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Photo by Kaylee LaRocque

Guests wait in line to tour the new P-8A Poseidon aircraft after attending the P-8A Roll-Out Ceremony at VP-30 March 28.

## P-8A introduced at Roll-Out Ceremony

By Clark Pierce  
Editor

More than 1,200 distinguished visitors and VIPs filled the VP-30 hangar at NAS Jacksonville March 28 to celebrate the first fleet delivery of the P-8A Poseidon multi-mission aircraft.

VP-30 Commanding Officer and master of ceremonies Capt. Mark Stevens noted, "In the same year that our maritime patrol and reconnaissance force (MPRF) is celebrating 50 years of service for the P-3 Orion - we're also celebrating the fleet introduction of P-8 Poseidon."

In his remarks, Vice Chief of Naval Operations Adm. Mark Ferguson said, "The P-8 is the future of Navy maritime patrol. It will be a critical component of our maritime security and the fleet's eyes and ears for generations to come. While this aircraft is impressive, the strength of our Navy does not rest with technology alone. The real capability will reside in the men and women who fly and maintain this aircraft. In the hands of our great Sailors, it stands ready to meet the needs of the nation and challenges ahead as we continue to operate forward to reassure allies, deter aggression and, when needed, prevail in conflict."

Under Secretary of the Navy Robert Work pro-

vided keynote remarks.

"As the Navy's replacement platform for the P-3C Orion, the P-8A Poseidon is transforming how the Navy's maritime patrol and reconnaissance force will man, train, operate and deploy. The P-8A is a network-enabled aircraft for the network age, and gives Sailors the added benefits of working with manned and unmanned systems," said Work.

"The training and readiness concept for the Poseidon was designed around a high fidelity simulator solution to provide cost-wise warfighting readiness. The P-8A Integrated Training Center includes leading-edge operational flight trainers, which will provide innovative and cutting-edge training for today's warfighter," he continued.

During his remarks he highlighted the partnership of the Navy and America's industrial base, which made this day possible.

"On behalf of the Secretary of the Navy, I would like to thank the maritime patrol and reconnaissance community, veterans, industry, and the city of Jacksonville," he added.

"Thanks and gratitude goes to the city of Jacksonville, which has been such a great host

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Photo by Clark Pierce

Under Secretary of the Navy Robert Work and Jacksonville Mayor Alvin Brown were joined by high-ranking naval officers on March 28 to cut the ribbon at the new P-8A Integrated Training Center at NAS Jacksonville. (From left) Whiting-Turner President Ron Eisenberg, Boeing President and CEO of Defense, Space and Security Dennis Muilenburg, Brown, NAS Jax Commanding Officer Capt. Bob Sanders, Work, VP-30 Commanding Officer Capt. Mark Stevens, Vice Chief of Naval Operations Adm. Mark Ferguson, Commander, Naval Air Forces Vice Adm. Allen Myers, Commander, Patrol and Reconnaissance Group Rear Adm. Michael Hewitt and Commander, Navy Region Southeast Rear Adm. Jack Scorby Jr.



Photo by Clark Pierce

NAS Jax Commanding Officer Capt. Bob Sanders is pinned as an honorary chief petty officer (CPO) by NAS Jax Command Master Chief (CMDM)(AW/SW) Brad Shepherd and Fleet Readiness Center Southeast CMDM(AW/SW) Leonard Gage during the CPO Birthday Celebration at the Building 1 flagpole on April 2.

## CPOs celebrate 119 years

By Clark Pierce  
Editor

Dozens of U.S. Navy Chief Petty Officers joined NAS Jacksonville Command Master Chief (CMDM)(AW/SW) Brad Shepherd at the Building 1 flag pole April 2 to commemorate 119 years of the CPO Mess.

After morning colors, Shepherd read the birthday message from MCPON(SS/SW) Rick West that declared 2012 to be "The Year of the Chief."

Shepherd also added his perspective, "Since 1893, in every conflict involving the United States, there have been chief petty officers engaged at the forefront of our Navy's operations. Let me tell you

about one of my heroes - World War II Fleet Adm. William 'Bull' Halsey. He was in a reception line at an event in Long Beach, Calif. right after the war. As he greeted a group of chief petty officers - he winked at one specific chief. A reporter asked him how he knew that chief and he replied, 'Contrary to popular knowledge, the naval ships in Long Beach harbor do not float on water - instead, they float on the backs of chief petty officers. The chief that I winked at has taught me more about ships and men, and had more impact on my career than any officer I can recall.'

Shepherd continued, "Today's chief has to be forward-thinking. We value

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## Prowler to soon join naval aviation icons at Heritage Park

By Clark Pierce  
Editor

An EA-6B Prowler electronic warfare aircraft will soon join the display of historic naval aircraft at NAS Jacksonville Heritage Park. The aircraft landed at the station March 27 after its trans-continental flight from VAQ-129 at NAS Whidbey Island, Wash. It is being prepared for display by artisans at Fleet Readiness Center Southeast (FRCSE).

Cmdr. Jeff Mishak is the FRCSE Prowler production officer (and an EA-6B NFO) who supervises overhauls and modifications for the EA-6B program.

"We usually have about four to six Prowlers on the line. When the work is complete, the Prowlers will go to Marine Corps VAQ squadrons because the Navy is transitioning to the EA-18G Growler," explained Mishak.

"Until a few weeks ago, the plan for this aircraft was to become part of the Midway exhibit in San Diego.



Photo by Clark Pierce

EA-6B Prowler No. 911, decked out in Centennial of Naval Aviation colors, lands at NAS Jacksonville March 27 on its final flight from VAQ-129 at NAS Whidbey Island, Wash. The aircraft was delivered to Fleet Readiness Center Southeast to be prepared for static display in the station's Heritage Park of historic Navy aircraft.

When that fell through, NAS Jax was next on the list - so the Prowler was flown from NAS Whidbey Island

to our station, where it will be prepared for exhibit at NAS Jax Heritage Park."

The plane, stricken from the fleet inventory, will be prepared for exhibit by removing the engines and other internal parts. It features the World War II "Battle of Midway" paint scheme from the 2011 Centennial of Naval Aviation (CoNA). Look up the name at the left rear seat and Google it for an interesting history lesson.

Cmdr. Jay Burkette is executive officer of VAQ-129, the fleet replacement squadron for EA-6B Prowler electronic warfare aircraft flown by Navy and Marine Corps squadrons.

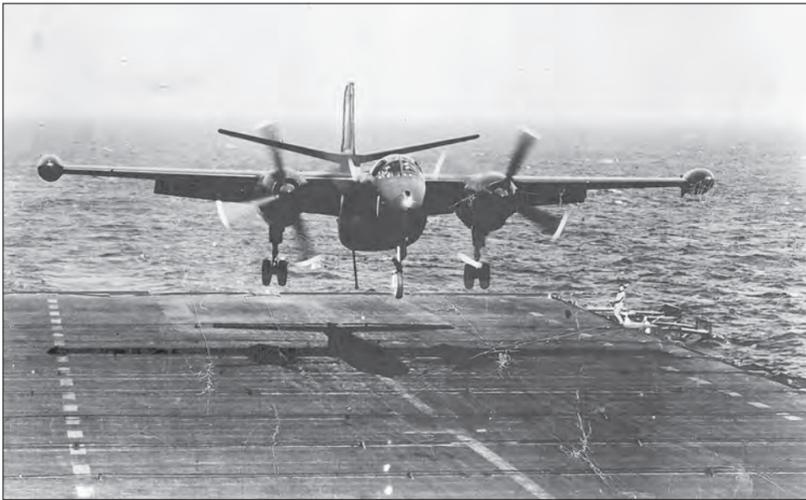
"I was born in Jacksonville when my dad was stationed here as an intelligence officer - so being part of the crew delivering this aircraft to NAS Jacksonville is a great pleasure for me."

Burkette, who is in his third tour at VAQ-129, said

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In April of 1950, VC-5 Commanding Officer Capt. John Hayward made the first takeoff of the AJ-1 heavy attack plane from the aircraft carrier USS Coral Sea (CV-43). His pilots completed carrier qualifications in August and become the first operational AJ-1 Savage squadron. The AJ-1 aircraft above is landing aboard USS Wasp (CV-18) in March of 1952.



The Apollo 13 crew is safely on board USS Iwo Jima (LPH-2) after aborting their moon landing mission when an oxygen tank exploded, crippling the service module. Despite great hardship caused by limited power, loss of cabin heat, shortage of potable water, and the critical need to jury rig the carbon dioxide removal system, the crew returned safely to Earth. An HS-4 helicopter recovered the capsule after splash down.

## This Week in Navy History

### From Staff

#### April 6

1776 - Continental sloop-of-war Ranger, frigate Queen of France and frigate Warren capture British Hibernia and seven other vessels.

1862 - Naval Gunfire from Tyler and Lexington help save Union troops at Battle of Shiloh.

1909 - Cmdr. Robert E. Peary reports reaching the North Pole.

1917 - U.S. declares war on Germany.

1945 - First heavy kamikaze attack on ships near Okinawa.

1968 - USS New Jersey (BB-62) recommissioned for shore bombardment duty in Vietnam.

1989 - President orders DoD to assist in Exxon Valdez oil spill cleanup.

1993 - Branch Navy Hospital Adak responds to crash of civilian Chinese airline providing life-saving treatment and medical evacuation of 89 injured

passengers. Only one passenger out of 265 passengers died.

#### April 7

1776 - Continental brig Lexington captures British Edward.

1917 - Navy takes control of all wireless radio stations in the U.S.

1942 - Navy accepts African-Americans for general service.

1945 - First two Navy flight nurses land on an active battlefield (Iwo Jima), Ensign Jane Kendeigh and Lt. j.g. Ann Purvis.

