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A VR-62 C-130T Hercules aircraft prepares to start engines on the NAS Jax flight line for its deployment to U.S. Navy Central Command area of responsibility.

VR-62 detachment heads out on deployment

From VR-62 Public Affairs

The “Nomads” of VR-62 departed NAS Jacksonville Nov. 14 for their normal, single-plane rotation in U.S. Naval Forces Central Command/5th Fleet (NAVCENT).

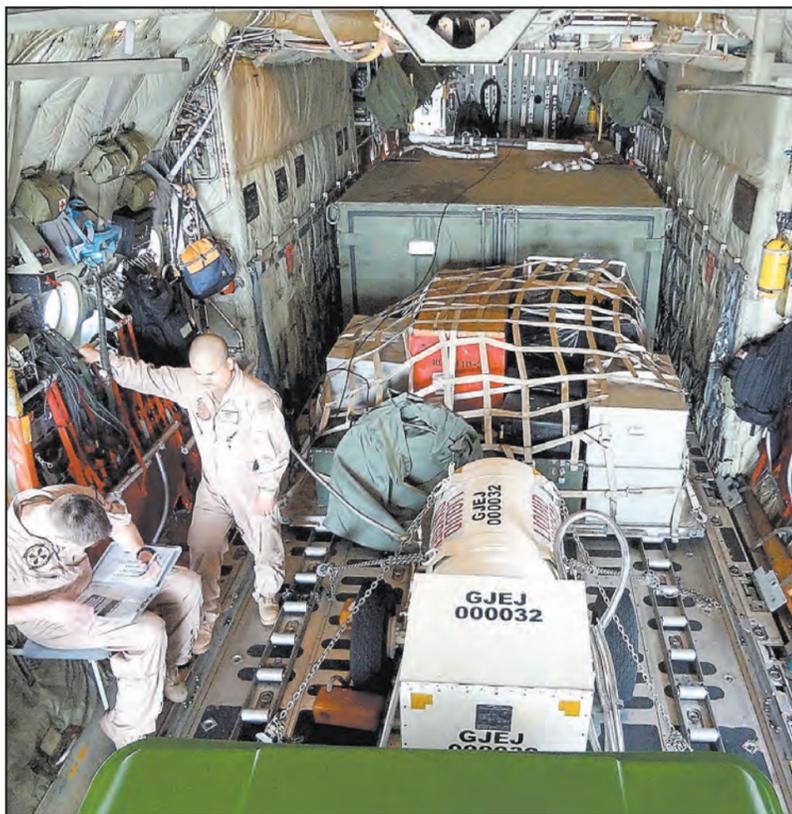
In just 26 days since the Nomads’ return from WESTPAC, they are headed out in one of their four C-130-T Hercules to report to CTF-53 for tasking.

“We love the operations tempo in Bahrain. Last time we were there we

were very busy, and we expect nothing different this time. The Nomads always respond,” said VR-62 Executive Officer Cmdr. Tony Scarpino.

The Nomads detach with just 21 Sailors and will support a multitude of airlift requests for high-priority, rapid-response logistics while in NAVCENT for the next 90 days.

VR-62 is a Navy Reserve squadron based at NAS Jacksonville that operates four of the Navy’s 19 C-130T Hercules logistics aircraft.



Photos courtesy of VR-62

AWF2 Eric Glaser (left) and AWF1 Jason Dodd discuss weight and balance of their aircraft before taking off and heading out on deployment.

VP-16 awarded ‘outstanding’ on weapons proficiency

From Staff

The VP-16 “War Eagles” ordnance shop wrapped up its first P-8A Poseidon Conventional Weapons Technical Proficiency Inspection (CWTPPI) and certification involving two load teams Nov. 14-15 at NAS Jax Hangar 511.

The inspection evaluated the squadron’s ability to use applicable publications to accurately wire-check, upload and download conventional ordnance.



Photos by Clark Pierce

Two VP-16 ordnance shop riggers disconnect a MK 54 training torpedo from its transport cart and load it onto the weapons hoist.



With an inert Mk 54 torpedo raised behind them, these VP-16 aviation ordnancemen take pride in their “outstanding” P-8A Poseidon Conventional Weapons Technical Proficiency Inspection (CWTPPI) Nov. 15 in NAS Jax Hangar 511.

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Photos by Kaylee LaRocque

Auxiliary Security Forces Academy students practice their tactical team movement skills during the exercise.

Auxiliary Security Force Academy students train for worst-case scenarios

By Kaylee LaRocque
NAS Jax Public Affairs Specialist

Sailors attending the NAS Jax Auxiliary Security Force (ASF) Academy last week participated in a new training evolution to prepare them for different scenarios they may encounter while standing ASF duty.

“This is the first time this particular ASF group of students were involved in a realistic setting encountering active shooters and to work on tactical team movement,” said NAS Jax Police Training Officer Maj. Jerry Syrek.

“We incorporated this training into the course to simulate ‘live fire’ situations to expose the students to events

that can occur any place and any time. We train them to be aware of their surroundings at all times and to know what procedures to take to protect themselves and the public.”

As the students donned their protective gear and were issued their weapons (paintball guns) they lined the hallways of Gateway Inns and Suites Building 11 (which is no longer being used to house guests) in search of the “bad guy” who was hiding somewhere within the rooms. Several paper targets were also hung in the rooms portraying suspects with weapons and regular workers to test the students’ abilities to distinguish who they were trying to apprehend.



NAS Jax Police Trainer Lt. Olympia Jackson checks the stance of HA Kennan Wiggins and other team members of the Auxiliary Security Force during a training exercise for active shooter and tactical team movement on Nov. 16 at Navy Gateway Inns and Suites.

The students worked in teams several scenarios involved simulated live clearing the rooms and hallways to locate their suspect. Once found, sev-

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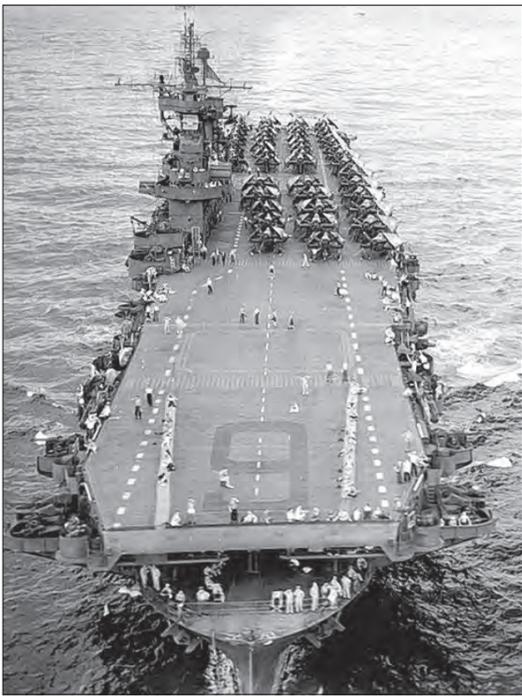


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U.S. Navy photo

Commissioned Nov. 25, 1961, USS Enterprise (CVN-65) was the world's first nuclear-powered aircraft carrier and the eighth United States naval vessel to bear the name.

