

Region commander tours NAS Jax

By MC2 (SW) Greg Johnson
Region Southeast Public Affairs

Rear Adm. Jack Scorby Jr., commander, Navy Region Southeast, toured NAS Jacksonville Nov. 21 as part of his commitment to personally visit each of the region's 16 installations.

"I haven't yet had the chance to get out and see every installation since taking command in August, but I'm looking forward to visiting each one and seeing first-hand the great efforts our personnel throughout the region are making to support our fleet, our Sailors and their families," Scorby said.

NAS Jacksonville Commanding Officer Capt. Jeffrey Maclay escorted Scorby to numerous locations, including the P-8A Integrated Training Center (ITC), the Child Development Center (CDC), base housing facilities, Naval Hospital Jacksonville and various construction sites. Most of the locations were facilities that have been recently constructed or renovated.

"There have been significant changes at NAS Jax since Admiral Scorby had the helm.

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Photo by MC2(SW) Greg Johnson

Commander, Navy Region Southeast Rear Adm. Jack Scorby Jr. (center) receives a tour of the new P-8A Integrated Training Center at NAS Jacksonville from Lt. Cmdr. Joe Opp (right) and VP-30 Commanding Officer Capt. Mark Stevens. Scorby toured NAS Jacksonville as part of his ongoing commitment to visit each of the region's 16 installations.

Supply teams score 'outstanding' on SMI

By Terri Brooks
NAVSUP Fleet Logistics Center
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Naval Supply Systems Command Fleet Logistics Center (NAVSUP FLC), Site NAS Jacksonville, and Aviation Support Detachment (ASD), Jacksonville, were awarded an "outstanding" with an unprecedented score of 99.54 percent on their latest Supply Management Inspection (SMI), the highest score ever achieved at NAS Jacksonville.

Commander Naval Air Forces (CNAF) evaluated NAVSUP FLC Jacksonville, NAS Jacksonville and ASD Jacksonville joint supply functions. It was a rigorous process involving 11 supply experts verifying everything from current status on all requisitions to physical security of spaces.

The most critical functions scrutinized included inventory accuracy, material availability, and record accuracy. In all, the



Photo by Daphne Cassini

The NAVSUP Fleet Logistics Center, Jacksonville and Aviation Support Detachment Jacksonville teams gather on the NAS Jax flight line to celebrate the Supply Management Inspection (SMI) overall rating of "outstanding."

inspectors reviewed more than 400 checklist items for meeting objectives, conformance to directives and overall effectiveness of customer support. The team's leadership was elated with the results.

"It has truly been my great fortune to have led such an incredible team of military, DoD civilians, and contrac-

tors that are dedicated to excellence. This is, no doubt, the best supply team I've ever been part of during my 22-year career," said NAVSUP FLC Jacksonville, NAS Jacksonville site director Cmdr. Terry Surdyke, who is retiring from active duty.

Commander Patrol and Reconnaissance Wing 11 Capt.

Trey Wheeler said, "The ASD team achieved amazing results and continues to be the benchmark for aviation logistic support...congratulations on a spectacular inspection."

Things are looking great as the end of 2011 draws near. Achieving a score above 89 percent on the SMI also qualifies NAVSUP FLC Jacksonville,

NAS Jacksonville and ASD, Jacksonville to compete for the Supply Excellence Award - Ashore, better known as the Blue "E."

The SMI numerical score and monthly metrics are used to measure achievement of supply/customer support goals for the Blue "E." To date, NAVSUP FLC Jacksonville and ASD Jacksonville have accumulated 134 of 135 possible points on these monthly metrics. This is on track to win the Blue "E" award for calendar year 2011.

"I'm honored to pass along hearty congratulations to the FLCJ, NAS Jax and ASD, Jax teams. You continue to reach new levels of supply management excellence," said NAVSUP FLC Jacksonville Commanding Officer Capt. Kevin Head.

"Bravo Zulu to the NAVSUP Fleet Logistics Center Jacksonville and ASD Jacksonville Team. They have raised the bar and set a new standard for aviation logistics support."



Photo by Clark Pierce

(From left) William Allen, Atlantic Contingency Constructors field engineer, discusses newly installed PV solar panels at NAS Jacksonville Hangar 1122 with HSM-74 Facilities Officer Lt. Adam Shreders, HSM-74 Executive Officer Cmdr. Jim Miller, NAVFAC Southeast Engineering Technician Robert Ashley and NAS Jacksonville Public Works Department Energy Manager Lt. j.g. Luis Velazquez.

Helo hangar going solar as part of station's clean energy plan

By Clark Pierce
Editor

Installation of the first of 2,534 solar photovoltaic (PV) panels began in mid-November on the west roof of NAS Jacksonville Hangar 1122 to help reduce the base's conventional energy usage and promote environmental sustainability.

American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009 "stimulus" funds amounting to \$5.7 million are paying for the installation of the grid-tied PV system that is expected to be completed by July 2012.

NAS Jacksonville Public Works Department Energy Manager Lt. j.g. Luis Velazquez is in charge of the con-

struction project.

"When this PV system comes on line, it will generate about 605 kilowatt hours of continuous power during the day," explained Velazquez. "That translates to about 720 megawatt hours per year, providing about 25 percent of the hangar's annual electrical power needs."

The hangar is home to three MH-60R Seahawk helicopter squadrons (HSM-70 "Spartans," HSM-74 "Swamp Fox" and HSL-42 "Proud Warriors") and the rooftop PV project will not impact their operational readiness.

"Like all solar PV users, NAS Jacksonville looks forward to a reasonable return on investment compared

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Celebrating a century of naval aviation 1911-2011

Learn about naval aviation history and heritage during the yearlong Centennial of Naval Aviation celebration. Discover the wide-ranging scope of naval aviation activities, including people, aircraft, ships, innovations and other significant events. This nationally sponsored series of events will take place throughout the year. Centennial events are already underway at NAS Jacksonville and will continue throughout the year, culminating with the NAS Jax "Centennial of Naval Aviation" Air Show Nov. 5-6.

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U.S. Navy photos

S-3B Viking

A flight of four S-3B Viking jets from the "Scouts" of Sea Control Squadron (VS) 24 fly over Duval County in 1991. Soon after, the Scouts deployed to the Arabian Gulf in support of Operation Desert Storm, where VS-24 crews were responsible for the first S-3B land strike over enemy territory and the first sea strike against a hostile patrol craft.



An S-3B Viking jet from Sea Control Squadron (VS) 22 on the ramp of NAS Jacksonville. In 2008, the "Checkmates" deployed to Iraq as a land-based surveillance squadron. The squadron was disestablished on Jan. 29, 2009.

Too occupied to occupy

By Sarah Smiley
Special Contributor

Until Thanksgiving Day, I had not paid much attention to the Occupy movement. I had followed the news stories and listened to debates for and against the protests. I had struggled to explain to my children the purpose of the campers outside the local library ("Are they having an art show?" "No." "What's in those tents?" "People." "People are living outside the library?")

But on a daily basis, I had been too busy occupying my job (make that, jobs) to fully understand what the 99-percenters are trying to accomplish.

Then I read an article about Thanksgiving, Occupy-style, and my feathers ruffled, perhaps overly so, given that my husband had just left for a deployment, apparently to everyone's surprise:

Everyone: "But I thought the troops were coming home for the holidays. That's what the president said."

Me/Buzz Kill: "I'm sure some of them are coming home for the holidays. Many more are leaving."

By Thanksgiving night, my Facebook feed was filled with status updates from military-spouse friends across the globe missing their deployed service members, and with updates from the service members themselves, who wrote about turkey onboard the aircraft carrier or at a base in Afghanistan. These were interspersed with status updates from civilian friends recounting dinners spent with families intact and husbands at home to watch football and eat leftovers.

As I scrolled down the screen, my emotions alternated between commiseration and jealousy.

Then I saw a link to the news article. It began with accounts of a confrontation between police and protestors at Occupy Wall Street in New York City. Nearly 200 occupiers surrounded 30 police, and, according to the article, one protester shouted, "Why don't you stop being cops for Thanksgiving?"