1945 - Carrier aircraft defeat last Japanese Navy sortie (Battle of East China Sea). Yamato, the world's largest battleship, and five other ships were sunk.

1979 - Launch of first Trident submarine, USS Ohio (SSBN-726) at Groton, Conn.

#### April 8

1925 - First night landings on a carrier, USS Langley (CV-1), by VF-1.

1950 - Unarmed Navy patrol aircraft shot down over Baltic Sea by USSR.

1951 - First of four detonations for Operation Greenhouse nuclear test.

#### April 9

1861 - Second relief convoy for Fort Sumter leaves New York City.

1941 - Commissioning of USS North Carolina (BB-55), which carried nine 16-inch guns.

1943 - Re-establishment of Commodore rank.

1959 - Selection of the first seven Mercury astronauts includes four naval aviators.

#### April 10

1941 - USS Niblack (DD-424), used depth charges against a German U-boat while conducting rescue operations for a torpedoed Dutch freighter. This was the first action by an American naval vessel against the Axis Powers.

1963 - During diving tests, USS

Thresher (SSN-593) was lost with all hands (112 crew and 12 civilians) east of Cape Cod, Mass.

1966 - River Patrol Boats of River Patrol Force commenced operations on inland waters of South Vietnam.

#### April 11

1783 - Congress declares end of war with Great Britain.

1900 - Navy accepts its first submarine, USS Holland.

1970 - Launch of Apollo 13, commanded by Navy Capt. James Lovell Jr. Former naval aviator Fred Haise Jr. was the Lunar Module Pilot. While 200,000 miles from Earth there was an explosion on board which forced Apollo 13 to circle the moon without landing. Mission duration was 5 days, 22 hours and 54 minutes. Recovery was by HS-4 helicopters from USS Iwo Jima (LPH-2).

1991 - U.N. ceasefire ends Persian Gulf War.

# Graduation brings closure for children

By Sarah Smiley  
Special Contributor

## From The Homefront

I started graduate school at the University of Maine two-and-a-half years ago, after Dustin came home and told me about a new program through Military OneSource that offered tuition assistance for military spouses continuing their education.

"You might as well try it," Dustin said, "since we'll have help with tuition."

And one semester later, the tuition-assistance program changed its rules. I was no longer eligible.

The problem: I was already hooked on school. Nine years as a work-at-home mom had deprived me of interests I'd almost forgotten—mainly, teaching and learning. Someone would have to drag me out of graduate school kicking and screaming.

So I stayed. And I worked as a graduate assistant teaching journalism.

I never really thought much about graduation. When I left home at 5 p.m. and shut the door on whiny children and a husband with no dinner plans, I actually looked forward to sit-

ting in a classroom for three hours. And when I left the university after a morning of teaching or a night of classes, I'd often tell the other graduate assistants, "I'm off to my day job now."

I wasn't joking. Going to school was the easy part, mostly because it was for me alone. Also, it didn't involve cleaning other people's messes, making dinner, folding clothes or packing lunch boxes.

There were, of course, many humbling aspects of graduate school along the way. The first of which was being a student ten years after receiving my bachelor's degree.

The second: realizing I'm not much younger than my students' parents. But in the end, my age turned out to be more of an asset than a hindrance. Which is to say, if you're considering graduate school, the answer is, "No, you're not too old."

As is the case with most times in our lives, my routine at the university became quite com-

fortable. Everything from the smell of the stairwell to the sound of the heater was familiar to me. My car knew the way from Bangor to Orono. I had found secret parking spots.

Still, I didn't think about graduation.

Sometimes, I brought the kids on campus. They tagged along while I checked out books in the library, paid bills at the Bursar's office (Lindell: "You have to pay to learn when you're a grown-up?"), or attended Black Bear football and hockey games.

These trips always sparked interesting observations and questions, such as the time one of my boys wanted to know if there is a fraternity for Star Wars fans. Seeing college through children's eyes was both amusing and enlightening.

One time, while Lindell, 5, and I were having a snack in the school cafeteria, I looked around the crowded, noisy room and said, "What do you think about all these kids,

Lindell?"

Lindell looked up from his cookie, glanced left, and then right, and said, "Where are the kids?"

The word "kids" is so very relative.

To be sure, stressful times also came along with graduate school. It wasn't easy balancing a career, three children and homework. I read Hannah Arendt's "The Human Condition" sitting on the bleachers at multiple Little League practices. I outlined a research paper while waiting in the school pick-up line. I wrote my master's thesis between the hours of 5 p.m. and 9 p.m. And after Dustin left for his deployment, sometimes I cried in my office because it all felt like too much.

Now I was thinking about graduation, and I wasn't sure I'd make it.

I pressed on.

Last week, Lindell went with me to buy my cap and gown at the university bookstore. I couldn't understand what the past two-and-a-half years really meant to me until I put on that robe, zipped it up, and . . . well, felt 18 all over again. Lindell

looked at my reflection in the mirror and said, "You'll be the prettiest graduer I've ever seen."

Previously, I had thought about skipping the graduation ceremony. However, when I saw the wonder in Lindell's eyes that day, I knew attendance was the right decision. For five semesters, I divided my energy and focus between my family, my work and my education. I missed family dinners, soccer and baseball games, and bedtime stories. Graduation would be the formal, tangible closure my kids needed.

The night after I bought the cap and gown (See, Lindell, grown-ups pay to learn and to graduate), I spent alot of time thinking about Dustin. A journey that began with his casual prompting — "you might as well" — was ending in his absence. My biggest fan would miss graduation.

Yet I suspect Dustin will have plenty more ceremonies to attend in the future. In fact, just last night, when I asked Lindell what he wants to be when he grows up, he said, without hesitation, "A University of Maine Black Bear, of course."

## NMCRS Volunteer Spotlight

### From the Navy and Marine Corps Relief Society

Virginia Leary is one of the volunteers at the NAS Jacksonville Navy and Marine Corps Relief Society (NMCRS).

For the past nine months, she has served as a client service associate and budget for baby instructor.

Leary provides active duty service members and their families with counseling and financial assistance.

Born in Athens, Ga., Leary attended the University of Virginia where she received her degree in Spanish.

While in school, she studied abroad in Valencia, Spain and met her husband, Richard.

Now a military spouse and part of the P-3 family in Jacksonville, she is active within the Navy community and within her current spouse's group.

Currently a stay-at-home mom, Leary takes care of her 15-month-old and is

expecting her second baby in March.

Growing up as the youngest of six children, she has mastered the art of compromising and teamwork.

She brings all of those skills and more to the NMCRS family.

Want to learn more about volunteer opportunities?

Please contact Chairman of Volunteers Amanda O'Connell at 542-3515 or mandivoc@gmail.com.



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# 'Pelicans' represent P-3 community at Women in Aviation Conference

From VP-45 Public Affairs

During the week of March 7-11, three VP-45 "Pelicans" flew to Dallas to participate in the annual Women in Aviation Conference (WIA) hosted by American Airlines. Lt. Maggie Doyle, a P-3 tactical coordinator, Lt. Chelsea Brunoehler, a P-3 plane commander and AWO2 Emily Simpson, a P-3 aviation warfare systems operator, were in attendance representing the maritime patrol and reconnaissance aircraft community.

The purpose of the conference was to bring women (and men) who work in corporate, military, and recreational aviation together to share information, stories of success, and discuss new opportunities for careers in the field of aviation.

More than 250 businesses were represented including several universities. Altogether, more than 3,300 people participated in the conference making it the most well attended conference in the history of WIA.

This year's conference kicked off with an impressive welcoming ceremony complete with a six-piece Texas country band for entertainment.

The expo, or business fair, remained open before and after for socializing and sharing of information.

The next day, the Navy military members broke off from the main seminars to discuss topics such as improving retention of women in the military and the Navy's policy on pregnancy during flying.

Members from the Women's Policy Office in Washington, DC were present to share statistics on women in the military, primarily regarding percentages of women in aviation.

There was also a presentation of new military flight gear designed specifically for women.



From left, Lt. Maggie Doyle, Lt. Chelsea Brunoehler and AWO2 Emily Simpson of VP-45 pose with a World War II veteran at the Women in Aviation Conference in Dallas on March 7.

Photos courtesy of VP-45

Unfortunately, many of the items have not yet been approved for wear due to further testing requirements and budgetary constraints.

The afternoon session for Navy women included a general/flag officer panel which was incredibly insightful regarding a long career in aviation, including the challenges of breaking barriers and making personal sacrifices.

After the panel spoke and answered general questions about their careers, the 30 Navy conference representatives were able to break into groups of five-six for "speed-mentoring" with each of the flag officers.

"This was really a highlight of the conference as it afforded these well respected officers the opportunity to share their stories and personal experiences in a more intimate setting with future aviation leaders," said Doyle.

Best advice of the conference? "You can have everything . . . just not at the same time."

The insight on having a family in the military was to take advantage of the time you have with your family when you have it, and you serve the greater good when you can't be with them.

The conference was a huge success, greatly because it gave so many people an opportunity to

network, share information and inspire each other.

The Pelicans found inspiration in the women who were inducted to the Aviation Hall of Fame, especially the female ferrying and test pilots from WWII.

Meeting them and having them autograph their book was like taking part in a piece of history.

The Pelicans were able to see how women in the military and women with careers in aviation make a long commitment to their work and service by believing that what they do has a greater purpose.

One female commanding officer said, "Every time I feel sorry for myself or my three-year-old daughter, I remember how I felt responding to the earthquake in Japan last year, when I handed water to a three-year-old Japanese girl who hadn't been afforded clean drinking water in more than a several days. Then I think how lucky my little girl is to have two parents that love her so much and to live in such a great country."

