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'Pelicans' strengthen bonds at LIMA 2013

By Lt. j.g. Joseph Johannes
VP-45 PAO

The VP-45 "Pelicans" recently displayed their Pelican Pride at the Langkawi International Maritime and Aerospace Exposition during a recent detachment to Malaysia.

Held on the island of Langkawi, a short distance from Malaysia's northwestern coast, LIMA 2013 offered the opportunity to not only showcase the venerable P-3 Orion in Southeast Asia, but also strengthen the bonds of friendship and cooperation between the militaries of Malaysia and the United States.

AWO1 Joshua Turnage summarized the event, "It was truly an honor for us to come here."

An invitation to Malaysia to represent the United States is a once in a lifetime event."

The exhibition, which drew more than 160,000 people, displayed aircraft from over 40 countries and allowed the Pelicans to interact with military mem-



VP-45 Commanding Officer Mike Vitali graciously accepts a letter of appreciation from Lt. Gen. Ackbal of the Royal Malaysian Air Force during the squadron's recent visit to the country.

bers and fellow aviators from all over the globe.

While everyone involved agreed there were many highlights at the air show,

the most special moment for the crew occurred when they showed their aircraft to children from a local orphanage.

"We had children at every station talking over the ICS [aircraft communication system] to each other," said AWO2 Emily Simpson, "with all the smiles and giggling, you could definitely tell they were having a blast."

VP-45's Combat Aircrew Seven also interacted with multiple delegations from other countries as well as several VIPs including the United States Ambassador to Malaysia, Paul Jones, and Royal Malaysian Air Force Lt. Gen. Ackbal who presented the Pelicans with a certificate of appreciation for participation in LIMA 2013.

When not hard at work at the air show, the Pelicans were able to explore the island of Langkawi and experience Malaysian culture.

Whether riding the skycab, a cable car

Photo courtesy of VP-45

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Pointing Poseidon west

The first operational P-8A squadron gears up for deployment

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The Navy's first operational P-8A Poseidon squadron has completed transition to the new maritime patrol aircraft and is on track to take the P-8A on its first operational deployment late this year.

Patrol Squadron 16 (VP-



Photo by Clark Pierce

With the Jacksonville skyline in the background, a P-8A Poseidon assigned to VP-30 gathers speed for take-off over the St. Johns River.

16), based at Naval Air Station (NAS) Jacksonville, Fla., was certified as safe for flight in the P-8A in January and now is engaged in tactical training of its 12 aircrews as it builds up

its inventory to six aircraft for its Dec. 1 deployment to Naval Air Facility Kadena, Okinawa, Japan. The squadron had taken delivery of two P-8As by late February.

As the Boeing-built P-8A continues in low-rate initial production and winds down its Initial Operational Test and Evaluation, the Navy's focus is shifting to the first deploy-

ment. VP-16's deployment will begin a continuous presence of the Poseidon in the Western Pacific as the P-8A replaces the

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Photo by Jacob Sippel

(From left) Naval Hospital (NH) Jacksonville Director for Nursing Services Capt. Michelle McKenzie, NH Jacksonville Commanding Officer Capt. Gayle Shaffer, Uniformed Services University Deputy Vice President for External Affairs Sharon Willis and NH Jacksonville Family Medicine Residency Program Director Cmdr. Jim Keck participate in the presentation of the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences 2012 Excellence in Teaching Award to Naval Hospital Jacksonville on April 16.

Naval Hospital Jacksonville awarded for teaching excellence

By Naval Hospital Jacksonville Public Affairs

Naval Hospital (NH) Jacksonville leaders accepted the prestigious 2012 Excellence in Teaching Award from the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences (USU)—recognizing NH Jacksonville for its superior clinical training of physicians and nurses on April 16.

"We are blessed to have talented and dedicated faculty and clinicians who strive every day to provide the highest quality for all who walk through our doors. So we are humbled to have been selected for this honor," said Cmdr. Jim Keck, NH Jacksonville's family medicine residency program director.

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FDR Squadron executes swim quals and underwater robotics

By Clark Pierce
Editor

Twenty-six U.S. Naval Sea Cadets from the F.D. Roosevelt Squadron based at NAS Jacksonville completed their annual swimming qualification April 20 under supervision of instructors at the Surface Rescue Swimmer School. After swim quals, the cadets used the indoor pool to test their SeaPerch remotely operated vehicles.

FDR Squadron Executive Officer Lt. j.g. David Welch explained that the SeaPerch program is a nationwide project that incorporates STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics) resources to create a hands-on educational tool that's challenging and fun.

"SeaPerch is a collaborative effort between the Office of Naval Research (ONR) and the Society of Naval Architects and Marine Engineers. The SeaPerch program was originally designed by the Massachusetts Institute of Technology to teach



Photo by Clark Pierce

Sea Cadets Alejandro Rodriguez (right) and Davis Welch begin to maneuver their SeaPerch remotely operated vehicle away from the edge of the NAS Jax indoor swimming pool.

underwater robotics to middle and high school students," said Welch.

"About 11 months ago, ONR provided our squadron with 20 SeaPerch kits, which allowed us to form our cadets into two- or three-person robot teams," said Welch. "I attended a train-the-trainer course in Rhode Island, to ensure we had enough adult coaches for all the teams. The best thing about SeaPerch is that our kids have to work together, follow instructions and acquire some technical skills. Today is our first time in the water with SeaPerch - so our cadets are pretty excited."

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U.S. Navy photos

On April 21, 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 on board USS Wasp (CV-18) in March of 1952.



The North American AJ-1 Savage was a composite-powered, carrier-borne attack aircraft designed to deliver nuclear ordnance. The Savage also performed photo-reconnaissance duties and was later used as an aerial refueling platform. The aircraft's two turbocharged Pratt & Whitney R-2800 piston engines were paired with an Allison J33 turbojet (located in the rear fuselage).

This Week in Navy History

From Staff

April 25

1862 - Union naval forces occupy New Orleans, La.

1898 - Congress declares war existed with Spain since April 21.

1914 - First combat observation mission by Navy plane at Veracruz, Mexico.

April 26

1869 - The Good Conduct Medal was authorized.

1921 - U.S. Naval Detachment left Yugoslavia after administering area around Spalato for two years to guarantee transfer of area from Austria to new country.

1952 - USS Hobson sinks after colliding with USS Wasp; 176 lives lost.

April 27

1861 - President Lincoln extended blockade of Confederacy to Virginia and North Carolina ports.

1865 - Body of John Wilkes Booth brought to Washington Navy Yard.

April 28

1962 - Naval forces capture Forts Jackson and St. Philip, La.

1965 - Dominican Republic intervention began.

1944 - U.S. LSTs attacked during Operation Tiger.

1993 - SECDEF memo orders Armed

Forces to train and assign women on combat aircraft and most combat ships, but not to ground combat positions.

April 29

1814 - USS Peacock captures HMS Epervier.

1898 - U.S. warships engage Spanish gunboats and shore batteries at Cienfuegos, Cuba.

1944 - Fast carrier task force (12 carriers) commence two-day bombing of Truk.

1975 - Operation Frequent Wind evacuation from Vietnam begins

April 30

1798 - Congress establishes Department of the Navy.

1975 - Saigon falls to North

Vietnamese forces.

May 1

1898 - Battle of Manila Bay, Adm. Dewey defeats Spanish at Manila, Philippines.

1934 - Lt. Akers demonstrates blind landing system at College Park, Md. in OJ-2 aircraft.

1945 - Vice Adm. Barbey lands Australian troops on Tarakan Island, Borneo, supported by naval gunfire.

1951 - USS Princeton aircraft attack Hwachon Dam using aerial torpedoes, only use of this weapon in Korean War.

1980 - Eleven Navy ships begin operations assisting Coast Guard in rescuing Cuban refugees fleeing Cuba in overcrowded boats.

VP-5 transition spotlight

By Lt. j.g. Brian O'Bannon

As VP-5 transitions to the P-8A Poseidon, the squadron is highlighting a transitioning "Mad Fox" each week. This week's spotlight shines on Lt. Allison Cameron.

Cameron is part of a family of five from Middleboro, Mass. She has an older brother and a twin sister, who is an E-2C Hawkeye naval flight officer stationed in Japan. Her great grandfather was in the German Air Force and her grandfather was in the Army.

Cameron earned her bachelor degree in biology from Boston University. She commissioned through its Reserve Officer Training Corps program in 2007. She is currently the pilot training officer. Her duties include the training of all pilots in the squadron from the most junior pilot to the commanding officer.

As the pilot training officer she has been leading the VP-5 pilot cadre through the P-8A transition since February. As a qualified patrol plane instructor and mission commander, she is transitioning at the instructor level.

"It has been a real challenge to learn this aircraft at the instructor level while helping the junior pilots who are still working on their upgrading qualifications and the transition," she commented. "My experience in the venerable P-3C has been an invaluable asset in both learning and appreciating the new features of the P-8A."

VP-5 pilots are conducting training through lectures, operational flight trainers (OFT), and flights in the P-8A under the guidance of VP-30 instructors. "The OFTs are state-of-the-art and have been a tremendous help," said Cameron. "VP-30 has been so helpful in guiding us through this transition and eventually will help guide us through our safe-for-flight inspections later this summer."

When she isn't busy studying the P-8A, Cameron enjoys running 5K races for charity, spending time with friends at the beach, volunteering at First Coast No More Homeless Pets, and skiing and snowboarding during the winter.

VP-5 has been transitioning to the P-8A Poseidon since Jan. 4.



Lt. Allison Cameron

From the mouths of children, a 'new' America

By Sarah Smiley

Special Contributor

On April 15, while the Boston Marathon was getting underway, the boys and I were in Washington, D.C., embarking on another time-honored American tradition - visiting our representative in congress.

We entered the Longworth congressional building at the corner of C Street SE and New Jersey Avenue SE, with the Capitol building visible just a few blocks away. After we went through security, the first thing we saw was what looked like a wooden desk but which actually houses emergency escape hoods in case of a biological or chemical attack on the Capitol.

"What's an escape hood?" Lindell, 6, asked as he read a sign affixed to the desk.

"It's just for safety," I said. "In case of an emergency."

"What kind of emergency?"

"Um, well, one where the air in the building is bad."

I took his hand to hurry him along.

"Will we need a hood?"

"No," I said.

We took an elevator to the office of Rep. Michael Michaud, from Maine's Second District, and also our 22nd dinner guest at "Dinner with the Smileys" last May.

After walking through halls of marble lined with flags of the fifty states, seeing Maine's was like spotting home.

"It's ours, Mommy! It's ours!" Lindell yelled as he ran up to our congressman's door.

I thought about all the people, throughout the generations, who also traveled the same halls to see their representative.

Inside Rep. Michaud's reception area there was a shelf filled with Maine-made goods - syrup, potato chips, lobster buoys - and this was even more surprising and exciting for Lindell: "It's Maine syrup . . . in D.C.!"