USS Enterprise (CV-6) steams toward the Panama Canal on Oct. 10, 1945, while en route to New York to participate in post-war Fleet Review celebrations. Enterprise was built at Newport News, Va., and commissioned in May 1938. One year later, she was ordered to the Pacific, where she played an unparalleled role in the sea war that began with Japan's Dec. 7, 1941 attack on Pearl Harbor.

From Staff

Nov. 22

1914 - Title Director of Naval Aeronautics established. Capt. Mark Bristol, already serving in that capacity, was ordered to report to the Secretary of the Navy under the new title.

Nov. 23

1918 - Use of titles "Navigation Officer" and "Aerographic Officer" in naval air station organization was authorized by the Chief of Naval Operations to identify officers trained to perform the special duties involved.

1940 - President Franklin D. Roosevelt appoints Adm. William Leahy as U.S. Ambassador to Vichy France to try to prevent the French fleet and naval bases from falling into German hands.

Nov. 24

1852 - Commodore Matthew Perry sails from Norfolk, Va. to negotiate a treaty with Japan for friendship and commerce.

1964 - USS Princeton (LPH-5) completes seven days of humanitarian relief to South Vietnam that suffered

damage from typhoon and floods.

1969 - HS-4 from USS Hornet (CVS-12) recovers all-Navy crew of astronauts from Apollo 12: Commanders Richard Gordon, Charles Conrad and Alan Bean, after moon landing by Conrad and Bean.

Nov. 25

1775 - Continental Congress authorizes privateering. 1943 - In Battle of Cape St. George, five destroyers of Destroyer Squadron 23 (Capt. Arleigh Burke) intercept five Japanese destroyers and sink three and damage one without suffering any damage.

1961 - Commissioning of USS Enterprise (CVAN-65), the first nuclear powered aircraft carrier, at Newport News, Va.

Nov. 26

1847 - Lt. William Lynch in Supply sails from New York to Haifa for an expedition to the River Jordan and the Dead Sea. His group charted the Jordan River from the Sea of Galilee to the Dead Sea and compiled reports of the flora and fauna of the area.

1940 - Sixth and last group of ships involved in Destroyers-for-Bases Agreement transferred to British

at Nova Scotia.

Nov. 27

1918 - The Navy hydroplane NC-1 took off from Rockaway Beach, N.Y., with 51 persons aboard, establishing a new world record for persons carried in flight.

1941 - Chief of Naval Operations sends "war warning" to commanders of Pacific and Asiatic Fleets.

1961 - Navy reports first use of its cyclotron at Harvard University to treat a human brain tumor. After three treatments, the tumor of the 2-year old patient shrank by eighty percent.

Nov. 28

1775 - Congress adopts first rules for regulation of the "Navy of the United Colonies."

1941 - USS Enterprise (CV-6) sails from Pearl Harbor for Wake Island to ferry Marine aircraft to the island.

1942 - Ensigns George Carlson and Mac Cason, USNR organize rescue parties to help save people from the fire at the Cocomanut Grove nightclub in Boston, Mass. They are credited "the cause of saving more lives than any other single agency."

Dinner with Gov. LePage sparks debate

By Sarah Smiley
Special Contributor

From The Homefront

In September, when Senator-elect Angus King (then still a candidate) was the 41st guest to fill my deployed husband's empty chair at the dinner table, as part of our yearlong project "Dinner with the Smileys," he was greeted in the front yard by my three boys chasing each other with foam swords.

King, a two-term former Maine governor, had a long bakery bag tucked under his arm. He pulled a French baguette from it, and wielding the food like sword, joined the boys' battle.

When Sen. Susan Collins was a guest in January, she came with homemade brownies that had nuts in them. The boys devoured the dessert, but picked out the nuts and left them in a pile on the table. Lindell, 5, climbed over and across the senator's lap like she was his aunt.

When lunch was late getting to the table during our Dinner with the Smileys with Congressman Mike Michaud, the representative flipped over a napkin and challenged Owen, 9, to a game of tic-tac-toe.

At our 21st dinner, former governor John Baldacci played catch in the muddy backyard with Ford, 11. He let our 40-pound dog, Sparky sit in his lap.

Basically, it's hard to be a politician around three young boys, or maybe, in particular, my three boys.

An unexpected outcome of Dinner with the Smileys is that the boys, with all their naiveté, strip our guests of their VIP status and titles. Around the dinner table, everyone — politicians, authors, artists, and, yes, even the teacher who supposedly lives at school — becomes more human. How can they not?

When you're passing butter to a U.S.

Senator or showing him where to find the bathroom after dinner, it's hard to treat him as anything less or more than simply human.

It was no different earlier this month, when we were invited to dinner with Gov. and Mrs. LePage at the Blaine House in Augusta, Maine, for our 49th dinner.

Being invited to the governor's mansion is an amazing opportunity. The house alone is historical. So I was surprised later that week when photographer Andrea Hand uploaded pictures of our dinner to the project's Facebook page and our "likes" plummeted.

It seemed as if the bottom had dropped out on our more than 6,000 fans. And then former followers of the page wrote to tell me how shallow and ignorant I was to dine with a politician they hate.

For the record, throughout the past 51 weeks, we have had dinner with people from varied political backgrounds, even if they are not currently serving in a public office. I haven't agreed politically with all of our guests, but that has never been the purpose of the dinners.

Rather, the purpose has been to fill up, rather than wish away, our time until my husband returns next month. And besides, if I have to agree politically with everyone I share a meal with, I would never see 75-percent of my friends.

What I have tried to teach the boys is this: Judge politicians' views in a political setting or in the voting booth. But at dinner, treat them as you would any other human being.

And Gov. LePage is nothing if not

human with his incredible childhood story of perseverance. When he was 11 years old, his abusive father paid him a 50-cent piece to lie to a doctor and say his bruises were from a fall down the stairs. LePage took the 50 cents and ran away.

For two years, he lived alone on the streets and slept in horse stables at night. He continued to go to school, worked three jobs, and later finished college and got his master's degree. His personal motto is, "If it is to be . . . it is up to me."

My boys were speechless as they heard this. Later, they were grateful when Gov. LePage gave them bracelets with the 10 two-letter-words motto printed on them. My oldest son continues to repeat the motto nearly two weeks later.

How could any of this — regardless of your opinion of the governor's politics — have been a negative thing for my children?

We live in a highly polarized political world. Leaders are demonized for what people know about them only through media accounts. But at the dinner table, my boys have benefited from a fuller picture. They have gotten to know the human being.