Hopefully in future years more women and men will attend the Women in Aviation Conference.

This event was a great way to celebrate Women's History Month and made a positive impact on the professional careers and aviation camaraderie of all in attendance.

# CNRSE, meet your ombudsman

By Staff

Commander, Navy Region Southeast Ombudsman Kandi Debus has been married to Chris Debus for 10 years. He is an active duty Sailor, and is currently serving a tour in Bahrain.

They have three children.

She has experience with and understands the stressors of deployments and the family unit separation.



Kandi Debus

While Chris served the Navy, Kandi served Navy families as an ombudsman for an afloat command, for an installation, an ombudsman assembly chair and in her current appointment as

the regional ombudsman for the last three years.

During the Navy's response to families impacted by Hurricane Katrina, she was employed by the Fleet and Family Support Center as an emergency case manager. She has served as the regional individual augmentee/case management coordinator for Southeast Region Family Readiness since 2006.

As the regional ombudsman, her roll includes providing feedback to the regional commander on family issues and being available to mentor and provide support and assistance to any other ombudsman program personnel in the region.

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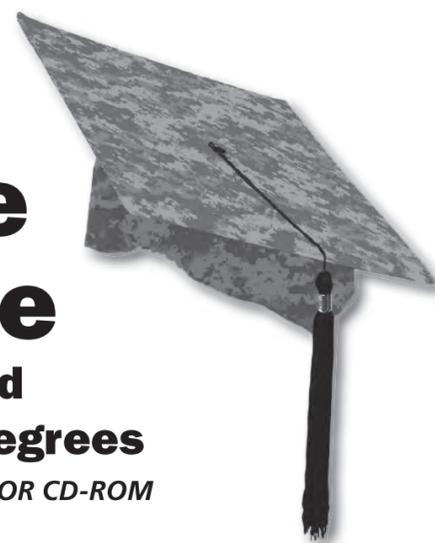
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(From left) VP-30 Commanding Officer Capt. Mark Stevens, Commander, Patrol and Reconnaissance Group Rear Adm. Michael Hewitt, Jacksonville Mayor Alvin Brown, Commander, Patrol and Reconnaissance Force 5th and 7th Fleet Rear Adm. Sean Buck and Commander, Patrol and Reconnaissance Wing 11 Capt. Trey Wheeler gather before the P-8A Roll-Out Ceremony.

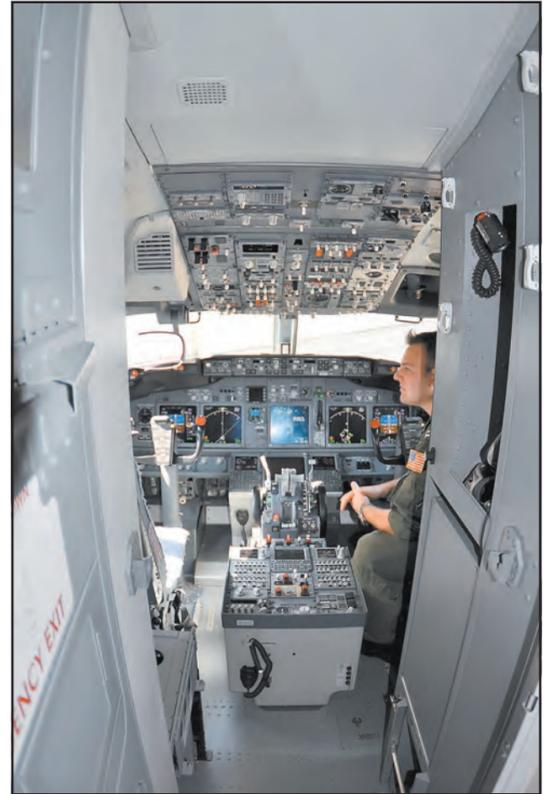
Under Secretary of the Navy Robert Work and Jacksonville Mayor Alvin Brown prepare to take control of a P-8A operational flight trainer for a simulated training flight on March 28 at the P-8A Integrated Training Center grand opening.



Lt. Colette Lazenka of VP-30 explains some of the different surveillance stations aboard the new P-8A Poseidon aircraft to guests.



Guests interact with P-8A Poseidon crewmembers while touring the new aircraft.



Lt. Matt Olson of VP-30 explains the capabilities of the new P-8A Poseidon to guests touring the aircraft.

## POSEIDON: Next phase is to team with BAMS platform for greater coverage

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to this base for more than 75 years, and whose citizens embody the values our Sailors fight to protect."

The next phase for Poseidon will be its integration with the unmanned BAMS platform to create a cohesive team that covers an even greater territory.

Maritime patrol is the forward indicator of the U.S. presence around the globe. MPRF is often the first to respond to natural disasters and provide humanitarian relief. These Sailors embody the CNO's guidance for executing the maritime strategy by demonstrating daily that our Navy is flexible, adaptable and ready to respond globally to preserve the peace. Thank you for allowing me to be part of today's ceremony."

At the conclusion of Work's remarks, Boeing President and CEO of Defense, Space and Security Dennis Muilenburg handed over the "key" for P-8A Poseidon LL 428 to Commander, Patrol and Reconnaissance Group Rear Adm. Michael Hewitt. He, in turn, gave the key to Stevens who ordered, "Poseidon aircrew and maintenance department, prepare LL 428 for flight operations."

Following the roll out, Work, Brown and Hewitt answered questions from the media.

Work was asked if every P-3 in the Navy would be replaced by the P-8A.

"As you know, the P-3 continues to fly after 50 years of service. Only two military aircraft have served longer -the U-2 spy plane and the B-52 bomber. As the P-3 fleet begins to retire aircraft, they will be replaced by a combination of the P-8 and its new partner, the unmanned BAMS," said Work.

Brown was queried about the importance of Jacksonville's mayor being part of the ceremony.

"This is a historic occasion for our great city and northeast Florida. We've been a military friendly city for a long time and I believe military affairs are an important part of our community. The P-8 shows the benefits of private/public partnerships for the Navy in their development and acquisition process. We're proud to be part of the P-3/P-8 transition and will support it in any way we can," replied Brown

Hewitt fielded the question, "How does this P-8 event help the Navy overall?"

"This is a great day for our maritime patrol and reconnaissance force. We wouldn't be here today

without bold leadership from the City of Jacksonville and the creativity of our industry partners. It's also a humbling day in that many MPRF squadrons are actively patrolling oceans and land areas around the world. So while many P-3s are on station protecting American interests, we're proudly rolling out the formidable, new P-8 Poseidon," said Hewitt. "It brings new technology and innovation to bear wherever our country needs us. We're also very proud of our young naval aircrew and maintainers who are bringing this aircraft to life. We know that the platform is new and important -but it's the men and women who fly it that makes it a naval asset to be reckoned with."

After the roll-out event, attendees were invited across the street from VP-30 to the ribbon-cutting ceremony for the P-8A Integrated Training Center (ITC). Flight crew and mission specialists are assigned to the ITC where they undertake classroom instruction as well as full-motion, simulated exercises that present the highest degree of realism.

NAS Jacksonville Commanding Officer Capt. Bob Sanders welcomed a large crowd that seemed eager to tour the \$38 million training facility.

"Thank you for being part of this history making day at NAS Jacksonville," said Sanders. "We're proud you could join us and learn about the exciting future taking shape for the P-8A Poseidon within the maritime patrol and reconnaissance community."

More than 1,200 guests, distinguished visitors and media filled the VP-30 hangar on March 28 to celebrate the roll out of the new P-8A Poseidon multi-mission aircraft.



Guests who attended the P-8A Poseidon Roll-Out Ceremony at NAS Jacksonville were invited out to tour the aircraft after the ceremony. The P-8A Poseidon, a multi-mission maritime aircraft, represents the most advanced airborne anti-submarine warfare capabilities.



Photo by MC2 Salt Cebe



Just one day after its fleet introduction ceremony at NAS Jacksonville, the first P-8A Poseidon multi-mission aircraft assigned to VP-30 conducts a flyover above the aircraft carrier USS Dwight D. Eisenhower (CVN 69) on March 29. Poseidon is the Navy's newest maritime patrol and reconnaissance aircraft. Eisenhower is underway conducting training in the Atlantic Ocean.

Photo by MC3 A.J. Jones

*Photos by Kaylee LaRocque and Clark Pierce*

Guests who attended the P-8A Poseidon Aircraft Roll-Out Ceremony at NAS Jacksonville walk the VP-30 flight line to check out the new aircraft.



Photo by MC2 Salt Cebe



P-8A Poseidon crewmembers from VP-30 stand in formation during the benediction and blessing of the aircraft. (From left) AWO1 Nicholas Katz, AWOC Patrick Biddinger, AWOC Jeremy McAfee, AWOC Randle Eason, Lt. Matthew Olson, Lt. Colette Lazenka, Lt. Chuck Steele and Cmdr. Gordon Wilson.



Members of Navy Band Southeast perform the national anthem during the P-8A Poseidon Aircraft Roll-out Ceremony at VP-30 on March 28.



(From right) VP-30 Commanding Officer Capt. Mark Stevens discusses a sensor station inside a P-8A weapons tactics trainer with Under Secretary of the Navy Robert Work, as Commander, Naval Air Forces Vice Adm. Allen Myers looks on.



Boeing President and CEO of Defense, Space and Security Dennis Muilenburg hands over the "keys" for P-8A Poseidon LL 428 to Commander, Patrol and Reconnaissance Group, Rear Adm. Michael Hewitt at the VP-30 aircraft roll-out ceremony.



Dennis Muilenburg, president and CEO of Boeing Defense, Space and Security, expressed his pride in leading the industry team that brought the P-8A Poseidon into service on schedule and on budget.