Michaud invited us into his office. We talked about the weather in Maine and our plans for our weeklong stay in D.C.

The congressman showed the boys the lunchbox he used to carry to his job at a mill in East Millinocket, Maine. Ford, 12, asked about other photographs and memorabilia on the walls.

This, I thought, is America.

On our way out of the building, Lindell asked about the escape hoods again. "Is it like a mask for when you can't breathe the air?"

"Yes, Lindell, but you don't need to worry about it."

A few hours later, news broke about the bombings in Boston. I stopped mid-step on the sidewalk as I read from my iPhone. I was afraid and wanted to go home, but the next day we had a tour of the Capitol courtesy of our Senator Susan Collin's office. The boys were so excited; I could not let them know anything was amiss. And I succeeded for a while. But then, the news was everywhere: on televisions at the hotel's complimentary breakfast, on newsstands at the Metro station, in conversation in the elevator.

The boys knew something was wrong.

The next day, security was noticeably tighter at the

From the Homefront

Capitol, but no one - not the tourists, the staff, nor the senators - stayed hidden or seemed afraid. They wouldn't be terrorized so I took their lead.

Still, I cringed when Lindell asked about the hoods again.

Little did any of us know, but around that same time, an off-site mail facility had intercepted a ricin-laden letter headed for the Capitol. I read the troubling news on the way back to our hotel, and I became increasingly worried about my family's safety.

I couldn't hide the week's news from the boys any longer. Now, reports of both events, plus the fertilizer-plant explosion in Texas, nearly saturated the environment as we went about our day.

I tried to keep things "normal" because I didn't want the boys to be afraid. In the days that followed, we went to the monuments and museums. I took pictures and collected maps. The boys bought souvenirs. And I hoped that they weren't listening when other tourists asked, "Did they catch him yet?" and "How many have died?"

All the while, I kept a vigilant eye on our surroundings.

One morning, during breakfast at the hotel, Lindell saw a lone suitcase on the floor in the lobby. It was a small bag and seemingly abandoned next to the front desk.

"I wonder if that suitcase has a bomb in it," Lindell said.

"Maybe we should tell someone about it," Owen, 10, said.

Before I could answer, a man returned for his suitcase and left the building with it.

"Well, I doubt it had a bomb in it anyway," Lindell said between bites of waffle. "It was probably too small, and who would want to blow up their suitcase? Or this hotel? I bet we are safe. But I'm glad we saw that."

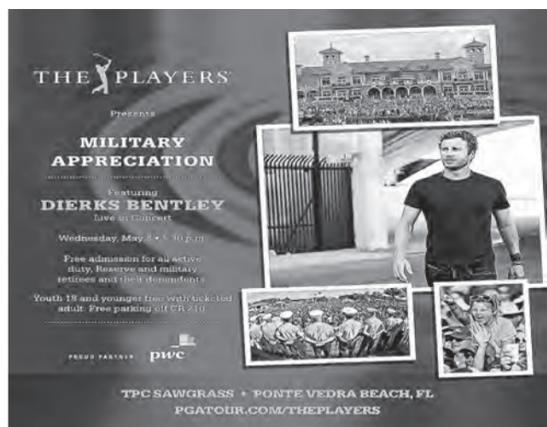
Owen continued to eat his bagel.

Ford ate a blueberry muffin.

Sounds from CNN filled the space.

Behind my sons, pictures of the Washington Monument and the Lincoln Memorial graced the wall.

I thought, maybe this is the new America.



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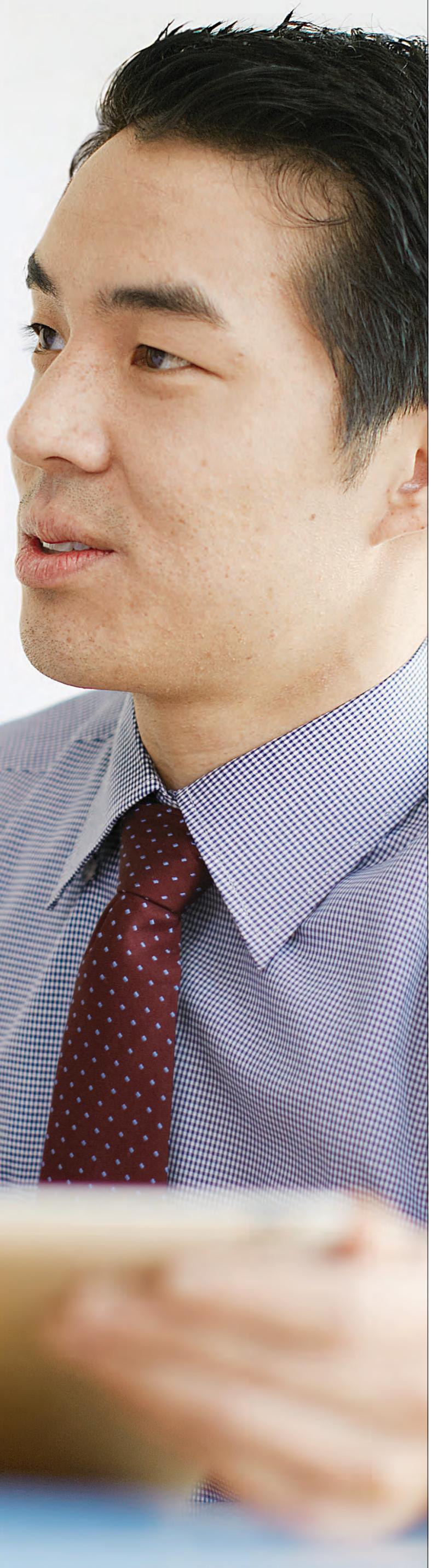
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Welcome Home

PS1 Kimberly Belland is greeted on April 12 at Jacksonville International Airport by her husband, Brian, upon arrival from her Individual Augmentee deployment. Belland is assigned to the VP-8 "Fighting Tigers" and was deployed for nine months to the Africa Command area of responsibility.



Photo by Victor Pitts

DLA Aviation CO Visits

U.S. Air Force Brig. Gen. Mark Johnson (center), commander, Defense Logistics Agency (DLA) Aviation, shares his five "big ideas" with DLA employees at the VP-30 auditorium during his first visit to the Jacksonville DLA site April 16. The unit, led by Cmdr. Maurice Meagher (right rear), is co-located at Fleet Readiness Center Southeast. DLA is a logistics combat support agency whose primary role is to provide supplies and services to America's military forces worldwide.

Navy divers recover sunken patrol boat

From EOD Group 2 Public Affairs

Navy Divers from Mobile Diving and Salvage Unit (MDSU) 2 and contracted salvage personnel successfully raised and returned to shore a sunken patrol boat (PB 502), April 18.

Coastal Riverine Squadron (CRS) 10, a Navy Reserve unit headquartered at NAS Jacksonville, was conducting a routine training event sailing from Jacksonville to Charleston when one of their patrol boats transiting into Charleston Harbor ran aground on a jetty on the south side on the channel entrance at 9:41 p.m., April 13.

"Salvage operations like this are quite common, we train to respond to all types of incidents from planes going down to boats sinking and each one brings up its own unique challenges," said Chief Warrant Officer John Sullivan, MDSU2 operations officer-in-charge of the salvage operation.

The 34-foot patrol boat was surfaced Thursday morning by Navy divers from approximately 20 feet of water and was towed to shore by a contracted salvage company.

The eight-person Mobile Diving and Salvage (MDS) Company, MDS Co. 2-4 based in Virginia Beach, Va., arrived in Charleston and worked with local Coast Guard and maritime officials to determine how to safely recover the submerged vessel by using another similar patrol boat ashore as a model. MDSU2 Divers then performed a site survey to determine the extent of damage to the vessel.

On Wednesday and Thursday, divers installed lift points, placed belly bands on the submerged vessel prior to rigging for lift and recovery, and attached salvage lift bags capable of lifting 22,000 pounds. When secured, the vessel was carefully brought to the surface Thursday morning by the lift bags and checked for stability.

"This is what we train for," said Sullivan. "We developed a plan. We executed it, and I thought my team did outstanding."

PB 502 was then towed to the U.S. Coast Guard Station.

Coastal Riverine Group (CRG) 2 is conducting a thorough investigation into the cause of the incident.

MDSU 2 is homeported at Joint Expeditionary Base, Little Creek-Ft. Story in Virginia Beach, Va., and has successfully conducted salvage operations to support TWA Flight 800, Swiss Air Flight 111, the space shuttles Challenger and Columbia, the I-35W Mississippi River bridge collapse in Minnesota, the Civil War ironclad USS Monitor, and recovery of a downed F-16 Fighting Falcon off the coast of Italy.

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Safety and small business topics at Jacksonville conference

From NAVFAC Southeast Public Affairs

The 2013 Jacksonville Acquisition Conference and Trade Show provided opportunities for Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) Southeast to teach and learn. Acquisition and safety specialists attended the April 10 event at the University of North Florida Herbert University Center. Many of the acquisition and small business representatives were familiar with NAVFAC's subcontractor safety clause that has been added to its contract evaluation process.

"Since Oct. 1, 2010, NAVFAC Southeast construction and service contracts have included provisions in the specifications that all subcontractors must meet an Experience Modification Rate (EMR) not greater than 1.1 and have a Days Away, Restricted, Transferred (DART) rate not greater than 3.0," said NAVFAC Southeast Safety Director Dale Powell.

This new requirement was addressed at a break-out session where Powell spoke to attendees specifically about the new safety provision, the importance of communication, acquisition safety, the use of operational risk management (ORM), and near miss reporting.

"Ninety-five percent of the mishaps were coming from subcontractors," said Powell.

"We had to come up with a way to fix it and since implementing the new safety clause in the contracts, we have seen a 37 percent decrease in two and a half years."

Powell shared that NAVFAC Southeast has received overwhelming approval from contractors regarding the new safety factor.

"It is important to me that NAVFAC is as concerned about safety as we are," said Bob Tabone, project manager with A. Harold + Associates, LLC. "This event was a great refresher to reassure me that we are on the right track."

Powell stressed that when contractors work with NAVFAC Southeast, they are partners and it is important that both the Navy and the contractor are behind their safety programs.

Many of the 300 in attendance also visited the NAVFAC Southeast display set up in the atrium where Nelson Smith, NAVFAC Southeast Small Business Director spoke with small business representatives. Smith brought brochures on NAVFAC's small business program and talked with attendees about how they can do business with the Navy.

Keynote speaker retired Rear Adm. Sean Crean, director of the Navy's Office of Small Business Programs was optimistic on the outlook for small business opportunities within the Navy. Crean stated that they will continue to keep small business as the first option in Navy acquisition.

Crean shared with the group that in fiscal year 2012, the Navy purchased \$13.3 billion of supplies and services from small businesses.

