaign ribbons.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Ribbons & Roses Breast Cancer Support Group meets March 11 at 7 p.m. in the Naval Hospital Jax General Surgery Clinic waiting room. New members are encouraged to arrive at 6:30 p.m. to meet and greet. Contact RN Nikki Levinson-Lustgarten at 542-7857.

Bob Coonan Memorial Golf Tournament March 26 at NAS Jacksonville Golf Club to benefit Greater Jacksonville USO. Shotgun start, step aside format, box lunches, meal following play, prizes awarded and raffles. Contact NAS Jax USO Center at 778-2821.

Military Officers Association of America N.E. Florida Chapter meets the third Wednesday of each month at 6 p.m. at the NAS Jax Officers' Club. RSVP to retired Capt. Larry Sharpe at 262-3728 or e-mail lsharpe1@comcast.net.

National Naval Officers Association meets the fourth Thursday of each month at 5 p.m. at the Urban League, 903 W. Union Street. Contact Lt. Cmdr. Paul Nix at 422-8480 or email Paul.Nix@navy.mil.

Association of Aviation Ordnancemen meets the third Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Fleet Reserve Center on Collins Road. Call AOC Robert Price at 542-2849 or Jim Bohac at 542-2939, or visit www.aao9.com.

Navy Wives Clubs of America Jax No. 86 meets the first Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. in Building 857 (at NAS Jax main gate behind Navy Marine Corps Relief Society). Not So New Shop open Tuesday and Thursday (9 a.m. to 1 p.m.). Call 542-1582 for info.

Navy Wives Clubs of America DID No. 300 meets the second Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Oak Crest United Methodist Church Education Building at 5900 Ricker Road. Call 387-4332 or 272-9489.

Retired Activities Office (RAO) at NAS Jax Fleet and Family Support Center (FFSC) needs volunteers to assist military retirees and dependents. Work three hours a day, one day per week. Call 542-2766 ext. 126 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. weekdays to volunteer.

Fleet Reserve Association Branch 290 monthly meeting is the first Thursday at 8 p.m., 390 Mayport Rd., Atlantic Beach. Call 246-6855.

Ladies Auxiliary of Fleet Reserve Unit 126 meets the second Thursday of each month at 10 a.m. at the Fleet Reserve Building, 7673 Blanding Blvd. Call 771-6850.

Retired Enlisted Association meets the fourth Wednesday of each month at 1 p.m. at the Fleet Reserve Hall at 7673 Blanding Blvd. Call 772-8622 or 771-8696.

of each month at the Murray Hill United Methodist Church, (Fellowship Hall Building) at 4101 College Street. Call 786-7083.

National Active and Retired Federal Employees Clay County Chapter 1414 meets at 12:30 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month at the Orange Park Library, 2054 Plainfield Avenue. Call 276-9415.

Disabled American Veterans Chapter 38 meets the second Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. at 470 Madeira Dr., Orange Park. Service officers available Tuesday from 9 a.m. - noon; Wednesday & Thursday from 1-4 p.m. to help with VA claims, call 269-2945 for appointment. Bingo every Saturday from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m., public welcome.

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Information center for retired military a good resource

By Fred Van Leeuwen
Special Contributor

The NAS Jacksonville Retired Activities Office (RAO) is a SecNav-directed program that provides assistance and information to military retirees and their family members—as well as active duty members contemplating retirement.

The RAO is the central point for assistance on military related issues related to the Defense Finance and Accounting Service (DFAS), including:

- Reporting the death of a service member or spouse
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- Retired pay issues
- Claims for unpaid compensation
- Veterans benefits
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vivors to obtain any new benefits due them. RAO volunteers serve all military retirees, regardless of branch of service.

The NAS Jacksonville RAO office is located in the Fleet and Family Support Center at the corner of Enterprise Avenue and Child Street. Representatives are available from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. daily, except weekends and holidays. Walk-ins are welcome and appointments may be made by calling 542-2766, ext. 126. If you are interested in becoming an RAO volunteer, give us a call or stop by.

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CNATTU Commanding Officer Cmdr. Allen Crisp (right) presents newly commissioned Ensign Joseph Blalock with a framed copy of his commissioning certificate from the President of the United States.

