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## MPA 'Heritage Dinner' honors partners, heroes

By September Wilkerson  
Executive Director, MPA

The Maritime Patrol Association (MPA) celebrated international partnerships at the annual Heritage Dinner April 18 at NAS Jacksonville by welcoming United States Navy service members and foreign allies in the maritime patrol and reconnaissance community to commend each others' historic pasts and ongoing cooperative relationships.

"The United States and allied maritime aviation partnership spans the better part of the 20th century," said Guest Speaker Rear Adm. Sean Buck, commander, Patrol and Reconnaissance Group.

Beginning with the U.S. and allied efforts to defeat the German Navy during both World Wars, aviators proved the capability and future shape of the maritime patrol aviation.

International keynote speaker, Air Commodore Ken McCann, the United Kingdom Air Attaché in Washington D.C., spoke of the close ties between the U.S. and the U.K. military forces from before



Photo by AWO2 Braydon Thomas

Guests mingle during the Maritime Patrol Association's annual Heritage Dinner at NAS Jacksonville's Hangar 117 on April 18.

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NAS Jacksonville Airfield Facilities Deputy Manager Winston Rogers loads his bird aircraft strike hazard kit before heading out to the flightline to check for flocks of birds in the area. The kit holds several types of pyrotechnics designed to scare off birds flying near the runway.

### Keeping birds away from airfield

By William Browning  
*The Florida Times-Union*

At Naval Air Station Jacksonville, an average of 200 aircraft - helicopters, planes and jets - take off and land each day.

Those million-dollar-plus flying machines inevitably share the air with laughing gulls, ospreys and falcons. Great egrets and great blue herons. Mourning doves and crows. And lots and lots of least terns.

If one of them meets an aircraft in the worst way, flying into an engine or slamming through a windshield, a disaster could happen. As Winston Rogers, airfield facilities deputy manager at the base, said, "After human and mechanical error, the biggest threat to aviation in the terminal area is wildlife, primarily birds."

The first time a bird vs. aircraft collision claimed a Navy life was 1917, the first year the Navy took to the air, said Cmdr. Mark McManus, operations officer at NAS Jacksonville.



A flock of least terns congregate on a catwalk over the St. Johns River near the Hangar 1122 seawall.

"It's always been a threat," he said.

Less than six months ago a P-3 Orion at the base struck a bird, and that resulted in roughly \$300,000 worth of damage, Rogers said.

But the most well-known recent incident was in 2009, when a U.S. Airways jet struck a flock of Canadian geese and crashed into the Hudson River.

The Bird Aircraft Strike Hazard, or BASH, program at the air station tries to save Navy aircraft, money and lives by reducing strikes. It is a joint effort between airfield management, air operations, squadron safety officers and environmental employees.

"It's a team sport," Rogers said.

#### Distracting birds

For years the Navy relied mainly on "active measures" to disperse birds from airfield areas.

"It used to be, 'OK, we're going to go out with pyrotechnics, we're going to scare the birds off,'" Rogers said.

While they still take that approach - when the sun rises every day, Rogers gets in a pickup with a scare gun and drives the airfield looking for birds - the BASH program also incorporates science.

Since 2011, Kevin McGrath, a

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## New Triton and Poseidon training facilities taking shape

From Staff

Construction continues on the facility that will house operator training for the MQ-4C Triton unmanned aircraft system and the P-8A Maintenance Training Facility. The two projects share a common site west of the P-8A Integrated Training Center on Yorktown Avenue.

They also share a common entrance canopy on Child Street, where students will go to either the 8,938-sq.-ft., single-story MQ-4C Triton schoolhouse - or the 58,262-sq.-ft., two-story P-8A

Poseidon schoolhouse for maintainers.

Elkins Constructors Quality Control Manager Adam Harris said, "With the exterior walls up and the roof almost complete, much of our work has moved inside. You can see various tradesmen fabricating and installing things such as air conditioning ducts, plumbing, conduits for electrical wires and computer cables, chilled water and fire suppression systems. After block masons complete the walls of various rooms, interior metal wall framing will be installed



The single-story MQ-4C Triton schoolhouse and two-story P-8A Poseidon schoolhouse will share the same secured entrance. The building in the background is NAS Jax Hangar 511.

Photo by Clark Pierce

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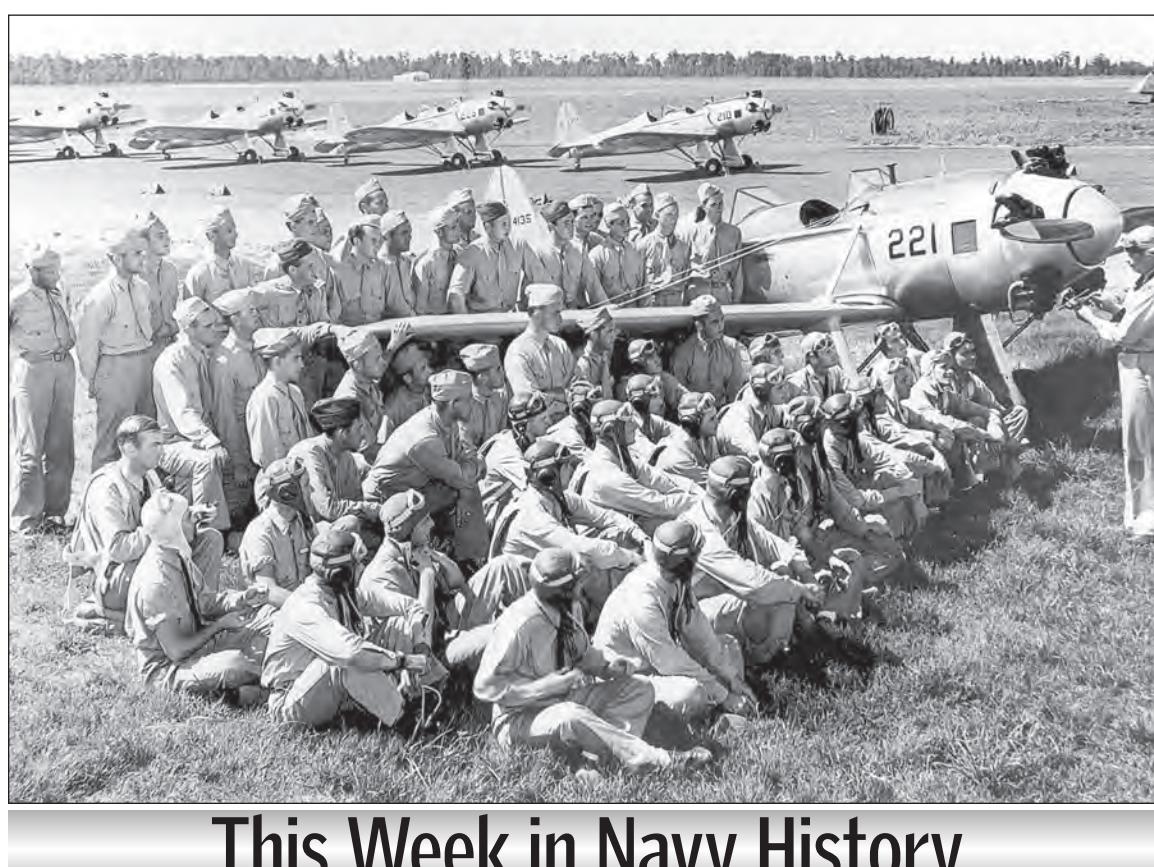
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(Above) A flight of five U.S. Navy Consolidated P4Y-1Ps fly in formation. The VJ-62 "Tigers" photographic squadron was established in April 1952 at NAS Jacksonville. VJ-62 was redesignated heavy photographic squadron (VAP) 62 in July 1956 and disestablished Oct. 15, 1969. VAP-62 played an important intelligence role during the 1962 Cuban Missile Crisis.

(At left) In 1941 at NAS Jacksonville, U.S. Navy and Marine Corps student pilots prepare for primary flight training in Ryan NR-1 "Recruit" aircraft. The two-seat, open cockpit monoplane was powered by a 160 hp Kinner 5-cylinder, air-cooled radial engine with a top speed of 131 mph.

## This Week in Navy History

**From Staff**

### May 2

1975 - U.S. Navy departs Vietnamese waters at end of evacuation.

### May 3

1861 - USS Surprise captures Confederate privateer Savannah.

1898 - Marines land at Cavite, Philippines and raise U.S. flag.

1949 - First Navy firing of a high altitude Viking rocket at White Sands, N.M.

### May 4

1917 - First Navy ships (Destroyer Division 8) arrive at Queenstown, Ireland, to provide convoy escorts against German U-boats.

1942 - Battle of Coral Sea, the first carrier vs. carrier battle,

begins.

1945 - Japanese attempt to land on Okinawa is repulsed; kamikaze attacks damage six U.S. Navy ships.

1961 - Pilot Cmdr. Malcolm Ross, USNR, and medical observer Lt. Cmdr. Victor Prather Jr., ascended in two hours to more than 110,000 feet in Strato-Lab 5, a 411-foot hydrogen filled balloon launched from the deck of USS Antietam. This was the highest altitude attained by man in an open gondola. Tragically, Prather drowned during the recovery.

### May 5

1944 - USS Comfort is commissioned in San Pedro, Calif.

the first ship to be manned jointly by Army and Navy personnel.

1948 - VF-17A becomes first carrier qualified jet squadron (on board USS Saipan).