Out of context, I might have thought this was a joke. Stop being a cop for Thanksgiving? Is that an option? Because if it is, I'd like to volunteer my husband to stop being a Navy pilot on Thanksgiving, too. And what about Christmas? No one needs protection or security on Christmas anyway, right?

Of course, this can't happen. Terrorists and other threats to our country don't take a break for the holidays anymore than criminals do. Besides, I'm pretty certain police officers are part of the 99 percent.

From The Homefront

Many of them don't have the luxury of taking a day off.

I shook this off and continued reading, pausing only to visit the various Occupy websites, trying to find a FAQs, or at least a discernible mission statement. The movement appears to be quite disorganized, which increased my annoyance. Here in Bangor, the local occupiers have made extra work for the city's council members, police officers and other emergency personnel. Again, all of whom likely are not part of the 1 percent.

As the wife of someone who has made a life dedicated to the service of others, I know the desire—the frustration—of wanting to believe that it is not all in vain. This, by the way, is why I'm not in the service myself. It takes a special person to protect and serve anyone and everyone, even those who are against you, and even when, after all your sacrifice, you are still in the 99%.

However, fellow 99-percenters who are working hard to make ends meet—on regular days and holidays—are not the only people annoying occupiers. Apparently the Occupy camps are also frustrated with homeless citizens taking up space and resources.

Whoa! Wait a minute. Aren't they, more than anyone else, definitely not part of the 1 percent?

Perhaps the break down of percentages should be different: there are the haves and have nots, the homeless, and the ones with the tough and thankless job of enforcing laws and protecting others.

As I read these things on a lonely Thanksgiving night, while missing my deployed husband, I became more sad than angry. All this wasted time, resources and energy, and with no clear goals, is really quite a shame. People donated turkeys and food for the occupiers, who, I would guess, are less than 1 percent of the 99 percent. Indeed, the occupiers are entirely supported through donations.

Until the Occupy movement has a solid goal and mission statement, imagine the good that could be done if all their time and energy was distributed elsewhere. Like thanking the firemen who stood watch on Thanksgiving. The policemen who will be on patrol Christmas night. And the military men and women who protect the occupiers' freedom to protest.

Hey, MoneyChic!

Hey MoneyChic!

I don't have a lot of money to spend this year on gifts – what are some creative ways to gift family and friends?

MoneyChic says: This is an issue for many people this holiday. Donna Freeman, a writer for MSN Money, only spends \$100 every year on Christmas while the average American spends \$515.94. You are probably thinking she only has to buy for a few people, but in fact, she is buying for her husband, daughter and a dozen other people. She says that most people don't think to look at thrift stores and yard sales where you can find great deals. Freeman found a great watch for her husband at just \$3. She also uses store coupons to get free chocolate and other things. It may a little late to start finding gifts for everyone this year, but you can always early for next year.

A good idea for children is to simply trade toys and clothes with a friend. Children grow so fast, why not get new things for the items they no longer can use? Some areas have swaps already arranged, but if there aren't any in your area feel free to start one. There are also websites you can use to swap with people all over the country – one is swapmomma.com and another is thredup.com. This idea also works great with friends. Everyone has clothes they no longer want or not longer fit so why not arrange for a swap with your friends?

Also take advantage of websites such asgroupon, daily deals and living social. All of these sites are great ways to get deals in your area. I'm wrapping this up with a few other hints for "giving on a budget." First, use price matching. It is a great way to save money and shop at a store you prefer. Second, do not buy wrapping paper. Use old newspapers to wrap gifts. Third, re-gift any gift cards or gifts that you will not use. Last, redeem credit card rewards as well as other reward programs for gifts. Best of luck shopping on a budget this year.

Chapel Center Calendar

Sunday Services

8:15 a.m. - Protestant Liturgical Worship

9:15 a.m. - Catholic Mass

9:45 a.m. - Protestant Sunday School

10:45 a.m. - Catholic CCD

11 a.m. - Protestant Worship

Daily Catholic Mass

11:35 a.m. (except Friday)

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Officer Christian Fellowship and Bible study

Every Monday at 6 p.m.

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Wounded Warriors

Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy (MCPON) Rick West received a quick tutorial on Nov. 18 before joining wounded warriors for the Navy Safe Harbor Wheel Chair Basketball Exhibition at the Pentagon Athletic Center.

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Anderson takes command of the 'Proud Warriors'

From HSL-42 Public Affairs

Cmdr. Troy Anderson relieved Cmdr. Brad Collins as commanding officer of the HSL-42 "Proud Warriors" Nov. 22 bringing an end to one outstanding chapter in the command's history and marking the start of another. Retired Capt. Glenn Doyle, former commanding officer of HSL-42 and commodore of Helicopter Maritime Strike Wing, U.S. Atlantic Fleet was the guest speaker for the ceremony.

Doyle provided the attendees with highlights of the HSL/HSM community and words of wisdom to both the departing and incoming commanding officers.

Anderson, who served as executive officer of the Proud Warriors for the previous 15 months, assumed command of the squadron and spoke of the knowledge and experience gained throughout his career. Anderson thanked the many people who have led, guided and supported him throughout his 18 years of naval service enabling him to reach the pinnacle of his career, leading the squadron.

A native of LaGrange, Ga., Anderson graduated from the Georgia Institute of Technology in 1993 with a degree in civil engineering and was commissioned through the Navy Reserve Officer Training Corps program. Anderson completed primary, intermediate and advanced flight training in Milton, Fla., and earned his "Wings of Gold" in May 1996.

Anderson's operational experience include tours with the "Swamp Foxes" of HSL-44 and the "Vipers" of HSL-48, where he completed three deployments in support of Operations Noble Anvil and Allied Force, combat operations in support of the liberation of Kosovo and Operation Desert Fox, combat operations in support of United Nations sanctions enforcement against the nation of Iraq.

Additionally, he was assigned to USS Iwo Jima (LHD 7) where he deployed with the Iwo Jima Amphibious Ready Group, along with the embarked 26th Marine Expeditionary Unit, and conducted combat operations in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Anderson's shore duty assignments include PERS-404, Enlisted Aviation Assignments Division, as a rating assignment officer and the Naval War College in Newport, R.I., where he earned a Master's degree in national security and strategic studies. Upon completion of his tour in Rhode Island, he reported to the Headquarters, North American Aerospace Defense Command and United States Northern Command in Colorado Springs, Colo. fulfilling roles as the secretary to the joint staff and aide to the deputy commander. In August 2010, Anderson reported to HSL-42 as the executive officer.

At the end of the ceremony, Anderson handed over the responsibilities as the squadron's executive officer to Cmdr. Derek Fleck. A native of Battle Creek, Mich., Fleck graduated from Northwestern University in 1995 with a bachelor of science degree in journalism. His last assignment prior to reporting to HSL-42 was the deputy executive assistant to the Supreme Allied Commander Europe/Commander, U.S. European Command.

The ceremony marked the conclusion of a successful tour for Collins, under whose leadership the squadron continued its award-winning tradition by earning its fourth Battle "E" in five years, its 10th consecutive



Photos courtesy of HSL-42
Retired Navy Capt. Glenn Doyle (left) congratulates HSL-42 Commanding Officer Cmdr. Brad Collins on a job well done as he relinquishes command of the "Proud Warriors" to Cmdr. Troy Anderson during a change of command ceremony on Nov. 22.

Golden Anchor Award for Retention Excellence, the CNO Safety "S" Award, Arleigh Burke Fleet Trophy for superior performance in improvements in Battle Efficiency and Capt. Arnold Jay Isbell Trophy for anti-submarine and anti-surface warfare excellence among other awards.

Additionally, Collins' mark on the naval aviation community was capped by the squadron achieving 25



New HSL-42 Commanding Officer Cmdr. Troy Anderson and Cmdr. Brad Collins cut the change of command cake after the ceremony.

years class "A" mishap-free and through the exceptional efforts of Detachment Two and USS Halyburton (FFG 40) in successfully completing the operational testing for the MQ-8B Fire Scout, Vertical Takeoff and Landing Unmanned

Aerial Vehicle.