And, yes, it's true that not everyone has this privilege. Not everyone can eat with a senator. But shouldn't we give them the benefit of the doubt regardless? Shouldn't we be able to separate the person from the politics?

I don't necessarily agree politically with everything President Obama does either. But I suspect his supporters would ask me to set that aside and

appreciate the man for what he has accomplished and overcome in his life.

In fact, I do. If the president had come to dinner, he would have been greeted by the same loud, rowdy boys and picky eaters. Lindell would have climbed in his lap. Sparky might have gotten fur on his pants. But mostly, President Obama would have been greeted with an open mind and an eagerness to know more about him as a person.

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8:15 a.m. - Protestant Liturgical Worship

9:15 a.m. - Catholic Mass

9:45 a.m. - Protestant Sunday School

11 a.m. - Protestant Worship

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VP-30 wings Navy's newest naval flight officers

By Lt. William Ross
VP-30 PAO

Executive Officer of Air Test and Evaluation Squadron One Executive Officer Capt. Wade Turvold and VP-30 Commanding Officer Capt. Mark Stevens awarded naval flight officer (NFO) wings to the following 11 officers Nov. 9.

The new NFOs include: Lt. j.g. Bryce Christenses, Lt. j.g. Jennifer Schmidt, Lt. j.g. Lucas Strasser, 2nd Lt. Aleksander Dale, Ensign Victor Barnett, Ensign Jose Caloca, Ensign Jeremy Cooper, Ensign Francheska Gonzalez, Ensign Andrew Hinkley, Ensign Justin Otto and Ensign Troy Wood.

Also in attendance were Col. Gerard Larsen, commanding officer Air Wing 133 of the Royal Norwegian Air Force and Lt. Col. Arne Heitzman, commanding officer 2nd Training Squadron of the German Navy. Schmidt of the German Navy and Dale of the Royal Norwegian Air Force are part of a Foreign Exchange program that exposes naval officers from allied nations to standard U.S. Naval Aviation Training.

The recipients completed the Undergraduate Maritime Flight Officer (UMFO) syllabus at VP-30, earning their coveted wings of gold. These newly winged aviators will now enroll in the Fleet Replacement Squadron (FRS) syllabus at VP-30. Upon completion of the FRS syllabus, they will report to operational Maritime Patrol and Reconnaissance squadrons to begin their initial sea tours in Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii, Whidbey Island, Wash., or NAS Jacksonville.

The NFO training pipeline begins with Aviation Preflight Introduction (API) instruction in Pensacola, Fla. where all aviation officers undergo a classroom syllabus and are taught the basics of naval aviation which includes aerodynamics, meteorology and principles of navigation. After completing API, all student NFOs report for primary training at VT-10, co-located at NAS Pensacola. While assigned to VT-10 they transition from a classroom learning environment to initial airborne flight training in the T-6A Texan II.

Upon completion of primary flight training at NAS Pensacola, officers who are selected for the P-3C or P-8A training pipeline report to VP-30 for specific aircraft training.



Photo courtesy of VP-30

(Back row, from left) Capt. Wade Turvold; Col. Gerard Larsen of the Royal Norwegian Air Force; Lt. j.g. Lucas Strasser; Ensign Victor Barnett, Lt. j.g. Bryce Christenses; Ensign Jeremy Cooper; Ensign Troy Wood; Ensign Justin Otto; Ensign Andrew Hinkley; Lt. Col. Arne Heitzman of the German Navy and VP-30 Commanding Officer Capt. Mark Stevens. (Front row, from left) Lt. j.g. Jennifer Schmidt of the German Navy; Ensign Jose Caloca; Ensign Francheska Gonzalez and 2nd Lt. Aleksander Dale of the Royal Norwegian Air Force.

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NAS Jacksonville Honor Support Team



Members of the NAS Jax Honor Support Team parade the colors during the Chiefs Pinning Ceremony on Sept. 14 at Hangar 117.



(Left and below) NAS Jax Honor Support Team members HM2 Matthew Grosshandler and AEAN James Cortinez proudly display the American flag July 1 before conducting a flag folding ceremony during a remembrance event at Ortega United Methodist Church in Jacksonville.

**Dignified,
methodical,
and precise:**



HST represents NAS Jax with class

By Clark Pierce
Editor

The NAS Jacksonville Honor Support Team (HST) participates in numerous military funerals every week at Jacksonville National Cemetery, as well as other cemeteries in northeast Florida and southeast Georgia. They serve as casket bearers, riflemen and flag folders/presenters.

Commander, Navy Region Southeast is the regional coordinator for the Casualty Assistance Calls program and Funeral Honors Support program. Assisting the next-of-kin of Navy members who have died is an emotion-filled process that culminates with the arrangement of funeral honors support for deceased active duty, retirees and veterans.

Max Small, funeral honors trainer for Navy Region Southeast, stopped by Building 876 on Nov. 14 to see the NAS Jacksonville HST rehearse for an active duty funeral that afternoon at Jacksonville National Cemetery.

"Since he has a number of new team members, Chief Tracy asked me to come by and observe this morning's training. I was very impressed with their preci-



Members of the NAS Jax Honor Support Team conduct a 21-gun salute at the annual Congressional Special Veterans Recognition Ceremony on Nov. 8, outside the NAS Jax Officers' Club.

sion and synchronization - they looked good and should represent well," said Small.

"The military funeral service is designed to be slow, methodical and dignified - with no fast movements. All hand salutes are three-count, except for the flag presentation to next-of-kin, which is a seven-count salute."

AEC Kevin Tracy, of the NAS Jacksonville Security Department, supervises the funeral honor support team and ceremonial color guard.

"Our teams are made up of vol-

unteers who serve here on TAD (temporary assigned duty) orders from various tenant commands," said Tracy.

"After completing their initial training, they meet every morning, Monday through Friday, to drill as flag bearers, riflemen and flag folders. Each of the 16 team members - six men and 10 women - is cross-trained to perform every function."

Funeral honor support consists of, but is not limited to:

- Setting up the squad;
- Graveside services for casket-

ed or cremated remains;

- Firing of the volley;
- Folding and presenting the flag.

Tracy explained that HST provides three levels of support for cemetery burials.

"For an active duty funeral, the HST consists of 16 personnel - six pallbearers, seven riflemen for a 21-gun salute, two flag folders and a bugler. For a retiree, our HST consists of seven personnel - a team leader, three riflemen, two flag folders and a bugler. For a veteran, we provide two flag

folders and a bugler," said Tracy.

NAS Jacksonville HST also provides two team members, Monday through Friday, for the combined services team at the Jacksonville National Cemetery. Our people team up with two Sailors from Naval Station Mayport and four U.S. Army personnel to provide honor support for the cemetery's growing schedule of veterans' burials," said Tracy.