1961 - Cmdr. Alan Shepard Jr. makes first U.S. manned space flight. Freedom 7 (Mercury 3) traveled 15 minutes and 28 seconds to reach the altitude of 116.5 statute miles with a velocity of 5,134 mph. Recovery was by HUS1 helicopter of HMR(L)-262 from USS Lake Champlain (CVS-39).

1980 - USS Robert E. Peary rescues 440 Vietnamese refugees from disabled craft south of Thailand.

### May 6

1909 - Great White Fleet anchors in San Francisco.

1916 - First ship-to-shore radio telephone voice conversation from USS New Hampshire off Virginia Capes to SECNAV Josephus Daniels in Washington, D.C.

1942 - Capt. Milton Miles arrives in Chungking, China, to begin building an intelligence and guerilla training organization, Naval Group China.

1945 - Naval landing force evacuates 500 Marshallese from Jaluit Atoll, Marshall Islands

### May 7

1779 - Continental Navy sloop Providence captures British brig Diligent off Cape Charles.

1934 - USS Constitution completes tour of principal U.S.

ports.

1940 - FDR orders Pacific Fleet to remain in Hawaiian waters indefinitely.

1942 - Carrier aircraft sink Japanese carrier Shoho during Battle of Coral Sea.

### May 8

1911 - Navy ordered its first airplane, Curtiss A-1, Birthday of Naval Aviation

1942 - Battle of the Coral Sea ends with Japanese retiring from area.

1945 - VE Day, Germany's unconditional surrender to the Allies.

1963 - Navy ships evacuate 2,279 civilians from Haiti during crisis.

1972 - U.S. Navy and Marine Corps aircraft mine Haiphong Harbor in North Vietnam.

# Where have all the baseball kids gone?

By Sarah Smiley

Special Contributor

Every April, my older boys eagerly await the first phone call from their Little League coach.

I'm probably biased, but he's the best one out there. For years he has continued to coach, even after his own son grew out of the league, and he has seen ballplayers go from too-young-to-play siblings on the bleachers to captains of the team.

This year, the call from coach came while we were on our way back from a weeklong vacation in Washington, D.C.

I put him on speakerphone so that the boys could hear. Their smiles were impossible to hide. The first practice would be in a few days, and the first game in a couple of weeks.

Ford and Owen wanted to know which new kids had been recruited for the team. They recognized some names, but not others.

And then the coach said, "Two teams had to be cut this year. We just didn't have enough kids trying out. So the

## From the Homefront

players from those teams went back into the draft, and some of them will join our team."

The boys looked confused: Two teams got cut? What?

For as long as Ford has been playing Little League, there have been six teams. Players stay with their team throughout the three to four years of Little League, and the team names have become a legacy. Older teenagers say, "Oh, I was on that team when I was a kid." Parents say, "I always wanted to be on that team." Younger siblings say, "I hope I get to be on that team, too."

"The league lost two teams?" Ford asked. "Why?"

"Not enough numbers trying out," Coach said again.

Ford and Owen were stunned. It was impossible for them to understand why boys all over the city aren't counting down the weeks until Opening Day. How could the league not have enough people trying out?

My boys are biased. They love baseball more

than any other sport. But in the front seat, I was worrying about something else: Where have all the kids gone?

It's not just Little League; on any given day, only a handful of kids are playing in the park down the street. Most of them have mothers hovering nearby. The sidewalks aren't filled with kids walking back and forth looking for a game or a neighbor to play.

And now our Little League can't fill up six teams?

This isn't a new concern. The term "helicopter parents" didn't come from nowhere. For quite some time, academics and sociologists have lamented the loss of childhood that includes a mother hanging out the door and screaming, "Come back when the street lights turn on!" The handheld-device generation has been absent from the outdoors for several decades now.

But Little League?

I thought helicopter parents wanted to involve their chil-

dren in as many organized, after-school activities as possible. I thought the sidewalks and parks were empty because all the kids were at soccer, baseball and dreaded "play dates."

This troubled me for several days, until it occurred to me that of course Little League would take a hit in this new generation. Baseball is one of the most hands-off (as far as parents are concerned) sports a child can go into.

Everything about baseball breeds autonomy: the dugouts that separate parents and children, the fence around the field, the space between the outfield and the bleachers. (Go ahead and try to coach your child from the sidelines; they probably won't hear you.)

One mother told me that baseball is too much of a "time commitment" for her son.

It's true; the teams practice for about two hours several times a week.

"And the weekend games," this mother said, "go on for

hours!"

Well, that depends on perspective. If you stay with your kids, practice probably seems long. If you drop them off, as I do, it doesn't seem long enough. I can hardly get through the grocery store and it's time to go get them again.

But that's only if I drive them. Most days, they walk to and from the field, and then I get a few extra minutes. A whole gang of boys travels down the sidewalk with baseball bags slung over their shoulders.

Who knows what they talk about. Probably a continuation of the same no-parents-allowed talk that goes on in the dugout.

You see, besides the sport, all of this — the walks, the dugout, the team — is why my boys look forward to baseball.

Each spring, they get a little independence from me. They bond with a team. They go into the dugout as little boys, and they come out just a wee bit older.

And, well, I guess I'm surprised more boys — and moms — aren't signing up for this.

## Hey, MoneyChic!

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A few friends have been talking about the easy money they are being loaned from online payday lenders. It seems way too easy, is there a catch?

**MoneyChic sez:** You may be interested in the fast cash those lenders are offering, but are you willing to risk your identity for that money? Not only are payday lenders a horrible decision because of their astronomical interest rates, but they put your identity at risk.

According to Jean Ann Fox, director of Consumer Protection for the Consumer Federation of America, "Internet payday loans are dangerous for cash-strapped consumers. They

combine the high costs and collection

risks of check-based payday loans with security risks of sending bank account

numbers and Social Security numbers over web links to unknown lenders."

Payday loans over the Internet are pretty simple to apply for. Military members are asked to verify employment and income which can be done by faxing a copy of your military ID card and your most recent LES.

Both of the required items still contain part or all of your social security number! To further make matter worse,

bank account information and password must be provided once approved for a loan so payments may be made

to the account and taken from the account. This leaves your account vulnerable to predators!

Would you want your social security number, picture, pay information, and bank account numbers to be floating through space on a more than likely unsecured website or network?

Another potential problem is that a few of these companies are not even legitimate. They are scams that are trying to steal identities and may even be located outside the United States where our laws do not matter.

If a company is not able to be easily located by the consumer, it is more than likely a scam!

Making informed financial decisions will help protect your money and your identity.

Check your credit report for errors and suspicious activity. Establish an emergency fund so you don't have to rely on these easy to get online payday loans. Seek assistance from Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society as your first resort!

To find out exactly how Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society can help you, stop by our office at the Yorktown Gate or call 542-2832.

Have questions for Hey, Money Chic? Drop me an e-mail at [megan.stolle@nmcrs.org](mailto:megan.stolle@nmcrs.org).

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# VP-30 officer selected for 2014 Olmsted Scholar Program

By MC1 Alice Hall  
Naval War College Public Affairs

Lt. Jared Wilhelm, a U.S. Naval War College (NWC) Fleet Seminar Program student assigned to VP-30 at NAS Jacksonville, has been selected to participate in the 2014 Olmsted Scholar Program.

The Olmsted Scholar Program, a three-year program which serves as a key to prepare young officers for future leadership roles in an ever-increasing international operating environment, offers a unique opportunity to pursue two years of graduate study using a foreign language while providing overseas cultural and travel opportunities.

"I believe that the Olmsted Scholar Program will better prepare me to be a leader in the maritime patrol and reconnaissance community, where an in-depth understanding of foreign cultures impacts

Sailors on a daily basis," said Wilhelm.

Wilhelm currently serves as the maintenance quality assurance officer for VP-30 and noted how his experience during previous deployments and assignments reinforced the importance of cultural diversity required of today's Navy leaders.

Wilhelm will complete the NWC Fleet Seminar Program in May and begin language training in the summer or fall of 2013.

Following one year of intensive foreign language study stateside, Wilhelm will attend the National University of Cuyo in Mendoza, Argentina to pursue his political science graduate program studies.

"The Olmsted program will be an extension of the Fleet Seminar Program's ability to expand views beyond our daily work environment," he said.



Photo by VP-30

**Lt. Jared Wilhelm of VP-30 was recently selected to participate in the 2014 Olmsted Scholar Program that will allow him to pursue his political science graduate program studies in Argentina.**

During his tenure in Argentina, Wilhelm will study and interact with the population using Spanish fluency and emphasize development of language skills and regional cultural.

"The opportunity to learn a foreign language in an academic setting during immersion in a foreign culture while pursuing graduate work can't be achieved from a ship or a base," added Wilhelm.

For more information on the FY-15 Olmsted Scholar Program view NAVADMIN 101/13 or visit [www.olmstedfoundation.org/olmsted/web/index.cfm?view=scholarsProgram/vwMain](http://www.olmstedfoundation.org/olmsted/web/index.cfm?view=scholarsProgram/vwMain).

## VP-30 wings Navy's newest naval flight officers

By Lt. William Ross  
VP-30 PAO

On April 12, Capt. Mark Turner, director, Navy Staff College at the Naval War College, and VP-30 Commanding Officer Cap. Mark Stevens awarded naval flight officer (NFO) wings to the following 11 officers:

Ensign Kristoffe Bostic, Ensign Taylor Brauns, Ensign Samuel Hall, Ensign Clifton Johnson, Lt. j.g. Owen Keller, Lt. j.g. Douglas Kettler, Ensign Steven Miller, Ensign Andrew Nesburg, CWO3 Marcos Plata, Ensign Brian Ruane, and Ensign Eugene Soto.