The ceremony culminated in the presentation of gifts from the Chief Petty Officers Mess and First Class Petty Officers Association recognizing him for his outstanding leadership and guidance over the past 30 months. Collins leaves a legacy of exceptional leadership and contributions to the command as he departs for his next assignment with the Missile Defense Agency in Colorado Springs, Colo.

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Phase II ERB results now available for commanders

From Chief of Naval Personnel Public Affairs

Phase II Enlisted Retention Board (ERB) results were posted for command access on Nov. 29, at which time notifications will begin, officials said.

In accordance with NAVADMIN 129/11, Sailors selected for separation will be personally contacted by their commanding officer or officer-in-charge within seven calendar days of commander notification. A NAVADMIN will be released once results are available for individual Sailor access in BUPERS Online (BOL).

Sailors considered by the board will be classified in one of three categories in BOL. S- Selected for retention N- Not selected for retention C- Selected for rating conversion.

The Phase II ERB reviewed the records of ERB-eligible E-6 through E-8 Sailors from 31 overmanned ratings. The board was charged with reviewing each candidate's official military personnel file and any correspondence submitted by the member to identify the best-qualified Sailors to receive the finite number of retention quotas available in a fair and transparent manner.

"The Navy values every Sailor, and the decisions that went into this board were made with careful consideration," said Vice Adm. Scott Van Buskirk, chief of Naval Personnel.

"We are striving to ensure that maximum opportunities exist for these Sailors to continue serving if they choose to apply for conversion to an undermanned rate or affiliate with the Selected Reserve, or if they transition into the civilian sector."

Sailors not selected for retention will have access to the Navy's transition assistance management program and other benefits for members who are involuntary separated. This assistance will be proactive, comprehensive, tailored and supported by every level of the chain of command.

As outlined in NAVADMIN 332/11, Sailors separating due to the ERB will be eligible for the following enhanced transition benefits:

- Targeted outreach assistance from various transition service providers.
- Navy COOL will approve waivers for Sailors with less than one year remaining on active duty to allow Sailors time to obtain civilian licenses and certifications aligned with their job or rating prior to their transition;
- Sailors assigned overseas will be afforded a minimum of 60 days in the continental United States prior to separation to ease their transition into the civilian sector;
- A contract for civilian hiring assistance beginning in January of 2012 will provide outplacement services, including pre-separation transition coaching, resume writing, job interview preparation and job search assistance for ERB separating Sailors.

60-Day transition period for ERB-affected Sailors

By MC3 Andrea Perez

Navy Personnel Command Public Affairs

Commanders overseas are required to give Sailors separating due to the Enlisted Retention Board (ERB) the opportunity to be in the continental United States for at least 60 days prior to separation, according to NAVADMIN 332/11.

"For Sailors to have an effective plan and smooth transition, they need to learn about transition services and develop their personal way ahead," said Capt. Kate Janac, ERB coordinator, chief of naval operations.

"Sailors serving overseas do not have access to certain opportunities available to Sailors in the states. This early return from overseas affords Sailors the time they need to better utilize separation benefits and services."

Janac says commanders stateside may authorize up to 60-days for transition for Sailors facing separation prior to their end of active-duty obligated service date.

The 60-day transition period may include Permissive Temporary Duty for job hunting or run concurrently with separation leave. Under existing Navy policies and command approval, the transition period may also include any combination of normal working hours, liberty, Temporary Duty and regular leave.

"In general, Sailors will not take the 60 days afforded to them all at once, except for those stationed overseas who need to come back to the United States to a separation activity on separation orders," said Janac.

"The mission must still be done, so both the chain-of-command and Sailor will have to plan ahead to optimize the time authorized for transition between now and Sept. 1, 2012."

In accordance with MILPERSMAN 1910-812, members eligible for separation while serving in the 48 contiguous United States will normally be separated on board their current command. If justification is presented and there is no additional cost to the government, Sailors may be authorized to transfer to a separation activity other than their current command, provided the gaining activity has separation capability and no objections to receiving personnel for transition separation, said Janac.

"The real goal is not to focus on reaching 60 days, but rather to construct a plan to engage the wealth of transition resources available for all Sailors, not just ERB-separating Sailors," said Janac.

"Preparing for a new career requires a great deal of commitment and effort from Sailors in the same way they have already committed to the Navy."



Photo by NCI Rhonaka Williams

NAS Jax Sailors frocked

A group of NAS Jacksonville Sailors gather with NAS Jax Commanding Officer Capt. Jeffrey Maclay (right) and Command Master Chief CMDCM(AW/SW) Brad Shepherd (left) and NAS Jax Executive Officer Capt. Bob Sanders (second from left) after being frocked at Hangar 117 on Nov. 23.

Michelle Obama: 'NASCAR event shows pride in military families'

By Jim Garamone

American Forces Press Service

A barbecue at Homestead-Miami Speedway in Florida before the Nov. 20 Ford 400 NASCAR race is the latest example of the pride Americans have in their military families, first lady Michelle Obama said.

At the event - held in conjunction with the White House's "Joining Forces" initiative, which fosters public and private-sector support for service members, veterans and their families - Obama and Dr. Jill Biden, wife of Vice President Joe Biden, thanked military families for their service and highlighted their resilience.

Tony Stewart won the race and the 2011 NASCAR Sprint Cup championship, but military families received a share of the applause at the speedway.

"The fact that NASCAR is taking the time . . . during what is probably the most tense time of their whole race season - that they're putting the focus on all of you - is just what we want you to know," the first lady told the military families at the event. "This is how much your country is willing to step up."

NASCAR is one of thousands of businesses, organi-

zations, educational institutions and plain folk who step forward for service members and their families because they know what they owe military personnel, Obama noted.

"We know you guys are moms . . . and dads juggling it all alone while someone is deployed," she said. "For all the military kids out there, we want the whole country to know we know that you're sacrificing as well. That it's not easy to have your mom and dad away from home for long periods of time, but you guys are strong. You guys are leaders in your own right."

Obama and Biden said they want Americans to think of service members and their families all times of the year, not just during special occasions.

"We want to make this a part of the dialogue in this country forever," the first lady said.

"This is about the way we want this country to talk about our troops, veterans and military families forever. We want you to feel that appreciation and that gratitude so that you know your sacrifice is not in vain. People care about you. They care about what you've done, and this is just our way of shining whatever spotlight we have on the sacrifices that you make."

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CNRSE announces 2011 Sailors of the Year

By MC2(SW) Greg Johnson
Region Southeast Public Affairs

YN1(SW/AW) Aliscia Crocker has been selected as Commander, Navy Region Southeast (CNRSE) Senior Sailor of the Year for 2011 while QM2(SW) William Sunda has been named the 2011 CNRSE Junior Sailor of the Year.

As CNRSE Administration Department leading petty officer and executive assistant to the command master chief, Crocker oversees daily administrative operations and provides support to more than 400 region officers, enlisted Sailors and civilian personnel. As the regional awards yeoman, she processed more than 400 personal awards for personnel throughout the region.

"Crocker is a very meticulous, hardworking and extremely dedicated Sailor who is always focused on what is in the best interests of the command," said Charles Washington, program analyst and Crocker's immediate supervisor. "She is committed to being the best at what she does and is constantly going above and beyond the call of duty."

Though Crocker already has a bachelor's degree in mass communications from Kansas University, she completed 12 credits toward her master's degree in business admin-



QM2(SW) William Sunda gives a weekly operations brief in the Navy Region Southeast Regional Operations Center at NAS Jacksonville. Sunda was named Commander, Navy Region Southeast Junior Sailor of the Year for 2011 on Nov. 14.

istration through Webster University during the past year.

"It's important to constantly challenge yourself and constantly learn. It also makes you more marketable for a career after the Navy," Crocker said.