AN Cydney Sandy of VP-30 performed with the HST from April to August.

"HST volunteers usually get TAD orders for six months. I'm on the team today because Chief Tracy was a little short-handed, and also because the Sailor we're honoring happened to be my first supervisor at VP-30. So I'm proud to render honors for his family and other mourners," she said.

Tracy's team also supports Navy celebrations and rituals with the NAS Jacksonville Ceremonial Color Guard.

He urges young Sailors to consider volunteering for this unique duty. "We have 24 billets, but only 14 are filled at the moment. So we're stretched thin on days like this," said Tracy.

To learn more about serving with this special unit, call 542-0969 ext. 149.



Members of the NAS Jax Honor Support Team practice training for a gun salute before a service at the Jacksonville National Cemetery on Nov. 15.

*Photos by Kaylee LaRocque,
Clark Pierce, and the U.S. Navy*



Honor Support Team members practice their precise moves at the Jacksonville National Cemetery before a service on Nov. 15. The team supports hundreds of services at the cemetery each year.



Sailors from the NAS Jax Honor Support Team display the colors during the playing of the national anthem during the National Night Out event at the base pool on Aug. 7.



AEC Kevin Tracy, supervisor of the NAS Jax Honor Support Team ensures the flag detail is ready before a service at the Jacksonville National Cemetery.

In the pine grove next to Building 876, the HST rifle team moves to order arms after firing a simulated 21-gun salute.



(Right) AEC Kevin Tracy looks on as Navy Region Southeast Funeral Honors Trainer Max Small passes along some tips on handling the ceremonial rifles.



Casket bearers AM3 Brittany Budreau (left) and ATAN Donna Fong (right) drape the flag over a mock casket in their training area near Building 876.

Preparing to fold the flag are (left) AM3 Brittany Budreau, AN Soimar Velazco, HN Robert Curtis and (right) ATAN Donna Fong, ADAN Danica Losbanes and ABH2 Paul Perez.

(At left) Honor Support Team Supervisor AEC Kevin Tracy salutes as casket bearers prepare to rest their training casket and remove the flag.

MCPON visits Mayport, Zeroes in on Excellence

By MC2 Thomas Rosprim
Office of the Master Chief
Petty Officer of the Navy



Photo by MC2 Thomas Rosprim

Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy (MCPON) Michael Stevens speaks to area command master chiefs and senior enlisted leaders on Nov. 8 at NS Mayport. He spoke about his 'Zeroing in on Excellence' initiative and answered questions.

Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy (MCPON)(AW/NAC) Mike Stevens visited Naval Station Mayport Nov. 8-10, to discuss his 'Zeroing in on Excellence' initiative.

MCPON met with area chiefs to discuss his initiative that was released in four letters to the Chiefs' Mess Nov. 6, and used this trip as his first opportunity to assess communication success.

"If you have seen, read or heard of the initiative that I recently sent out called 'Zeroing in on Excellence' raise your hand," said Stevens. Three quarters of the approximately 150 chief petty officers raised their hand.

MCPON discussed the basics

of the idea behind the initiative and the three focus areas of: developing leaders; good order and discipline; and controlling what we own.

"What the 'Zeroing in on

Excellence' initiative provides you is the framework within which you can work," said Stevens.

"It's my charge to every chief petty officer in the Navy to look at it, especially the leaders within the mess, and ask themselves, 'What is it we can do to support this and sustain it?' I'm not interested in a flash in the pan, here-now-gone-tomorrow effort."

MCPON explained that if a leader is ineffective, then the command is ineffective. MCPON also visited commands and Sailors throughout the base including USS Philippine Sea (CG 58). While there, a Sailor asked MCPON for advice on becoming MCPON.

"I have been in the Navy for 30 years," said Stevens. "After

all that time, here is what I can tell you about being successful: work hard, stay out of trouble and be a good and decent person. If you do those things, you will be a success in anything that you do."

While visiting USS De Wert (FFG 45), MCPON met with the Chiefs' Mess to discuss his initiative and team cohesion.

"I'm asking you, as chief petty officers, to be strategically smart," said Stevens.

"Recognize where the world is at, where our economy is at, to recognize where the Navy is at and where we are going. You have to be smart. Think about the things you personally own in your organization that will ultimately impact those strategic decisions when we come together collectively as a Chiefs' Mess."

CNATTU Jax recognizes Sailors and Instructors of the Quarter

From the Center of Naval Aviation Technical Training Unit Jax

The Center for Naval Aviation Technical Training Unit (CNATTU) Jacksonville announces their Sailors and Instructors of the Quarter selections for Third Quarter of 2012.

ADI (AW) Ryan Watts was selected as Senior Instructor of the Quarter, Third Quarter, CY-12. As T56-A-14 1st Degree Intermediate and 54H-60-77 Prop Intermediate Maintenance Training Unit Lead Power Plants instructor, Watts provided 525 hours of instruction to 18 students while achieving an impressive 100 percent graduation rate.

AS1 (AW/SW) Daphne Guzman was selected as Sailor of the Quarter, Fourth Quarter, FY-12. As Support Equipment Electrical Phase leading petty officer, Guzman managed 12 courses and 13 instructors ensuring a 100 percent graduation rate for over 60 students. Additionally, she completed three college courses through Southern Illinois University and represented the Navy as an ambassador by volunteering 48 off-duty hours to Jacksonville Airport USO, CCD teacher for St. Patrick's Catholic Church, and San Mateo Elementary Big Sister program.

AS2 (AW/SW) Anthony Wagner was selected as Junior Sailor of the Quarter, Fourth Quarter, FY-12. As MTU 3032 Support Equipment Afloat technician, he provided 500 hours of instruction to 12 students with a 100 percent graduation rate and average GPA of 96.8 percent.

Sgt. Adam Sulewski was selected as Junior Instructor of the Quarter, Third Quarter, CY-12. As MTU 3032 Ground Support Equipment technician, Sulewski is the course supervisor of the Environmental Control Unit

Intermediate Maintenance Course, EPA Certification, and Mobile Facility Intermediate Maintenance Course. Sulewski has provided over 100 hours of instruction this quarter to 14 Navy/Marine students achieving a 100 percent graduation rate and an average GPA of 96.7 percent.



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Sailors going through the Auxiliary Security Force Academy carefully make their way up the stairs after a shooter was reported in Building 11 during a training exercise on Nov. 16.

NAS Jax Police Trainer Lt. Olympia Jackson (second from right) debriefs one of the Auxiliary Security Force teams she is training after an exercise to take down an active shooter. *Photos by Kaylee LaRocque*

ASF

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fire before the suspect was placed face down on the floor and handcuffed.

NAS Jax Police Training Officer Lt. Olympia Jackson and Patrolman Antoine Gary led the teams through each training scenario, evaluating their skills as they conducted the evolutions.