A large group of dignitaries assembled at the NAS Jax P-8A Integrated Training Center on Yorktown Boulevard to witness the ribbon-cutting ceremony, followed by guided tours of the new facility that houses the operational flight trainers and weapons tactics trainers.

# Buck positive about MPRF transition

By Clark Pierce  
Editor

"Today is probably one of the most historic events in our maritime patrol and reconnaissance community since the introduction of the P-3 Orion 50 years ago. And it may be another half-century before we experience another aircraft introduction like this," said Rear Adm. Sean Buck March 28 at the P-8A Poseidon roll-out event at NAS Jacksonville.

Buck, with 29 years in naval aviation, currently serves as Commander, Patrol and Reconnaissance Force 7th Fleet; Commander, Patrol and Reconnaissance Force 5th Fleet; and Commander, Fleet Air Forward.

He said the roll out was an especially significant day for young aircrews and maintainers, because they get a close-up look at the airplane that will drive their futures for the next 20 to 30 years. The Navy plans to transition 12 VP squadrons to the P-8A.

"It all begins this summer when VP-16 comes home from deployment, turns in their P-3s and transitions to the P-8 Poseidon here at VP-30, the Navy's fleet replacement squadron for the maritime patrol and reconnaissance force (MPRF).

"We estimate the P-3 to P-8 transition season will span about six years, so we're planning to fly some P-3s through the end of this decade until the P-8 is fully integrated into the fleet. That means VP-30

will support a hybrid force by simultaneously training Sailors on both platforms," said Buck.

He explained that the Department of Defense will eventually fund the procurement of 117 P-8A Poseidons for the fleet.

Each operational squadron will initially be assigned two P-8s - and ultimately receive their full complement of six aircraft.

"There will be additional P-8s assigned to VP-30 for training, as well as additional aircraft used for research, development and testing - for a total of 117 in the fleet."

On April 13, Buck will relieve Rear Adm. Michael Hewitt as Commander, Patrol and Reconnaissance Group.



Rear Adm. Sean Buck

# DASN Energy gives remarks at energy efficiency forum

By Lt. Richlyn Neal  
Office of the Deputy Assistant  
Secretary of the Navy for Energy

The Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Energy Tom Hicks gave remarks at the 2012 Energy Efficiency Forum in Orlando, Fla., March 28.

The Alliance to Save Energy sponsored its fifth annual event to bring together professionals around the world to network and share ideas about the future of energy efficient technologies and innovations.

Hicks highlighted the Department of the Navy's energy program and goals and the reason the Navy is taking an aggressive approach at the way it looks at energy during the panel, "The Great Green Fleet and Beyond: Military Adoption of Energy Efficiency."

"The Department of the Navy energy investments are not about advancing an environmental agenda or to be 'green,'" said Hicks. "Our energy investments are about improving our combat capabilities, increasing our mission effectiveness, and reducing our vulnerabilities

to foreign sources of fossil fuel."

Other speakers on the panel included Thomas Grumbly, Lockheed Martin's vice president of Civil and Homeland Security, and Barbara Humpton, senior vice president, Siemens Government Technologies.

The moderator for the panel was Mark Brunner, national security advisor, Office of U.S. Sen. Mark Warner. During Brunner's opening remarks, he highlighted that the Department of Defense uses about 90 percent of all the fossil-fuel energy in the federal government.

He noted, by becoming more efficient even in small amounts - about 10 to 15 percent - can save tax dollars and these dollars could be used in other critical areas of the military.

Hicks' other key areas of focus were the Department of the Navy's alternative energy, the Marine Corps' Experimental Forward Operating Base initiative and the Department of the Navy's goal of producing 50 percent of its shore energy from alterna-

tive sources, the one gigawatt initiative, which was highlighted during President Barack Obama's State of the Union address Jan. 24.

Secretary of the Navy Ray Mabus was unable to speak at the conference as scheduled when the plane he was traveling on experienced a mechanical

problem en route to Orlando, and was forced to return to Joint Base Andrews, Md. In October 2009, Mabus laid out five aggressive energy goals to improve the Navy's energy security and efficiency, increase the Navy's energy independence, and help lead the nation toward a clean energy economy.

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# Tekies prove athletic prowess



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NAS Jax Commanding Officer Capt. Bob Sanders (second from left) presents Naval Computer and Telecommunications Station (NAVCOMTELSTA) Jacksonville Commanding Officer Cmdr. Matt Lear with the 2011 NAS Jax Captain's Cup Trophy March 29 as NAVCOMTELSTA Operations Officer Lt. Cmdr. Todd Grinsteiner (left) and NAVCOMTELSTA Command Master Chief (CMDM)(SW) Frank Cannizzaro (right) look on. The command placed first in the competition with 54 commands participating in 2011. The command participated in 30 out of 33 events and were the base champions for Fall and Spring Volleyball, Winter Golf and Greybeard Spring Softball.

NAS Jax Commanding Officer Capt. Bob Sanders (left) and NAS Jax Sports Coordinator Bill Bonser hold up the new banners proclaiming (NAVCOMTELSTA) Jax as winners of the 2011 NAS Jax Captain's Cup as NAVCOMTELSTA Jax Commanding Officer Cmdr. Matt Lear looks on.



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# An open letter from the Chief of Naval Operations

**Hello shipmates,**

The Secretary of the Navy recently announced our "21st Century Sailor and Marine" initiative, which pulls together a set of objectives, policies and programs, new and existing, to maximize personal and family readiness.

I'd like to cover one of the five areas in the initiative: readiness. More specifically, it's a readiness problem that has grown at an alarming rate, and we have not been able to turn around - sexual assault.

Folks, we've got to face the facts—sexual assault is an attack on a Sailor. On average, these attacks take place every day. Yes, every day. These attacks include "blue on blue"—Sailor on Sailor—think about that. We've had a former commanding officer go to jail for ten years because he raped one of his Sailors and we have had junior officers and chiefs, who have also been charged and convicted of sexual assault. We have shipmates committing crimes against shipmates, and we all have to do something about it.

This is my problem and this is your problem. Sexual assault is unacceptable and its roots need to stop at all levels; I can't tolerate it and you shouldn't either. It undermines our Navy Core Values and Ethos, and it undercuts safety and readiness. We need to address it for what it is - a real danger.

It is important that we support sexual assault victims and hold offenders accountable. But what we really need to do is prevent sexual assault before it occurs. Some call this "getting to the left of the event." This means taking a hard look at command climate, and I need your help in this regard. We need to watch our humor, our language and ensure it's appropriate for the work place. We need to prevent the abuse of alcohol, which is a primary contributor to sexual assaults. We need to promote responsibility for ourselves and each other. Sexual assault is not just happening at "some" commands, it is happening at your command. We need to commit, as a Navy, to not accept this crime at our commands and get rid of the myth that it's just "part of life." It is not.

It's about changing attitudes. It is about leadership at every level getting engaged. It's about creating a safe environment of dignity and respect for our shipmates. It's about declaring and committing that we won't tolerate this in our Navy. And it is especially about "by stander intervention," stepping in when you see one of our shipmates threatening another. We stand to gain confidence and trust in a Navy that cares about all of its Sailors.

In short, everyone needs to do something about it! In the coming weeks you will hear from your leadership on the prevention of sexual assault as we renew our emphasis Navy wide on this important issue. Let's face it together, there is no place for sexual assault in our Navy and I know we can resolve this with your effort and focus.

**Jonathan W. Greenert**  
Admiral, U.S. Navy

# Navy promotes sexual assault awareness month

**From Chief of Naval Personnel Public Affairs**

The Navy announced Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM) and issued guidance to focus efforts on awareness and prevention of sexual violence through the use of special events and command-level education in NAVADMIN 106/12, released March 28.

The Department of Defense's SAAM theme this year is, "Hurts One, Affects All. Prevention of Sexual Assault is Everyone's Duty."

In addition to this overarching theme, the Navy will highlight complementary weekly themes throughout the month.

"Sexual assault prevention is a key aspect of the Navy's 21st Century Sailor and Marine initiative to increase the personal readiness of each and every Sailor within our Navy," said Vice Adm. Scott Van Buskirk, chief of naval personnel and director of the Navy's SAAM 2012 initiative.

"The weekly themes will underscore varying aspects of sexual assault and the Navy's efforts to raise awareness in order to eliminate this crime."

The four weekly themes are: Hurts One; Affects All; Prevention is Everyone's Duty; and We Will Not Tolerate Sexual Assault.

"Our goal is to foster a command climate in which reporting assault is embraced and encouraged while providing support to victims," said Van Buskirk.

"We are also demanding a strict zero-tolerance policy for sexual assault and accountability of all offenders."

Commands will host mandatory education sessions to raise sexual assault awareness among Sailors. Commanding officers can either hold a single two-hour stand down or

break the discussions into four 30-minute weekly sessions, according to the NAVADMIN.

Scripts and videos for each week's theme will be provided to commanding officers to help facilitate discussion throughout their commands. These engagement products, in addition to talking points, posters and other tools, will be posted to the Navy Personnel Command's Sexual Assault and Prevention website, <http://www.sapr.navy.mil>.

Navy installations and commands around the world will be organizing activities to raise awareness of sexual assault throughout the month. All units are encouraged to participate and promote SAAM events in addition to the two-hour stand down in April, said Van Buskirk.

"Collectively, we can make a difference in preventing sexual assault by engaging all of our people in a meaningful manner to raise awareness to change behavior," said Van Buskirk.

Sexual assault prevention is a key element in the readiness area of the 21st Century Sailor and Marine initiative, which consolidates a set of objectives and policies, new and existing, to maximize Sailor and Marine personal readiness, to build resiliency and to hone the most combat-effective force in the history of the Navy.