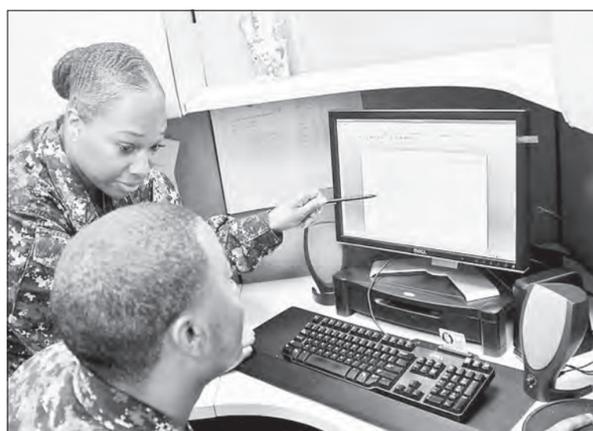
Crocker said the Navy provides great opportunities to every Sailor, but it's up to the individual to put forth the effort to succeed.

"To be successful, it takes hard work, and you need to keep in line with the Navy's core values," she said. "The Navy gives you a great opportunity to better yourself, but to get there, you need to set goals."

As regional watch officer and regional battle watch specialist, Sunda received, reviewed and processed more than 10,000 messages from installations and ships throughout the region.

"Sunda is the kind of Sailor that really makes a difference in our Navy," said QMCS(SW/AW) Ali Wilkerson, Sunda's immediate supervisor. "He constantly strives to be the best Sailor he can be and sets a great example with his positive attitude, motivation and will to succeed."

In addition to his roles in the Regional Operations Center, Sunda is an active volunteer.



YN1(SW/AW) Aliscia Crocker reviews command policies with YN2 Anthony Mitchell at NAS Jacksonville. Crocker was named the 2011 Commander, Navy Region Southeast Senior Sailor of the Year on Nov. 14.

He led three fundraisers as a member of the CNRSE Holiday Committee, guided the efforts to adopt a highway as a member of the CNRSE Petty Officers Association, coordinated volunteer efforts at Venetia Elementary School and is an active representative for the Navy and Marine Corps Relief Society.

"I think it's important to take on tasks that you are truly passionate about," Sunda said.

"You always have to put forth your best effort and work hard, but it makes it easier when you are truly passionate about what you're doing."

Sunda is also dedicated to education. In the past

year, he has completed 10 courses toward a bachelor's degree in chemical engineering at Florida State College at Jacksonville. As a result, he was one of 74 selected out of 600 applicants for the Navy's Seaman to Admiral program for fiscal year 2012.

In February, Sunda will detach from CNRSE and report to the Naval Science Institute in Rhode Island.

"It really is an honor to be named CNRSE Junior Sailor of the Year when I competed against so many great Sailors," he said.

"I feel a lot of pride in my fellow Sailors, my command and the Navy."

Labor & Delivery huddles



Obstetrics Intern Lt. Amy Watkins (left) leads the morning team huddle Nov. 23 to plan the day's care for laboring moms and new borns at Naval Hospital Jacksonville. Much like an aviation briefing, the huddle enables clinical staff to designate roles and responsibilities, and anticipate potential issues. NH Jax Labor and Delivery welcomes two to three babies into the world each day.

Photo by CS2 Michelle Pereira

Satellite pharmacy holiday hours released

By Naval Hospital Jacksonville
Public Affairs

Naval Hospital Jacksonville's satellite pharmacy (located near the Navy Exchange) operates on holiday hours from Dec. 12 to Jan. 7.

During this time, the satellite pharmacy lobby is open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., and the drive-up window from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

On Dec. 24 and Dec. 31, the lobby is

closed and the drive-up window is open from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The satellite pharmacy is closed for federal holidays on Dec. 26 and Jan. 2.

NH Jax's main outpatient pharmacy (at the hospital) will be closed Dec. 24 - 26 and 31, as well as Jan. 1 and 2.

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In the cramped cockpit of a C-130T Hercules assigned to the "Nomads" of VR-62, AM1 David Garner installs lightweight, flame-resistant Kevlar armor beneath each seat. (Not pictured) AM3 John Gumiran and AD3 Eric Davis assisted in covering the cockpit deck with Kevlar – a safety requirement for the aircraft that will soon be deployed to a forward air base in Bahrain.



AM2 Renaldo Araujo disassembles a rotor head damper from an H-60 Seahawk Helicopter in the Level II Hydraulics Shop at Fleet Readiness Center Southeast.

Working through holiday happenings

By staff

Work life balance is always a challenge in the military, but the holiday season presents its own unique stress points for Sailors working up to and through Thanksgiving.

Few of us like standing watch or working during this time of the year – but that's the reality of running the world's finest Navy.



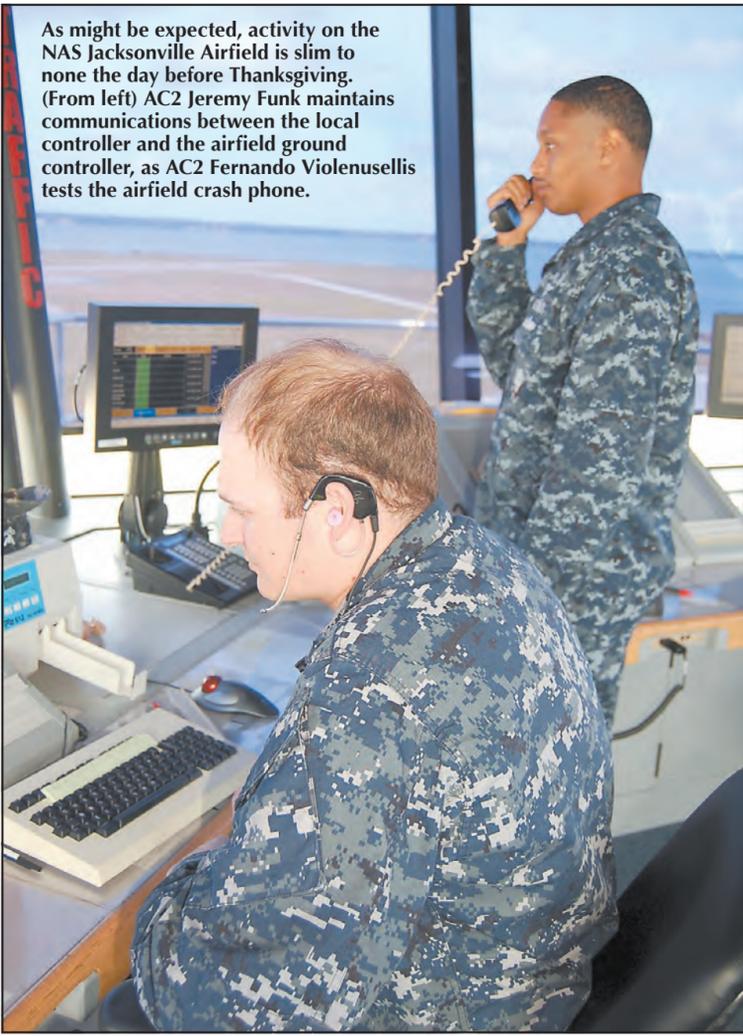
(Above) AMAN Meaghan McDonell (center) disassembles a hydraulic rudder valve from an F/A-18 Hornet Attack Strike Fighter aircraft under the watchful eye of AM2(AW) Jason Fisher (right) as AM3(AW) Jamie Woodard (left) works in the Level III Hydraulics Shop at Fleet Readiness Center Southeast on Nov. 23.

(Above right) HN Charles Vetrano prepares a patient room in Naval Hospital Jacksonville's new Intensive Care Unit (ICU). Hospital corpsmen, under supervision of nurses and physicians, provide hands-on patient support in the ICU, which cares for 25 patients each month – some of them critical.