"Any situation you encounter could turn into a 'real world encounter.' If shots are fired and you are trying to apprehend a suspect, one of your team members might not make it out. Communication is the key - you are a team and need to work as a team. You have to watch out for each other and be ready for anything because these situations occur very quickly," Jackson told the students.

After another scenario, Gary stressed the importance of taking every situation seriously.

"This could be reality. When you clear a room, you see the importance of everyone doing their job. Be aware of everything around you, be sure of your target and don't assume anything," he said.

"This was some really good training and definitely an adrenaline rush. I think we learned how to better work as a team. Our instructors have taught us to be prepared for any type of situation and I look forward to serving on the ASF," said AMAN John Holt.



NAS Jax Auxiliary Security Force Academy student AMAN John Holt takes down an active shooter who was found hiding in a closet at the Navy Gateway Inns and Suites during a training exercise.



AD3 Megan Kehoe, a student in the Auxiliary Security Force Academy, watches the hallway as her team clears a room during the training exercise.

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FRCSE blood drive provides gift of life



Photos by Victor Pitts

Blood Alliance buses line Wasp Street in front of Fleet Readiness Center Southeast (FRCSE) at NAS Jacksonville during a blood collection drive for the nonprofit blood bank on Nov. 14. FRCSE employees donated hundreds of units of the lifesaving gift.



Daniel O'Leary (left), a phlebotomist supervisor with the Blood Alliance, draws blood from Alfonso Newsome, a sheet metal mechanic assigned to the F/A-18 Hornet Production Line during a blood drive at Fleet Readiness Center Southeast (FRCSE) on Nov. 14. The technician is using an automated blood collection system to collect two red cell units in one sitting. FRCSE holds three annual collection drives, two at FRCSE and one at Cecil Commerce Center for the nonprofit blood bank that serves Florida, Georgia and South Carolina.



Maria Moscoso, a phlebotomist supervisor with the Blood Alliance disconnects Stephen Hyatt, an aircraft welder from a blood collection machine during a drive blood sponsored by Fleet Readiness Center Southeast on Nov. 14.

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NAS Jax hosts Lunch and Learn on Education

By Kaylee LaRocque
NAS Jax Public Affairs Specialist

A Lunch and Learn on Education meeting was held at the NAS Jax Youth Activities Center Nov. 14 to gather information about issues military parents are struggling with regarding their children's educational opportunities. The session was led by NAS Jax School Liaison Officer Dawn Mills who serves as a link between Navy families and schools in Duval, Clay, St. Johns, and Nassau Counties.

One of the biggest concerns stated during meeting was transportation for children living aboard NAS Jax who attend magnet schools. Funding was recently cut for the Duval County School District and all free transportation to magnet schools was eliminated creating problems for parents to find ways for their children to get to and from those schools. Several parents at the meeting stated that they are paying hundreds of dollars using a school contractor to transport their children, however the bus stop is off base and not convenient for working military parents.

Others have chosen to drive their children to school, spending hundreds of dollars in fuel costs and having to try to work around their daily work schedules.

"This is probably the biggest complaint we are dealing with and we are trying to come up with solutions to help our military families. We will continue to work with the school districts to see what can be done," said Mills.

Another issue discussed was the Military Interstate Children's Compact which assists military children with



Photo by Kaylee LaRocque

NAS Jax School Liaison Officer Dawn Mills discusses issues including transportation to magnet schools in Duval County, transitioning military children into area schools, the Military Children's Interstate Compact Agreement and other academic resources during a Lunch and Learn on Education event at the Youth Activities Center on Nov. 14.

their educational needs when relocating.

"This is a great program that helps students keep their credits earned in schools in different states when they move to a new school district," explained Mills. "I had one case last year where a high school senior in one of our military families transferred here and they were not going to let him graduate because he was missing courses mandatory for a diploma from that school. His previous district in Maryland was contacted, and they determined he was eligible to graduate high school so he received his diploma during graduation ceremonies here from his school in Maryland."

The Military Interstate Children's Compact not only covers education records but absences relating to deployments, extracurricular activities such as tryouts for sports, course waivers and flexibility in exit exams and entrance

age requirements.

"This is a new program and some schools might not be aware of some of the guidelines involved. Military families transferring in or out of the state should check with me or the school liaison officer at their current or new duty station if they have any educational issues concerning their children,"

stressed Mills.

For CSCS Glenda Atwood of Fleet Logistics Center Jax, the meeting was beneficial as she just transferred to NAS Jax. "I have a son in elementary school and have not moved him here yet because I'm looking at all the different areas of the city to decide what is the best school for him before I find housing," she said.

Mills assured her she would help find the best school to suit her child's educational needs. "There have been some significant improvements made in the schools in our local area since I started this job three years ago. And, we are striving to make sure they understand the needs of our military families," she said. "I want our military families to know that I am here for them and will do whatever I can to ensure they get their educational questions answered and assist them."

For more information or if you have concerns regarding your child's educational opportunities, contact Mills at dawn.m.mills@navy.mil.

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Nominations sought for 2013 Joint Women's Leadership Symposium Leadership Awards

By OSC Jessica Myers
Office of Women's Policy

The Navy Office of Diversity and Inclusion-Women's Policy, OPNAV N134W, announced in NAVADMIN 338/12 that they are accepting nominations for the 2013 Capt. Joy Bright Hancock and Master Chief Anna Der-Vartanian Leadership Awards.

Presented annually, the awards recognize and honor the inspirational and visionary leadership of Navy service members whose ideals and dedication foster a positive working environment, while reinforcing and furthering the integration of women into the Navy.

Nominations are now being accepted for four award categories:

- one senior officer (O-4 and

senior,

- one junior officer (WO-3 and junior),
- one senior enlisted member (E-7 through E-9),
- and one junior enlisted member (E-5 through E-6).

Nominees should embody inspirational, innovative and imaginative leadership demonstrated by example both on and off duty. Additionally, applicants should be mature leaders who have shown exceptional leadership over time and have persevered to overcome challenges while serving.

Nominations should also address the professional accomplishments, leadership style and community involvement of the service member.

Candidates must be nominated by their commanding officer

or officer in charge and receive an endorsement from the command's immediate superior in command (ISIC). Nominations are open to both active and Reserve service members.

The award winners will be honored at the 2013 Sea Service Leadership Association (SSLA) Joint Women's Leadership Symposium in Washington, D.C. on March 11.

Nominations are due to OPNAV N134W no later than Jan. 18. Packages shall be submitted electronically via the command's ISIC to OSC Jessica Myers, senior enlisted advisor to the Office of Women's Policy at jessica.myers@navy.mil.

Previous award winners include Navy ACSC(AW/SW) JoAnn Ortloff, who was serving aboard the USS John C.