Help raise awareness by joining the conversation on social media using #SAAM.



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# MCPON: Happy 119<sup>TH</sup> birthday, CPOs!

Special from MCPON(SS/SW) Rick West

Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy (MCPON) (SS/SW) Rick West released the following Chief Petty Officer birthday message to the fleet March 28.

"My fellow Chief Petty Officers, on April 1, our entire mess will pause to celebrate 119 years of the United States Navy Chief Petty Officer, our honored mess traditions and heritage, and look to our future.

But we're not just celebrating another year of chiefs serving the Navy; we're celebrating everything it means to be the chief.

Our anchors are the symbol of a culture and a way of life. Since 1893, Chiefs have been charged with the responsibility of ensuring our Sailors are the best in the world, ready to carry out our Navy's mission when our nation calls.

We welcome that responsibility and lead by example with pride, character and loyalty, a strong commitment to leadership, our core values and the Navy ethos.

Our Navy is the best it has ever been and we must continue to build upon the strong legacy that our mess was founded on as we look to our future. 2012 is a significant year for us all as the United States Navy Memorial hosts the 'Year of the Chief.'

The Year of the Chief is a worldwide spotlight on the



MCPON(SS/SW) Rick West

history and contributions of the Navy CPO mess.

The Year of the Chief will officially be launched on our birthday with a kick-off event held April 2 at the Navy Memorial. For more information on the Year of the Chief, visit the Navy Memorial website.

Happy birthday shipmates. I truly appreciate your leadership and the hard work you do every day.

Anchor up and Hoo-Yah Navy Chiefs!"



Photo by Clark Pierce

(From left) VAQ-129 Executive Officer Cmdr. Jay Burkette, USMC Reserve Pilot Maj. Steve Nelson and student aviator Lt. j.g. Matt O'Donnell flew a vintage EA-6B Prowler electronic warfare aircraft from NAS Whidbey Island, Wash. to its new home at NAS Jacksonville Heritage Park on March 27.

## PROWLER: Vintage EA-6B arrives from NAS Whidbey Island, bound for Heritage Park

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the squadron currently teaches two platforms - the EA-6B that has served the fleet since 1971 and the EA-18G that went operational in 2009.

For many years, VAQ-129 has trained U.S. Marine Corps pilots and electronic countermeasures officers for the EA-6B Prowler.

But, with the Navy moving to the EA-18G Growler, the Marine Corps EA-6B training will transition to MCAS Cherry Point, N.C. over the next two years.

Flying beside Burkette was instructor pilot Maj. Steve Nelson, a Marine Corps Reservist whose civilian job is providing EA-6B ground training at VAQ-129.

"I've flown the Prowler since 1999, including two tours at MCAS Cherry Point. Then, I joined VAQ-129 at NAS Whidbey Island as an instructor in 2005. I went into the reserves in 2010 and am now a defense contractor who can still put on a flight suit and impart my knowledge with students."

In one of the back seats was Lt. j.g. Matt O'Donnell, a brand new student who logged his first nine hours in a Prowler on this cross-country flight. Burkette said that it was a great way for him to gain his initial familiarization of this aircraft.

The EA-6B Prowler is a unique part of naval aviation's storied traditions. Developed from the A-6 Intruder, its distinctive side-by-side cockpit arrangement sets it apart from other Northrup Grumman designs.

The Prowler has been continually upgraded over the years, with many Improved Capability (ICAP) electronic warfare sets being installed by FRCSE at NAS Jacksonville.

Burkette said, "There's always some nostalgia watching an aircraft go into retirement. That's why it was important for our squadron to celebrate the Prowler during its last full year of flying during CoNA. We're also glad to bring it to NAS Jacksonville where it will be a great addition to the other historic Navy aircraft at Heritage Park."



Photos by Clark Pierce

NAS Jax Command Master Chief (CMDM)(AW/SW) Brad Shepherd highlights some of the historic achievements made by chief petty officers (CPO) during the 119th CPO Birthday Celebration at the Building 1 flagpole on April 2.



(From left) AZC(AW) Milton James, YNC(AW) Gail Stockman and CSC(SW) Mark St. Hiliare prepare to raise the flags during morning colors at the Building 1 flagpole April 2. The chief participated in the flagraising ceremony to celebrate the 119th birthday of the chief petty officer.

## CPO: NAS Jax recognizes 119<sup>TH</sup> birthday

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our history and traditions because you can't move forward if you don't know where you've been. However, today's chief has many challenges. To maintain the vitality of the CPO Mess, your charge is reach back and bring to the forefront that Sailor who will take your place.

NAS Jacksonville CPOs are the best I've seen because you know how to balance your responsibilities - always providing the right amount of attention to our officers, as well as our E-6 and below. Thank you all for your service and leadership. And happy birthday."

After reciting the CPO Creed, Shepherd requested the presence of NAS Jacksonville Commanding Officer Capt. Bob Sanders.

"I've served a lot of COs in my career and I'll say

that our skipper has been the biggest supporter of the Chiefs Mess at NAS Jax. When we implemented CPO 365, he stood right next to me and we drove the bus together along with you. On numerous other matters, he never fails to ask me to check the pulse of the chiefs. His respect for the Chiefs Mess helps position our base as the best in our region for supporting our warfighters," said Shepherd.

"Today, I'm pleased to designate Capt. Sanders an honorary chief of the NAS Jacksonville Chiefs Mess for his exceptional and outstanding support of the CPO Mess from 2010 to 2012."

Sanders expressed his surprise and pleasure. "I was wondering what master chief was up to, especially when my wife arrived a few minutes ago. I've got almost 25 years in our Navy and have taken part in a lot of ceremonies -but today is one of the proudest moments in my career. Thank you for your trust and for your support. Happy birthday to you all."



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# Shinseki: VA on track to break claims backlog

By Donna Miles  
American Forces Press Service

Veterans Affairs Secretary Eric Shinseki says VA is on track toward meeting one of the top priorities he set on arrival at the department three years ago: breaking the back of the disability claims backlog.

VA spent the last two years creating an automated tool to make claims determinations faster and more accurate, he said.

"Our intent is to have no claim over 125 days," Shinseki told American Forces Press Service. "And every claims decision that we put out the door [will be] at a 98 percent quality mark."

Toward that end, VA has been testing the new Veterans Benefit Management System in Providence, R.I., and Salt Lake City. Shinseki told Congress last month he believes this technology is helping VA "approach the tipping point in ending the backlog in disability claims."

He stopped by the Salt Lake

City office last week to assess progress there as the department prepares to take the system nationwide beginning this fall. The rollout will begin at 16 regional offices in September, with all 56 VA regional offices to receive it by the end of fiscal 2013, Shinseki said. This advance is expected to go a long way in helping VA reduce the time veterans must wait for disability claims decisions, the secretary said.

"We know we can do it manually," Shinseki said. "But we plan to layer this automation tool on top of that, and have the people who did the manual work now armed with an automation tool. I think we will be able to improve our productivity in ways that we will be able to take that backlog down quickly."

Shinseki noted the monumental challenge VA has been up against. During 2009, VA produced 900,000 claims decisions, but also received 1 million new claims. The next year, VA increased its claims deci-

sions to 1 million, but received 1.2 million new claims.

"Last year, we produced another 1 million claims decisions and got 1.3 million claims in," Shinseki said. "So the backlog isn't static. The backlog is a bigger number than we would like, but it is not the same number as three years ago."

Once the automated system is in place, Shinseki said, he believes the 125-day, 98-percent accuracy goals he set are achievable. "There is a lot on the line here," he said. "And that is why this rollout in September is an important one."

His confidence, he said, comes from the successes he's seen automation bring to VA's processing of Post-9/11 GI Bill claims.

Shinseki recalled arriving at VA in 2009 just as the new program was being launched and having to implement it on the fly, with no automation tools. Within about nine months, he said, VA was able to prepare

the manual process of getting about 173,000 people into schools by the fall 2009 term.

"It was pretty rocky," he acknowledged. But today, with the process now automated, VA is able to process more than 600,000 Post-9/11 GI Bill claims faster, and with fewer mistakes, the secretary said. That experience demonstrated the importance of keeping manual processing going as automation is being rolled in, then gradually moving all the processes toward automation, he added.

"The lessons we got out of that were tremendously important," he said. "It educated our efforts with the automation tool for the [disability] claims process, and we are doing the same things, step-by-step, that we learned how to do through with the [Post-9/11 GI Bill]."

The new system is just one initiative VA has taken to break the claims backlog.

Another effort focuses on fundamentally changing the relationship between veterans and VA, making VA an

advocate in putting together a strong claims package. VA began giving veterans a checklist of what's needed to file a claim, and also did its own digging to produce whatever documentation veterans couldn't find. This effort reduces the time needed to put a claims package together.

Another pilot program focuses on making claims processing more efficient by simplifying the process and improving communication among the entities that process a claim to reduce procedural delays, the secretary said.

Shinseki said he wanted to focus on getting the bugs out of the claims process before increasing automation.

"We didn't want to automate bad processes and just get lousy decisions faster," he told a Paralyzed Veterans of America gathering. "So we broke the complex, convoluted claims process down into its component pieces to improve each part before putting them back together."

## Job well done!



Photo courtesy of the Marine Corps League of Clay County

Retired Marine Corps Master Sgt. Ernie Brown, commandant of the Gen. Roy Geiger Detachment, Marine Corps League of Clay County, presents a Marine Corps League certification of appreciation to Jeannette Tuionetoa, lead quality assurance manager at Navy Medicine Support Command (NMSC) for helping with the annual Toys 4 Tots program. NMSC personnel have generously supported the program since 2009.