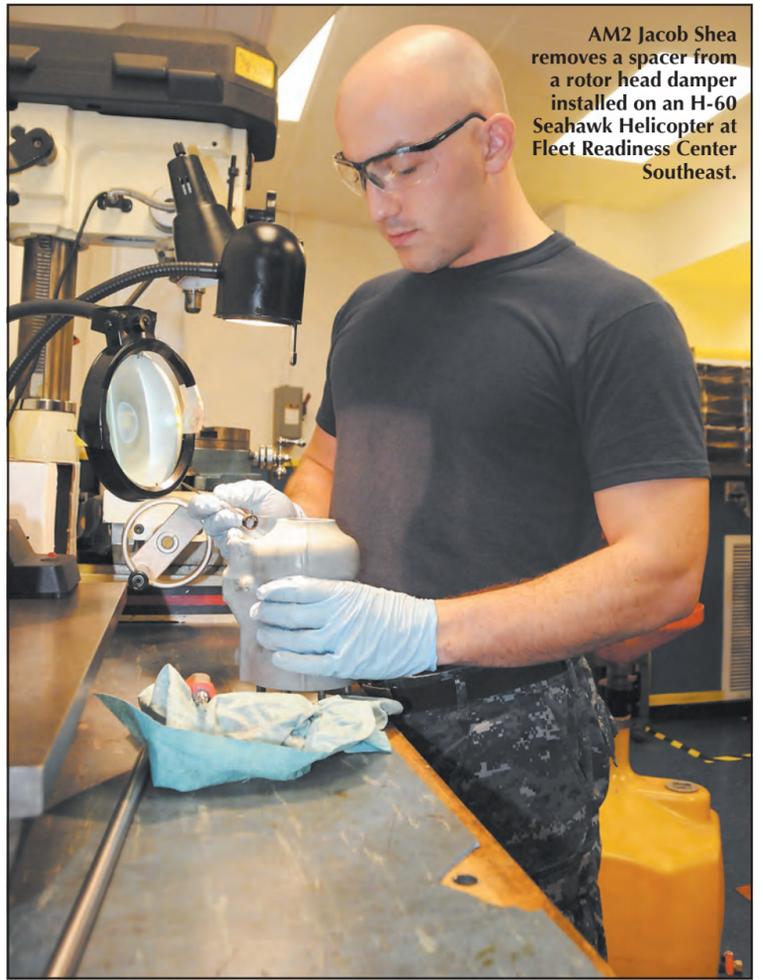


HM2 Carleton Washington bandages an injured Sailor's hand in Naval Hospital Jacksonville's Orthopedics Clinic. Hospital corpsmen, therapists and physicians in orthopedics and physical/occupational therapy work collaboratively to support patients' recovery from injuries and help them reclaim skills of daily living.

AM2 Marc Echague verifies serial numbers on the work order with those on an F/A-18 Hornet horizontal stabilizer hydraulic unit at Fleet Readiness Center Southeast on Nov. 23.



As might be expected, activity on the NAS Jacksonville Airfield is slim to none the day before Thanksgiving. (From left) AC2 Jeremy Funk maintains communications between the local controller and the airfield ground controller, as AC2 Fernando Violenusellis tests the airfield crash phone.



AM2 Jacob Shea removes a spacer from a rotor head damper installed on an H-60 Seahawk Helicopter at Fleet Readiness Center Southeast.

Photos by MC1(SW) Bruce Cummins, HM1 Scott Morgan, CS3 Michelle Pereira, Clark Pierce and Victor Pitts



PR2 Larry Simeon of the VP-26 "Tridents" checks the survival equipment of P-3C combat aircrew scheduled for deployment to Bahrain and Qatar the week of Nov. 28.



(From left) As CSC Rolando Pablo looks on, CS1 Adrian Dorsey pours his special sauce over a pan of soon-to-be candied sweet potatoes for the NAS Jax Flight Line Café Thanksgiving feast.



HM2 Sarah Weaver conducts an analysis of a patient's body composition in the BodPod at Naval Hospital Jacksonville's Wellness Center. This measurement gives important feedback to the patients about their nutrition and exercise habits. Hospital corpsmen play an integral role in the Navy's preventive health programs, in support of a healthy fighting force.

With junior officers behind him in military formation, NAVSUP Fleet Logistics Center Director of Contracting Cmdr. Gary Hayman salutes the posting of colors during the recent NAVSUP Fleet Logistics Center change of command ceremony at which Capt. Kevin Head assumed command. It is a naval tradition that officers and enlisted wear their dress uniforms and stand in military ranks to witness the public reading of orders at the change of command ceremony - just another day in the life of a Sailor.



At the Birmingham Gate, AT2 Jennifer Maheu of the NAS Jax Security Department checks the identification of a contractor/service provider using the RapidGate access control program.



Surgical Technician HN Samuel Williams arranges surgical tools for a gallbladder procedure in Naval Hospital Jacksonville's new operating room suites. Hospital corpsmen who attend surgical technician "C" school are trained to assist surgeons and surgical nurses in settings ranging from hospital operating rooms to shock trauma platoons.



At the NAS Jax Flight Line Cafe, CS1 Chris Atwell bastes the slow-cooked, spiral baked ham that is one of the favorites on the Thanksgiving menu.

ADMIRAL: Tours former command, visits new project sites

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This tour gave us, and our major tenant commanders, the opportunity to highlight some of the improvements and brief the admiral on our most recent challenges and successes," said Maclay

"The purpose of our tour today is to provide our new regional commander with an overview of construction and community support operations that have changed since he was the installation's commanding officer," said Cmdr. Gil Manalo, NAS Jacksonville public works officer.

The base has spent more than \$350 million on public works projects throughout the past three years, according to Manalo. Those projects include the construction of the P-8A ITC, a new CDC, a hospital addition featuring a new breast care center and pharmacy, and a new all hands recreational club to replace the existing club, "The Zone."

"The installation's mission is to support the fleet, the fighter and the family," Manalo said.

"Deteriorating base infrastructure negatively impacts our ability to support the mission and meet new missions that may come to NAS Jacksonville. We may never



Photos by MC2(SW) Greg Johnson
NAS Jax Child Development Center Director Mary Grenier gives a tour of the new facility to Commander, Navy Region Southeast Rear Adm. Jack Scorby Jr. on Nov. 21.

have the amount of funding to improve 100 percent of our facilities and infrastructure, but each year we work with installation and region leadership to prioritize the important and critical requirements that can be executed with the available resources."

According to Scorby, the careful planning and dedicated effort of the personnel within the NAS Jacksonville Public Works Department have had a tremendous impact on the quality of life for those who live and work on base.

"Over the past few years they have com-



Rear Adm. Jack Scorby Jr. receives a tour of the Naval Hospital Jacksonville Physical and Occupational Therapy Department from Lt. Cmdr. Maria Barefield.

pleted some really impressive projects and they continue to strive for improvement with current and future projects," Scorby said.

"Their continued effort to improve NAS Jacksonville is key to making it one of the premier installations in the region."

Christmas tree and decoration inspections

From the NAS Jax Fire Prevention Division

To reduce the risk of fire during the holiday season, the following requirements are in effect and in accordance with standards set forth in the NAS Jacksonville Instruction 11320.1S, Fire Prevention and Fire Protection Measures.

- All decorations, lights and trees for all occupancies (except housing) shall be inspected and approved by the fire department.

- Natural cut (live) Christmas trees are not permitted in assembly (clubs), correctional, BEQ/BOQ, Navy Lodge, dormitories or educational facilities.

- Artificial trees in assembly occupancies shall be labeled or otherwise identified or certified by the manufacturer as being fire retardant.

- Only Underwriters Laboratories Inc. (UL) listed electric lights and wiring decorations shall be permitted or used on Christmas trees and other similar decorations.

- The use of candles or other similar devices is strictly prohibited. Exception to this rule is during religious ceremonies held at places of worship such as the base chapel.

To schedule an inspection, please call 542-2783/0379 or 509-6124.

SOLAR: SecNav energy goal gets boost from 2,530 PV panels

From Page 1

to purchasing the equivalent amount of power from an electric utility company," said William Allen, construction field engineering manager for Atlantic Contingency Constructors of Norfolk, Va., the contractor for the project.

"This is one of more than a half-dozen rooftop integrated PV systems we're constructing for Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) Southeast. It represents tangible results from the Navy's renewable energy and conservation plans," said Allen.

ARRA projects are intended to modernize Navy and Marine Corps shore infrastructure, enhance America's energy independence and sustain a steady and robust maritime force for decades.