Stennis (CVN 74) when she was selected as the 2000 Capt. Joy Bright Hancock Senior Enlisted Leadership Award winner. Soon after receiving her award, Ortloff was selected for promotion to master chief, and then was chosen for the command master chief program in 2003.

In May of 2012, Ortloff became Fleet Master Chief for Commander, Naval Forces Europe and Africa, and upon her selection, Ortloff became the highest-ranking enlisted woman in the Navy, and the second woman in naval history to reach the position of fleet master chief.

Navy pilot Lt. Megan Donnelly, the 2012 Captain Joy Bright Hancock junior officer leadership award recipient, was also recently selected for

the highly competitive Career Intermission Pilot Program (CIPP).

This program allows Donnelly to take time off from her current career path to pursue personal and professional goals outside the Navy, optimizing life/work integration. Upon completion of the program, Donnelly will return to the Navy to resume her career path pipeline.

CIPP is an element of the continuum of service 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, build resiliency and hone the most combat-effective force in the history of the Department of the Navy.



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VP-16 ordnance riggers carefully direct the torpedo hoist driver as he slowly and precisely approaches the P-8A Poseidon internal bomb bay.

VP-16

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AOI(AW) Justin Skelton was a quality assurance and safety observer (QA/SO) for one of the five-person load teams. "Each team consists of a QA/SO, a team leader, a weapons hoist driver, and two riggers who make the necessary weapons connections and attachments."

Inspectors from Commander,

Patrol and Reconnaissance Wing 11 (CPRW-11) Weapons School and Commander Patrol and Reconnaissance Group (CPRG) evaluated the exercise.

Each load team was required to handle an inert MK 54 training torpedo from a weapons cart to the P-8A Poseidon internal weapons bay. "We also loaded chaff buckets in the nose of the Poseidon and conducted wire checks between the flight deck and the internal bomb bay," said Skelton.

VP-16 Commanding Officer

Cmdr. Molly Boron said the teams' performance was no surprise. "Our 'ordies' have been training for CWTPPI for about four months, with guidance from the P-8A trainers at VP-30. I also know that our people have volunteered to train on weekends in order to be ready for this inspection," said Boron.

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Sailors from VR-58 and VR-54 were pleasantly surprised by the special welcome they received from the "Pease Greeters."

'Pease Greeters' set the example

Thanking our troops, one flight at a time

By Lt. Cmdr. Jeremy Judernatz
VR-58 Administrative Officer

A C-40A Clipper logistics aircraft assigned to the VR-58 "Sunseekers" set out from NAS Jacksonville Nov. 2 for another routine detachment to the 5th Fleet area of responsibility in Al Manama, Bahrain.

The cabin was filled with maintainers and staff from

VR-58 and VR-54 (based at JRB New Orleans) as the aircraft took off for its first scheduled stop at Saint John, New Brunswick, Canada.

As the remnants of Hurricane Sandy affected the weather in Saint John, it created the need for alternate plans by the flight crew, who diverted their Clipper to Portsmouth, New Hampshire, at a converted civilian airfield that was formerly Pease Air Force Base.

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(From left) Three Pease Greeters (and veterans) welcomed Lt. Cmdr. Rich Fischer of Fleet Logistics Support Wing and Lt. Cmdr. Casey Bruce of VR-58 when their C-40A was diverted to New Hampshire.

the Navy crew and passengers were showered with hospitality.

Just off the jet bridge awaited a room full of senior citizens and veterans who greeted them and offered a cornucopia of goodies.

"They had cookies, doughnuts, sodas, hand-knitted sock hats, T-shirts, pizza, puzzle books and enough chocolate to

make Hershey, Pa., look like a convenience store," commented Lt. Cmdr. Chad Beaufort, the VR-58 detachment officer in charge.

The Pease Greeters are a cadre of former Sailors, Airman, Soldiers and Marines who make it their mission to welcome troops home or send them off to areas of conflict

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When it was time to reboard the airplane, the Pease Greeters formed ranks and sent off the crew by presenting colors, singing the national anthem, and rendering a salute from the officer of the day with the words, "We, the old Warriors, salute you, the young Warriors."

For more information on the Pease Greeters visit their website at www.peasegreeters.org.

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From Navy Exchange Service Command

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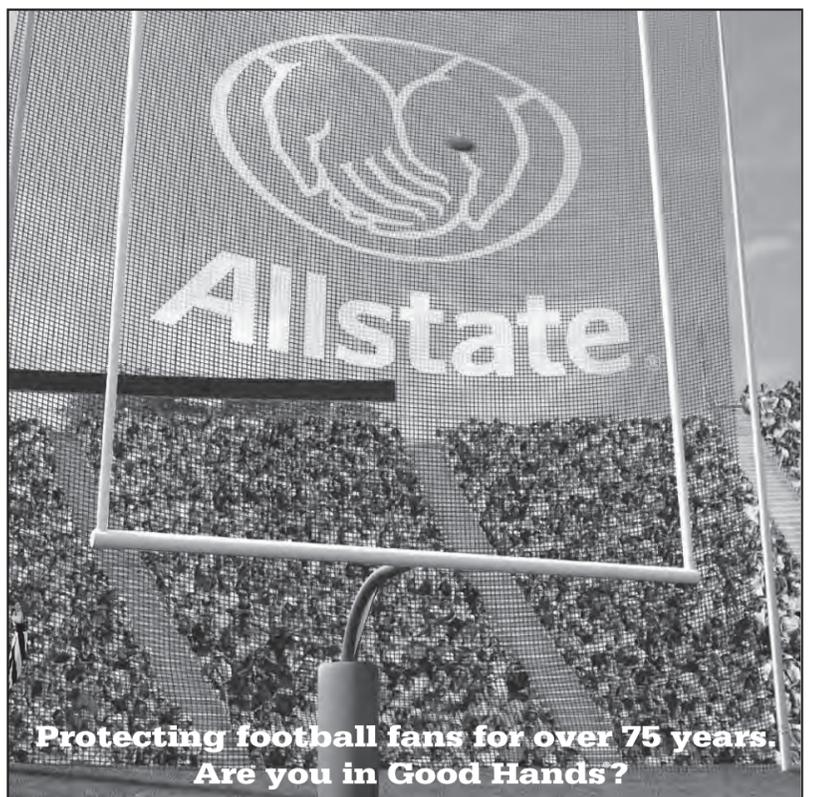
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HS-11 flight line

Sailors from the HS-11 "Dragonslayers" line shack fight blustery weather on Nov. 14 as they attend to maintenance gripes on an SH-60F Seahawk helicopter.



(From left) AEAN Chelsea Osborne and ADAN Michael Bass check out the main rotor assembly on an SH-60F Seahawk helicopter assigned to HS-11. The squadron recently returned to NAS Jax from deployment on the USS Enterprise (CVN 65).