The recipients completed the Undergraduate Maritime Flight Officer syllabus at VP-30, earning their coveted wings of gold.

These newly winged aviators will now enroll in the CAT I Fleet Replacement Squadron syllabus at VP-30.

Upon completion of the CAT I syllabus, they will report to operational mar-

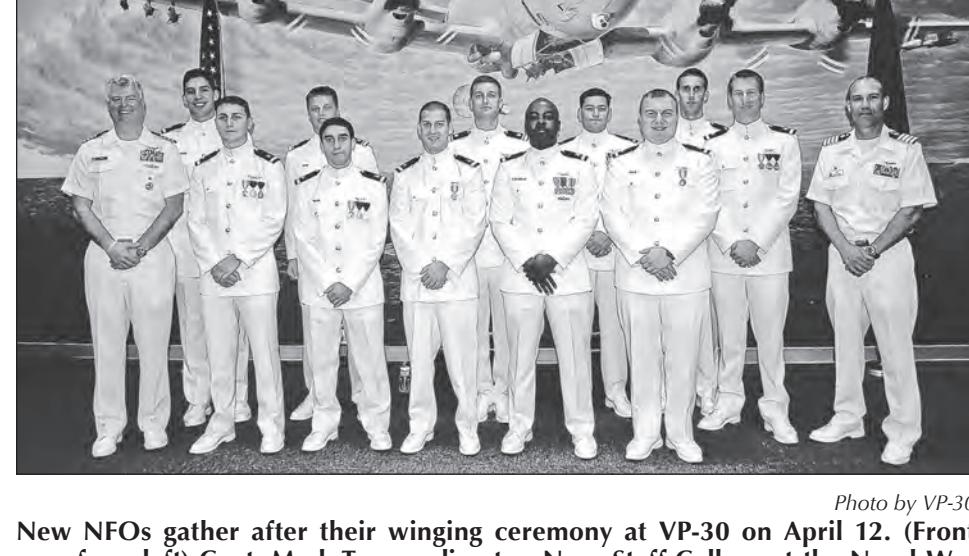
itime patrol and reconnaissance squadrons to begin their initial sea tours in either Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii; Whidbey Island, Wash.; or Jacksonville.

The NFO training pipeline begins with Aviation Preflight Introduction (API) instruction in Pensacola, where all aviation officers undergo a classroom syllabus and are taught the basics of naval aviation which includes aerodynamics, meteorology and principles of navigation.

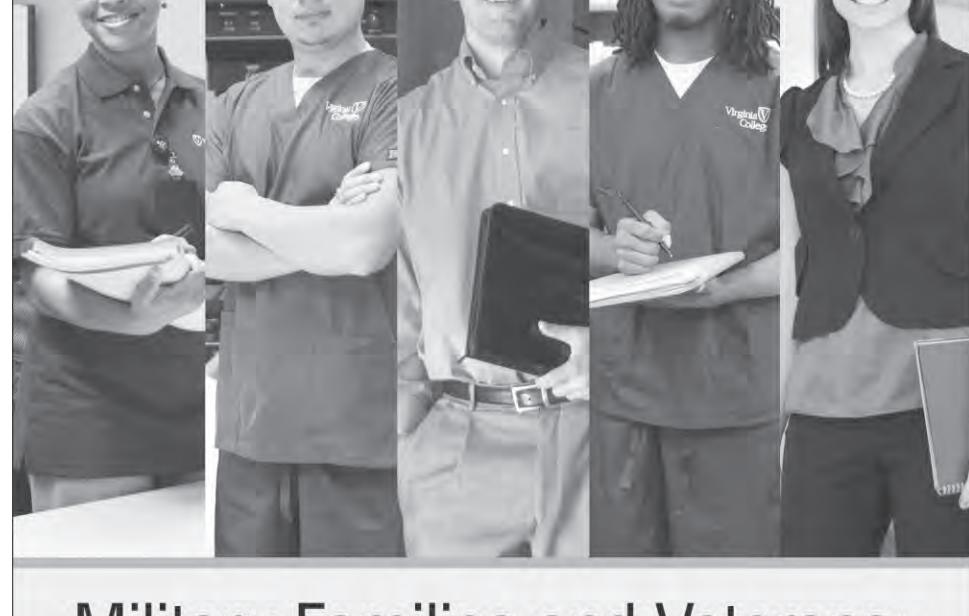
After completing API, all student NFOs report for primary training at VT-10, co-located at NAS Pensacola.

While assigned to VT-10 they transition from a classroom learning environment to initial airborne flight training in the T-6A Texan II.

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



New NFOs gather after their winging ceremony at VP-30 on April 12. (Front row, from left) Capt. Mark Turner, director, Navy Staff College at the Naval War College; Ensign Kristoffe Bostic; Ensign Eugene Soto; Ensign Taylor Brauns; Ensign Clifton Johnson; Ensign Andrew Nesburg and VP-30 Commanding Officer Capt. Mark Stevens. (Back row, from left) Ensign Samuel Hall; Lt. j.g. Owen Keller; Lt. j.g. Douglas Kettler; CWO3 Marcos Plata, Ensign Steven Miller and Ensign Brian Ruane.



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In the CBMU-202 metal shop, SW2 Kaylynn Barajas uses her electric arc welder on a fabrication project.



**Builders and construction electricians assigned to CBMU-202 Detail Jacksonville assemble the roof and solar light panels for the restrooms project located at the Mulberry Cove Marina.**



SW2 Jimmy Nguyen checks out a concrete edger from the CBMU-202 tool room.



This recently completed restroom facility at the PT site near U.S. Highway 17 is one of four such construction projects managed by CBMU-202 Detail Jacksonville.

## Seabees always improving, building at NAS Jacksonville

By Clark Pierce  
Editor

In these times of budget uncertainty, the 52 men and women of Construction Battalion Maintenance Unit (CBMU) 202, Detail Jacksonville, are always ready to help with high quality, economical station-improvement projects.

At the detail's Birmingham Avenue headquarters, Officer-in-Charge BUCS (SCW/SW) Mark Boice said, "Our highly qualified Seabees can build projects from the ground up, by providing most of the skilled labor required for the sub-grade utilities, foundations, concrete block walls, steel erection and electrical systems."

Operations Chief UTC (SCW) Duane Jerry explained that Seabees projects at NAS Jacksonville are planned and executed in conjunction with Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) Southeast and the base public works officer.

Jerry keeps track of projects on his computer, from which he generates weekly reports for CBMU-202 headquarters in Little Creek, Va., as well as Naval Construction Group Two in Gulfport, Miss., that provide details on project materials, cost, crew size, days worked, safety and quality assurance.

"I also include a photo sitrep that graphically shows the completion of every key phase for a particular project from day one. For those in the chain of command who can't be boot-on-the-ground with our projects, the photo sitrep keeps them up to date," said Jerry.

# Construction Battalion Maintenance Unit-202

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Seabees equipment operators must be trained and certified to safely operate each piece of machinery – in this case, six-wheeled motor graders operated by either state-of-the-art fingertip armrest controls or conventional lever-operated controls.



EO2(SCW) Dustin Walters prepares to unload an excavator from a lowboy heavy equipment trailer, to be used for site preparation of a new park located adjacent to Building 919.



Articulated forklifts are used by Seabees to move shipping containers in a combat environment.



(From left) SeaBees Site Supervisor BU2 Michael Nordquest and Project Crew Leader BU2 Brandon Kinsey discuss the park project timeline with Superintendent Tim Gaddis of Sweat LLC. The job is scheduled for completion in late June.



BU2(SCW) Michael Nordquest operates a compact loader at the historical pavilion job site across the street from VyStar Credit Union at NAS Jacksonville.



Sighting through a surveyor's transit, Tim Gaddis of Sweat LLC calls out elevation readings at the site of the new "historical representative park" at Saratoga Ave. and Langley St. aboard NAS Jacksonville.

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Clark Pierce**



CBMU-202 equipment operators begin pre-start checks of dump trucks and extended cargo trucks that are used to deliver loads of materials or fill to construction sites.



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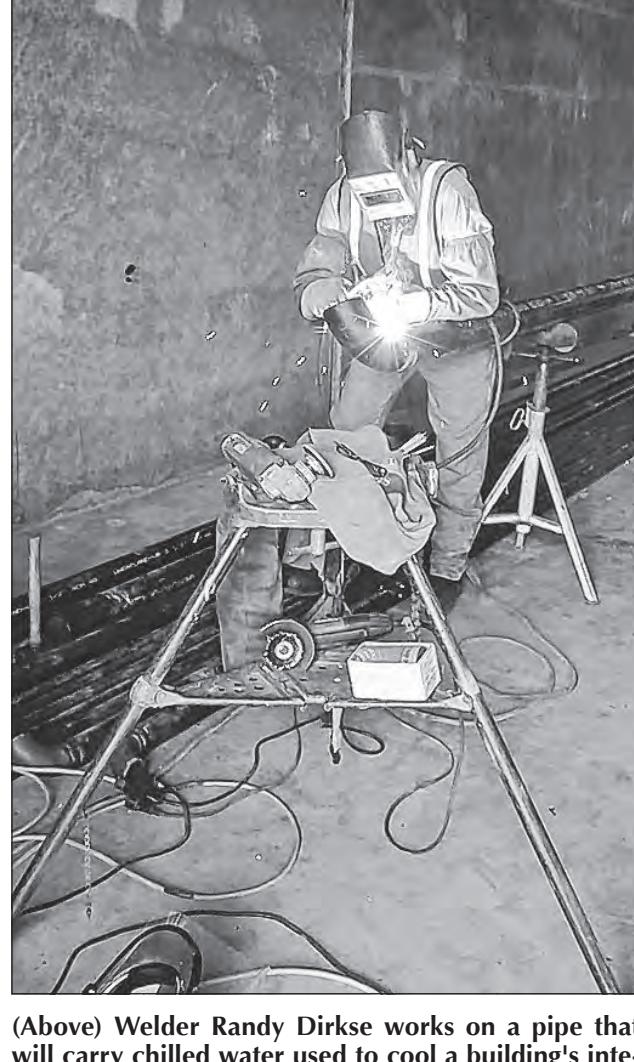
Elkins Constructors Quality Control Manager Adam Harris checks progress of utilities and masonry walls on the second level of the P-8A Poseidon schoolhouse for maintainers.