CNATTU chief pins on Ensign bars

By AEC Raymond Derrick
Public Affairs Officer

ADC(AW) Joseph Blalock was commissioned an Ensign in a Feb. 27 ceremony held at the Zone Reception Hall on board NAS Jacksonville.

Blalock was selected through the Limited Duty Officer (LDO) program that is designed to provide commissioning opportunities to highly qualified senior enlisted personnel. An LDO is a technically oriented officer who performs duties limited to a specific occupational field and has strong managerial skills beyond what is normally expected.

A native of Dallas, N.C., Blalock attended Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Illinois in 1997. Upon graduation, he completed Aviation Machinist Mate "A" School at Naval Air Technical Training Center in Pensacola, Fla., with his first duty assignment to HS-15 at NAS Jax. Subsequent duty assignments included Center for Naval Aviation Technical Training Unit (CNATTU) Jacksonville. He completed one deployment on the USS Dwight D. Eisenhower, two on USS George

Washington, and a 12-month Individual Augmentee assignment with HSC-26 in Iraq.

At the commissioning ceremony, Blalock's wife, Sandy, and mother, Pat, did the official pinning of the Ensign bars and Master Chief Petty Officer of Fighter Squadron Composite (VFC) 12, Roger McCauley, did the Presentation of Cover. His Oath of Office was taken from CNATTU Commanding Officer, Cmdr. Allen Crisp, to whom Ensign Blalock rendered his first salute.

"Becoming a Naval Officer is a welcome challenge. This allows me many opportunities to serve the Navy and our Sailors. My selection is the reflection of the leaders I have learned from and the junior Sailors that have helped me along," said Blalock.

"It is a real honor and privilege to commission ENS Blalock today. He is a welcome addition to the Wardroom and I know he will be a superb aviation maintenance officer," said Crisp.

After completing LDO training at Navy Officer Training Command, Rhode Island and Assistant Maintenance Officer Training at NAS Pensacola, Blalock will report to HSC-25 in Guam.

SCHOOL: Dad's return surprises kids

From Page 1

"I'm so excited to see my children. I left here June 15, 2008 on Father's Day and have been gone for eight months. It was a long tour and we were pretty isolated but I stayed in touch through e-mails and phone calls," said HerediaPerez.

To help with the homecoming, members of the Air Operations Department and HSM-70 gathered in the school's media center where ET1(SW) Justin Weakland sat in front of a group of first and second graders. Seated in the front row were Aimee HerediaPerez and her brother, 4-year-old Nicholas. As Weakland sat reading the book, H is for Honor, A Military Family Alphabet by Devin Scillian, little did the children know their parents were hiding in another room.

As Weakland read, the children called out each letter and he gave a brief description of what each letter stood for from the book. When he got to the letter F for Families, Weakland asked the children if anyone had a family member currently deployed. Aimee shyly raised her hand and responded, "My dad is and he's far away." At that point, Weakland announced that another Sailor was coming to finish the story and in walked HerediaPerez with a small bouquet of flowers for his daughter and a rose for his son.

While Aimee seemed shocked, her brother cried tears of joy and gave his dad a huge hug. The teachers quickly informed the rest of



Photos by Kaylee LaRocque

ET1(SW) Justin Weakland of Air Operations' Ground Electronic Maintenance Division reads the book, H is for Honor, A Military Family Alphabet by Devin Scillian to a group of first graders from Dinsmore Elementary School.



Seven-year-old Aimee HerediaPerez happily grins at her dad, ET1 Sam HerediaPerez, during a special family reunion at her school as her mother, Lena, and brother, Nicholas, look on.

the children they were part of a special homecoming and all yelled, "Welcome home!" The family was then presented a copy of the book that was being read which was signed by Aimee's class members with a photo of the class.

The surprise reunion was coordinated by the family and school representatives. "We were honored when Mrs. HerediaPerez asked if we could do this for her daughter and decided to make it an even bigger event. HSM-70 adopted our school in December and comes in and reads to our students on a regular

basis. So we brought them in, along with the members from Air Operations to spend some time with our students. It's such a positive experience for our students," commented Dinsmore Elementary School Principal Christina Lord.