AT3 Michael Stephens runs a diagnostic check on the radar of an SH-60F Seahawk assigned to the "Dragonslayers" of HS-11.

Honoring Pearl Harbor survivors

NAS Jax Commanding Officer Capt. Bob Sanders (right) gathers with Pearl Harbor survivors (from left) Henry Griffin, U.S. Army retired, 19th Infantry Battalion, Schofield Barracks; Chuck Ellis, U.S. Navy, USS Pennsylvania; Bill Tardiff, U.S. Navy, NAS Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii; Duane Reyelts, U.S. Navy, USS Oklahoma during a Pearl Harbor Survivors Association Plaque Dedication Ceremony at Jacksonville National Cemetery on Nov. 10. The plaque was placed in honor of those who served in Pearl Harbor in 1941.



Photo courtesy of Pearl Harbor Survivors Association, NE Florida Chapter 6

Financial planning to survive the holidays

By MC2 Andrea Perez

Navy Personnel Command Public Affairs

Sailors should create a holiday spending plan now to avoid post-season financial hardship, said a Navy financial specialist, Nov. 15.

"Examine holiday priorities and figure out what is most important to you," said Stacy Livingstone-Hoyte, financial counselor, Fleet and Family Support Center (FFSC).

"Instead of spending your hard-earned money on something just because it's a holiday tradition; make sure it's a tradition that is important to you and your family. Do not spend out of habit, obligation or guilt."

Tracking expenses when paying for holiday purchases will help Sailors and families stay true to their priorities and objectives, said Livingstone-Hoyte.

"Determine your holiday spending limit by making a list of what you

will spend on different categories or purchases. Be realistic and make sure that whatever you elect to spend will not exceed what you can afford," said Livingstone-Hoyte.

"A little research of market prices, retailer ads and deals around town can go a long way toward understanding how you can match your purchase dollars with items for sale and don't forget to clip, cut and stack coupons for the best results."

Livingstone-Hoyte said Sailors should also consider alternative gift-giving options like making homemade gifts or cooking food, volunteering as a family to help neighbors, friends and relatives or making a coupon to give as a present that is redeemable for babysitting, lawn care, etc.

Financial matters that occur from overspending or bad budgeting, such as failure to pay bills, bad credit, bankruptcy and foreclosures can negatively

impact a Sailor's career, and affect mission readiness and the Navy's ability to transfer or retain Sailors.

Command financial specialists (CFSs) provide financial education and training, counseling, and information referral at the command level at no cost to Sailors and their families. FFSCs located worldwide provide financial education and counseling for Sailors and families as well.

Sailors experiencing financial chal-

lenges should notify their chain of command and work with their CFS to develop a budget and explore additional options such as military relief societies, eligibility for interest rate reductions and other relief.

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VAW-120 bounces at OLF Whitehouse

By Staff



Photo by Clark Pierce

A pair of E-2C Hawkeyes, along with two C-2A Greyhounds assigned to the VAW-120 "Greyhawks," await ground crews Nov. 14 at NAS Jacksonville. VAW-120 is the sole training squadron for all of the Navy's E-2C and C-2A aircrew.

A five-plane, 10-student training detachment from the "Greyhawks" of Carrier Airborne Early Warning Squadron (VAW) 120 began its 12-day field carrier landing practice (FCLP) Nov. 10 at Outlying Landing Field (OLF) Whitehouse, located west of NAS Jacksonville. This shore-based training will be followed by shipboard training in early December on board an underway aircraft carrier in the Atlantic.

VAW-120 is the Navy's fleet replacement squadron (FRS) for VAW squadrons flying the E-2C and E-2D Hawkeyes. The Greyhawks are also the FRS for fleet logistics support squadrons (VRC) flying the C-2A Greyhound aircraft.

Lt. Cmdr. Chris Swanson, officer-in-charge of the detachment from NS Norfolk

Chambers Field, said, "We detach to NAS Jacksonville four or five times a year so our CAT I student pilots can get their FCLP - which represents the near completion of their FRS training syllabi."

He explained that pilot "ball flying" using the Optical Landing System at OLF Whitehouse is the most important part of our detachment's mission- because there's no greater challenge for a new pilot than landing an aircraft

on a ship. The runway at OLF Whitehouse is the same width as an aircraft carrier flight deck.

"Our landing signal officers (LSOs) are focused strictly on accurate landings without mishaps," said Swanson. "That's why grading each touch-and-go landing or 'bounce' at Whitehouse is vital. Every bounce by every pilot is analyzed and graded -and after flight ops, each pilot is debriefed by their LSO."

all-weather airborne early warning, airborne battle management and command and control functions for the carrier strike group and joint force commander. Additional missions include surface surveillance coordination, air interdiction, offensive and defensive counter air control, close air support coordination, time critical strike coordination, search and rescue airborne coordination and communications relay. The C-2A Greyhound provides critical logistics support to carrier strike groups. Its primary mission is the transport of high-priority cargo, mail and passengers between carriers and shore bases. Priority cargo such as jet engines can be transported from shore to ship in a matter of hours. A cargo cage system or transport stand provides restraint for loads during launches and landings.

NAVFAC recognizes employees



Photos by Earl Bittner

Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) Southeast Commanding Officer Capt. Christopher Kiwus (right) congratulates NAVFAC Southeast employees and contractors who deployed to impacted areas in response to Hurricane Isaac. Letters of Appreciation were distributed during the NAVFAC Southeast All Hands Commander's Call at the NAS Jacksonville Chapel on Nov. 13. Kiwus thanked them for their tremendous support during the recovery operations from Hurricane Isaac's strike on Navy Region Southeast in September 2012. (From left) Jackie Jackson, Emil Handzel, Ling Ge, Wilton Holmes, Jonathan Feng, Jose Deliz, Lindsay Jaime, Queen Singleton, Adam Kerr, Kristy Capobianco, Ryan Warne, Josh Coates and Kiwus.



Capt. Christopher Kiwus congratulates employees, during the NAVFAC Southeast Commander's Call at the NAS Jacksonville Base Chapel Nov. 13, who were selected to the FY13 Leadership Development Program. From left, Richard Reiss of environmental, Barron "Jade" Brown of operations, and Jennifer Reeder from small business.



Photo by Lt. j.g. Kevin Wendt

National Smokeout Day

Charlene Rees, health educator with the NAS Jacksonville Naval Branch Health Clinic (left) educates a patron about the hazards of smoking at the Navy Exchange on Nov. 15. "The Smokeout Day is both national and international, and the Wellness Center offers one-hour individual and group counseling sessions to educate and promote non-smoking," commented Brook Keen, Naval Hospital Jacksonville Wellness Center health promotion specialist.

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FRCSE aviation maintenance officer earns warfare designation



By Marsha Childs
FRCSE Public Affairs Specialist

A naval officer earned his Professional Aviation Maintenance Officer (PAMO) warfare designator that recognizes his significant support of the Navy's aviation mission, presented before a gathering of his peers at Fleet Readiness Center Southeast (FRCSE) Oct. 31.