Technician Calvin Shirey prepares to cut a length of pipe for the automatic fire protection system.



Chris Sears, a retired Navy AMC, is the site safety and health officer for Elkins Constructors. He said that the recently installed 20,000-gallon underground cistern (right) will collect rainwater to be used for flushing toilets in the new facility.



(Above) Welder Randy Dirkse works on a pipe that will carry chilled water used to cool a building's interior spaces, as well as equipment.

(At left) A technician checks his measurements for air-conditioning ducts in the new P-8A Poseidon schoolhouse for maintainers.



for classrooms and administrative spaces."

Chris Sears, a retired AMC, is the site safety and health officer for Elkins Constructors. "It's nice to come back and serve the navy here at NAS Jax as a civilian. Both Elkins and the navy have strong safety cultures."

He noted that the project includes environmental enhancements – such as the recently installed 20,000-gallon underground cistern that collects and filters rainwater that will be used to flush toilets in the new facilities.

Harris added, "Like the P-8A Integrated Training Center next door, this design features raised flooring so technicians can easily access electrical wiring and computer cables for future modifications or repairs. These are dynamic structures – so as training modules change in the future, the building can economically adapt."

"When construction is complete, Boeing will install mock P-8A Poseidon components to provide hands-on training for maintainers that may include an operational load trainer, integrated avionics trainer, flight control hydraulics, landing gear, engine and environmental control systems," said Harris.

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(Front row, from left) Jeannette Creamer and Barbara Weedman. (Back row, from left) Maritime Patrol Association President and VP-30 Commanding Officer Capt. Mark Stevens; Commander, Patrol and Reconnaissance Group Rear Adm. Sean Buck; AXC Roger Arntzen (Ret.); Capt. Barney Walsh, (Ret.); Fleet Lt. Mark Faulds; Karen Creamer; AOC Roger Creamer (Ret.); Rear Adm. Michael Holmes; and Air Commodore Ken McCann.



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(From left) Commander, Patrol and Reconnaissance Group Rear Adm. Sean Buck, Fleet Lt. Mark Faulds and Air Commander Ken McCann proudly displays the Maritime Patrol Association's (MPA) Hall of Honor award for Flight Lt. John Cruickshank of the U.K. Royal Air Force during the MPA Heritage Dinner on April 18.

## MPA

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World War II to present day Afghanistan.

"Throughout this time, both our great countries have been steadfast in the face of adversity, standing shoulder to shoulder and working seamlessly together to defeat our common foes," said McCann.

In recognition of this international brotherhood, Flight Lt. John Cruickshank, VC of the Royal Air Force (RAF), was inducted into the MPA Hall of Honor during the dinner along with two U.S. counterparts, Cmdr. Paul Lloyd Milius and Rear Adm. Thomas Davies.

"These three men and their accomplishments are without a doubt and by anyone's standard, legendary," said Buck.

Flight Lt. John Cruickshank earned the Victoria Cross, the U.K. equivalent to the U.S. Medal of Honor, for his successful action against a German U-boat while on anti-submarine warfare (ASW) patrol July 17, 1944. As the pilot of a Catalina aircraft, Cruickshank led his crew in the sinking of the submarine while under hostile fire. During the multiple attacks, the navigator/bomb aimer was killed, the second pilot and two other members of the crew were injured, and Cruickshank was struck in 72 places, receiving two serious wounds in the lungs and

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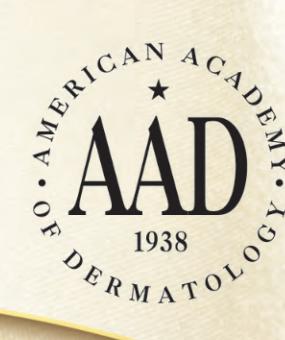
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# BASH

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U.S. Department of Agriculture employee, has studied patterns of birds at the base. Working with the information gathered, he tries to identify "passive measures" that could steer birds away from the airfield, an area of 11 million square yards surrounded by the St. Johns and Ortega rivers and two golf courses, all of which are popular bird destinations.

Some of McGrath's efforts are plainly visible. Two weeks ago, for example, he put two orange "tube men" that lean and stand up with the wind atop a hangar that has a white, gravel roof. The roof resembles the preferred nesting area of least terns and the "tube men" act as scarecrows.

Other ways aren't as easy to discern. Like this: The base keeps the grass around the airfield eight to 14 inches high. That keeps it high enough so raptors have trouble seeing prey they might want to swoop in for, but low enough so that Canadian geese aren't attracted to areas of tall seedheads.

"It's nothing to see a Canadian goose land and then they can just put their beak at the bottom of the grass and zip right up and take every seed off and have a mouth full of seed," McGrath said.

This week, Seabees at the base began constructing an alternative nesting site for least terns around the base. If the least terns are going to nest at the base, the Navy would prefer they choose this spot. The area will eventually be four acres fenced in to keep predators away and topped with river rocks to attract the birds, said Christine Bauer, natural resources manager at Jacksonville NAS.

While the Navy estimates that only 25 percent of bird strikes are reported, the BASH program encourages pilots to collect any remains, known as "snarge," to submit for identification. The idea is that better records lead to a better understanding of migratory patterns.

#### Firing blanks

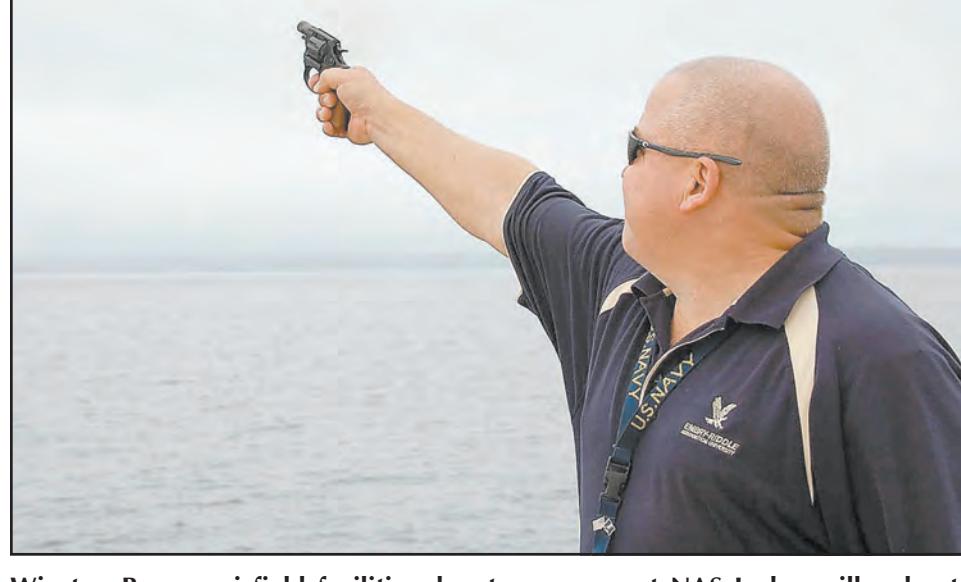
While vegetation management and alternative nesting sites are long-term goals, the most immediate and best way to cut down on strikes is dispersing birds when they show up.

On Tuesday morning, before the rest of the day's responsibilities began,



*Photos by Kaylee LaRocque*

Seabees from Construction Battalion Maintenance Unit 202 dump piles of clean soil on an area off Child Street that will be used as a least tern nesting ground to try to entice the birds away from the runway and hangar rooftops. The project is being coordinated by the NAS Jax Environmental Department and will feature an acre of dirt, topped with gravel to provide a nesting site that is similar to the beach environment the least terns prefer. The area will also be fenced off to keep predators from disturbing the birds.



Winston Rogers, airfield facilities deputy manager at NAS Jacksonville, shoots off pyrotechnics near the seawall on the St. Johns River to scare away a flock of birds.

Rogers got in his pickup and drove the airfield.

Sometimes birds leave before anyone gets close. There were three juvenile bald eagles standing around the airfield and they flew off about the same time they were spotted.

Other times birds don't scare as easily and a boom is needed. This also happened Tuesday, when Rogers drove by an approach lighting system for helicopters stretching about 50 yards into the St. Johns River. There were a few dozen least terns walking along the lighting system and they didn't mind Rogers' presence.

With his scare gun that essentially shoots blanks, he fired a few "bangers" that sound like a firecracker and a few



A blue heron sits on the seawall of NAS Jax looking for a tasty meal.

"screamers" that act like bottle rockets. At that, the least terns flew into the sky, regrouped and appeared to consider coming back until Rogers fired another screamer.