Photo by Victor Pitts

## Repairing an F/A-18

Aircraft Mechanic Work Leader Richard Venditti (from left), Aircraft Electrician Steve Ruplinger, Sheet Metal Mechanic Steve Smith and Aircraft Mechanic David Biscotti remove main landing gear from an F/A-18 Hornet in preparation for a center barrel replacement at Fleet Readiness Center Southeast on March 22.



Photo by Kaylee LaRocque

## Kennels upgraded

Military working dog (MWD) handler MA2(EXW) Keith Danalewich of the NAS Jax Security Department sprays down the outside of the renovated kennel runs as MWD Doly watches. The kennel area was recently renovated with a new roof, flooring, lighting, air conditioning/heating system, extended outside fenceline, a play area for the dogs outside, additional kennels, including two isolation areas for sick dogs, and a state-of-the-art camera system to monitor the dogs in the runs. A new administration building for the handlers will be constructed in the near future.



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A U.S. Navy unmanned aerial vehicle, two P-3C Orions and the Navy's newest patrol aircraft a P-8A Poseidon sit on display outside Hangar 117 at NAS Jacksonville March 28. The Maritime Patrol Association celebrated 50 years of P-3 naval aviation and the beginning of a new generation with the P-8A Poseidon during the Maritime Patrol and Reconnaissance Force Symposium.

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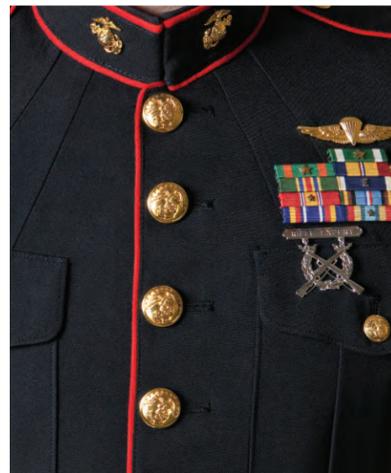
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# Helping patients since 1941

## Naval Hospital Jacksonville's American Red Cross volunteers are appreciated

By **Jeanne Casey**  
Acting Deputy Public Affairs Officer, Naval Hospital Jacksonville

In his American Red Cross Month proclamation in March, President Obama stated, "After more than 130 years of providing humanitarian relief at home and abroad, the American Red Cross remains a reflection of the compassion and generosity central to our national identity . . . let us resolve to preserve and renew that humanitarian impulse to save, to serve, and to build, and carry it forward in the year to come."

The American Red Cross has played a vital role in relief efforts and emergency services around the world since 1881. Today there are approximately 1.2 million American Red Cross volunteers - young and old - easing the pain and suffering of disaster victims and U.S. armed forces wherever, whenever needed.

For Naval Hospital Jacksonville's 215,000 patients, a selfless team of 60 American Red Cross volunteers (contributing about 16,000 hours per year) provides care, an open hand and hope.

At any given time, one might find Red Cross volunteers helping with emergency leave arrangements, providing



American Red Cross Chair Helen Donahoe (right) and Co-Chair Anne Owen review the monthly schedule for 60 volunteers at Naval Hospital Jacksonville.

Photos by HN Jason James

comfort to relatives of an ill patient, distributing cookies, driving the parking lot shuttle or dispensing numbers at the pharmacy.

Volunteers have long served as hospital ambassadors, providing information while lifting the spirits of countless patients and visitors with friendly conversation.

Then there's American Red Cross Chair Helen Donahoe and Co-Chair Anne Owen. Donahoe has given 40 years of her life as a Red Cross volunteer. She is a recipient of HandsOn

Jacksonville's Young at Heart Award and The President's Volunteer Service Award. Like Donahoe, Owen has also received numerous accolades for her selfless contributions.

"Next time you see an American Red Cross volunteer - take the time to extend your hand in thanks for all they do for our war fighters and Americans everywhere," said Naval Hospital Jacksonville Commanding Officer Capt. Lynn Welling.

Naval Hospital Jacksonville has a robust volunteer program comprised of



American Red Cross volunteer Constance Seelye (right) visits with Senetra Glasco, her husband, Alexander, and newborn baby Silas, in Naval Hospital Jacksonville's Maternal Infant Unit.



American Red Cross volunteer Robert Wheeler provides shuttle service for patients and visitors in the hospital's parking lot.

American Red Cross, Retiree Liaisons and the "Canine Corps" (pet visitation therapy).

And applications for the summer Junior Red Cross program (for 16 to 18 year-olds) will be accepted through May 1. The American Red Cross is always looking for new volunteers. To get involved, volunteers need to be able to commit four hours per week, successfully complete a security background screening, and be friendly and caring.

Call 542-7525 to learn more.

# Experience Navy Medicine first-hand this summer

## Junior Red Cross volunteers must apply by May 1

By **Jeanne Casey**  
Acting Deputy Public Affairs Officer, Naval Hospital Jacksonville

The American Red Cross at Naval Hospital (NH) Jacksonville is currently



recruiting for this summer's Junior Red Cross volunteers.

This offers an excellent opportunity for students interested in health careers to train with highly skilled Navy Medicine professionals — phy-

sicians, nurses, pharmacists, therapists and technicians — as well as contribute to creating a positive experience for NH Jacksonville patients.

The program is open to a limited number of high school

students age 16 to 18 who have base access.

Volunteers work four to 20 hours per week in locations throughout the hospital, and receive CPR training.

Applications can be picked up at NH Jacksonville's American Red Cross office (Room 1404, next to Physical Therapy & Occupational Therapy) and must be submitted by May 1.

Selectees are required to attend the June 9 kick-off event from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., that includes an interview, in the hospital's central tower second deck conference room.

For more about this opportunity, call Junior Red Cross Volunteer Chairman Terry Miles at 542-7525 or e-mail [terry.miles2@med.navy.mil](mailto:terry.miles2@med.navy.mil).



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Week 1 Goal:  
Be ready

Pack your bag, water and snack; have it ready to go every day. Being prepared is half the battle. Keep moving, increase your exercise goal by at least 5 minutes or increase workout intensity by 5% - 10%.

APRIL CHALLENGE:

Defeat negative thoughts

*What you think influences how you feel. Negative thoughts lead to unhealthy emotions that can impact our mood, behavior and relationships. Learn how to replace unhealthy thoughts with positive ones.*

Week 1 Goal:  
Identify negative thoughts

Negative thoughts see the glass as half empty and focus on the downside of things. Try to recognize when you let yourself assume the worst. Once you recognize it, see if you can change it.

Body

Mind

APRIL CHALLENGE:

Express appreciation and fondness

*One of the most important ways we show love is to say it. But expressing love goes beyond saying "I love you." Explore ways to expand your love vocabulary.*

Week 1 Goal:  
Say "I love you" every day

Get creative in how you say it, and see which way your partner responds most positively. The more specific and sincere you are, the more powerful the effect.

APRIL CHALLENGE:

Find your "Higher Power"

*Whether you believe in God as defined by a religion or not, it is important to recognize a power greater than yourself and develop the ability to receive guidance and empowerment through that relationship.*

Week 1 Goal:  
Identify and eliminate roadblocks

Everyone has things that get in the way of their relationship with their higher power. Try to examine your roadblocks and discover how to remove them.

Relationships

Spirit

To get involved, send an email to: [challenge4life@med.navy.mil](mailto:challenge4life@med.navy.mil)

## NPC site: One-stop shop for everything Navy

By **MC3 Andrea Perez**  
Navy Personnel Command Public Affairs

The Navy Personnel Command (NPC) website, hosted at [www.npc.navy.mil](http://www.npc.navy.mil), contains links to guidance and policy, programs, pay and benefits, Navy messages, stories and much more, officials reminded Sailors March 28.

"Our objective is to provide Sailors and their families with a one-stop shop for all Navy-related information and to get answers to their questions in a centralized location," said Lt. Jon Williams, functional website manager, NPC communications. "The NPC website provides information and guidance vital to Sailors from boot camp to retirement and beyond."

According to Williams, the NPC website is the second most visited Navy website and more than 85 percent of the Navy's web content can only be found here. The website contains more than 2,500 pages, 15,000 documents and registers nearly one million visits per month.

The Reference Library section, which contains U.S. Navy forms and instructions and DoD directives and publications, receives the most active visits every month. In February, the NAVADMIN 2012 page was the most popular page accessed on the website and received more than 100,000 views.

The Knowledge Base is another valuable feature on the NPC website and was created to supplement the NPC Customer Service Center (CSC). A Sailor can always call or email the CSC for information, but also has the ability to go to [www.npc.navy.mil](http://www.npc.navy.mil) to research and answer his or her own questions online 24/7. The Knowledge Base can be accessed from anywhere in the world. Sailors, retirees and their families can ask any question they want to about the Navy. The system uses keywords to generate a solution to their question.

Sailors can access the Knowledge Base by visiting the NPC website and clicking on the 'Ask NPC a Question' icon in the upper right corner of the page.

"Our ultimate goal is to provide Sailors and their families with current and reliable web content, so they can make informed career and life decisions," said Williams.

For more information or to view the website, visit [www.npc.navy.mil](http://www.npc.navy.mil) or call NPC customer service center at 1-866-U-ASK-NPC, (1-866-827-5672) or e-mail at [CSCMailbox@navy.mil](mailto:CSCMailbox@navy.mil).



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Open Monday - Friday 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.  
For more information please contact  
Melissa Luehrs at (904) 542-3518/4238.