NAVFAC Southeast contributed over \$580 million to the total in fiscal year 2012, representing over 61 percent of NAVFAC Southeast's prime contracts that were awarded directly to small businesses.

"Events like this are crucial in stimulating dialogue between government and the small business community," said Smith. "In addition to helping meet continuing education requirements for our acquisition community, our small businesses get the chance to improve their knowledge of the acquisition process and also to meet with government representatives to learn about upcoming requirements."

Other small business advocates on hand at the conference included representatives from the General Services Administration, Fleet Logistics Center Southeast, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, as well as state and local government representatives.

The PLAYERS, Veterans Coalition job fair

From The PLAYERS Championship

The PLAYERS are holding their second annual job fair in partnership with the Jacksonville Military Veterans Coalition for active duty, Reservists, retired military, veterans and military spouses May 5 at TPC Sawgrass.

The job fair is free and will be held in "The Turn" hospitality venue near the 18th green.

For more information, go to www.PGATour.com/theplayers.

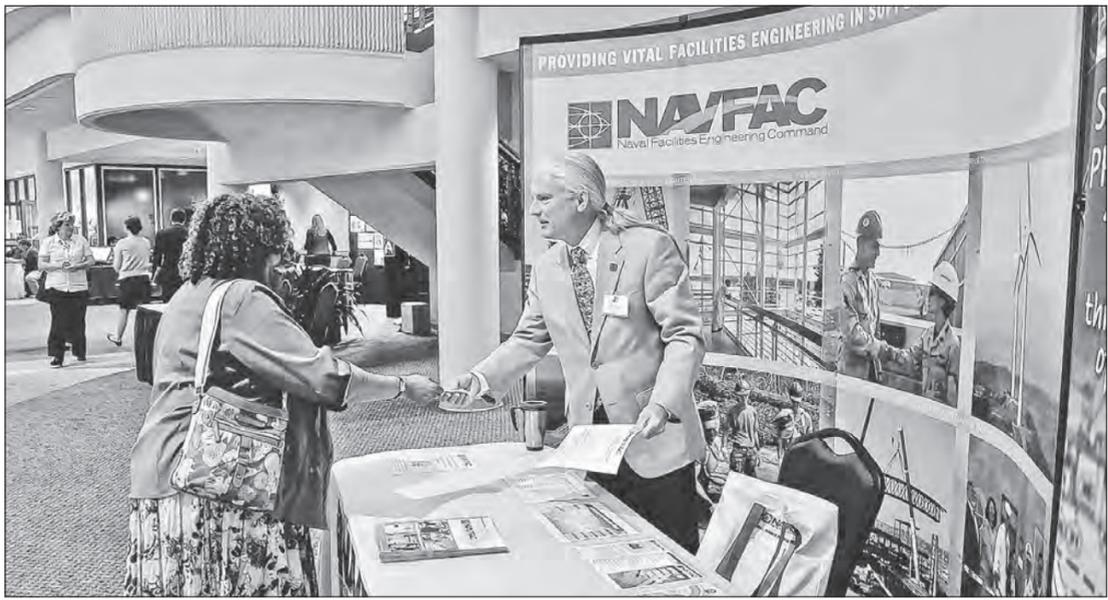


Photo by Sue Brink

Naval Facilities Engineering Command Southeast Small Business Director Nelson Smith introduces himself to Robin Waddell, business diversity coordinator with Haskell at the 2013 Jacksonville Acquisition Conference and Trade Show on April 10 at the University of North Florida Herbert University Center. Nelson spoke with attendees about small business reporting and opportunities with the Navy. This year the conference attracted over 300 attendees. The annual conference provides a great opportunity for small businesses to talk with NAVFAC acquisition professionals.

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9:15 a.m. - Catholic Mass

9:45 a.m. - Protestant Sunday School

11 a.m. - Protestant Worship

11:15 a.m. - Catholic CCD

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The Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) Southeast Cadastral Modernization Program (CMP) project team completed phase I of the project and will hold its annual meeting April 25 to review the future ahead, the importance of the new process in preserving historical real estate records and any process improvements. Members include (from left) John Engleman, Defense Logistics Agency (DLA) Information Technology Specialist; Amy Kennett, DLA Scanning Technician; Shenita Brown, DLA document specialist; Robert McDowell, NAVFAC Southeast Real Estate Branch Head; Leola Hall, DLA document specialist; Jill Rose, NAVFAC Southeast Real Estate Cartographer and Geographic Information Systems Specialist; and Jake Walls, NAVFAC Southeast Land Surveyor.

Old meets new: NAVFAC Southeast digitally preserving historical documents

By Sue Brink
NAVFAC Public Affairs Officer

Status of the Phase I scanning effort for the Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) Southeast Cadastral Modernization Program (CMP) will be presented April 25 when NAVFAC Southeast holds its annual CMP meeting on base.

Cadastral documents are public real estate records, surveys or maps showing ownership, boundaries or value of a property.

The NAVFAC Cadastral staff at each Facilities Engineering Command (FEC) is the official custodian of the Navy and Marine Corps real estate records for its area of responsibility.

The team will review the way ahead, the importance of the new process in preserving historical records, and any process improvements at the annual CMP meeting.

The CMP project is divided into five phases, with each phase being piloted at NAVFAC Southeast before being used to support other Navy regions.

As each phase is successfully completed, a new region will adopt the change. NAVFAC Southeast Real Estate Cartographer and Geographic Information Systems Specialist Jill Rose keeps the project on task by coordinating meetings with other FECs, and engaging with the Naval Air Station Jacksonville Defense Logistics Agency (DLA) and contractor ICM Document Solutions to implement any process improvements.

"Results of these meetings show just how big the project is and the importance of sharing information as we push this program out for others to use," said Rose.

"This project will provide access to their legal documents in real time creating a process that allows them to be able to enter the coordinates of a location and learn everything about the transaction."

Rose explained that the team used available technology to make the workflow easier and the Phase I pilot served as the research and development phase before it was launched to other regions in the Navy.

"We had to let go of the way we used to do things and focus on how we could make our process better for everyone who



Naval Facilities Engineering Command Southeast Real Estate Cartographer and Geographic Information Systems Specialist Jill Rose reviews a real estate file that will be scanned and digitized as part of the Cadastral Modernization Program (CMP) project. Historic real estate records have been stored in file folders and cabinets displayed here for over 100 years. The CMP project is moving historical real estate records into the digital age.



Amy Kennett, Defense Logistics Agency scanning technician, opens the secured cage where the historical records are stored once they have been scanned as part of the Cadastral Modernization Program (CMP). Phase I of the project includes reviewing the historical real estate files from NAVFAC Southeast digitizing all records. The CMP will make retrieving information easier and provide secure storage for the delicate historical records.



Leola Hall, contractor with the Defense Logistics Agency (DLA), scans real estate documents April 16 as part of phase I of the Cadastral Modernization Program project that Naval Facilities Engineering Command Southeast is piloting. DLA provides secure access to the scanned files for storage and retrieval capabilities which were critical components for the project. The team created standard operating procedures to ensure each file is handled correctly and follows a process to prepare the documents for scanning and digital conversion.

needs the information," said Rose.

Bob McDowell, NAVFAC Southeast real estate branch head, stated that the project was implemented because a customer requested time-sensitive real estate information.

As the team researched and was able to provide the docu-

ments within one and a half days, McDowell thought that it should be done more quickly and began researching new ways to improve the response time.

"The needs of our internal and external customers were crucial to this project to provide information as soon as



Defense Logistics Agency employee Shenita Brown reviews real estate documents prior to entering them into the new Cadastral Modernization Program (CMP) database on April 16. The goal, during the NAVFAC Southeast's pilot project, is that all CMP files are scanned and retrieved in the same manner for all Navy and Marine Corps interests.

possible," said McDowell.

The team recognized the need for change and came up with innovative ways to be better at what they do.

Rose met with the NAVFAC Southeast real estate team and other stakeholders to decide the best plan of attack for the real estate files. With Commander, Navy Installations Command (CNIC) and NAVFAC Headquarters

supporting the ideas of the team, they started to focus on bringing their cadastral documents into the digital age.

In a search for these types of records, the NAVFAC Southeast Real Estate team discovered many historical documents along the way some historical treasures were discovered buried in boxes.

"We have deed transfers with



Office of the Attorney General
Washington, D.C.
October 3, 1961

Honorable John B. Connally, Jr.
Secretary of the Navy
Washington 25, D. C.

My dear Mr. Secretary:

I have examined the transcript of record in the condemnation proceeding entitled United States of America vs. 4,472 acres of land, more or less, in Plaquemines Parish, State of Louisiana, and Hodge Hunt Realty Company, et al., Civil No. 4654, in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana, New Orleans Division, instituted for use in connection with the Joint Air Reserve Training Center, Alvin Callender Field, and pertaining to the acquisition of a certain easement in Parcel No. E-44, containing 1.214 acres, more particularly described in declaration of taking No. 7 filed July 1, 1958, and as amended, July 21, 1959.

The title evidence, continued to a date subsequent to the filing of the declaration of taking, was prepared by the Delta Abstract Company, New Orleans, Louisiana, and is in satisfactory form but is being retained by the United States Attorney for further use in the proceeding.

In the judgment on stipulation, dated July 13, 1961, it is determined that just compensation for the Government's acquisition of the interests being acquired in Parcel No. E-44 is the sum of \$1,700.00, inclusive of interest, which amount has now been deposited into the registry of the court. I am of the opinion that the proceeding has been regularly conducted, the judgment is satisfied, and the United States of America is vested with a continuing perpetual easement for the free and unobstructed passage of aircraft, together with such other rights and subject to certain reservations as more particularly set forth in the opinion on declaration of taking No. 7, and amendment No. 1 thereto, dated July 31, 1959.