Satisfied they were gone for a while, Rogers, dressed in jeans, a collared shirt and cowboy boots, hopped into his pickup and headed out for the rest of the airfield.

The job of keeping birds out of the way of flying machines is never ending.

"It's an all-day process," Rogers said. "It's an all-year process in Jacksonville because of our location and climate and proximity to water. Some months are obviously a lot heavier than others. Seagulls are just now starting to come in."



An orange "tubeman" was placed on one of the Fleet Readiness Center Southeast's hangars in an attempt to keep least terns from nesting on the rooftop.



NAS Jax Natural Resources Manager Christine Bauer displays a wooden least tern that will be placed in the new nesting area inland on the base to hopefully attract the birds.

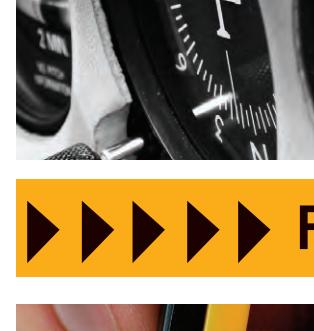
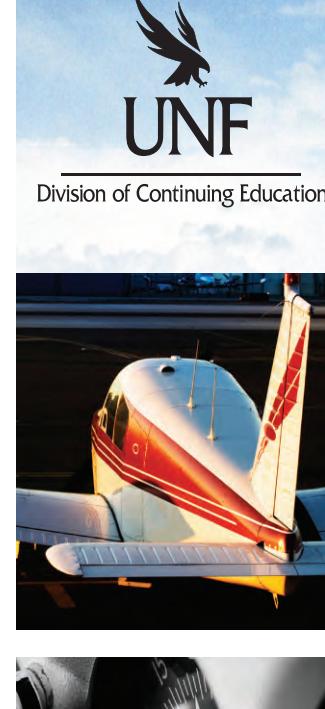


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# Volunteers keep fitness classes spinning

By Kaylee LaRocque  
NAS Jax Public Affairs Specialist

Despite the impact of sequester, classes at the NAS Jacksonville Fitness Source continue on thanks to a dedicated group of volunteers who strive to keep military members and other patrons physically fit.

"With all the ongoing budget challenges we've been facing lately, all Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) Departments were mandated to cut fitness classes down to 12 per week. But thanks to the innovative mindset of NAS Jax MWR Director John Bushick, we have been able to use volunteers on our group exercise classes to keep the morale of our patrons high without affecting budget issues," said NAS Jax Athletic Director Tanya Henigman.

"With our wonderful group of volunteer instructors, we've been able to keep 29 classes going each week. These are highly trained, nationally certified fitness instructors who volunteer their time to help our patrons accomplish their fitness goals," she added.

Terry Crawford, a civilian employee at the NAS Jax Fleet and Family Support Center, has volunteered as a group fitness instructor for the past 10 years. He currently teaches step aerobics, cardio kickboxing and Zumba.

"I volunteer because I appreciate each and every person who sacrifices time to be in my class. There was a time when I was paid for doing this but when the budget was cut and my pay went away, I was asked to volunteer," said Crawford. "I immediately said 'yes' because some of my class members have been with me since my first day and I didn't think it would be fair to leave them after they have shown me such great dedication and devotion." Crawford continued, "Some of my students have shared their weight loss success stories with me and the struggles they've endured. To quit volunteering would be like leaving a great friend or family member. And as a group fitness instructor, I can reach a greater mass of people and become an inspiration to someone afraid to sign up for a personal trainer."

For David Santillo, who volunteers his time to instruct the Max Core and spin classes, teaching helps keep him motivated and challenged.

"It's important to keep the classes challenging for all levels and to make



Photos by Kaylee LaRocque

Chuck Kerekes, department head at Naval Hospital Jacksonville Substance Abuse Rehabilitation Program, volunteers as a spin instructor at the Fitness Source twice a week because it motivates him to stay fit and he enjoys the interaction with the students.



Zumba instructor Deonne Noelani Nabalta-Freeman teaches a lunchtime class at the base fitness center. Nabalta-Freeman is one of six volunteers who donates her time to keep Zumba classes available at the center.

them fun by showing different routines and training programs. I train to stay in shape for the sports I do, which include racquetball, tennis, cycling and motocross," he stated.

"It's real easy for most people to skip the gym. It takes dedication to make working out part of your daily schedule. The benefits though are rewarding for your health," said Santillo. "It's awesome when students who have been attending my class for a month or longer, thank me for helping them achieve their goal in fitness and they see a difference in performance and the way they look and feel. Anytime I get feedback knowing I made a difference in someone's life, is the best encouragement I can get to continue volunteering."

Ebony Solomon, an accounting technician for Fleet Family and Readiness Programs at Commander, Navy Region Southeast began teaching high-ener-



Fitness instructor David Santillo teaches the Max Core class April 22 at the NAS Jax Fitness Source. Santillo also volunteers to teach spin classes.

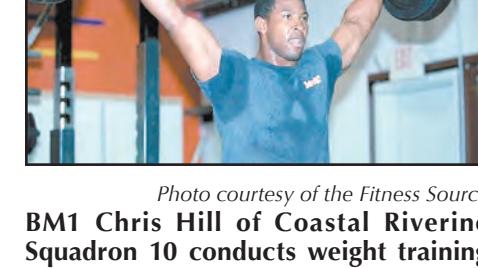


Photo courtesy of the Fitness Source  
BM1 Chris Hill of Coastal Riverine Squadron 10 conducts weight training at the NAS Jax Fitness Source. Hill volunteers his time to teach the Extreme Boot Camp Class.

gy spin and spin/flex classes in August 2011. "I started volunteering because I love spinning and it was a good way to spend my lunch break instead of eating at my desk," said Solomon. "Now it's more than that. I use music to inspire and push people to do their best. It's not about killing yourself. It's about getting a good workout and enjoying it. I try to make my class different every time so



Spin instructor Ebony Solomon, an accounting technician at Commander, Navy Region Southeast spends her lunchtime volunteering at the Fitness Source teaching spin classes several times a week.



Fitness instructor Terry Crawford teaches a step aerobics class at the Fitness Source April 29. Crawford who works at the NAS Jax Fleet and Family Support Center has been teaching for the past 10 years. He currently instructs step aerobics, cardio kickboxing and Zumba.

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Charles Kerekes, department head at Naval Hospital Jacksonville Substance

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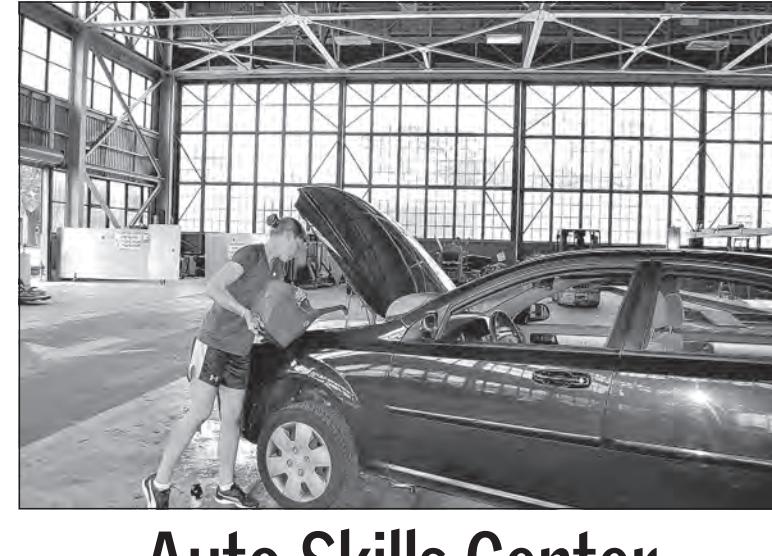
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**By Lt. Kevin Wendt**

*Staff Writer*

Sailors from NAS Jacksonville joined with Royal Australian Navy (RAN) 725 Squadron on April 25 to commemorate ANZAC Day, the anniversary of the first major military action fought by Australian and New Zealand forces during the First World War.

"In 1915, the Australian and New Zealand Army Corps (ANZAC) formed part of the allied expedition that set out to capture the Gallipoli peninsula in Turkey," explained Cmdr. David Frost, commanding officer of RAN 725 Squadron. "The ANZAC force landed on Gallipoli on April 25 and met fierce resistance from the Ottoman Turkish defenders. What had been planned as a bold stroke to knock Turkey out of the war became a stalemate - and dragged on for eight months."

At the end of 1915, after both sides had suffered heavy



Photo by Lt. Kevin Wendt

**Cmdr. David Frost, commanding officer of Royal Australian Navy (RAN) 725 Squadron, addresses both members of the U.S. Navy and the RAN in commemorating Australian New Zealand Army Corps (ANZAC) day at the VP-30 auditorium April 25. "Gallipoli was not a victory for Australia or New Zealand in the First World War, so people often ask why we remember ANZAC day for it? The answer is that we don't remember ANZAC day as a victory or for some glorification of the horrors of war. We remember ANZAC day as a testament to the human spirit possessed in those who have fought and died," Frost remarked.**

casualties, allied forces were evacuated. More than 8,000 Australian soldiers were killed. April 25 soon became the day on which Australians and New Zealanders remembered the sacrifice of those who died in the war.

At the end of the Second World War, ANZAC Day also served to commemorate the lives of Australians who died in that war. In subsequent years, ANZAC Day has been further broadened to include Australians killed in all the

military operations in which Australia has been involved.