"This is such an incredible feeling to be reunited after so long. We are a very tight family and being away from them is the toughest part of my job. They've changed so much and it'll take some time to get to know them again. We have a lot of catching up to do," stated HerediaPerez.

ASK THE TAXMAN

By Bob Johnson
Special Contributor

I just checked the Internet to see what people are asking about taxes and found an abundance of Websites and Blogs that listed their most-asked questions for this tax season.

The questions match up well with those being asked at the NAS Jacksonville VITA Tax Center.

1) "How can I take a deduction for the losses I have on my stock and mutual funds accounts?"

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time, you haven't incurred a loss, only an adjustment to the current value of the stock.

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(Left) VITA Tax Preparer FCC(SW) Larry Williams of Afloat Training Group Mayport, assists customer AZ1(AW) Carrie Finley of the Center for Naval Aviation Technical Training Unit Jax with her tax return at the VITA Tax Center Feb. 26.

TAXMAN: Answers to your questions

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Whenever you sell, your loss or gain is determined by the original cost and the current selling price.

2) "Does the stimulus money that I received last year affect my tax return?"

Answer: no, it has no effect, but you must report the amount that you received to ensure that you have a prompt return of your refund. If you report the wrong amount, it could delay the processing of your tax return.

3) "What is the most important change in the 2008 tax law that I can receive a benefit from this year?"

Answer: there are several. First, if you do not itemize your deductions and you have property that you pay taxes on, the amount of the property taxes may be added to your standard deductions — but limited to \$500 for single filers, \$1000 for joint filers, and may not exceed the amount of the property tax. Second, there is the first time home buyer credit of up to \$7,500. If you're considering a home, check into this credit before you purchase a home.

4) "What is this mortgage insurance I hear about?"

Answer: this year, if you are required to pay for mortgage insurance on your home, and you are itemizing instead of taking the standard deduction, you may take it as an itemized deduction on Schedule A.

5) "What if I am unable to pay the full amount of my tax owed?"

Answer: first, you must always file your tax return by the due date or there can be additional penalties and interest added to the bill. Go ahead and file the tax return with Form 9465 and request for a payment agreement. By doing this, you can always set the amount that you can pay. There is a fee for setting up an agreement, so, it may be better to pay all you can when you file and save up for the rest when you get the bill. Remember, if the tax isn't paid in full by April 15, you will be liable for additional penalty and interest.

6) "Are there any deductions associated with losing your job?"

Answer: you may deduct the expenses for your job search if you file Schedule A. It has limits and you must not forget, that if you are receiving unemployment, it is taxable and you should have taxes withheld.

7) "I loaned a friend some money when he lost his job and now he will not pay me back. Is there any thing I can do?"

Answer: this is a common question with no direct answer. The IRS will ask, "Is it a true debt?" "What action did you take to collect the debt?" "Was the person related to you?" If it passes the test of being a true debt, then it may be deducted as a non-business debt on your Schedule D as a short-term capital loss. Often we are asked about collection of unpaid rent. This is not considered a bad debt. A basis in a bad debt is required for it to be claimed. Rent owed has no basis.

8) "Can I still claim my college-age child on my tax return?"

Answer: if the child resides at the college, he or she is considered a dependent if you still pay more than 50 percent of their total support. If they are under age 24, their gross income doesn't matter when claiming them on your tax return. You should alert your child to not claim their exemption on their return, as it will only cause a problem. The person who claims the deduction is the only one who can claim college expenses on Form 1098T.

9) "My wife attends school full time. Can we deduct our childcare expenses?"

Answer: Childcare is a work-related expense. Your wife is not working, but, if she is a full-time student for at least five months during the year, she may use \$250 per month as income in order to show income for the year. The school may be high school, college or technical school. You may not use schools offering courses only on the Internet.

Do you have a question for the Taxman? Email bobby.w.johnson2@navy.mil.

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NMSC Sailors impact NJROTC career decisions

By MC1(SW) Arthur De La Cruz

Three Navy Medicine Support Command (NMSC) Sailors spent St. Valentine's Day at Fleming Island High School in Orange Park as volunteers for an Area 12-sanctioned NJROTC drill meet with more than 500 participants from 13 NJROTC squads throughout Southern Georgia and Northeast Florida.