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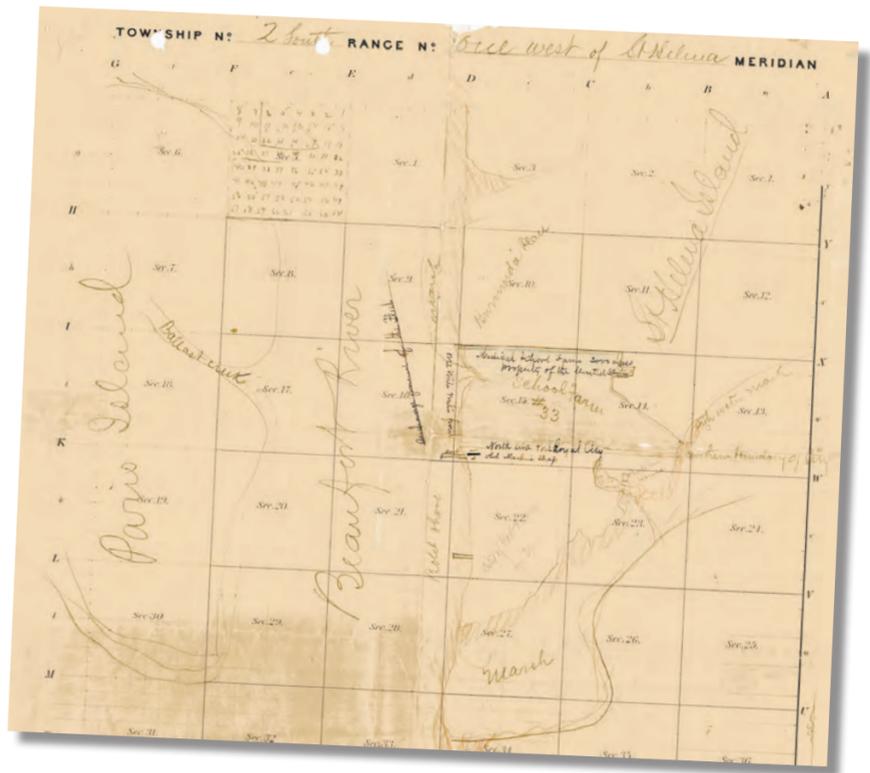
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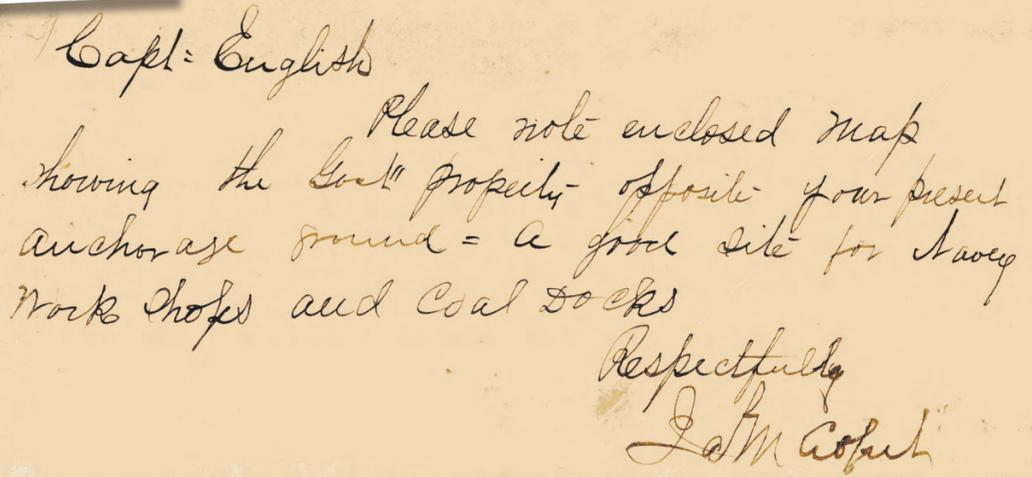
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This hand-drawn map of St. Helen Island along the Beaufort River in South Carolina dates back to June 5, 1884. Historical records such as this are being digitized and preserved through NAVFAC Southeast's Cadastral Modernization Program.

Photo images from NAVFAC Southeast PAO

This letter dated Oct. 3, 1961 from then Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy is just one of thousands of historical documents that are being digitized as part of NAVFAC Southeast's Cadastral Modernization Program. The team developed a process to review, scan and store historic real estate records making it easier for NAVFAC to access these important documents for its customers, while preserving the integrity of the documents.



Photos by Sue Brink

This is the back page of a hand-drawn map of St. Helen Island along the Beaufort River that dates back to June 5, 1884. Historical records such as this are being digitized and preserved through NAVFAC Southeast's Cadastral Modernization Program.



NAVFAC

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'wet' signatures from Presidents Tyler, Polk, Bush, as well as Robert F. Kennedy and the Spanish Governor of Florida," said Rose.

"Some of the documents are so old and fragile, they needed to be handled with extra care."

The historical discoveries brought immediate attention from the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) who visited NAVFAC Southeast to review some of the documents stored in their file system.

Finding out the documents have such a historical importance confirmed the need to duplicate and secure the documents.

NARA is an independent agency of the U.S. government assigned to preserve and document government history. Historical data contained in the files at NAVFAC Southeast provide a glimpse into the former way of transferring, disposing or acquiring land.

"The fact we have documents signed by a Spanish leader transferring property to us is very cool," said Jake Walls, NAVFAC Southeast land surveyor.

"History lessons are all around us."

"This project is going to make retrieving information easier," said Walls.

"Although it is a huge undertaking, it will be well worth it for our customers and the preservation of important documents."

The project fixes many issues in the old process and now includes electronic conversion, retrieval, output, and distribution of digital and hardcopy information in the form of original deeds, maps, and real estate working files.

"Partnering with DLA resulted in a reduction in costs for scanning and file storage, and DLA's global presence has been vital for accomplishing this effort NAVFAC-wide," said Rose.

DLA provided secure access to the files, storage and retrieval capabilities which were critical components for the project. NAVFAC has multiple survey-



Naval Facilities Engineering Command Southeast Land Surveyor Jake Walls reviews real estate documents that are part of the Cadastral Modernization Program project April 16. The project fixes many issues by putting in place an electronic conversion, retrieval, output and distribution of digital and hardcopy information in the form of original deeds, maps and real estate working files. The team tests each phase of the project at the Jacksonville office before pushing out the new procedures to other Navy regions.

ing and CMP contracts in place which provide access to electronic Cadastral files for various contractors at each FEC.

DLA provides the scanning and retrieval portion of the project and ICM provides the additional staff required to roll out the new program at each FEC.

ICM also developed a customized database program used for tracking the location of the original documents; automated the process for manifesting and bookmarking the pdf documents; and developed a color-coded labeling program for categorizing the different types of interests that are maintained by Cadastral.

"When I first came to NAVFAC Southeast, I began this effort work-

ing on a conference room table using a standalone laptop computer on loan by DLA," said Leola Hall, DLA office service assistant.

The team thought it was important to test the methodology as the project continually changes. New ideas are discussed, implemented and outcomes are documented to provide lessons learned before other FECs are brought in.

By creating standard operating procedures (SOP), the team ensured each file was handled correctly and followed a process to prepare the documents for scanning and conversion.

SOPs were designed to ensure consistency and uniformity across NAVFAC. The goal is that all cadastral files are

scanned and retrieved in the same way for Navy and Marine Corps interests.

"Discovery of missing documents highlights the need for a better record keeping process going forward," said Shenita Brown, ICM scanning document specialist.

Brown has seen firsthand, the number of incomplete files entered in the database.

The team is working on the next phase (Phase II) of the effort which includes standardizing the contents of all new files stored by Cadastral.

The team from DLA and ICM has processed more than 200,000 pieces of documentation since September 2010 for the NAVFAC Southeast.



Photo by Kaylee LaRocque

Teaching Children About Nutrition

Naval Hospital Jacksonville Wellness Center Dietitian Cheryl Masters (standing, right) and Intern Marielle Mayshack teach a group of children at the NAS Jax Youth Activities Center about nutrition on April 10. The children learned about healthy eating habits, how much salt and sugar is in certain foods and the importance of drinking enough water every day.



Photo by Victor Pitts

FRCSE Civilian Recognized

Bruce Mobley (left), the industrial environmental director, receives a Letter of Commendation from Fleet Readiness Center Southeast (FRCSE) Commanding Officer Capt. Robert Caldwell presented at the military aviation depot on April 15. Mobley was recognized for his efforts that led to Caldwell signing the Northeast Florida Environmental Compliance Partnering Team Charter in February. The charter signals a proactive partnership with Jacksonville City Hall, the Navy and other regulatory agencies to enhance environmental compliance, promote natural resources management and protect public health. Mobley was also praised for his team's quick response to a jet fuel leak generated outside of the facility. FRCSE is the largest tenant command on Naval Air Station Jacksonville and is responsible for more than 100 industrial processes.



Photo by Victor Pitts

NOAA Aircraft Inspected At FRCSE

A WP-3D aircraft called "Miss Piggy" operated by National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's Aircraft Operations Center sits on the airfield at Fleet Readiness Center Southeast as maintainers perform a visual inspection April 19. The aircraft is one of two hurricane hunters used for long-range atmospheric research. They are civilian versions of the U.S. Navy's P-3 four-engine maritime reconnaissance aircraft and are maintained and repaired at Fleet Readiness Center Southeast aboard NAS Jacksonville.

HOSPITAL

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NH Jacksonville is committed to the professional development of health care providers from across the nation, and hosts multiple clinical training programs. It is home to the Navy's largest, accredited, award-winning Family Medicine Residency Program—cited as USU's 2011 Family Medicine Clinical Site of the Year, a nurse anesthetist program, a perioperative nursing course, a trauma nursing course and an Independent Duty Corpsman Center of Excellence. In addition, NH Jacksonville trains students from local universities enrolled in physical therapy, physician assistant, doctor of pharmacy and other programs.

Clinicians gain experience in multiple settings, including rotations at partner facilities, such as Shands Jacksonville, that specialize in high-acuity and trauma patients.

NH Jacksonville also reaches out into the community to prepare future healers, with its Science, Service, Medicine & Mentoring (S2M2) Program, training students from Darnell-Cookman Middle/High School of the Medical Arts.

All graduate education programs at NH Jacksonville meet national standards. And Navy health care providers have the same education and training as their private-sector colleagues — with the addition of experience on



Photo by Jacob Sippel

Naval Hospital (NH) Jacksonville was honored with the prestigious 2012 Excellence in Teaching Award from the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences on April 16, recognizing NH Jacksonville for its superior clinical training of physicians and nurses.

battlefields, at sea and on humanitarian missions.

USU — a top-tier medical school according to U.S. News & World Report's current rankings — grants the Excellence in Teaching Award to only two programs (one large and one small) across the military health system each year. The award also includes a \$5,000 grant from the Henry M. Jackson Foundation for the Advancement of Military Medicine, to be used for education and training.

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VP-45

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system constructed over 2,500 feet high, or relaxing on one of the many beautiful beaches, all the Pelicans can agree that Langkawi earned its official title of "Jewel of the Kedah." At the end of the five-day expedition, the Pelicans left Lankawi with memories and friendships which will last a lifetime.

At the conclusion of LIMA, the Pelicans flew south to Subang Air Force Base, located near the Malaysian capital city of Kuala Lumpur, where they had the opportunity to demonstrate the operability of the P-3 to members of the Royal Malaysian Air force and Navy during a subject matter expert exchange.

Upon their arrival, members of the crew conducted a symposium with Malaysian military members highlighting such topics as the



Photos courtesy of VP-45

VP-45 aircrew gather with Malaysian military riders after a maritime domain assurance flight.

pilot and naval flight officer training pipeline, maritime ship "rigging" techniques and basic oceanography.