The commemoration at NAS Jacksonville began at 8 a.m. with a "gunfire breakfast" (including black coffee laced with rum) at Mulligan's Restaurant. The official cere-

mony took place at 10 a.m. in the VP-30 Auditorium beginning with a short video filled with interviews from survivors of Gallipoli.

Speaking on behalf of his squadron in remembrance of those who bravely served, Frost said, "We don't remember ANZAC day as a victory or for some glorification of the horrors of war. We remember ANZAC day as a testament to the human spirit possessed in those who have fought and died."

Capt. Mark Stevens, commanding officer of VP-30, closed with warm statements emphasizing the friendship that Americans have enjoyed with Australia and New Zealand.

"I have been extremely proud to have had the honor to serve with service members from Australia and New Zealand. We have been close allies and friends for many years, and I hope we will continue that close relationship for many more years to come," said Stevens.

## IA luncheon set for May 16

**From the FFSC**

NAS Jacksonville and the Northeast Florida Navy League Councils will host the Individual Augmentee (IA) Recognition Luncheon May 16 at 11 a.m. at the River Cove Catering and Conference Center.

During this luncheon, all NAS Jax and tenant command Sailors who have returned from an IA assignment (within the last six months) will be recognized.

There is no cost for IAs and their spouses. The cost for other military and civilian guests is \$10.

Tickets may be purchased at the Fleet and Family Support Center, Monday-Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The deadline to purchase tickets is May 8.

Childcare will be provided at the Child Development Center (CDC) for children of all IAs and spouses in attendance. Please call the CDC at 542-8667 to reserve childcare. Pre-registration is required.

To RSVP, contact your command CIAC or Bobby Johns, Individual Deployment Support, NAS Jacksonville Fleet and Family Support Center at bobby.johns.ctr@navy.mil or for additional information, call 542-5745.

## Navy volunteers needed for Traveling Vietnam Memorial Wall exhibit

**From Staff**

Navy representatives are needed to help welcome the Traveling Vietnam Memorial Wall to the Green Cove Springs Junior High May 9 from 9:30-10:15 a.m.

Sailors are asked to line the path (in uniform when able) along with the students and community members as the wall makes its way to the school's football field.

The wall will be on display from May 9-12 with a special ceremony May 11 at 10:30 a.m.

The Traveling Vietnam Memorial Wall is a scaled version of the Vietnam Memorial in Washington DC, standing six feet tall at the center and covers almost 300 feet from end to end. It is a traveling memorial serving as a reminder of the great sacrifices made during the Vietnam War.

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# NAVFAC Southeast small business deputy speaks to local contractors

**From NAVFAC Southeast Public Affairs**

Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) Southeast Deputy for Small Business, Nelson Smith, spoke to nearly 100 members of the local Society of American Military Engineers organization at a luncheon in Jacksonville, April 24. He shared a general overview of current challenges and fiscal 2013 outlook for NAVFAC Southeast.

Smith's comments followed those of Beth Myers, U.S. Army Corp of Engineers Jacksonville District Deputy for Small Business, who briefed on upcoming District activity and opportunities for small business contracts.

"The command is still experiencing curtailed activities in sustainment, restoration and modernization projects due to continuing budget uncertainties," stated Smith. "Energy projects are reduced from former levels, but MILCON projects continue."

Smith focused his remarks on small business contracting technical issues keying in on 'proposals,' stressing to the audience the importance of reading, understanding and fully answering all of the questions in a solicitation to ensure consideration for contract opportunities.

"Potential vendors need to pay particular attention to the schedule, specifications, evaluation factors and other contractual provisions set forth in the request for proposal," said Smith.

"Success is in the details. Read, understand and answer each question fully."

Smith, and his team in the NAVFAC Southeast Office of Small Business Programs, know their business. They



*Photo by Earl Bittner*

**Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) Southeast Deputy for Small Business Nelson Smith speaks with members of the local Society of American Military Engineers organization at a luncheon in Jacksonville, April 24. Smith shared a general overview of current challenges and fiscal 2013 outlook for NAVFAC Southeast. He discussed key issues on proposals, stressing to the audience the importance of reading, understanding and fully answering all of the questions in a solicitation to ensure consideration for contract opportunities.**

were recently recognized by NAVFAC Headquarters for exceeding all targets in all small business categories including Small Business, Focus Area Small Business, and Best in Class - Small Disadvantaged Business, for fiscal year 2012, a fourth year in a row unprecedented achievement in NAVFAC.

For NAVFAC small business information go to: <https://smallbusiness.navfac.navy.mil>.

## CBP spots speedboat carrying \$242 million in cocaine

**From the Office of Public Affairs**

*U.S. Department of Homeland Security*

A U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) Office of Air and Marine crew based at NAS Jacksonville, patrolling the open waters near Panama City, Panama spotted a speedboat carrying four suspects, fuel barrels and more than 3,300 pounds of pure cocaine April 20, which has an estimated value of more than \$242 million.

The CBP crew was aboard a P-3 aircraft flying over the Gulf of Uraba as part of the Joint Interagency Task Force-South (JIATFS) Operation Martillo, when they detected a speedboat with a small radar signature traveling at a high rate of speed. The crew was able to see the four suspects, fuel barrels and multiple packages aboard the vessel.

The crew notified Panama law enforcement and vectored three Panamanian interceptors to the vessel's location.

After Panamanian law enforcement fired warning shots, the vessel stopped and the crew, all claiming Colombian citizenship, was arrested and their boat seized.

"Our air crew agents are protecting our nation's borders by actively patrolling the open waters of the Western Caribbean and Eastern Pacific as part of Operation Martillo," said Douglas Garner, director of National Air Security Operations Center in Florida.

"This year, P-3 operations in Corpus Christi, Texas and Jacksonville assisted

in either the seizure or disruption of more than 54,000 pounds of cocaine, which is more than \$4 billion denied to transnational criminal organizations."

CBP P-3s have been an integral part of the successful counter-narcotic missions operating in coordination with JIATFS.

The P-3s fly a 42 million square mile area known as the Source and Transit Zone which is twice the size of the continental U.S. The P-3s' distinctive detection capabilities allow highly-trained crews to identify emerging threats well beyond the land borders of the U.S. in support of a "Defense in Depth" key CBP strategic goal.

The Joint Interagency Task Force - South is a national drug task force under U.S. Southern Command that facilitates U.S. and partner nation law enforcement interdiction efforts against illicit trafficking in support of national and regional security.

Operation Martillo is designed to stop the flow of illicit trafficking through Central America and its Pacific and Caribbean coasts by disrupting transnational criminal organization's use of coastlines to ferry narcotics.

Since its inception on Jan. 15, 2012, Operation Martillo has resulted in the apprehension of more than 400 individuals, the seizure of nearly 200 metric tons of cocaine and the seizure or destruction of more than 100 vessels and aircraft.

The annual event takes place at Jacksonville Beach.

For more information, go to: <http://neverquitnever.com>.

All volunteers will receive a free Never Quit running shirt. For more



*Photo by LaTresa Henderson*

## Victims' Rights Luncheon

**(From left) Fourth Judicial Circuit Court Judge Adrian Soud; Penelope Knox, supervisory deputy, U.S. Marshals Service; Jacksonville Sheriff's Officer Mike Williams; Skip Elliot, vice president, Public Safety, Health and Environment for CSX Transportation; Valerie Stanley, director, First Coast Child Protection Team; Ann Dugger, executive director, Justice Coalition; Jacksonville Mayor Alvin Brown, Commander, Navy Region Southeast Rear Adm. Jack Scorby, Florida State Attorney Angela Corey; former Jacksonville Jaguar Scott McGhee and Reverend Dr. Todney Bynes gather during a kick-off for Victims' Rights Week at City Hall on April 22.**



*Photo by Victor Pitts*

## Employees Earn 50-Year Pins

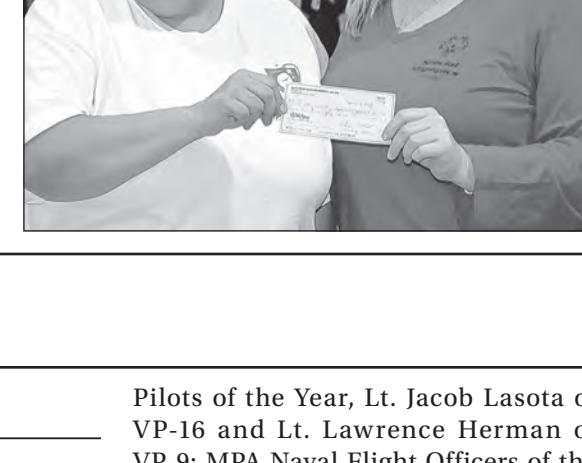
**Capt. Robert Caldwell (from left), commanding officer of Fleet Readiness Center Southeast, gathers with Lawrence Mullen, James Dixon and Delden Farrington following a Length Of Service Award ceremony where Caldwell presented each with a 50-year pin at the aviation depot on April 24.**



*Photos courtesy of NWCOA Jax No. 86*

## Special Olympics

**(From left) Nicole Stanley, Katrina Zeigler, Derik Frietag and Mike Woods of Clay County will be representing Florida at the Special Olympics Unified Bowling Team Nationals in June at Princeton, N.J.**



## MPA

*From Page 8*

vator in several scientific fields, including navigation and optics and was the founder and first president of The Foundation for the Promotion of the Art of Navigation.

An amazing side note was that as a midshipman in Annapolis, he recognized the problem the Navy was having with long range gun accuracy and developed an optical site that was utilized by all large caliber U.S. and eventually U.K. naval guns until their retirement from service. His optical site can still be seen on retired battleships.