Family Fitness Bootcamp with Ashley  
Monday & Wednesday at 9:30 a.m.  
Family Fitness Center above the Youth  
Center Gym  
Call (904) 778-9772

7th Annual Captain Chuck Cornett  
Navy 10K Run and 5K Walk  
April 7 at 8 a.m.  
\$25 race day entry fee, patrons must  
have base access  
Race events

Zumba Demonstration - April 5, 11 a.m.  
& 4:15 p.m. - NEX Convenience Store  
Parking Lot  
Hummve Pull - April 5, 2 p.m. - NEX  
Convenience Store Parking Lot - Sign-  
ups begin at noon  
Health Fair - April 6, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. -  
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Athletic shoe & apparel sale - April 5 - 7,  
9 a.m. - 6 p.m. - NEX Convenience Store  
Parking Lot  
Free give-a-ways, beverages and  
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Southeast after the race!  
Sign-up in the base gym or fitness  
center.

Call (904) 542-2930/3239 for additional  
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March 30  
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Golf course info: 542-3249

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\$10 per person

Pre-registration required, sign-up in the  
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9 a.m. shotgun start  
\$65 per person

**Mulberry Cove Marina**

Call 542-3260.

Free Kayak & Canoe Rental  
Every Thursday for active duty

30th Annual Bass Tournament  
April 14 at first light



Photo by Shannon Leonard

**Zumba for kids**

NAS Jax Athletic Director Tanya Henigman leads spring break campers in a Zumba group fitness class at the NAS Jax Youth Activities Center gym March 21. For more information on youth programs, call (904) 778-9772.

\$60 per two person team  
Sign-up at the marina

April 5 at 7 p.m.  
McCaffrey ball fields

Shoreline Clean-up  
May 4 at 8:30 a.m.  
Free lunch!

Month of the Military Child Carnival  
April 21, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

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**Galley salutes historic women**



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The Flight Line Café recently hosted a Mongolian barbecue in support of Women's History Month. Here, CS1 Adrian Dorsey observes CS2 Marnika Ash as she prepares Bananas Foster for dessert.



The Mongolian barbecue in support of Women's History Month was very popular with galley patrons. CSC Rolando Pablo and CS2 Jacob Settle were in rare performance mode, which many diners were delighted to see.

# Officials reaffirm Pentagon's commitment to F-35

By Karen Parrish  
American Forces Press Service

Estimated costs for the F-35 joint strike fighter have increased over the life of the program, but the Defense Department is working to contain cost growth and remains committed to the fifth-generation fighter, defense officials said March 29.

Frank Kendall III said during confirmation testimony before the Senate Armed Services Committee that cost overruns for the stealth fighter are about \$150 billion. Kendall is acting undersecretary of defense for acquisition, technology and logistics, and if confirmed will assume that position officially.

"We are doing everything we can to drive down the cost of the joint strike fighter," Kendall told committee members.

He noted the program is still in testing, with about 20 percent of that process complete.

"We are finding design issues as we go through the test program that we have to correct," he acknowledged. "So there are some cost adjustments associated with that."

Kendall outlined the department's actions to rein in the program's price tag.

"We are attacking the production costs by putting strong incentives on the contractor to control costs, to get the changes that have to be made cut in quickly," he said. Concurrent engineering design is one issue that has raised costs, he told the panel. In that approach, which is intended to develop a finished product faster, a new system may simultaneously be in engineering, production and testing processes, he explained. "Most programs start pro-



DoD photo by Erin Kirk-Cuomo

**Defense Secretary Leon Panetta and U.S. Rep. Steny Hoyer of Maryland look at the cockpit of the F-35 Joint Strike Fighter with Navy Capt. Erik Etz on Jan. 20 at NAS Patuxent River, Md. Panetta and Hoyer toured several facilities related to the F-35 Joint Strike Fighter, which is in its test phases at the base.**

duction before they have completely finished their developmental tests," he said. "The question is how much."

The joint strike fighter was an "extreme example" of concurrency, he said, pointing out that production was started more than a year before the first flight tests.

Lessons learned during the F-35's development are now being applied to other systems, Kendall said. "What we are doing now is setting up exit criteria so that we don't make that production commitment until we are confident that the design is reasonably stable," he added.

Kendall cautioned, however, that the joint tactical vehicle and ground combat vehicle could experience cost overruns.

Given the design complexity and the urgency common to new defense equipment requirements, "I am not confident that any defense program

will not experience overruns," he said.

The department now sets targets early for programs, Kendall said, which should help to force the supplier and the customer to meet target cost caps by making any necessary tradeoffs between cost and capability.

Kendall said he and his team also are working to contain sustainment costs, "which are larger actually than the production costs." Those costs represent the greatest potential cost cuts, he said, and the department will continue to pursue those savings.

"I do think that the strike fighter is getting under control," he added.

Kendall signed an acquisition decision memorandum yesterday on the F-35, Pentagon Press Secretary George Little told reporters today.

Little said in keeping with the Defense Department's



Photo courtesy Lockheed Martin

**The U.S. Navy variant of the F-35 Joint Strike Fighter, the F-35C, conducts a test flight over Chesapeake Bay in 2011. The F-35C is distinct from the F-35A and F-35B variants with larger wing surfaces and reinforced landing gear for greater control when operating in the demanding aircraft carrier take off and landing environment.**

better buying power initiative, which requires tracking affordability targets and costs associated with acquisition programs, the memorandum sets the current outlook for F-35 final per-unit costs in 2019, when the fifth-generation fighter is scheduled to reach full production.

In today's dollars, that cost is estimated at \$81.4 million per aircraft, which when adjusted for inflation is estimated at \$94.9 million in 2019 dollars, Little said.

Overall operating and support costs of the program are estimated at \$1.1 trillion, up from last year's estimate of \$1 trillion, the press secretary added.

Little noted some of that long-term increase comes from the department's decision, reflected in the 2013 defense budget request, to help in meeting requirements for short-term spending cuts by postponing purchase of some of the fighter aircraft.

"We remain fully committed to the F-35 program," Little said, echoing Defense

Secretary Leon Panetta's remarks March 27 during a visit to Canada's capital of Ottawa. "It's very important to our capabilities [and] to our alliances."

The United Kingdom, Italy, the Netherlands, Australia, Canada, Denmark, Norway, Turkey, Israel and Singapore are partners or participants in the aircraft's development program, and the Japanese government announced in December it will buy 42 of the fighters.

"We are taking steps to ensure that we maintain fiscal discipline inside the program," Little said. Panetta has said Kendall and the department's acquisition, technology and logistics team have done an outstanding job working to contain costs for the stealth fighter, he added.

"This is a fifth-generation fighter," Little noted. "It's important for a variety of reasons: to maintain the U.S. military's technological edge, to increase interoperability with our allies, and . . . for a range of other purposes."

## Joint Chiefs Chairman: Service members must prepare for transition

By Jim Garamone  
American Forces Press Service

This is a time of transition for the U.S. military and part of that change requires service members to immerse themselves in the study of their profession, said Army Gen. Martin Dempsey, the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff on March 30.

Dempsey took time during his recent travels to Colombia and Brazil to talk to reporters about the transitions he sees coming.

In his letter to the force upon taking office in October, Dempsey stressed the need for service members to study their profession.

"We're not a profession simply because we say we're a profession," he wrote.

"We must continue to learn, to understand, and to promote the knowledge, skills, attributes and behaviors that define us as a profession."

Dempsey said he gets a lot of



Gen. Martin Dempsey

affirmation on his position.

"Most agree that we need to look inside this profession of ours and make sure we have the attributes right," the general said in an interview aboard a C-17 en route to Colombia.

"Are we developing the right attributes in our new leaders? Some of those attributes are enduring, but there are some new ones."

But there are a number

of service members, he said, who question the need for this study.

"There are some who say, 'C'mon. Look how good we're doing. If it ain't broke, don't fix it,'" Dempsey said.

"To me, that's the formula for losing our credentials as a learning organization."

The military has been through 10 years of conflict and service members have made many deployments. "How can we think that hasn't had some effect? It seems to me to be a bit naïve," the general said.

Dempsey said he isn't suggesting the military is broken. Morale is high, he said, and the spirit in the force is good.

"I am suggesting that we ought to have the conversation," the general said.

The U.S. military has had these sorts of discussions throughout its existence.

As the military faces its latest transition, Dempsey said, it is a good time to see what is

needed to maintain the best military on the globe.

And this discussion is not limited to officers. "We have been putting more emphasis on the noncommissioned officer as an integral part of the profession," Dempsey said.

"That's kind of a new thing. Twenty years ago, the profession was defined by officer corps and then the NCOs were held accountable to go out and deliver it."

But NCOs have to be part of the discussion on what it means to be a Soldier, Sailor, Airman or Marine, the chairman said.

"How do you see yourselves as leaders in the profession?" he said.

"They are at the point of the spear on this in terms of dealing with all the issues we've uncovered in the past 10 years. We have continually said to them - rightly - that they are what make us great; that they are the backbone of the profession."

But being the backbone means continuing to grow and to be strong enough to support the body, the general said.

Ten years of war, Dempsey said, has affected all aspects of the force.

NCOs have typically been handed a training checklist, for example, to get troops ready for war.

"Now they are reaching a point where noncommissioned officers are going to have to think about what it means to train their organizations," he said, "to deliver an outcome and to re-instill those small disciplines - training management, command supply discipline, barracks discipline - those small disciplines that in a war sometimes are overlooked because they are so darn busy."

"Now we are going to have to hold the NCOs accountable for bringing that [discipline] back," he added, "and I think sometimes they underestimate the challenge."

## Understand high year tenure to maximize your career

By MC3 Andrea Perez  
Navy Personnel Command Public Affairs

The Navy's High Year Tenure (HYT) program is a force management tool used to size and shape the active-duty and Reserve enlisted force, officials said March 26. HYT sets the maximum number of years an enlisted Sailor may serve based on rank before he or she must advance, separate or if eligible, retire.