Over the next two days, the Pelicans flew maritime domain assurance flights with Malaysian military riders.

During these flights, the flight crew demonstrated the rigging of several vessels as well as capabilities of the automatic identification mapping camera system.

"In executing these flights, we were able to both demonstrate the P-3 capabilities as well as



A group of VP-45 "Pelican" aircrew greet children from a local orphanage who visited the Langkawi International Maritime and Aerospace Exposition in Malaysia.

improve interoperability between our militaries," remarked VP-45 Commanding Officer Cmdr. Mike Vitali.

Before departing Kuala Lumpur, crew members were able to get out and experience the capital which included a visit to the Petronas Towers, the highest twin towers in the world. While sad to leave, the Pelicans departed Malaysia confident the friendships they fostered on this detachment.



Cadet Paveon Jones and F.D. Roosevelt Squadron Executive Officer Lt. j.g. David Welch check the electrical

connections on a SeaPerch – a remotely controlled craft consisting primarily of PVC pipe, styrofoam and waterproof DC motors.

SEA CADETS

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FDR Squadron Commanding Officer Lt. j.g. Robert Long brought his mask, flippers and underwater camera to the pool.

"SeaPerch is an outstanding program. As our cadets become more familiar with the craft's buoyancy, propulsion and maneuverability they will deploy on 'missions' that challenge them to place or retrieve an object in the water," said Long.

"Since today is our first time in 'deep water,' I'm going under to take underwater pictures of each team's submarine. This will allow them to fine-tune their control and propulsion systems. They may not realize it - but they're learning a lot about science and engineering as they build these simple, underwater

(From right) Sea Cadets Drake Thomason, Hunter Shoemaker and Fritz LaCombe are ready to place their SeaPerch underwater robot back in the pool after replacing a propeller that was lost during their first dive.



Photos by Clark Pierce

robots."

The U.S. Naval Sea Cadet Corps (NSCC) is for youths ages 13 to 17, and the Navy League Cadet Corps is for youths ages 10 to 12.

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What is a traumatic brain injury and how can it be prevented?

By Naval Hospital Jacksonville Public Affairs

Traumatic brain injury (TBI) is a disruption in brain function caused by a blow to the head or a penetrating head injury.

Over the past decade, TBI has gained attention due to the many service members returning from the Global War on Terror with this injury.

However, TBI is not simply an issue for the active duty population.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, at least 1.7 million TBIs occur each year.

Anyone is at risk for developing TBI. On the homefront, the leading causes of TBI are falls, motor vehicle crashes and traffic incidents, being struck by (or against) something, and



Photo by Jacob Sippel

Lt. Kermit Salivia explains to patient Mary Slater areas of the brain that can be affected by a traumatic brain injury (TBI) during an appointment at Naval Hospital Jacksonville. TBI is a disruption in brain function caused by a blow to the head or a penetrating head injury.

assaults.

For military personnel in war zones, blasts are a leading

cause of TBI.

“Those suffering from TBI can display a wide variety of

symptoms, based on the severity of injury. Penetrating head trauma is the greatest threat. But even a minimal injury can't be overlooked,” explained Lt. Kermit Salivia, Naval Hospital Jacksonville family medicine physician.

“A small concussion can result in chronic headaches, bouts of forgetfulness, changes in sensation, difficulty with communication, disorientation and changes in emotion that can include depression, anxiety and personality changes. More severe injuries can result in a brain bleed that can cause coma, paralysis and even death.”

There are many ways to prevent TBI, according to Salivia. First, identify risks; then take action. Use personal protective equipment in the workplace

and in recreation sports—this includes wearing a helmet when using a motorcycle, all-terrain vehicle, bicycle, skateboard or roller skates.

In a vehicle, make sure everyone buckles-up and place young children in an infant seat or booster seat. At home, remove trip or slip hazards, keep firearms secured, supervise children and place protective gates around stairs for toddlers. For the elderly, ensure proper lighting and install handrails on stairs and inclined paths.

To talk to a professional, patients can contact their Medical Home Port team (via Central Appointments at 542-4677 at the hospital or 546-7094 at Branch Health Clinic Jacksonville) or Mental Health at 542-3473.



Photos by Jacob Sippel

Hospital Skipper Recognizes Galley Staff

Twelve of the best from Naval Hospital Jacksonville's galley staff join their skipper, Capt. Gayle Shaffer, at her home for lunch on April 17. Shaffer showed her appreciation by hosting, preparing and serving at her own expense. Joining in were the executive officer and command master chief.

As a gesture of appreciation, Naval Hospital Jacksonville Commanding Officer Capt. Gayle Shaffer serves lunch at her home to some of her best culinary specialists. Shaffer regularly hosts lunches for some of her most outstanding staff, at her own expense, and in this case, to recognize the galley team. Shaffer, a dentist and Fellow of the Academy of General Dentistry, worked her first job at age 16 in a hospital kitchen.



Photo by Clark Pierce

Earth Day at NEX

Lilly and Robert Picard learned about NAS Jacksonville environmental initiatives on April 18 – including a solar-charged low-speed-vehicle (foreground) – from Fleet Readiness Center Southeast Environmental Engineer Jacob Deeb, and NAS Jax Environmental Director Kevin Gartland.

NAS Jax Assistant Hazardous Waste Manager Jody Smith (right) talks with Sailors at the Navy Exchange to answer their questions about Earth Day and environmental concerns.



Photo by Billie Brownfield



Photo by HN Jason James

Junior Red Cross volunteers practice CPR compressions on toy trucks which simulate the depth and resistance of an adult chest, during training last summer.

Experience Navy Medicine as a Junior Red Cross volunteer

Apply by May 31



By Naval Hospital Jacksonville Public Affairs

The American Red Cross — Northeast Florida Chapter 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 — physicians, nurses, pharmacists, therapists and technicians — as well as contribute to a positive experience for 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. Apply online — by May 31 — at www.neflori-

daredcross.org.

At the Web site, click on “volunteer,” “join us,” “youth volunteer application” (or “adult volunteer application” for 18 year-old students).

Fill out the application, select Northeast Florida Chapter, and create a Volunteer Connection account.

After submitting the application, complete the online orientation.

All applicants are required to attend a kick-off event (which includes an interview) June 8 from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the hospital's 2nd deck conference room in the central tower (next to the chapel).

For more about this opportunity, contact Junior Red Cross volunteer coordinators Terry Miles or Mary Miciano at 542-7525 or jaxredcrossoffice@med.navy.mil.

Financial aid available for veterans

From the American Red Cross

The J. Wayne and Delores Barr Weaver Veterans Emergency and Transition Services Fund provides emergency financial assistance and resources to veterans of Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom that will help to support their transition into civilian life and stabilization into the community.

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For more information, contact a Red Cross Military Services caseworker at 246-1395.

VA disability assistance available

From AMVETS

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 compensa-

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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 email [david.d.sanders@navy.mil](mailto: david.d.sanders@navy.mil).

POSEIDON

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Lockheed P-3C Orion in succeeding squadron deployments.

According to Rear Adm. Sean S. Buck, commander, Patrol and Reconnaissance Group, headquartered in Norfolk, Va., the transition schedule is designed to take a P-3C squadron returning from a Western Pacific deployment, convert it to a P-8A squadron, and then send it back to the Western Pacific for its first deployment, as is the case with VP-16, which returned from the region last year to begin its transition.

"[We've] got a method to our madness behind our transition," Buck said Feb. 22 in a briefing with reporters and static display tour of the P-8A at Joint Base Andrews-Naval Air Facility Washington, Md.

"The idea is we have set up the transition such that a squadron with P-3s goes to a Western Pacific deployment, which is a very rich, anti-submarine warfare type of environment. They get the experience of operating in that area, understanding where they detach to, the missions sets, the environment, the climate, all the hazards.

"[When] they come home from that deployment, they turn in their P-3s and start that transition of getting [P-8] NATOPS [Naval Aviation Training and Operational Procedures Standards] qualified, learning how to fight it, and we send them right back to the Western Pacific where they were familiar with the environment. They just bring a new weapon system," he said.

"That probably is the best way to meet the fleet commander's needs and give the fleet commander confidence that everything is going to be OK introducing a new weapon system into their AOR [area of responsibility]," he said.

Under current planning, the Navy plans to base five operational P-8A squadrons in Jacksonville, four at NAS Whidbey Island, Wash., and three at Marine Corps Air Station Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii. To achieve that laydown will involve a shift of one of the six VP squadrons from Jacksonville to Whidbey Island.

However, Buck said the Navy is re-evaluating the basing plan with the possibility of moving squadrons from



Photo by MC2 Gulianna Dunn

VP-16 passed a major hurdle on Jan. 25 with the successful completion of their "safe for flight" inspection supervised by representatives from CPRG and CPRW-11.

Kaneohe Bay and basing the 12 VP squadrons at only Jacksonville and Whidbey Island.

"As President [Barack Obama] has shifted his rebalance to the Pacific, and as we have come under budgetary constraints, the Navy asked to reopen the environmental impact study that talked about and determined that basing plan and we are looking to see if there could be a better footprint," Buck said.

"That is what we are exploring right now and will report out probably in late spring or early summer from that study to the CNO [chief of naval operations], to the secretary of the Navy, and make a determination of whether our original basing plan in '08 needs to be adjusted or not."

As of late February, the Navy had flown more than 6,600 flight hours since April 2009 in the P-8 during the developmental and operational testing at NAS Patuxent River, Md., and in concurrent fleet introduction at NAS Jacksonville.

"Out of the gate, the aircraft has proven to be very reliable and very capable," Buck said.

"Over the past year, we have had the opportunity to fly the aircraft in a wide variety of operational environments and mission scenarios and, by all accounts, the aircraft is performing very well. We have executed detachments from Australia, Hawaii, Guam, Japan, Alaska and Scotland, and successfully employed the airplane against difficult U.S. and allied submarines, both nuclear and diesel."

Buck said the biggest improvement in the P-8A over the P-3C it is replacing is the "reliability of the overall aircraft system."

Boeing delivered the sixth and last P-8A in Low-Rate Production (LRIP) batch 1 in January and is building the seven P-8As in LRIP-2. The second P-8A squadron, VP-5, now is in transition to the aircraft and will be followed in July by VP-45.

"At the end of this decade, when we are through with transition, the assigned aircraft complement to each fleet squadron will be seven jets," Buck said.

"We are able, with the aircraft deliveries right now, to give each squadron two jets during their home training cycle and they will all deploy with six jets."

The service entry of the P-8A comes none too soon. The average P-3C in the fleet today has logged more than 17,000 flight hours. One has flown more than 26,000 hours since 1973.

"Both of these numbers significantly exceed the original design life of the

aircraft and substantial structural repairs to the wings have been required over the years to achieve this longevity," Buck said.

"Despite the success of these wing repairs, remaining P-3 structural components and mission systems continue to age and we are living on borrowed time with P-3Cs.