Rear Adm. Michael Holmes, USN (Ret.) accepted Davies' award on behalf of his family.

More than 200 guests turned out for the Heritage Dinner which included several international contingents, including personnel from the United Kingdom, Australia and Taiwan.

In addition to the guest speakers and MPA Hall of Honor inductions, several U.S. Maritime and Reconnaissance Force personnel were recognized for outstanding achievement in their aviation designations.

MPA awards were given to: MPA

Pilots of the Year, Lt. Jacob Lasota of VP-16 and Lt. Lawrence Herman of VP-9; MPA Naval Flight Officers of the Year, Lt. Michael Steffens of VP-30 and Lt. Sarah Allen of VQ-1; MPA Enlisted Aircrewmen of the Year, AWV1(NAC/AW) Corey Stevenson of VP-30 and AWV1(NAC/AW) Alfred Lombardo of VPU-2.

In conjunction with the Heritage Dinner, MPA coordinated several additional events during the 2013 Symposium April 18-19, including the MPA general members meeting, the MPA Scholarship Golf Tournament, the MPA Scholarship 5K, and flight suit social.

Incorporated less than two years ago, MPA has grown from wishful thinking to a thriving Florida non-profit corporation.

In its first 20 months, MPA attracted just under 1,000 active members, received over \$65,000 from corporate sponsors, raised over \$9,000 for the MPA Scholarship Fund, entertained hundreds of guests during the annual symposium week, and released several issues of the quarterly newsletter, Planeside.

For more information, visit: [www.maritimepatrolassociation.org](http://www.maritimepatrolassociation.org).

## 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

# VR-62 'Nomads' awarded Golden Anchor

By AWFCs Mike Wendelin  
VR-62 Public Affairs

Commander, Naval Reserve Forces announced April 13 that Fleet Logistics Squadron VR-62 won the Reserve Component Program Excellence Award for exceeding retention goals in fiscal year 2012.

More commonly referred to as the "Golden Anchor" award, this honor is earned by commands that meet or exceed pre-determined Navy wide retention criteria. VR-62 metrics include the following:

- Reenlistment rate was 92 percent for all zones
- Reserve Affiliation Success Workshops completion rate was 100 percent
- Leadership development completion rate was 100 percent
- On-time submission of PTS applications was 100 percent
- Career Development Program score of 90 points

As a result, the "Nomads" will fly the Golden Anchor pennant.

"I'm extremely proud of the time and effort that our career counselors NCC Kanisha Arminia and CS1 Ruth Nash - as well as other members of the squadron put forth on this," said VR-62 Commanding Officer Cmdr. Tony Scarpino.

"Our challenge now is to keep up the great momentum we've established here at VR-62," he added.

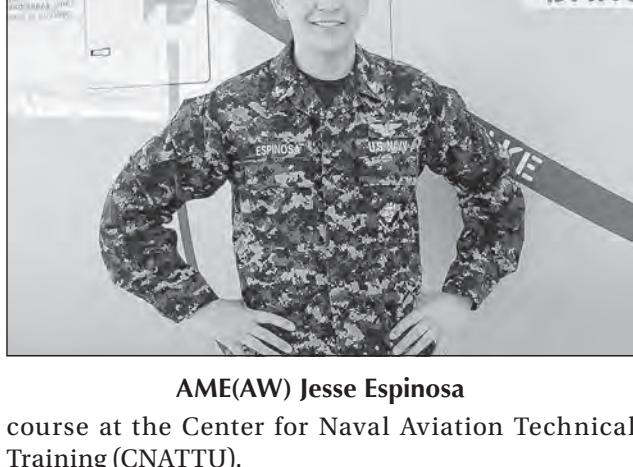


Photo by Lt. Kevin Wendelin

**AWF3 Casey Zinn (left) receives career advice from Career Counselors NCC Kanisha Arminia and CS1 Ruth Nash. "Our primary goal is to provide our Sailors with all the information and advice they need regarding PTS (Perform to Serve) and ERB (Enlisted Review Board). We want to empower them with the tools to succeed whether they decide to stay with the Reserves or make a full transition to civilian life," commented Arminia.**

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

Air logistics missions may include high-priority passengers, special parts and supplies - as well as mail, ammunition, ordnance, and aircraft engines.



AME(AW) Jesse Espinosa

course at the Center for Naval Aviation Technical Training (CNATTU).

Espinosa will also soon be qualified as a collateral duty inspector for the P-8A. This will allow him to sign off work completed by other Mad Fox maintainers.

This extensive qualification requires him to be qualified in tow tractor, wing walking, brake riding, auxiliary power unit operation, and ordnance.

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

## VP-5 transition spotlight

By Lt. j.g. Brian O'Bannon

VP-5 PAO

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 AME2(AW) Jesse Espinosa.

Espinosa is from Houston, and is one of four brothers. He previously served in VPU-2 Special Projects out of Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii before joining the "Mad Foxes."

As an aviation structural mechanic, he is responsible for numerous systems aboard the P-8A.

They include, but are not limited to, survival oxygen, air conditioning, anti-ice, fire bottles, crew seats, dry bay fire extinguishing, and the onboard inert gas generating system.

The AME transition has been unique. They were one of the last groups to receive formalized ground training.

Therefore, Espinosa spent the beginning of his transition receiving hands-on training at VP-30 before solidifying what he had learned with a three-week

## 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.nefloridaredcross.org](http://www.nefloridaredcross.org).

At the website, 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto:jaxredcrossoffice@med.navy.mil).



Photo by MC3 Taylor DiMartino

## Truman Training In Atlantic

An MH-60S Seahawk helicopter from the "Dusty Dogs" of HSC-7 flies above aircraft carrier USS Harry S. Truman (CVN 75) during a live-fire exercise on April 21. During the live-fire exercise, helicopters fired upon a large spar towed behind Truman, which provided a moving target for the aircraft.



Photo by MC2 Timothy Walter

## Flight Operations On Board Bush

On board USS George H.W. Bush (CVN 77), the ship's flight deck officer Lt. Kent Davis, left, directs Sailors as they move an F/A-18C Hornet from the "Romans" of VFA-106 during training operations on April 18 in the Atlantic Ocean.

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Be flexible when arranging dates for packing, pick-up and delivery. Moving during the summer season (May 15 - Aug. 30) presents unique challenges, especially moves made during the peak of the peak (June 15-June through July 4). Often during this period moving companies are operating at capacity and sometimes a first choice of moving dates cannot be accommodated. You should schedule your move before or after the "peak of the peak" whenever possible.

Meaning, every customer may not get their requested moving date. Proper planning, flexibility in move dates and communication with the household goods transportation service providers can reduce the potential for shipment difficulties.

Personnel preparing to execute a PCS move are encouraged to take the following actions:

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Once registered (and before you move), go to the [www.move.mil](http://www.move.mil) main page and click on the link under DOD service members and civilians and review all the information via the links on the left side of the screen.

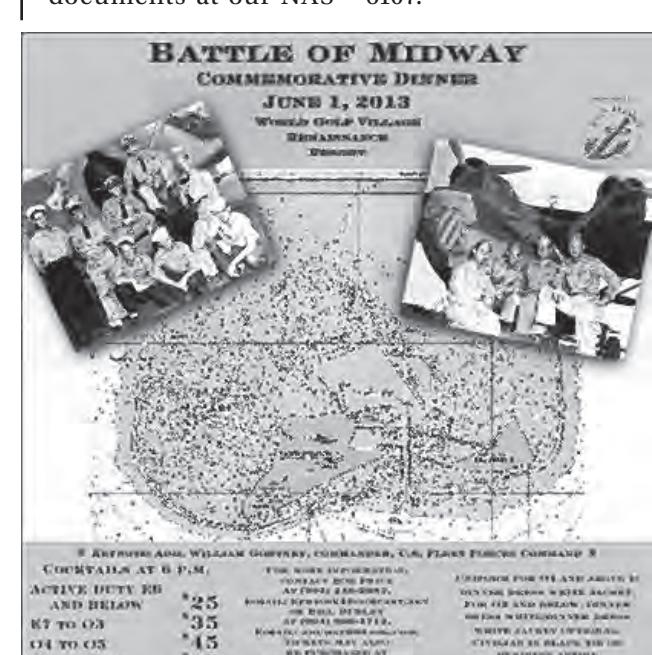
Instructional videos are available via YOUTUBE check it out ([www.youtube.com/user/navyhbg](http://www.youtube.com/user/navyhbg)). If you have difficulty accessing the system, or problems filling out the information, there are computer kiosks available in the Personal Property Front Office in Building 100 at NAS Jacksonville.

To schedule your move: Submit your application early. Three weeks advance notice of the requested move date is required to give you the best chance of getting your requested dates during summer peak season.

Once you have your orders, review the "It's your move" pamphlet at [http://www.transcom.mil/dtr/part-iv/dtr\\_part\\_iv\\_app\\_k\\_1.pdf](http://www.transcom.mil/dtr/part-iv/dtr_part_iv_app_k_1.pdf). Complete the self-counseling at [www.move.mil](http://www.move.mil) and immediately provide a copy of official orders and a signed copy of the application DD form 1299 to your local personal property office.

Applications for household goods moves will not be processed and moves cannot be scheduled without a valid copy of official orders and a signed application.

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# Your commissary is blooming with May specials

**By Sallie Cauthers**

DeCA marketing and  
mass communication specialist

Outdoor cooking is taking off as spring weather takes hold, and commissaries worldwide have special promotions and products ideally suited for what shoppers look for during May.