Velazquez added, "This project contributes to achieving the Secretary of the Navy Ray Mabus' energy goal of increasing alternative energy afloat and ashore -



Photos by Clark Pierce
An articulated forklift sends a pallet of solar panels to the roof of NAS Jacksonville Hangar 1122.

and by 2020 - producing at least 50 percent of shore-based energy requirements from alternative sources."



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VP-26 Commanding Officer Cmdr. Noel Dahlke was clearing his desk of paperwork on Nov. 22 – until his legal officer, Lt. Robert Reagan, entered the office.



During an all hands meeting Nov. 22 in NAS Jax Hangar 1000, Commander, Patrol and Reconnaissance Wing 11 Capt. Trey Wheeler praises the VP-26 "Tridents" for their dedication and hard work in preparing the squadron for their upcoming deployment to the 5th Fleet area of responsibility.

VP-26 to begin 5th Fleet deployment

By Clark Pierce
Editor

With the VP-26 "Tridents" pack-out nearing completion Nov. 22 in NAS Jax Hangar 1000, naval flight officer Lt. Cmdr. Nicholas Primozic was busy attending to last-minute details within his collateral duties as command services and professional development department head.

"With about 325 officers and Sailors slated to depoy, there's always one more thing to be accomplished, one more detail to be tweaked," said Primozic. "For this morning's quarters, we invited subject matter experts from NAS Jax Fleet and Family Support Center to discuss the importance of motor vehicle safety and suicide prevention. Tomorrow is our 'feed the troops' Thanksgiving feast in the hangar for families and friends," said Primozic.

He added, "Our airlift to Bahrain and Qatar is scheduled for the day after Thanksgiving, with our P-3C Orions departing the following week."



VP-26 Quarterdeck accessories await the packing crew in NAS Jax Hangar 1000.

"The successful completion of our Inter-Deployment Readiness Cycle went according to plan," said VP-26 Commanding Officer Cmdr. Noel Dahlke. "Like every deploying maritime patrol and reconnaissance squadron, the Tridents are now at the peak of readiness and eager to execute their mission. We're deploying with 12 highly qualified combat aircrew (CAC), along with dozens of experienced troubleshooters, maintainers and support personnel – so we're prepared to execute every mission assigned to us."

In addition to anti-submarine warfare and combat air

support over land, the VP-26 Tridents may also employ their P-3C Orions in maritime surveillance missions and the international effort against piracy.



Three Tridents from the VP-26 Admin Office wheel office chairs into the hangar bay to be packed for transport to the squadron's deployment sites.



AME3 Rafael Pinto of the VP-26 airframes shop prepares to lock up a tool kit bound for the squadron's deployment site in the 5th Fleet area of responsibility.



(From left) LSSN William Walker and AD2 Clayton Brown double-check the integrity of a large pallet of squadron gear slated for transport to Bahrain or Qatar.

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USO Pal Day celebrates 52 years

From the USO

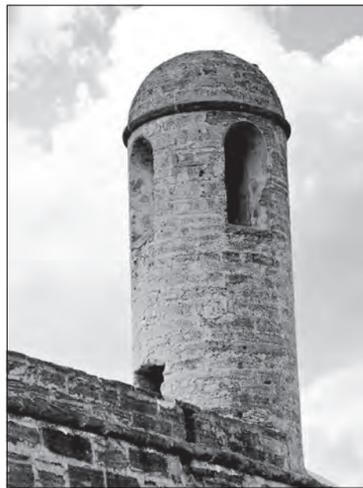


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Dec. 3 marks the 54th anniversary of USO Pal Day in St. Augustine, where the oldest city's attractions show their support and appreciation to members of the U.S. armed forces and their families by opening their doors free of charge.

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CNIC N913 hosts first webinar for families

By CNIC Public Affairs

Commander, Navy Installation Command's Fleet and Family Readiness Program announces their first webinar (Dec. 7) focused directly on families.

The webinar improves understanding of all Navy family readiness programs and increases family preparedness. This webinar will highlight the new Family Readiness Groups (FRG) Standardized Curriculum, and will include topics such as: Establishing an FRG, FRG Membership Building, Fundraising, Event Planning and

Emergency Response and more!

Not to replace the eight-hour Family Readiness Groups Leadership Training provided by Fleet and Family Support Centers (FFSC), its purpose is to invite attendees to preview the training and encourage attendance. The FRG webinar will be held Dec. 7 at 7 p.m. (EST).

FRG members and families will need to create a webinar account by logging on to the LMS <http://learning.zeiders.com> and complete the form for first time users to register. Seating is limited. Note: The LMS is not compatible with AOL accounts.



Navy benefits for separating Sailors outlined in NAVADMIN release

From Chief of Naval Personnel Public Affairs

Navy assistance programs for separating Sailors, as well as some enhanced transition benefits unique for Sailors not selected for retention by the Enlisted Retention Board (ERB), are outlined in NAVADMIN 332/11.

"If you've served in the Navy, you've been a good military team member, and we want to give you and your family the best possible transition benefits," said Rear Adm. Martha Herb, director of Personal Readiness and Community Support.

"If you are not selected to stay in the Navy, you can succeed on the outside with your proven military values, education, training and experience. The transition tools we're providing for separating Sailors will help you hit the ground running and get off to a good start."

The NAVADMIN outlines the full spectrum of separation benefits available to Sailors leaving the Navy - voluntarily or involuntarily - that are designed to help them succeed in civilian life. Sailors separating via the ERB will receive targeted outreach assistance to ensure an individual transition plan is developed.

Historically high retention and low attrition led to the need for the Enlisted Retention Board. Held in two phases, the board considered the records of approxi-

Transition Benefits

mately 16,000 Sailors from 31 overmanned ratings to determine who will be recommended for retention. Those Sailors not selected for retention will have access to the full spectrum of Navy support services, as well as several enhanced transition benefits.

Benefits for all Sailors who are separated involuntarily in accordance with Department of Defense Instruction 1332.29, including those affected by the ERB, consist of:

- Involuntary separation pay.
- Transitional TRICARE coverage for six months for Sailors and their families, as well as the option to purchase health care coverage through the Continued Health Care Benefit Program for up to 18 additional months.
- Continued ID card possession for two years to access medical and other benefits;
- Commissary and exchange benefits for two years after separation.

In addition to resources provided to all separating members, Sailors separating by the ERB will be eligible for the following enhanced transition benefits:

- Targeted Outreach assistance from various transi-

tion service providers.

- Navy COOL will approve waivers for Sailors with less than one year remaining on active duty to allow Sailors time to obtain civilian licenses and certifications aligned with their job or rating prior to their transition;

- Sailors assigned overseas will be afforded a minimum of 60 days in the continental United States prior to separation to ease their transition into the civilian sector.

- A contract for civilian hiring assistance beginning in January of 2012 will provide outplacement services, including pre-separation transition coaching, resume writing, job interview preparation and job search assistance for ERB separating Sailors.

- Transition Assistance Program (TAP) participation will be mandatory for all ERB separating Sailors.
- For more information on transition assistance benefits and resources, Sailors can check out a reference handbook posted at <http://www.public.navy.mil/bupers-npc/boards/ERB/Pages/default2.aspx>.

Sailors and their family members are also encouraged to access the full range of stress management resources available to them during this transition, including their command leadership, ombudsmen, medical and mental health specialists, and counselors at Fleet and Family Support Centers.

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VP Sailors sharpen shooting skills at firing range

By Clark Pierce
Editor

As part of their pre-deployment certifications, seven petty officers from the VP-26 "Tridents" took part in small arms training and qualification Nov. 21 at the indoor firing range on board NAS Jacksonville.

Range safety officer AO1 Naomi Stout and firing line coach AO2 Dennis Mansion, both of VP-8, ensured that students were familiar with the range regulations - particularly the safety requirements associated with the weapon, in this case, the M9 Beretta semi-automatic pistol, the U.S. military's primary handgun.

Stout said, "When VP squadrons deploy to the U.S. Navy 5th Fleet area of responsibility, it's a requirement that 100 percent of personnel be to be qualified to handle and shoot the M9 Beretta from standing and kneeling positions.