After successfully completing the extensive professional qualification standards, Lt. Cmdr. Shawn Noga, the FRCSE engine production officer, received his PAMO warfare designation certificate and insignia presented by Capt. Robert Caldwell, the FRCSE commanding officer.

Noga said he pursued the designation to improve his chances for advancement.

"I knew of two other officers in my year group whose records were pretty strong," he said.

"They had the designation, and I wanted to present my package in a better light in

front of the promotion board."

He had two years to complete all the PAMO qualifications, with the clock ticking from his first qualification signoff.

"You have to have at least one squadron tour to deploy on a carrier," he said.

"It took two years to complete the quals, but I utilized my 17 years of experience with squadron tours and Level II tours for my signoffs."

The PAMO community is comprised of aerospace maintenance duty officers, aviation maintenance limited duty officers, and aviation maintenance chief warrant officers.

Due to billet constraints not all designator eligible officers will acquire the explicit career path experience necessary to participate.

Noga asked Cmdr. Ken Jalali, the FRCSE corporate operations officer, to pin on his PAMO insignia during the ceremony.

Noga, who was also checking out of the command the same day, attributed much of his suc-

cess to Jalali's encouragement and support, along with other maintenance officers assigned at the aviation maintenance, repair and overhaul facility.

"I loved it here, both on a professional and personal level," said Noga of his tour of duty at FRCSE.

"I would recommend this assignment to my fellow aviation maintenance officer. If it's FRCSE, go for it, but you'd better come with your "A" game."

Noga reports to Naval Air Technical Training Center at Pensacola in November, going from production to training working with technical review of aviation maintenance programs.

The PAMO designation distinguishes the officer whose career path and training has prepared him or her to support air operations at sea in a combat environment, as well as contribute fully to the damage control and survival of the ship and embarked aircraft, according to the PAMO manual.



During a gathering at Fleet Readiness Center Southeast (FRCSE) Oct. 31, Cmdr. Ken Jalali (left), the FRCSE Corporate Operations officer, pins a Professional Aviation Maintenance Officer insignia on Lt. Cmdr. Shawn Noga who completed the qualifications earning his the right to wear the designation. Noga, who was also checking out of the command the same day, attributed much of his success to Jalali's encouragement and support, along with other maintenance officers assigned at the aviation maintenance, repair and overhaul facility.

Photos by Marsha Childs
On Oct. 31, Capt. Robert Caldwell (left), the commanding officer of Fleet Readiness Center Southeast (FRCSE), presents Lt. Cmdr. Shawn Noga, the FRCSE engine production officer, with a certificate authorizing Noga to wear the Professional Aviation Maintenance Officer (PAMO) insignia that recognizes significant support of the Navy's aviation mission. To earn the PAMO designation, an individual must acquire significant experience and display a high level of knowledge in all aspects of aviation warfare support.

Sesame Street/USO Experience for Military Families comes to NAS Jax



Sesame Street character Katie greets children at the NAS Jax Youth Activities Center (YAC) during the Sesame Street/USO Experience for Military Families show Nov. 14. Nearly 500 military family members enjoyed the show featuring Sesame Street characters, Nov. 13-14. The traveling tour, based on



Sesame Street characters interact with children from the NAS Jax Child Development Center on Nov. 14 during the Sesame Street/USO Experience for Military Families.

Photos by Kaylee LaRocque



Sesame Street's military families' initiative features Katie, a military child who with the help of her friends, learns to deal with her fears of relocating to another military base. "This is a great show and really relates to our children here and what they go through being part of a military family," said YAC Director Aaron Long.

Before the show, Elmo presented Kayleen and Emily Song (center) with gifts from their father who is currently deployed, as mom, Claudia, looks on.

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Budweiser Clydesdales visit NAS Jax



Photos by Lt. j.g. Kevin Wendt

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Annual Turkey Trot brings out runners

By Kaylee LaRocque
NAS Jax Public Affairs Specialist

The cool, dismal day didn't deter the 120 runners who came out for the annual Turkey Trot 5K Nov. 17.

The event was coordinated by the NAS Jax Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) Department.

Placing first overall and first in the men's 35-39 age category was Will Lutat of VR-62 with a time of 17:30. Naketa George of Naval Hospital (NH) Jax took first in the women's 30-34 category and was the first female to cross the finish line with a time of 23:56.

Other winners were:
Men's 19 and under
First - Jacob Schmit, Commander, Patrol and Reconnaissance Wing Eleven (CPRW-11) - 18:59
Second - Kyle Booner, VR-62 - 21:37
Third - Shawn Robinson - 24:49
Women's 19 and under
First - Kierah Gaudin - 52:34
Men's 20-24
First - Christopher David, VP-16 - 21:56
Second - Aaron Stuckey, NH Jax - 22:17
Third - John Stone, NH Jax - 23:43
Women's 20-24
First - Cassandra Featherston, VP-16 - 28:00



Lutat



George

17:33
Second - Jacob Neith, NAVFACSE - 20:36
Third Daniel Sears - 22:14
Women's 30-34
Second - Rosario Jonsson, Aviation Support Division - 30:51
Third - Melissa Olgin, VP-16 - 31:39
Men's 35-39
Second - Doug Herrin, NAVFAC SE - 21:32

Third - Eric Cole, CPRW-11 - 21:56

Women's 35-39

First - Katherine Sears, VP-62 - 25:04
Second - Dawn Huskey, Det-R - 25:15
Third - Jennifer Streete, NH Jax - 32:55

Men's 40-44

First - Michael Flemming, retiree - 21:14
Second - Jerry Skirvin, NH Jax - 24:43
Third - Sean Lennon, VP-16 - 27:53

Women's 40-44

First - Mariza Hamron - 26:58
Second - Robin Anton, VP-62 - 28:51
Third - Susan Stoltman - 29:40

Men's 45-49

First - Louis LaVopa, NH Jax - 21:16
Second - Lee Grose - 21:35
Third - William Power, NAVFAC SE - 21:44

Women's 45-49

First - Janie Senish - 29:29
Second - Dulce Castro - 29:53
Third - Elaine Gallant, NAVFAC SE - 30:30

Men's 50 and over

First - Steve Damit - 21:38
Second - Tom Henkel - 24:47
Third - Stanley Lomax - 25:13

Women's 50 and over

First - Deanna Falls, NH Jax - 29:38
Second - Charlotte Chenoweth - 30:00



Photos by Shannon Leonard

Runners take off for the annual Turkey Trot 5K on Nov. 17.

Third - Elisa Jacque - 32:32
The event was sponsored by Allied American University and University of Phoenix. The next MWR run will be the annual Jingle Bell Jog Dec. 13

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