"Five years ago, in the midst of managing a fatigue life crisis in our P-3 fleet — that grounded more than 130 P-3s — we developed a plan to transition the fleet to the P-8A Poseidon beginning in the spring of 2012," he said, noting that, before the transition began the 12 active duty VP squadrons had fewer than 85 P-3Cs available, compared with 240 at the height of the Cold War.

"Even though the size of the MPR [maritime patrol reconnaissance] force is less than half of what it was . . . it remains as relevant today as at any time in its storied history, with 32 aircraft currently forward-deployed around the world," he said.

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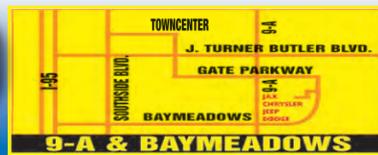
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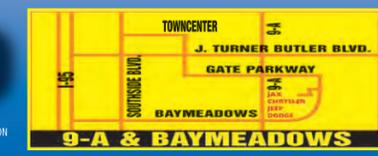
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MC3 Nicholas Tenorio (left) photographs MC3 Wyatt Huggett during underwater photography training on April 17, off the coast of NS Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. Expeditionary Combat Camera's Underwater Photo Team conducts semi-annual training to hone its divers' specialized skill set and ensure valuable support of Defense Department activities worldwide.



MCC Shane Tuck conducts underwater photography training off the coast of NS Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. The Underwater Photo Team of Expeditionary Combat Camera conducts semi-annual training.



MC2 Kathleen Gorby (right) photographs MC3 Wyatt Huggett on April 16, during underwater photography training at a coral reef off the coast of NS Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

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Teams	Wins	Losses
FRCSE	3	0
HS-11	3	0
NAVHOSP	3	0
HITRON	2	1
VP-26	2	1
VP-30 E's	2	1
HSM-74	1	1
VP-8	1	1
FACSFAC JAX	1	2
NAVFAC	1	2
NCTS	1	2
VP-16 War Eagles	1	2
VP-30 O's	1	2
VR-58	1	2
VP-5	1	2
VR-62	0	2
NBHC Twerk Team	0	3

NBHC Dig Dugs	0	1
FRCSE C	0	2
NAVFAC Blue	0	2
NCTS Gold	0	2
SERCC	0	2

Intramural Spring Softball

Teams	Wins	Losses
CNRSE	5	0
VP-30	4	0
CRS-10	4	1
HSM-70	4	1
VP-5	4	1
VP-8	4	1
NAVHOSP Dirty Birdz	3	1
VP-16 War Eagles	3	1
FRCSE 900	4	2
FRCSE Angry Dolphins	3	2
VR-58	2	2
HSM-74 Magnum	1	1
HSM-72 Proud Warriors	1	4
Navy Band	1	4
VR-62	1	4
NCTS	0	3
NBHC Narwhals	0	4
FRCSE Rabid Possums	0	5
NAVHOSP Diamond Aces	0	5

Hot Shot of the Week

NAS Jacksonville Golf Club reports the following Hot Shot of the Week: Douglas Mueller had a hole-in-one on April 15. It was on Blue No. 9, 136 yard, par 3. He hit a Ping 9-iron with a Taylor-made ball.

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As of April 19

Greybeard Spring Softball

Teams	Wins	Losses
CNATTU	2	0
NECE	2	1
NCTS	1	1
NAVFAC	1	2
VP-8	0	2

Captain's Cup 3-on-3 Sand Volleyball

Teams	Wins	Losses
FRCSE B	2	0
NAVFAC Red	2	0
NAVFAC White	2	0
Super Smash Bros	2	0
NBHC Trap House	1	0
FRCSE A	1	1
NBHC Tortugas	1	1
NCTS Blue	1	1



Photo by Sue Brink

Softball Season

Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) Southeast Integrated Product Team (IPT) Gulf Coast Deputy Assistant Operations Officer Bill Kilpatrick throws a pitch April 16 at a Captain's Cup Softball game held aboard NAS Jacksonville. This is the second year that NAVFAC Southeast has competed in Captain's Cup events that include softball, bowling, running, racquetball, tennis, badminton, volleyball and soccer.

Community Runs



Photos by Lt. Kevin Wendt

NAS Jax and tenant command Sailors participated in the "Run to the Sun" 8K in Orange Park April 20. Although it was an early Saturday morning filled with rain and cold weather, it didn't hinder the Sailors' performance, as all finished admirably in less than an hour. "It was great to see so many of our people show up for this event despite the bad weather," commented NAS Jax CMDM(AW/SW) Brad Shepherd.



NAS Jacksonville Sailors participated in the "Corporate Run 5K" at Metro Park April 18, an event that drew thousands of people from around the community.

POSEIDON

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The P-8A is expected to fly a 10.5-hour profile similar to that of a P-3C. Cmdr. Molly J. Boron, commanding officer of VP-16, said the P-8A is "actually quite a bit more comfortable [in flight]. With the flexible wings, the crew isn't getting bounced around quite as much as in the P-3, [and] it flies very smoothly down low."

She said the P-8A's mission sets for its upcoming deployment will include anti-submarine warfare, antisurface warfare, and intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance, the same as those of its prior P-3C deployment.

Boron said her squadron will retain 12 combat air crews for its six aircraft, as compared with 12 crews for nine aircraft in a P-3C squadron. The P-8A carries a crew of nine compared with a crew of 11 for a P-3C.

The P-8A does not carry the two flight engineers and inflight technician of a P-3C crew, but adds an extra nonacoustic sensor operator.

"We finished up our transition at the end of January, and so, everybody that we had onboard had spent some time in VP-16 as a P-3 air crew, so all are very experienced folks that we took through transition," Boron said.

"They've all done exceptionally well and part of that is because of their experience factor. We've had one crew finish the ARP [aircrew readiness program] and two more that are in the process right now."

Lt. Frank Thomas, training officer for VP-16, said the squadron is receiving its first "nuggets," new flight crew personnel with no prior experience as P-3C crew members.

When VP-16 deploys, the P-8A will be certified to use the Mk54 anti-submarine torpedo and the AGM-84 Harpoon anti-ship cruise missile, Buck said.

Certification to lay mines and fire the AGM-84K Standoff Land-Attack Missile-Expanded Response will await future deployments. He stressed that the P-8A is capable of prosecuting submarines at low altitude in a profile very similar to that of a P-3C, and that its high altitude anti-submarine capabilities will be improved in later increments of development.

The future capabilities will include the addition of a torpedo that can be launched from high altitude and at a standoff range.

The P-8A has a broader area-search capability than the P-3C and can fly to its search area more quickly because of its dash speed and ability to climb and perform better than a turboprop aircraft.

In the P-8A's crew compartment, or "tube," the five tactical crew stations

are arranged in a line facing the port side, which recalls the arrangement in the P-3A and P-3B versions of the Orion. In the P-3C, the stations of the tactical coordinator, navigator and non-acoustic sensor operator were physically located separately from each other and from the two acoustic sensor operators.

"It is working out very well," Boron said. "The five of them communicate very well together, integrating the pilots with the three nets that we have available to talk between the crew."

When the MQ-4C Triton high-altitude, high endurance unmanned aerial vehicle — the Broad-Area Maritime Surveillance system — becomes operational in 2016, there will be "immediate information sharing between unmanned systems and the P-8," she said.

Buck said that for the next 10 years there are no plans for P-8 air crews to control unmanned systems. He said the Navy is fixing a set of identified software deficiencies and will have addressed them prior to the December deployment.

"This transition to fleet employment has benefited from an extensive integrated test process in which developmental test, operational test and fleet replacement squadron personnel conducted side-by-side evaluations and gained hands-on experience with the P-8, beginning with the arrival of the first test aircraft in Patuxent River over three years ago," Buck said.

"This integrated approach to test and evaluation is now paying significant dividends as it has ensured that an upcoming set of preplanned aircraft software updates are perfectly aligned with the fleet's operational priorities."

He also said that the P-8A is plumbed for aerial refueling and crews will begin training for that capability in 2015. Sending a new aircraft into an area of operations also involves setting up a logistical supply chain to support it.

"That is probably one of my biggest focus items," Buck said.

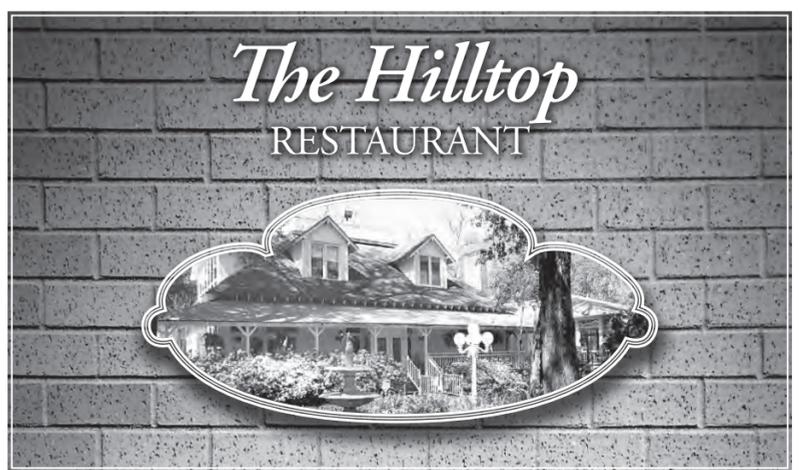
"It's a new type/model/series, so we need to create the warehouse shelves full of a whole new set of spare parts. We have been working diligently with Boeing and with the program manager to be sure we have sufficient logistical support in Jacksonville — the home of the transition for about the next three or four years — as well as logistical support in its first deployment site, Okinawa. The Pacific will now have constant seamless representation by the P-8 weapon system. That is where each new transition squadron will deploy to."

The P-8A is larger than the P-3C and will need larger hangar facilities for maintenance.

"With the partnership of the Japanese government, we are building a brand

new hangar for the P-8 in Okinawa," Buck said. "The scheduled completion date of that right now is 2016, so we had to take the existing P-3 hangar and make adjustments to allow that aircraft to tuck in there as we await the

construction of [the] new hangar. That infrastructure for P-8 is new throughout the world and we have a military construction plan to build that out in each of the primary deployment sites throughout this decade.



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'Pelicans' dominate Kadena sports scene

By Lt. j.g. Josh Stokes
VP-45 PAO

Kadena Air Force Base offers a number of intramural sports for local military personnel to participate in, including flag football, bowling, volleyball and basketball. For the VP-45 "Pelicans", each sporting event is another chance to dominate.

The VP-45 flag football team completed a 15 game season and ultimately emerged as the 2013 Kadena Intramural Flag Football Champions. Competing in a single elimination playoff tournament which began March 4, the Pelicans dominated through the week to make it to the championship game.