"This is a great time of year to clean off the grill and take advantage of the commissaries' great savings on fresh Choice Grade-A beef, pork and chicken," said Joyce Chandler, DeCA acting sales director.

"We haven't forgotten that Mother's Day and Memorial Day weekend are special meal occasions during May, and the product selection in our stores worldwide has those covered, too."

DeCA's industry partners – vendors, suppliers and brokers – are collaborating with commissaries in May to offer discounts beyond everyday savings.

Overseas stores may have substitute events for certain promotional programs. Customers should check with their store manager to verify when they will be offering these sales events. The following promotions run May 9-29:

**"Salute Memorial Day Sale"** hosted by ConAgra Foods offers shoppers recipe books with coupons and a mail-in opportunity to win outdoor cooking prizes. Select stores will also have product demonstrations.

The ConAgra Foods website, [www.conagracommissarydeals.com](http://www.conagracommissarydeals.com) features a list of all May sale items to help shoppers build their shopping list before heading to the commissary. Coupons will also be available on

the website. This event seeks to raise public awareness for the Fisher House Scholarships for Military Children. ConAgra Foods will donate a portion of their sales to the program.

Kraft's **"Salad Days"** encourages fresh salad sales and rewards shoppers. Commissaries will feature high-value coupon flyers with cross merchandising offers on Kraft and commissary produce items.

Dr Pepper Snapple Group offers a chance to win 12 gas grills. Customers should look for the mass display of Dr Pepper and Snapple products; winners will be announced by the end of July.

Gatorade has a **Memorial Day Sale** honoring military members with its fourth annual "military in uniform" 32-ounce, custom bottle label. Unique in-store displays and online promotional events will drive awareness of this 32-ounce tribute pack.

Gatorade's **"Honoring Our Heroes"** essay contest gives commissary shoppers the opportunity to honor their military heroes and military spouses with prizes and free groceries. Commissary shoppers will be encouraged to visit [www.gatorademilitary.com](http://www.gatorademilitary.com) and in 200 words or less, explain who they feel deserves to win this contest. Those honored can include active duty and veterans, spouses, their families, friends, neighbors or organizations that benefit the military community. Each participant who submits an essay online will be provided a commissary-only coupon as a special thank-you.

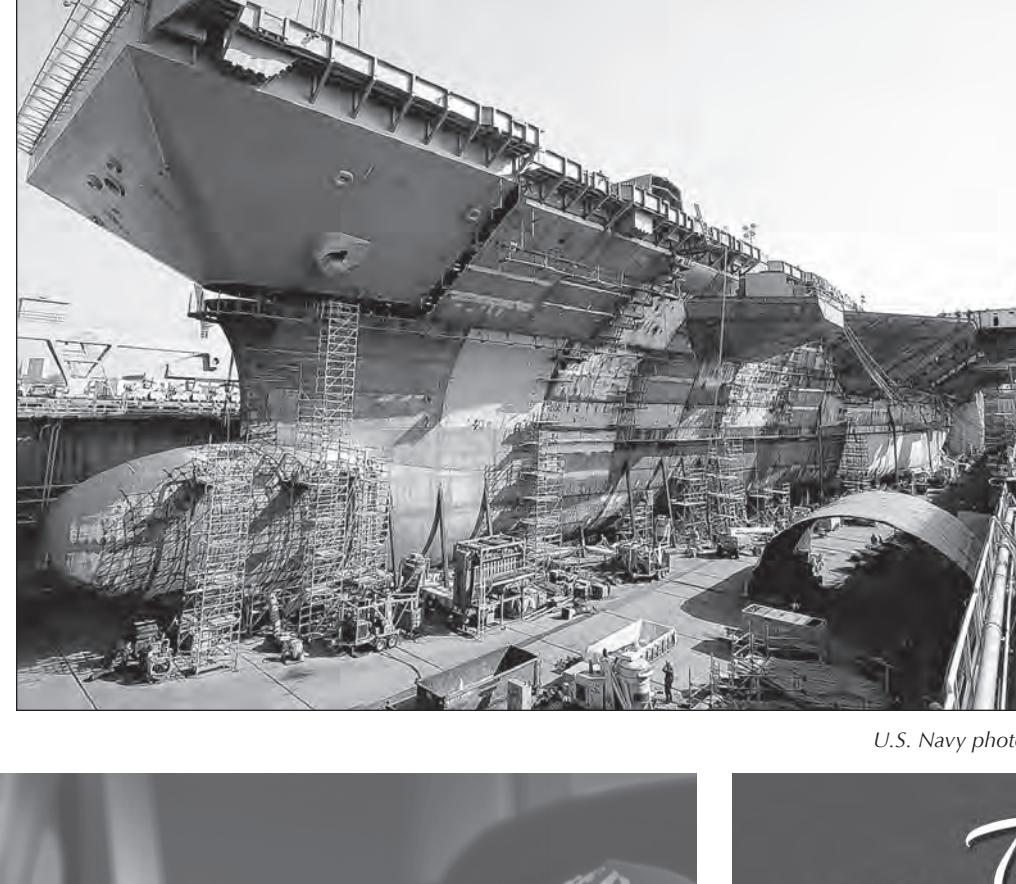
"With Memorial Day and Mother's Day, our pro-

motions this time of year go far to express the gratitude we in DeCA and our industry partners have for our military customers," Chandler said. "It's our privilege to provide a commissary benefit that's worth the trip."

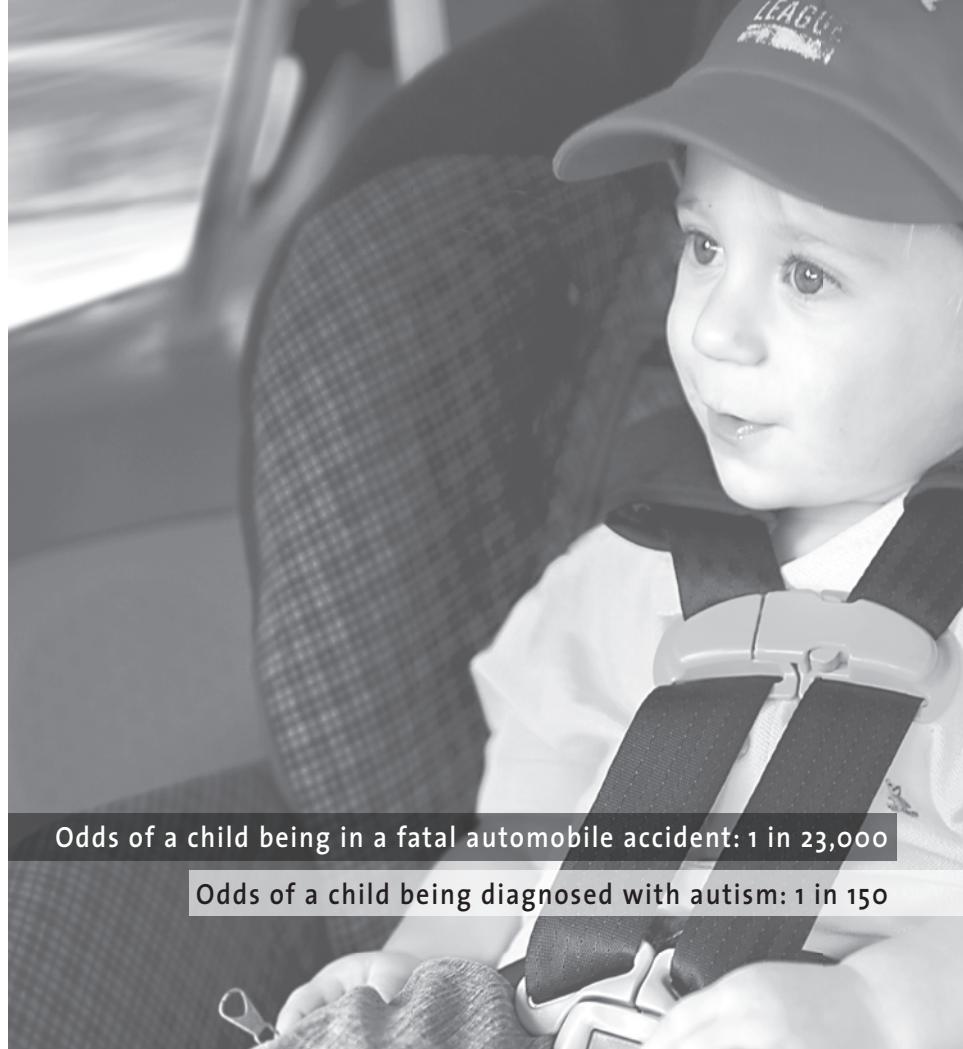


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Dating and Entertainment

### Southside

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**Business Opportunities**

**GIFT SHOP** Jekyll Island Ga. Selling business & contents, prosperous business asking \$55K Ph. 912-223-3933

**Seeking an Investor for Fossil Shop/Museum** call James @ 904-397-1937 more info in online ad.

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Furniture/Household  
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**Garage Sale**

**FLEMING ISLE** - Habersham  
Harbour Community Sale. Sat. May  
4th, 8am, off 220 Near Whitey's Fish

**NSSC CPO YARD SALE** Sat.  
May 4th, 9a.m.  
296 Charlie Smith Sr. Hwy,  
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YARD SALE - Edge Bend Island  
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May 4th, 8a-2p. Daylilies, boat (14'  
x3' w/engine) bikes, Bowflex, toys,  
baby items, women's clothing, XS  
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**Garden / Lawn**

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