She added, "Each Sailor must successfully complete the



Four VP-26 Sailors take aim at their targets from about 10 yards - awaiting for the command to fire. *Photos by Clark Pierce*



AT3(AW) Kerline Pierre was one of seven VP-26 Sailors loading ammo clips Nov. 21 at the NAS Jax indoor firing range, in preparation for qualifying with the M9 Beretta service pistol.



Range safety officer AO1 Naomi Stout of VP-8 grades the shooting accuracy of AT2 Adam Jensen. He qualified.



(From right) AWO3 Joseph Atkins, AT2 Adam Jensen, YN1 Terrence Dick and AWW1 Dale Kraft adjust their holsters before approaching the firing line.

Navy Handgun Qualification Course, that requires shooting a minimum of 48 rounds with a score at least 180 points.

As firing line coach, Mansion watches the shooters and offers advice or calls a safety time out when needed.

"If you have a question while shooting -raise your non-fir-

ing hand. Weapons must be pointed down range and level at the deck at all times," said Mansion.

Hearing protection and shatterproof eye protection is required whenever firearms are being discharged during qualification fire at the range.

Approved hearing protection

such as sound attenuators that reduce noise levels to 84 decibels or below is required.

Stout always stresses the four general safety rules for responsible weapons handling, whether in training or combat.

Rule 1: Treat every weapon as if it were loaded.

Rule 2: Never point a weapon

at anything you do not intend to shoot.

Rule 3: Keep your finger straight and off the trigger until ready to fire.

Rule 4: Keep weapon on SAFE until you intend to fire.



As shooters apply ear protection in the background, firing line coach AO2 Dennis Mansion checks ammo clips at firing station number one.

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'Slayers' hone skills at NAS Fallon

From HS-11 Public Affairs

The HS-11 "Dragonslayers" recently completed three weeks of training as part of Carrier Air Wing (CVW) 1 at NAS Fallon, Nevada - home of the Naval Strike Air Warfare Center.

The center, known throughout the Navy as the only facility where an entire carrier air wing can conduct comprehensive training, presented Slayer aircrews with a variety of exercises aimed at honing their skills at terrain and mountain flying, aerial gunnery, close air support and combat search and rescue.

These exercises, integrating aircraft from CVW-1, tested the air wing's ability to analyze, prioritize and prosecute targets on the ground - as well as rescuing downed aviators in hostile environments.

Five Hellfire missiles, launched from Slayer HH-60H aircraft, successfully hit and destroyed their intended tar-



Photos courtesy of HS-11
An HS-11 "Dragonslayer" helicopter flies across western Texas en route to NAS Jacksonville. Flight time from NAS Fallon was about 18 hours. The five Seahawk helicopters were never down because of mechanical gripes.

gets. The squadron also completed several unit-level training events - practicing surface-to-air countermeasure tactics against various radar and weapon systems.

Slayer maintenance personnel worked long days keeping aircraft fully mission capable to support flight operations. Most days, the flight schedule

started before sunrise and lasted until well after sunset. They also had to battle the dynamic weather changes each day during autumn in the mountainous environment.

The highly successful completion of air wing maneuvers is another step in preparing HS-11 for its upcoming deployment aboard the aircraft carrier



HS-11's Slayer 616 rests on the ramp in Flagstaff, Ariz. before heading home to NAS Jacksonville after a recent deployment to NAS Fallon, Nev.

USS Enterprise (CVN 65), as it departs this spring for its final cruise before retirement in late 2012.

Next on the squadron's schedule is a detachment to the Atlantic Undersea Test and Evaluation Center (AUTECE) in the Bahamas for anti-submarine warfare training in early December.

When HS-11 returns from Enterprise's 2012 deployment,

they will fly to their new homeport of NAS Norfolk where they will transition to the MH-60S (Sierra) in 2014.

The Dragonslayers have been homeported at NAS Jacksonville since 1973.

When Enterprise is decommissioned in 2012, the squadron will join CVW-17, currently embarked on the aircraft carrier USS Theodore Roosevelt (CVN-71).

Matthews retires after 20 years of service

By AC2 Jessica Hernandez
FACSFACJAX Assistant PAO

YN2 (SW/AW) Derek Matthews of Fleet Area Control and Surveillance Facility Jacksonville (FACSFACJAX) retired Nov. 29 after serving 20 years of active duty naval service at the NAS Jax Officers' club. The guest speaker was FACSFACJAX Commanding Officer Cmdr. Todd Abrahamson.

Matthews enlisted in the Navy in January 1992, completing recruit training in Great Lakes, Ill.

He then received orders to Strike Fighter Squadron (VFA) 87 in Jacksonville,

where he qualified as a plane captain, was quickly designated as senior plane captain, and received his Enlisted Aviation Warfare Specialist designation.

Following his tour at VFA-87, he attended Yeoman "A" School in Meridian, Miss. His initial yeoman duty station was Military Sealift Command in Cape Canaveral, Fla.

After advancing to petty officer third class, he was sent on temporary assigned duty to Port Au Prince, Haiti, in support of Operation Uphold Democracy.

While at Military Sealift Command, Matthews was selected as Blue Jacket of the

Quarter in 1995 and again in 1997, when he was also selected as Blue Jacket of the Year.

Additionally, he was awarded a Navy and Marine Corps Achievement medal for his role in decommissioning the USNS Vanguard.

In 1999, Matthews transferred to USS John F. Kennedy at NS Mayport, where he completed two deployments, earned his Enlisted Surface Warfare Specialist designation, advanced to second class petty officer and was selected as Junior Sailor of the Year for 2001.

Matthews then transferred to Naval Hospital



YN2 (SW/AW) Derek Matthews

Jacksonville before deploying to Iraq in June 2003 for one year as an Individual Augmentee (IA). In 2005, he was selected for another IA to Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, where he supported detainee operations.

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Transition to NWU Type II/III now underway

By MCSN
Tim Drake Godbee
Naval Public Affairs
Support Element-West

Expeditionary commands around the fleet began the scheduled 7-month transition to the Navy Working Uniform Type II and III (NWU Type II/III) this month.

The NWU family of uniforms is intended to replace multiple, less capable legacy uniforms, reduce the Navy's total ownership costs, modernize the warfighter, and complete the vision of Task Force Uniform.

The two new uniforms in the NWU series were developed for use in the tactical expeditionary mission of today's Navy, tailored for desert and woodland environments.

Commands that have been approved to wear the NWU Type II/III uniform will transition to the new uniform in alphabetical order by the name of the respective command.

The NWU Type II (desert) uniform will be worn by Navy Special Warfare (NSW)



U.S. Navy photo

NWU Type II and Type III should not be confused with NWU Type I (blue/gray). NWU Type I is a service utility uniform for all Sailors as part of their seabag. The NWU Type II/III are tactical uniforms for our expeditionary Sailors.

operators and Sailors assigned to NSW units or units which directly support NSW operations.

The NWU Type III (woodland) uniform will be the standard camouflage uniform for all personnel, to be worn in non-desert environments, including most stateside areas.

The only difference between the two uniforms is the camouflage pattern.

The NWU Type III will replace the existing tri-colored woodland camouflage utility uniform. It will be the standard camouflage uniform worn in the continental United States, and can be worn



Photo by Clark Pierce

AWV1 Frederick Hampton (left) wears the new NWU Type III uniform in contrast to the regular NWU Type I (blue/gray) uniform worn by VP-26 shipmate AT2 Rick Henriquez.

while deployed as prescribed by combatant commanders. Occasion for wear of the NWU Type III will be the same as the current woodland camouflage utility uniform per NAVADMIN 188/09.

"The NWU Type II/III approval is a culmination of

a four-year effort comprising all of the expeditionary stakeholders, ensuring we capture the true operational requirements our Sailors' need to succeed on the battlefield," said Master Chief Explosive Ordnance Disposal Technician Robert McCue, NWU Type II/III Conformance Test Monitor during an interview in August.

"They provide unmatched capabilities to the warfighter enabling tactical advantage and enhancing mission success by saving lives."