"We trusted each other and, with the support from the squadron and our fans, we knew it was going to be a good night," said defensive player AWO2 (NAC) Aaron Bucher. The team was right to be confident, securing a 40-13 win over the Kadena AFB Det 1 "Honey Badgers."

Only a few hundred yards from the football field, the Pelican bowling team made their presence known at the base bowling alley. Each

Tuesday night for nine weeks, two teams from VP-45 took to the lanes for three games.

"We started out pretty slow, but we kept our heads up and started to improve and ended up in first place," PR3 Micah Littlepage said, whose season high of 246 and career high of two perfect games greatly contributed to the teams success.

Both VP-45 teams earned a spot in the playoffs, and after several weeks of playoff competition, the Pelicans again ended up on top, clinching the Kadena Bowling Championship title.

Adding to the squadron's dominance, the VP-45 volleyball team competed in an eight-game season. Finishing the season 6-2, the Pelican team earned a spot in the playoffs and ultimately clinched the championship.

"Good team cohesion led to a solid showing in the playoffs, bringing the Captain's Cup Championship to VP-45," said AWO2 David Thibaut.

With three championship trophies now on display, the only question for the Pelican team is when their next chance to dominate the sports scene



Photos courtesy of VP-45

Participants from the Run for the Cure 5K come together after the event. More than 175 people participated in the event on March 16 at Kadena Air Force Base.



A group of runners from VP-45 get into position at the beginning of the Run for the Cure 5K at Kadena Air Force Base on March 16.

will be.

Although deployed to Japan, VP-45 members did not let being half-way around the world stop them from participating in Jacksonville's Gate River Run. With the cooperation of Doug Alred, the Gate River Run director, VP-45 Sailors signed up for the race on the official website and ran the 15K (9.3 miles) on March 9 and 10 in Okinawa.

VP-45's Lt. j.g. John Leeds then submitted

the official times and participants will soon receive their completion medals and T-shirts in the mail. The race provided a unique opportunity for VP-45 Sailors

to enjoy a taste of home while deployed. "There's no Green Monster here," Leeds said, referring to Jacksonville's Hart

Bridge, "but there are plenty of hills to make up for it."

On March 16, the

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The offensive line holds off defenders as AWOCS Thomas George launches a pass to the end zone during the Flag Football Championship game against the Kadena Air Force Base (AFB) Det 1 "Honey Badgers" at Kadena AFB on March 4.



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Adoption: How to navigate the process of adding a member to your family

By Lt. Jacqueline Leonard
Legal Assistance Attorney, Pensacola
Legal Assistance Office, RLSC SE

What is Adoption? Adoption is a process that cuts all legal ties between the adopted child and the birth parent and transfers parental authority (e.g., making medical, educational, and welfare decisions for the child) to the adopting parent. While child adoption is the most common, it is also possible to adopt an adult. Common reasons are for inheritance purposes, to formalize an existing parent/child relationship, or to provide perpetual care for an adult with a disability.

Stepparent scenarios are unique. Unless a stepparent officially adopts a stepchild, both biological parents of that stepchild keep their parental authority. However, the stepchild is still eligible for DEERS enrollment if the stepparent is the active duty member. Adoption is different from guardianship or temporary legal custody because those actions are typically only temporary measures concerning a child's welfare, not permanent. Adoption is permanent – when a child is legally adopted, that child is treated like a natural child born to that family who can inherit real and personal property.

Whether adopting domestically or from a foreign country, there are two methods of

adoption: 1) agency adoption or 2) direct placement/independent adoption. An agency adoption involves a prospective parent working with a public agency or licensed private agency who is tasked with ensuring that the prospective parents are well-matched to the child's background, capabilities, and needs. An independent adoption is when the birth parent places the child into an unrelated home by either identifying an adoptive parent on their own or by using an attorney or adoption facilitator. An independent adoption cannot take place without termination of the birth parent's parental rights, either through the birth parent's voluntary consent or through a court's involuntary termination of the parent's rights. Independent adoptions also require full compliance with the law, meaning that it is crucial to seek legal counsel before trying to adopt a child via non-agency adoption. To illustrate how important it is to be aware of a state's lawful process for adoption, some state laws prohibit a hospital from releasing an infant to someone other than a natural parent; and other states make it a crime for the adopting parent to pay for any expenses associated with the direct placement of the child, including medical expenses and home care arrangements.

The Adoption Process: Each

state has its own adoption laws and eligibility criteria that will dictate your options. Adoption across state lines means that you must comply with the laws in both states, though neighboring states often have compacts with each other regarding adoption. If you choose international adoption, each country has specific guidelines and requirements for prospective parents. That being said, the basic steps for adoption are:

Petition: Adoptive parents sign and file a petition for adoption either in the county where the child lives, where the adoption agency is located, or where the adoptive parents live.

Consent: If the adoption is by consent, the birth parents must acknowledge their consent in writing. Some states require children over 12 years of age to consent to their adoption. Under certain circumstances, consenting parents have the ability to withdraw consent. If the adoption is based on abandonment, then a separate petition for termination of parental rights must be filed with the court.

Order of Reference and Home Study: An order of reference is filed and refers the case to a licensed private adoption agency or public agency to conduct a home study. Home studies typically include the background history of the adoptive parents and home situation,

recent medical examinations, and other pertinent information.

Interlocutory Decree: After the home study is filed, the court issues an interlocutory decree temporarily giving the adoptive parents legal custody of the child. Before a final order is issued, there may be a second home study to assess the placement progress.

Final Order: The final order of adoption from the court makes the child legally one of the family. After the final order, the child's birth certificate is amended to list the adoptive parents as the birth parents.

Reimbursement: Active duty members of the Armed Forces who adopt a child under age 18 (including adoption of a stepchild) are eligible for reimbursement of up to \$2,000 per child for "qualifying expenses." For multiple adoptions, the maximum reimbursable amount is \$5,000 per calendar year. If both adoptive parents are active duty, only one member is eligible for reimbursement. To qualify, the adoption must be arranged through one of the following: a governmental agency with responsibility under state or local law for child placement; or a private adoption agency authorized by state or local law to place children for adoption. Qualifying expenses include placement fees, legal fees, and medi-

cal expenses of the biological mother and child. To make a claim for reimbursement, the adoptive parent must submit DD Form 2675 to DFAS and also be able to show documentation of agency involvement, substantiation of expenses, and finalization of the adoption. Claims for reimbursement must be submitted no later than one year following the date the adoption is finalized. See DODINST 1341.9 and OPNAVINST 1754.4 for further details on reimbursements for adoption expenses. Service members who adopt a child in a qualifying adoption are also eligible to receive up to 21 days of non-chargeable leave of absence to be used in connection with the adoption. The absence must be taken within 12 months following the adoption and is granted under a commanding officer's discretion.

Where to Go for Help: Adoption is a legal process that potentially involves state and international laws. Additionally, an adopting parent's age, marital status and years of being married, ethnicity and religion, and even income are all factors that may impact whether or not they can adopt. Consult your local legal assistance office for guidance on where to start and what benefits you can take advantage of when planning to add a member to your family.

Community Calendar

U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 14-2 presents "About Boating Safely" April 28 at Arlington Lions Club at 8 a.m. This is a comprehensive boating safety class approved by the National Association of State Boating Law Administrators. Successful completion of this course results in a Florida State Boating Education ID Card. Contact: Charles.s.hayes@gmail.com for more information.

Vietnam Traveling Memorial Wall, May 9-12 at Green Cove Springs Junior High School.

Battle of Midway Com-memorative Dinner, June 1 at 6 p.m. Hosted by Mayport Council Navy League of the United States at Renaissance Resort World Golf Village. For ticket and reservation info, call Bob Price 904-246-9982 or bpricex4@comcast.net

VP-8 Reunion, June 3-8, 2013, in Dayton, Ohio. Contact Bill Stewart at (410) 661-8377 or go to: <http://www.vp8alumni.org/reunion1.html>.

The **Second (Indianhead) Division Association** is searching for anyone who ever served in the Army's 2nd Infantry Division at any time. For information about the national association and annual reunion in Columbus, Ga. Sept. 17-21, contact Bob Haynes at 2idahq@comcast.net or 224-225-1202.

Aviation Boatswain's Mates meet every third Thursday at 1 p.m. in the NAS Jax Air Facilities Management Building (666) conference room. For more info, call Doug Chaney at 542-3955.

Military Officers Assoc-iation of America N.E. Florida Chapter meets the third Wednesday of each month. Open to active duty and retirees of all

military branches. Contact Johnnie.walsh@gmail.com or call 282-4650.

National Naval Officers Association meets the fourth Thursday of each month at 5 p.m. at Naval Hospital Jacksonville. Contact CWO3 Lionel Jeffcoat at 594-6908 or lionel.c.jeffcoat@uscg.mil or retired Lt. Cmdr. Paul Nix at 542-2518 or paul.nix@navy.mil.

Association of Aviation Ordnancemen meets the third Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Fleet Reserve Center on Collins Road. For information, visit www.aao9.com.

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 is open to active duty, reserve and retired military, plus, active or retired DoD civilians. Call 778-0805 or email commodore@njyc.org.

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 through 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.

COMPASS Spouse-to-Spouse Military Mentoring Program. Helping others help themselves. Call Melanie at 200-7751 or email: www.gocompass.org

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

Navy Wives Clubs of America DID No. 300 meets the second Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. at Lakeshore Methodist Church, 2246 Blanding Blvd. Call 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.

Orange Park Lions Club meets the second and fourth Monday at 7 p.m. at 423 McIntosh Avenue, Orange Park, Fla. 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.

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

PELICANS

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Pelicans hit the road again, this time to support research for leukemia and thyroid cancer. The squadron sponsored a 5K "Run for the Cure" which drew more than 175 participants and raised \$1,150 which will be donated to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society and the Light of Life Foundation, which focuses on thyroid cancer research and patient support. These charities were particularly important to the Pelican family since three VP-45 Sailors are currently undergoing treatment for these illnesses.

"It was a great way to bring the command together to support a good cause," said AWF2(NAC/AW) Greta Hynes, who participated in the run.

The Pelicans continue to promote health, fitness and sportsmanship at all levels while currently deployed to Kadena Air Force Base, Japan.

Relay For Life: Military families wanted for event

From Staff

Military family teams are forming for the Relay for Life at Fleming Island High School May 3.

The event remembers those who have lost their battle with cancer, support and encourage those who are fighting, and celebrate those who have

survived their battle with cancer.

If you are interested, please call Kari Wiese at (207) 730-3294.

For more details, visit the Relay for life Web site at www.relayforlife.org/flemingislandfl. The team is called "JAX MILITARY FAMILIES."