HM1 Deshon Martin, HM2 Rachel Smith and HM3(SW) Anthony Rivera, who work in NMSC's Centralized Credentials and Privileging Department, were judges for the 'sit-up and push-up' portion of the drill competition.

Thirty-nine other active duty and reserve service members joined the NMSC Sailors as drill volunteers. They included Sailors and Marines from NAS Jacksonville's Center for

Naval Aviation Technical Training Unit, hospital corpsmen from Branch Medical Clinic Jacksonville and Sailors from VP-30. There were also National Guard and Marine Corps recruiter volunteers.

"It was nice to meet and work with the Marine and National Guard recruiters," said Smith, who is also an NMSC Command Fitness Leader.

"I think everyone involved did an excellent job of motivating the cadets during the competition. It was great to see how much determination and strength some of these cadets possessed."

Having service members on hand created an opportunity for cadets to gain personal insight into what military has to offer.

Charity Passailaigue, a 17-year old senior at South Effingham High School, said she has been an



Photo by MC1(SW) Arthur De La Cruz

Navy Medicine Support Command's HM1 Deshon Martin (kneeling, fourth from right), HM2 Rachel Smith and HM3(SW) Anthony Rivera judge the push-up and sit-up competition Feb. 14 at the Area 12-sanctioned NJROTC drill meet held at Fleming Island High School in Orange Park. Martin, Smith and Rivera were three of the 42 military personnel who volunteered to serve as judges, proctors and on-site medics for the drill meet.

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Solving disputes without suing

By Lt.j.g. Matthew Dursa
Legal Assistance Attorney



Clients often come to legal assistance offices because they have been wronged and want to sue. Sometimes it is necessary to take someone to court to get what you are owed.

However, there are disadvantages in going to court. Going to court will take time, as will the research necessary to prepare your case. A trip to the courthouse can be expensive, too. There are filing fees and court costs, postage, and other expenses that can quickly add up.

How can you resolve a dispute without going to court? Let's look at one example. Let's say you paid a contractor \$2,000 to fix your leaky roof, and he never even showed up to try to repair it.

The first (and most often overlooked) step is to talk to the opposing party. Communicate in writing what your dispute is and what resolution would be acceptable.

"I paid \$2,000, and have yet to see any improvement in the leak in my roof. Please return my money or let me know when you can make the repairs."

Remember, don't just state the problem; offer an acceptable solution.

Another tool you can use is professional organizations. Almost every professional is licensed or regulated by some agency. Find out who the appropriate agency is and file a complaint. This helps in two ways. First, too many unresolved complaints against that person could result in loss of professional accreditation.

Knowing that a complaint has been filed with the state licensing board will encourage the contractor to resolve the dispute. Second, some organizations provide free dispute resolution services. In our example, a neutral party with knowledge of the contracting business might listen to your side of the story, then the contractor, and offer a mediated resolution.

Additionally, you can contact the Better Business Bureau (BBB). The BBB is a network of local organizations that gather and report information on business reliability, alert the public to frauds against consumers, and act as trusted intermediaries between consumers and businesses to resolve disputes.

Even if the contractor is not a member of the BBB, they may still be able to help resolve the issue.

Finally, if you feel the business dealing was not just unfair, but illegal, you should contact your state's attorney general (AG). The AG is the top law enforcement officer and lawyer for the state. The AG's office can investigate crimes, including fraudulent business practices, and tracks all the complaints it receives.

If our contractor is driving around the state collecting money without doing any work, the AG may press criminal charges.

Even if these tools don't work, and you find yourself in court, you will be able to tell the judge that you tried everything possible to resolve the case without going to court, which will help your case.

"Your honor, I didn't want to burden the court with this problem, but this contractor was unreasonable about my complaint and insisted we go to court!"

Legal assistance attorneys are available to help at: NAS Jacksonville (904) 542-2565 ext. 3006; NS Mayport (904) 270-5445 ext. 3017; NSB Kings Bay (912) 573-3959. This article is not intended to substitute for the personal advice of a licensed attorney.

Workshop offered for service members preparing for next career

By MCSA Cristina Gabaldon
Staff Writer

The transition from leaving the military into the civilian world is a tricky one, especially if you've spent 20 plus years in the service.