Each Expeditionary Sailor will receive three blouses, three trousers, two cover insignia, one parka, one fleece liner, one helmet cover, and one sun hat (boonie cap). Fleece watch caps will be provided at a later time when available.

Items from the NWU Type II/III will be issued only by the approved commands and will not be available from the Navy Exchange.

The Chief of Naval Operations approved the final design for the NWU II/III Aug. 30.

Uniform shift

NAS Jacksonville will shift to the winter uniform of the day on Dec. 5. The uniform of the day will be: service dress blues or service khaki for all officers and chief petty officers and service dress blues or service uniforms for E-1 to E-6.

MATTHEWS: Retires after 20 years service

From Page 14

Following his IAs, he transferred to USS Taylor (FFG 50), where he completed two deployments before reporting to FACSACJAX in December 2010. He served as the FACSACJAX administration leading petty officer and legal assistant.

He will continue to reside in Jacksonville with his wife, Rhonda, and daughter, Taylor.

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Disney World Due to the success of the Disney Salute, the expiration dates of the tickets have been extended until Sept. 27, 2012. If you have already purchased and used the six allotted 2011 salute tickets, you may purchase an additional six tickets.

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Press secretary cites concerns of sexual assault in the ranks

By Cheryl Pellerin
American Forces Press Service

Defense Secretary Leon Panetta will issue "very direct guidance" in the coming months about how the department should respond to sexual assaults within the ranks, the Pentagon press secretary told reporters Nov. 18.

George Little cited public commentary from Capitol Hill and elsewhere on the military's sexual assault problem, and he said Panetta finds it "totally unacceptable."

"Panetta had zero tolerance for this at the CIA when I worked with him there," Little said, "And he believes that it's no longer acceptable that we say we can just 'do better' on this. We need to take action."

Potential actions are being discussed,



Secretary of Defense Leon Panetta but no final decisions have been made, he said.

The defense secretary is "troubled by what he understands are sexual assault problems inside the military," Little said.

"In the coming months," he continued, "you will see him issue very direct guidance to the department on this very important issue and problem."



Photo by Clark Pierce

Blood drives set for next week

From Staff

The following Florida/Georgia Blood Alliance blood drives are scheduled at NAS Jacksonville in December:

Dec. 5, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. - Center for

Naval Aviation Technical Training Unit Jax (Building 848)

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NMCRS Volunteer Spotlight Chuck Tamblyn

From Staff

Chuck Tamblyn is one of our many wonderful volunteers at the Jacksonville Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society (NMCRS). For the past seven months, Tamblyn has served as a caseworker and has dedicated more than 304 hours. He has given out over \$94,976 in assistance and helps provide active duty service members and their families with financial assistance.



Chuck Tamblyn

Born in Michigan, Tamblyn joined the Navy and attended the U.S. Naval Academy where he majored in economics. He received his master's degree from the Naval War College in National Security and Strategic Studies. He went on to serve 26 years in the Navy, retiring in 2007.

Tamblyn and his wife have a daughter, currently a junior at the University of Florida, and a son who is a math teacher at Sandalwood High School. Tamblyn participates in many fun activities including golf, reading and riding motorcycles. He is also active in the community as a church youth leader, member of Navy League and Rotary Club. He is best known in the office

for his amazing vocabulary skills.

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Dolphin Research Center hosts veterans

Sailors, retirees and their families enjoyed Veterans Day at the the Dolphin Research Center (DRC) in Grassy Key, Fla. Every year on Veterans Day the center offers free admission to active duty and retirees. The DRC was home to former "retired" Navy dolphin Theresa, who was considered the matriarch of the dolphin pod at the research facility. She died in May of this year at an estimated age of 56. "Pax" waves the Stars and Stripes for the guests. For more information about the facility, visit www.dolphinresearchcenter.org. (Above right) "Pax" proudly wears a Navy Sailor's dixie cup hat during the Veterans Day open house event at the Dolphin Research Center.



Photo courtesy of VP-8

VP-8 celebrates Thanksgiving

VP-8 officers and chiefs cooked and served up a tasty Thanksgiving meal to the enlisted squadron members Nov. 18 in appreciation for all their hard work during the squadron 's recent Inter-Deployment Readiness Cycle.



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Turkey Frying

Officers and chiefs at Fleet Readiness Center Southeast (FRCSE) Hangar 1000 prepared their "Khaki Giving" meal Nov. 22 featuring savory, deep-fried turkey. The meal was served in the FRCSE Chiefs Mess to the hundreds of Sailors who work at FRCSE. (From right) Checking the internal temperature of a fried turkey are AEC Alexander Haugabook, AOCS Victor Almodovar and AMC Fabian Echeverry.

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NMCRS holds pie tasting contest

The judges gather with the three winners after the luncheon at Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society (NMCRS). (From left) Leslie Maclay, Kathy Sanders, Chris Scorby, VP-5 Commanding Officer Cmdr. John Fox (back), first place winner Sandy Faraldo, NAS Jax Commanding Officer Capt. Jeffrey Maclay, third place winner Melissa Schade, second place winner Arica Goulet and Commander, Navy Region Southeast Rear Adm. Jack Scorby Jr.

NAS Jax NMCRS Chairman of Volunteers Amanda O'Connell serves some tasty pie samples to judges, from right, Commander, Navy Region Southeast Rear Adm. Jack Scorby Jr., NMCRS volunteer Chris Scorby and VP-5 Commanding Officer Cmdr. John Fox during a Thanksgiving luncheon for volunteers on Nov. 21.



NMCRS Service Assistant Monika Woods serves some lemon meringue pie to NAS Jax Commanding Officer Capt. Jeffrey Maclay and his wife, Leslie, who sampled several different pies during the competition.



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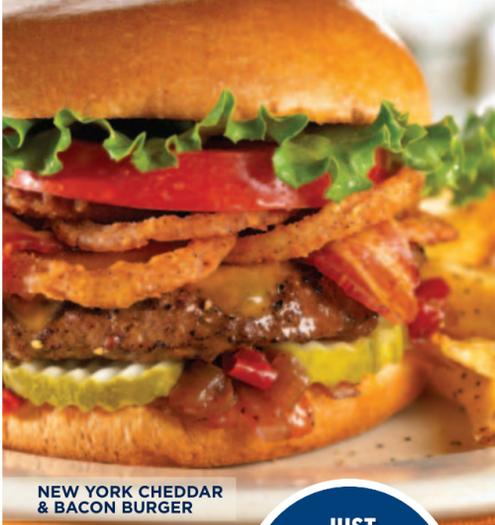
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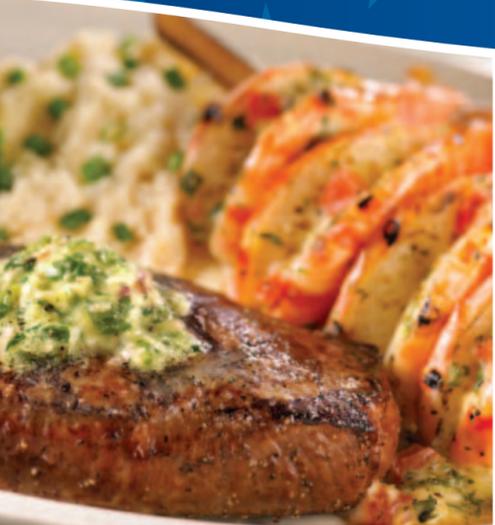
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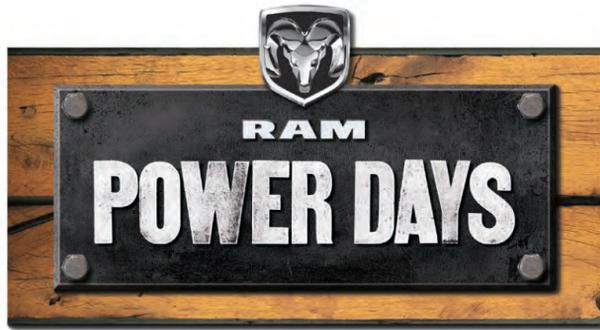


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