Photo courtesy of NNOA

NNOA Holds Social Event

Rear Adm. Sinclair Harris, commander, U.S. Naval Forces Southern Command/ commander, U.S. 4th Fleet (right), gathers with members of the National Naval Officers Association (NNOA) Jax Chapter during a social event at the NS Mayport Ocean Breeze Conference Center on March 27. Harris, a member of NNOA, was the guest speaker for the event. For more information about the NNOA and how to become a member, contact Frank Jordan at sdpjordan@hotmail.com or 612-3935.

Volunteers needed for Never Quit event

From Staff

Navy Recruiting District Jacksonville needs 30 volunteers to assist with the Warrior Challenge and an additional 75 officers and chief petty officers to facilitate the red carpet awards during the 2013 Never Quit Beach event May 19 from 5:45 a.m. to 3 p.m. All volunteers will receive a free Never Quit running shirt.

For more information, call or e-mail MCI Brianna Dandridge at 396-5909, Ext 1150.

Never Quit 2013 is a series of physical fitness events challenging athletes to maximize their strength and endurance performance including a 5K and a Spec Ops Warrior Challenge. The annual event takes place at Jacksonville Beach. For more information, go to: <http://neverquitnever.com>.

Small Business Program provides great opportunities

From NAVFAC Southeast Public Affairs

Rear Adm. Kate Gregory, commander of Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) recognized the NAVFAC Southeast Office of Small Business Programs with awards in three categories acknowledging fiscal year 2012 performance in a letter presented April 15.

"I am thrilled to acknowledge your leadership, commitment, and demonstration of accountability," said Gregory in the letter. "Our teams are performing above and beyond, exceeding DoD and DoN initiatives by providing maximum opportunities for small business participation."

NAVFAC Southeast Commanding Officer Capt. Christopher Kiwus presented the award to Nelson Smith, NAVFAC Southeast Small Business director.

The categories NAVFAC Southeast exceeded at include all Small Business Targets, Focus Area Small Business Targets, and Best in Class - Small Disadvantaged Business.

"These awards represent a total command engagement in providing the maximum practicable opportunity for small businesses to compete for our requirements," said Smith.



Photo by Sue Brink

Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) Southeast Commanding Officer Capt. Christopher Kiwus presents an award to Small Business Director Nelson Smith on April 15, recognizing the Office of Small Business Programs for exceeding their annual goals. The categories exceeded include all Small Business Targets, Focus Area Small Business Targets and Best in Class - Small Disadvantaged Business. This was the fourth consecutive year that NAVFAC Southeast exceeded targets in all small business categories.

"It takes the entire team working together." Smith thanked everyone present for their support in meeting these goals.

Fiscal year 2012 was the fourth consecutive year that NAVFAC Southeast has exceeded targets in all small business categories - an unprecedented achievement in NAVFAC.

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New Coffee Shop

(From left) Capt. Christine Sears, Naval Hospital [NH] Jacksonville executive officer, Capt. Joseph McQuade, NH Jacksonville director for public health and family medicine physician, Capt. Gayle Shaffer, NH Jacksonville commanding officer, and Marsha Brooks, NAS Jax Navy Exchange (NEX) general manager, cut the ribbon to officially open the new coffee shop at NH Jacksonville, sponsored by NEX. The new coffee shop not only offers popular pastries and cappuccino, but also presents healthy alternatives such as yogurt and oatmeal.



Vanessa Hall, Navy Exchange (NEX) Jacksonville employee, attends to customers during the opening of the new coffee shop at Naval Hospital (NH) Jacksonville. NH Jacksonville Commanding Officer Capt. Gayle Shaffer stated she was excited to have this service return for our patients, visitors and to the NH Jacksonville team.



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CDC Celebrates Earth Day

"NASJAX" the Turtle shows a group of preschoolers from the NAS Jax Child Development Center the base Environmental Department's Solar Gem vehicle during an event at the center to promote Earth Day on April 17.



NAS Jax Commanding Officer Capt. Bob Sanders and "NASJAX" the Turtle, talk to a group of preschoolers from the NAS Jax Child Development Center about some ways the children can help the environment such as recycling during their visit to the center.



"NASJAX" the Turtle presents Preschooler Tylan Flutt with a certificate of appreciation for his participation in the beautification of the Child Development Center's Rain Garden April 17. The preschoolers planted a variety of spring flowers in celebration of Earth Day.

Brayden Preston (left) and Gabriel Bermejo, both preschoolers at the NAS Jax Child Development Center, plant some spring flowers in the rain garden next to the center in celebration of Earth Day.



Nice Wheels!

NAS Jax Occupational Safety & Health Specialist Max Bassett shows off his restored 1969 Ford Mustang at Building 1 on a recent "bring your hot rod to work" day. His pony car features a four-barrel carburetor, 5-speed manual transmission, tuned headers and a 351 cu. in. V-8 that is stroked out to 427 cu. in. Bassett has owned the car for more than 10 years.



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New approach helps sexual assault victims recall details

By Terri Moon Cronk
American Forces Press Service

A new approach to interviewing sexual assault victims is gleaned more information about the crimes and leading to greater numbers of offender prosecutions.

At the End Violence Against Women international conference in Baltimore, Md., Russell Strand, chief of the behavioral sciences education and training division for the Army's Military Police School at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., spoke with American Forces Press Service about the new Defense Department-backed procedure to investigate sexual assaults.

Calling sexual assault "a secret crime," Strand said the experience for a victim is the "most embarrassing, intimate, life-changing, traumatic thing that can happen."

Aside from a murder, he added, he doesn't know of anything that's "more debilitating and earth-shattering" than a sexual assault.

In 2011, nearly 3,200 sex-

ual assaults were reported in the military, but Defense Department officials say the number of sexual assaults each year is closer to 19,000, based on anonymous surveys of active-duty service members. Officials also noted that only 1,500 of those cases came up for disciplinary review.

Because law enforcement investigations are designed more for witnesses rather than victims, Strand said, he developed the forensic experiential trauma interview as a way to interview victims without making them relive the assault.

Through neuroscience research, he found that part of the forefront of the brain shuts down or is slow to recall key parts of a trauma during an attack. But a primitive part of the brain stem almost instantly records the event accurately, he said.

With that scientific information, Strand said, he tried the law enforcement "debriefing" approach on sexual assault victims by gaining their trust and talking about how they

felt, rather than asking leading questions, such as "What happened?"

"We show genuine empathy, and say things such as, 'I'm sorry that happened to you,'" Strand explained. "The second thing we say is, 'Help me understand,' and 'What are you able to remember about your experience?'"

Strand said Criminal Investigation Division agents and other trained military investigators then stop questioning and sit back to listen to the victim's recollection.

Rather than asking about the attack in a chronological order, Strand said, he lets victims go in any direction they want, because that aligns with how they've memorized it. Investigators then put the assault into a sequence of chronological events, he added.

"We want to get to their memories, so we ask about the sights, sounds, smells, tastes and their feelings," Strand said.

Through this approach, he said, investigators want to look for evidence of trauma and the

absence of consent in a sexual assault. Working with the senses is a "powerful" technique that triggers memories the victims don't realize they could recall, he noted.

Once the psychophysiological evidence is gathered, Strand said, the investigator can then ask traditional questions while the victim's barriers are relaxed, such as when, where and how the assault happened.

Since 2009, more than 700 special agents and prosecutors from each branch of the military have taken forensic experiential trauma interview training, and 500 more are scheduled to complete the course by the end of September, Strand said.

He also said DOD has funded more than 400 seats for the FETI special victims' unit course through fiscal year 2017.

Strand said his goal through FETI is to bring the military prevalence rates down for victims – both men and women – while making sure that cultural change occurs regarding

sexual assault. It might take five to 10 years for the prevalence rates to decrease and he expects reporting rates to increase, he added.

"What we want victims to know is they can be confident we are working really hard to understand what they've gone through, to understand their experience and help them remember [it] in the most natural, scientific way," Strand said.

Strand said he also wants sexual offenders to know that law enforcement investigations of sexual assault have become much more sophisticated in identifying their behaviors, and that the crime is now investigated in a manner in which it never has been before. "They are at much greater risk of being caught than they were five or 10 years ago," he added.

With DOD backing and collaborating with the civilian sector, Strand said, "we want to lead the nation, and I think other countries are looking at us to get this right."

"And we have the capability to do that," he added.

Southeast Region holds ceremony, decentralizes human resources

By Mass Communication Specialist
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Rear Adm. Jack Scorby Jr., commander, Navy Region Southeast (CNRSE), presented five Navy Meritorious Civilian Service Awards and 44 letters of appreciation to members of the CNRSE Human Resources (HR) Program during a ceremony aboard NAS Jacksonville April 17.

The ceremony was held four days prior to the decentralization of the HR Program, which will re-assign the majority of CNRSE HR specialists from region headquarters to major commands on board installations throughout the region.

"Our CNRSE team is proud of the outstanding services the HR Program has provided over many years across the Southeast Region," Scorby said.

"Meeting our Navy mission would not be possible if it were not for the strong support we've received from each member, especially in the areas of labor employee relations, equal employment

opportunity, worker's compensation, and staffing and classification for more than 4,000 customers in theater."

Prior to decentralization, approximately 75 HR specialists throughout the region fell under CNRSE responsibility. As of April 21, 57 of them will be transitioned to other major

Commands, such as Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Fleet Forces Command and Naval Education and Training Command.

The new Navy-wide model will position HR specialists at each major command, whereas CNRSE had previously been servicing about 75 percent of all civilian employees in the region.

The decentralization plan was created last year by the Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Manpower and Reserve Affairs with the goal of delivering more streamlined and customer-focused support.

According to Sarah Overstreet, CNRSE Human Resources director, the transition comes with distinct benefits.

"One of the major advantages to this change in HR servicing is that HR pro-

fessionals will be able to focus only on the major command to which they are assigned and will not be required to focus on several different commands at the same time," she said.

"This focus provides the opportunity for better customer service through specific, command-focused HR servicing and better partnerships with customers."

The new model may have advantages over a centralized approach, but the transition itself presented some logistical challenges. It required extensive planning and preparation to pack and organize hundreds of files and case-work, Overstreet said.

During the ceremony, Scorby expressed his appreciation for each of the program member's efforts throughout the process.

"This was obviously no easy feat, as you completed the transition while still serving customers and providing the services required with your everyday workload," Scorby said.

"Were it not for your willingness to work long hours and pay attention to

a host of details, this decentralization process would not be possible, and for that, our Navy owes each of you a debt of gratitude."

While decentralization is a major transition for HR specialists throughout the region, civilian employees should not expect to see many changes in the way they receive services, Overstreet said.

"HR services will continue regardless of the change in the delivery model. There may be a change in the HR professional who currently provides HR services to them, but the new servicing model will include a primary and a secondary HR professional for each functional area," she said.

Most services under the new system will be provided from NAS Jacksonville, but HR professionals will be responsive to phone calls and e-mails and are available to meet via video teleconference, she added.

Additional information regarding the specific processes and procedures of regional delivery of HR services will be published in the near future.

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