Senior enlisted service members, officers and their spouses from NAS Jacksonville attended the "Marketing Yourself for a Second Career Workshop" Feb. 26 at the VP-30 auditorium to help with that transition.

Retired Air Force Col. Dan Koslov, deputy director of officer transition services for the Military Officers Association of America, was the lecturer for the presentation.

"This presentation is about transitioning from a military career to a civilian career and changing from a military life to a civilian life," said Koslov. "It is geared towards military personnel, but I feel like it's very important to have your spouse there as well," he said.

Koslov served over 29 years on active duty and has experience in the officer assignments and compensation policy areas of military personnel. Koslov has also done research on the transition process and travels worldwide to counsel military personnel and their families giving them the tools for a smooth transition.

The room full of officers, chiefs and spouses listened intently as Koslov spoke about how to start their next career with tips on how to write resumes, attending job

fares, appropriate things to talk about in interviews and dealing with being rejected. He ended the seminar by getting everyone's mailing address to send them a book that can be used as a tool for the transition.

"This brief is presented at more than 150 military installations annually. We are fortunate that they come to NAS Jax every February to offer it to our service members," said NAS Jax Transition Assistance Program Coordinator Rich Brown of the

Fleet and Family Support Center. "It's a great tool to augment the information that is put out in all the Transition Assistance Program workshops held here monthly. It quickly summarizes three days worth of material in a couple hours and is presented in a very upbeat and easy to understand method."

For more information on transitioning out of the military or for the Transition Assistance Program, contact the Fleet and Family Support Center at 542-2766.

CertiChecks ceases operations: Users must contact company

By Kevin Robinson,
DeCA Public Affairs Specialist

CertiChecks Inc., the third-party provider that has provided Defense Commissary Agency (DeCA) gift certificates for authorized customers since 2002, has ceased operations.

As a result, all sales of CertiChecks have halted and customers possessing them cannot use them in commissaries at this time.

The company Web site, www.certichecks.com, announced effective Feb. 26 that it will "no longer administer gift certificate programs" and further advised customers with CertiChecks to "submit for potential reimbursement" to the following address:

CertiChecks Inc., Attn: Redemption Dept., 1435 Shoup Mill Road, Dayton, Ohio, 45414.

"What happened to CertiChecks is similar to many businesses being adversely affected by the current economic downturn," said Philip E. Sakowitz Jr., DeCA's director and chief executive officer. "Unfortunately, in this case the situation directly affects our commissary customers."

"I regret the impact this may have on our customers," he added. "However, as an appropriated fund entity, in accordance with federal law we can no longer accept these certificates at this time. We are, however, looking for an alternative solution to fulfill

our customers' requests for commissary gift certificates."

DeCA's use of gift certificates became a popular way for the families and friends of service members to give them "the gift of groceries." Since 2002, more than \$17.5 million in gift certificates have been purchased for authorized customers.

The gift certificate program became a prominent method for military and civilian aid organizations, such as installation chaplains funds, the Air Force Aid Society, the USO, Operation Homefront, Operation Interdependence, and the Fisher House Foundation, to extend donations to military families in need.

The certificates also

became a major part of commissary vendor giveaways at store grand openings and other customer outreach events.

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Stop smoking group moves to wellness center

From staff

The Naval Hospital Jacksonville Tobacco Cessation Program is now located at the Wellness Center (Bldg. 867), adjacent to the fitness center.

Group sessions will be held every Monday from 9-11 a.m. and Tuesday from

1-3 p.m. Smoking cessation group sessions will also be held in the VP-30 auditorium every Wednesday from 1:30-3:30 p.m.

No appointments are required to attend any of the sessions.

For more information call 542-2836/5292, or email: danny.woodard@med.navy.mil.

NMSC DRILL: Students interact with active duty

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NJROTC cadet for the past four years and will graduate in May.

"Seeing real live military people at the drills, I get to see the positive things they do in the community," said Passailaigue.

"For instance, military volunteers at the drills give us advice on our performance and tips on how to look sharp in uniform for our inspections."

Passailaigue has joined the Navy and will attend Navy boot camp in September.