"High Year Tenure assists in force management by limiting the number of years a Sailor may serve without showing professional growth via the advancement system," said Senior Chief Personnel Specialist John Gigliotti, Navy Total Force Policy Advancement Planning for HYT Policy, Office of the Chief of Naval Operations.

By limiting how long Sailors can remain in the Navy, the HYT program increases advancement opportunity for high-performing Sailors across paygrades and Length of Service (LOS).

"HYT policy recognizes Sailor performance by separating Sailors who have not advanced after a set amount of time," said Gigliotti.

This gives other Sailors who are performing at or above Navy standards better advancement opportunities, because

the Navy advances Sailors to fill openings in the next higher rank. Actively working towards advancement to the next higher pay grade is critical, because advancing is the only way a Sailor can maximize the length of their career."

The following HYT LOS gates have been established based on pay grade:

**E1/E2** - Active-duty/Full-Time Support (FTS), 4 years; Reserve, 6 years;

**E3** - Active-duty/FTS, 5 years; Reserve, 10 years;

**E4** - Active-duty/FTS, 8 years; Reserve, 12 years;

**E5** - Active-duty/FTS, 14 years; Reserve, 20 years;

**E6** - Active-duty/FTS, 20 years; Reserve, 22 years;

**E7** - Active-duty/FTS/Reserve, 24 years;

**E8** - Active-duty/FTS/Reserve, 26 years;

**E9** - Active-duty/FTS/Reserve, 30 years.

Command master chiefs may exceed 30 years of service with certain provisions, according to Gigliotti. Continuing beyond 30 years isn't associated with the advancement system like E1 to E9, but with professional growth and increased responsibility for senior enlisted leaders in command leadership positions for flag/general officers.

Officers are not subject to HYT, but

instead limited to statutory service limits by paygrade. In addition, the Navy uses other force-shaping initiatives to manage the officer community, including the Selective Early Retirement Board and Probationary Officer Continuation and Redesignation Boards.

HYT waiver requests are considered on a case-by-case basis for approval. Requests to continue beyond a Sailor's current HYT date in support of an urgent and immediate operational requirement, in a deployed or soon to be deployed unit, or in an unmanned rating have the best chance of being approved.

All waiver requests for active-duty and Reserve Sailors must arrive at Navy Personnel Command (NPC) ten months prior to the service member's HYT date. Gigliotti encourages Sailors to take advantage of every advancement opportunity possible.

Command career counselors can advise Sailors on what's required to be advancement eligible, show them how to study and assist them with getting the study material they need for their rate and pay grade.

MILPERSMAN 1160-120 is a revision of the HYT policy that will incorporate both active-duty and Reserve policy, and will be effective July 1, 2012.

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Teams	Wins	Losses
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VP-30	6	0
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CNATTU Blue	5	1
FRCSE	5	1
NAVFAC National	5	1
FRCSE	3	1
NCTS	5	2
RCC/NOSC	3	3
CPRW-11	2	3
VPU-1	3	4
SERCC A	3	4
AIR OPS	2	4
VR-62	2	4
CBMU202	1	4
VP-62	2	5
CNATTU Gold	1	5
SERCC B	0	6

### Men's and Women's Open Singles Tennis Tourney - April 30, 5 p.m.

Open to NAS Jax active duty, selective reservists, dependents over 18, retirees and DoD men and women. Separate men's and women's division. The matches play at the Guy Ballou Tennis Complex starting at 5 p.m. Call NAS Jax Athletics to sign up by April 27.

### Captain's Cup Summer Intramural Golf League meeting to be announced

Open to all NAS Jax active duty, command DoD, contractors and selective reservists. Plan to meet at the NAS Jax Golf Course to discuss rules and obtain required paperwork. Commands whose athletic officer or designated representative attends the meeting receive five Captain's Cup points.

### Captain's Cup Indoor Volleyball League meeting - May 22

Open to all NAS Jax active duty, command DoD, contractors and selective reservists. Meet at 11:30 a.m. at the base gym. Commands whose athletic officer or designated representative attend the meeting receive five Captain's Cup points. The games will play at lunchtime.

For more information, call Bill Bonser at 542-2930/3239 or e-mail bill.bonser@navy.mil.

## Morning colors



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ATC Orion Patterson and AOC Dave Butts of VP-45 conduct morning colors at Hangar 511 on April 2 in celebration of the chief petty officers 119th birthday on April 1.

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# Homeschoolers visit NAS Jax



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NAS Jax Security Range Operations Officer Mike McAninch helps a student from Unfailing Homeschoolers practice shooting targets in the indoor range during their visit to the base on March 29.



Military working dog handlers MA2(EXW) Keith Danalewich and MA3 Glenn Patton with MWD Pato talk about some of the devices used to train the dogs during a tour for Unfailing Homeschoolers.



Military working dog (MWD) handler MA3 Glenn Patton of the NAS Jax Security Department demonstrated the agility of MWD Pato.



MA1(SW) Terrance Simmons of the NAS Jax Security Department shows Cora Dunn of Unfailing Homeschoolers how to operate a four-wheel all-terrain vehicle during a visit to NAS Jax.

# Community Calendar

**Florida's Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program** will meet April 10 at the ElderSource conference room, 4160 Woodcock Dr, Jacksonville. For more information, call 391-3942.

**VP-47 Reunion** to be held in Pensacola April 11-14. The reunion is for the P3-C Sailors as well as the P5M seaplane Sailors. For more information, please contact Johnny Jackson at jcksnij@att.net or call (662) 801-8959.

**Florida Advisory Council for Military Education** annual conference April 25-27 at Casa Monica Hotel in St. Augustine. Education Service Officers may attend for personal development. Contact: www.fl-aacme.org.

**Tree Hill Nature Center Annual Joseph Strasser Butterfly Festival**, April 28 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., 7152 Lone Star Road, Jacksonville, 724-4646.

**March of Dimes annual March for Babies Walk** May 5 at 9 a.m. in downtown Jacksonville. Call 239-5825 or go to www.marchforbabies.org.

**USS Iwo Jima Shipmates Reunion** June 6-10 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in McLean, Va. For more info, call (757) 723-0317.

**Military Officers Association of America N.E.** Florida Chapter meets the third Wednesday of each month, for lunch or dinner, usually at the NAS Officers' club. Open to active duty and retirees of all branches of service. Contact Cmdr. George Allen at 264-0903 or georgewallen@bellsouth.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 Paul24navy@aol.com.

**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 Monday thru Friday 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. to help with VA claims, call 269-2945 for an appointment. Bingo every Thursday from 6:30-9:30 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. The public is welcome.

**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 387-4332 or 272-9489.

**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.

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

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**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.

**Navy Jacksonville Yacht Club** meets the first Wednesday of every month at 7:30 p.m. at the clubhouse (Building 1956) adjacent to Mulberry Cove Marina. Open to active duty, reserve and retired military, plus, active or retired DoD civilians. Call 778-0805 or email commodore@njyc.org.

**Orange Park Lions Club** meets the second and fourth Monday at 7 p.m. at 423 McIntosh Avenue, Orange Park. For more information, call 298-1967.

**National Active and Retired Federal Employees Westside Jacksonville Chapter 1984** meets at 1 p.m. on the fourth Thursday 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.

**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.

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If you are retiring or separating from active duty and need assistance with submitting your claim for disability and compensation to the Veteran's Administration (VA), you can start up to one year prior to retiring/separating with getting our medical information in order.

AMVETS is the Veterans Service Organization advocate for separating or retiring service members and their families providing assistance with submission of claims to the VA for benefits, disabilities and compensation. AMVETS is a national Veterans Service Organization authorized to submit claims to the VA and advocate for veterans and their families with the VA nationwide.

All assistance is free of charge and you are not required to become a member of AMVETS to use their services. For more information and to make an appointment, call David Sanders at 542-2834 or e-mail david.d.sanders@navy.mil.



# Save a life! Join the Blood Alliance



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## From Staff

Join your shipmates and co-workers at these on-base blood donation sites:

**April 9**  
Hangar 1000  
10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

**April 16**  
Building 1  
8:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.

**April 17**  
NAVFAC  
10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

## APRIL IS CHILD ABUSE AWARENESS MONTH

April 11, 10:30 a.m. - Walk with the children from the Child Development Center

April 21, 11 a.m. - MWR carnival  
Fleet and Family Support Center will be face painting

April 24, 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. - All Hands Child Abuse Awareness training at the base chapel.  
Guest speakers from the community.

April 27, 6 p.m. - Family Fun Night pajama party at the base chapel. Food and activities will be provided.

Please contact Erica Schneider at 542-5249 or Emily Fox at 542-5405 for more information.

## Family Law FREE Group Information Clinic Clay County Courthouse

Do you need to:  
Request a change in your Child Support Order?  
Establish a Timeshare Order?  
Modify a Timeshare Order?  
File for Divorce?

Come to the FREE, monthly Family Law Group Information Clinic

- The Family Law Group Information Clinic is sponsored by Jacksonville Area Legal Aid and the Clay County Bar Association.
- The Clinic is free of charge and no reservation is needed.
- Forms and explanation will be provided for each of the topics above.

**Dates:**  
The second Monday of each month (Except November, 2012, when the workshop will be held on the first Monday)

**Time:**  
5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

**Location:**  
Clay County Courthouse, Courtroom #1,  
825 U.S. Highway 17 North, Green Cove Springs, Florida, 32043



If you are a qualified individual with a disability, you can request a reasonable accommodation/auxiliary aid to participate in this event, at no charge to you, by contacting the JALA ADA Coordinator at 904-355-1320 TTY or 904-243-1121. Video Phone, with a minimum of 3 business days notice prior to the event. The ADA coordinator has no information as to this event, please do not call the JALA ADA Coordinator for event specific information.



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