"I asked my NJROTC instructor and the recruiters a lot of questions, and the Navy was the most appealing," she said. "I also liked the idea of traveling the world."

For Passailaigue, the efforts of the NMSC Hospital Corpsmen and the other military volunteers presented the high school students a valuable opportunity.

"I liked being able to ask somebody other than my recruiter my questions," she said, "because I get to hear something besides what sounds like a sales pitch."

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- Weapon of mass destruction
- Plus feature
- Rower's requirement
- Stan's slapstick partner
- Keep an eye on
- Adam's partner
- Animal dens
- Honolulu greeting
- Start of a quip
- Postures
- Commotion
- John Passos
- Incited
- Freshen up
- Was mistaken
- Gibbon, e.g.
- Frosted
- Part 2 of quip
- Rotation line
- Bikini piece
- Hay units
- Alternative to treat?
- Diana Ross's group
- Zodiac lion
- Psychic power
- Least illuminated
- End of quip
- Madame Curie
- Italian poet
- Corporate VIP
- Public square
- "Lou Grant" star
- Of the ear
- More rational
- Decade segments
- Highest level

DOWN

- Verses
- French peasant dance
- Game site
- Wow!
- Cutting edges
- Potpourris
- Soggy ground
- Porgy's girlfriend
- Bestowed upon
- Oater bar
- Pack away, as cargo
- Rebounding yodel
- Comparison conjunction
- Brought to a close
- "People Play"
- Lets loose
- Minerals in the raw
- Judd Hirsch sitcom
- Legendary
- Escritoire
- Barbecue fare
- Light tan
- Type of tide
- Contemporary of Agatha
- Florida bay
- Bakery emanation
- Rub over
- Moderates
- Change dimensions
- Loading device
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- Alleviate

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NAS JAX SPORTS

Men's & Women's Open Racquetball Tournament March 9-13

Games begin at 5 p.m. at NAS Jax Gymnasium. Open to all NAS Jax authorized men and women. Enter men's competitive, men's recreational or women's divisions. Call NAS Jax Athletics to sign up by March 3.

Captain's Cup Indoor Volleyball League Meeting March 11 at 11:30 a.m.

Open to all NAS Jax active duty, command DoD personnel and selective reservists. Commands having their athletic officer or designated representative attend the meeting will receive 5 Captain's Cup points. Attend this meeting at the gym to discuss rules and to obtain required paperwork.

Leprechaun Dash 5k Run March 13 at 11:30 a.m.

Free and open to all runners aboard NAS Jax. The race begins on Perimeter Road near the antenna farm at 11:30 a.m. Sign up at the NAS Jax Gym or Fitness Source by Feb. 11 or at the race site from 10:30-11:15 a.m. Awards for 1st, 2nd, & 3rd place in men's and women's 29 & under; 30-37; 38-44; 45-49; and 50 & over divisions.

Captain's Cup Men's & Women's Singles Tennis Tournament March 30 at 5 p.m.

Open to all NAS Jax active duty, selective reservists, DoD and DoD contractors. Players earn Captain's Cup participation points for their command and can earn additional points for finishing first through third place. Matches play at the Guy Ballou Tennis Complex. Sign up at NAS Jax Athletics by March 25.

Captain's Cup Softball Leagues Forming

- Greybeard League – open to active duty, selective reservists, command DoD and DoD contractors age 30 and up. Games play Tuesday and Thursday at 11:30 a.m.
- Intramural League - open to active duty, selective reservists, command DoD and DoD contractors. Games play in the evening.
- Coed League – open to active duty, selective reservists, military dependents over 18, DoD and DoD contractor – games play in the evening

Captain's Cup Badminton League Forming

Two-person teams play Monday at lunchtime. Open to all NAS Jax active duty, selective reservists, command DoD and DoD contractors.

Captain's Cup Soccer League Forming

Open to all NAS Jax active duty, command DoD personnel and selective reservists.

Sports Officials & Scorekeepers Needed

North Florida Military Officials Association needs individuals to officiate basketball, soccer, softball, football, volleyball and wrestling at NAS Jax. Experience not required. Contact NAS Jax Gym at 542-2930/3239.

2009 Hole-in-One Watch NAS Jax Golf Course

- Scott Chalmers, Feb. 7 – Hole No. 5, White Course, 156 yards, 5 wood
- Fred Major, Feb. 15 – Hole No. 9, Blue Course, 127 yards, pitching wedge

STANDINGS

Greybeard Winter Basketball Final Standings

| Team | Wins | Losses |
|----------------|------|--------|
| NOSC/CNRSE | 9 | 0 |
| Naval Hospital | 7 | 4 |
| FRCSE | 6 | 3 |
| CMO-11 | 5 | 5 |
| CNATTU | 4 | 5 |
| VP-16 | 3 | 5 |
| NMC | 2 | 7 |

Intramural Winter Basketball Final Standings

| Team | Wins | Losses |
|----------------|------|--------|
| FRCSE | 15 | 3 |
| VP-30 | 13 | 3 |
| Naval Hospital | 10 | 6 |
| NCTS | 9 | 5 |
| CBMU 202 | 7 | 8 |
| Savages | 5 | 7 |
| HS-11 | 1 | 5 |
| Fire Dept. | 1 | 9 |

4-on-4 Flag Football As of Feb. 27

| Team | Wins | Losses |
|-----------------|------|--------|
| VR-58 | 10 | 0 |
| USCG | 8 | 2 |
| VP-30 | 6 | 4 |
| Air Ops (Gold) | 5 | 5 |
| Air Ops (Black) | 5 | 5 |
| NRD | 3 | 0 |
| NAVFAC | 3 | 6 |
| HS-11 | 2 | 5 |
| FRCSE | 1 | 3 |
| HITRON | 1 | 9 |

Intramural Winter Golf As of Feb. 27

| Team | Wins | Losses | Ties |
|----------------|------|--------|------|
| Air Ops | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| Up & Down | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| VP-16 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| HS-11 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Naval Hospital | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| FRCSE | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| CNATTU Gold | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Spartans | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| CBMU202 | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| CNATTU Blue | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| Navy Band | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| VR-58 | 0 | 2 | 0 |

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Eyeing the pins



Photo by ATAA Adam Thomas

ATC Ken Swallows sets up for a strike during a recent Chiefs League game. The league plays every Thursday from 2 to 4 p.m. at the NAS Jax Freedom Lanes Bowling Center.

Good taste rules at Mulligan's

From staff

“We want to keep building our reputation as the foremost casual dining destination on board NAS Jacksonville,” said Sharon O’Keefe, food and beverage manager of Mulligan’s Restaurant and Bar. “Recently completing culinary courses at First Coast Technical Institute in St. Augustine has enabled me and my team to better understand the art and science of food preparation and presentation.”

O’Keefe said that becoming more familiar with the challenges and inner workings of a kitchen from professional chefs enhanced her team’s menu planning and service delivery. “Learning to fillet fresh fish and cut steaks from a roast can help keep our food costs down when compared to pre-packaged products,” explained O’Keefe. “Our goal is to reduce inefficiencies as we concentrate on preparing menu items that



Photo courtesy MWR

Sharon O’Keefe, food and beverage manager of Mulligan’s Restaurant and Bar at NAS Jax Golf Course, recently completed chef training at First Coast Technical Institute in St. Augustine.

are appetizing and satisfying to our customers.”

She added that consistency in preparation and presentation is key to meeting customers’ expectations. “We want to please our diners with every meal we serve. In the event that we fall short – I want to hear about it and make it right.”

Value-conscious customers are drawn to Mulligan’s for its satisfying food, courteous servers and fair prices.

“We offer weekday luncheon specials that attract a regular following – and our unique Sunday brunch offers customers a delicious menu in a more leisurely atmosphere,” said O’Keefe.

Military Saves Week



Photos by MCSA Cristina Gabaldon

Rufus Bundridge, personal financial manager at Fleet and Family Support Center, reads a book about Sammy the Rabbit to teach the children in a voluntary prekindergarten class at the NAS Jax Child Development Center about saving money. Bundridge showed the children fun ways to save money during Military Saves Week Feb. 23-26.

Rufus Bundridge, personal financial manager at Fleet and Family Support Center, dances with the voluntary prekindergarten class at the NAS Jax Child Development Center to a catchy song about saving money.



(From left) ATAA Eliaser Hernandez-Valadez from the Center for Naval Aviation Technical Training Unit Jacksonville, Lidia Virgili, a Navy Exchange employee, and SK2 Paul Virgili from Aviation Support Detachment Jax, prepare financial documents for a shredding machine Feb. 25 in the NEX parking lot during Military Saves Week.



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Vending machines available for purchasing snacks.

March 6, 7 p.m. – Rocknrolla (R)
March 7, 5 p.m. – Australia: Part 1 (PG-13)
March 7, following part 1 – Australia: Part 2 (PG-13)

March 13, 7 p.m. – Soul Men (R)
March 14, 5 p.m. – Quantam of Solace (PG-13)

March 14, 7 p.m. – Changeling (R)
March 20, 7 p.m. – Mister Roberts (Not Rated)

March 21, 5 p.m. – Kelly’s Heroes (PG)
March 21, 7 p.m. – Pride and Glory (R)
March 27, 7 p.m. – The Dark Knight (PG-13)

March 28, 5 p.m. – Hancock (PG-13)
March 28, 7 p.m. – Doomsday (R)

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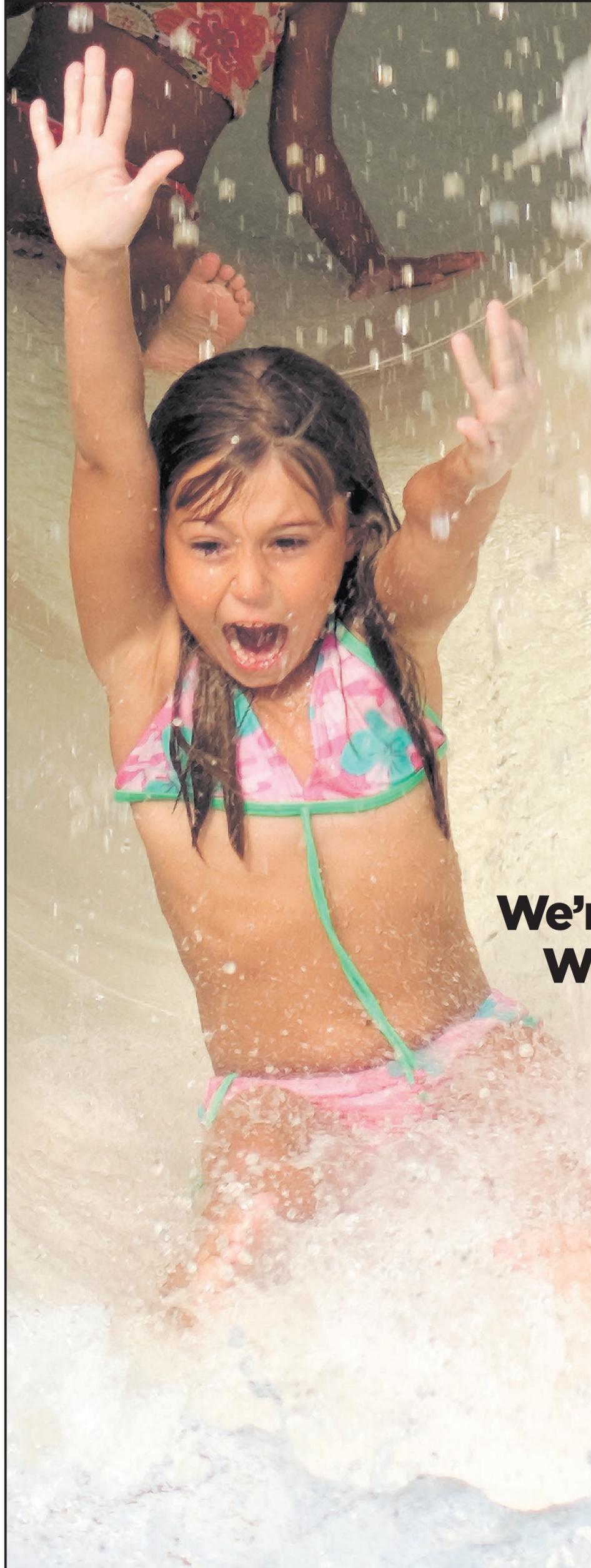
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