

Seabees remember fallen heroes

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Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 14 held its annual Killed in Action Memorial Ceremony at NAS Jacksonville May 4 to remember fallen shipmates.

In 2004, seven Seabees of NMCB-14 were killed and 33 were injured in two attacks in Al Anbar Province, Iraq, while in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

"Their loved ones certainly served in a brave capacity that most don't," said retired CECS Benjamin Slaughter. "They stepped forward - leaned into the danger zone, and forever all of us, the Navy, the Seabees and this country will remember them and their families."

Those lost in the attacks were; SW2 Jason Dwelley, EO3 Christopher Dickerson, BU2 Michael Anderson, EO2 Trace Dosssett, CM2 Scott McHugh, BU2 Robert Jenkins and SW3 Ronald Ginther.

"It's been nine years since the tragic events that happened in 2004 took the lives of our fellow brothers and



Cmdr. Todd Smith, commanding officer of Navy Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 14 and retired CE1 Ed Crenshaw, president of NMCB-14 Alumni, render honors to the fallen during an annual NMCB-14 Killed in Action Memorial Service.

Photo by MC3 Damian Berg

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A Vietnam veteran takes a moment to remember those he served with who didn't come home -- after finding a familiar name on the Vietnam Traveling Memorial Wall.

Photos by MC2 (SW) Marcus L. Stanley

Vietnam veterans remembered with traveling memorial wall

By MC2(SW) Marcus Stanley
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More than 500 people attended a ceremony at Green Cove Springs Junior High School May 11 to honor service members who lost their lives during the Vietnam Conflict.

The ceremony, hosted by the Green Cove Springs Junior High School Beta Club students, used the 300-foot long, six-foot tall Vietnam Traveling Memorial Wall as a backdrop for the ceremony.

"I can stand here and tell you that the wall is six feet at the apex, I can tell you that the east wing is 144 feet but that's not what this wall is about," said Greg Welsh, Vietnam Traveling Wall manager.

"This wall is about a young child; a boy or girl coming out for the first time seeing the name of an uncle or a grandfather that they only heard about at family events. Or maybe its Gold Star parents coming out and sharing some time with their son or daughter who life was taken so many years ago."

One highlight of the ceremony was when guest speaker, Rear Adm. Jack Scorby, commander, Navy Region Southeast, presented retired Warrant Officer Ernesto Serna with the Purple Heart for his bravery and efforts during the Vietnam War.



Rear Adm. Jack Scorby Jr., commander, Navy Region Southeast presents the Purple Heart to retired Warrant Officer Ernesto Serna during a ceremony to recognize Vietnam veterans at Green Cove Springs Junior High School on May 11.

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Photo courtesy of HSM-70

An MH-60R "Romeo" helicopter assigned to HSM-70 is secured to the flight deck of the destroyer USS Roosevelt (DDG-80) in preparation for training operations at sea.

HSM-70 Detachment Four heads to sea

By Lt. Matthew Welch
HSM-70

The "Spartans" of HSM-70 sent Detachment Four to sea in preparation for their upcoming deployment on board USS Roosevelt (DDG 80). The detachment, comprised of six pilots, four aircrewmembers and 18 maintenance personnel, flew two MH-60R helicopters, the Navy's premier and most capable anti-submarine and anti-surface warfare helicopter.

Led by the Officer in Charge Lt. Cmdr. Kevin Lucas, Detachment Four met all goals for the two-week under way period by safely completing integration training and gaining valuable operational experience.

The detachment's first five days at sea fulfilled requirements of the new Integrated Ship Air Training Team (ISATT) syllabus. Every flight event and mission was scripted, to include events such as low visibility or smoke light approaches, simulated aircraft ditching drills, in-flight refueling, and extensive day and night landing qualifications.

"We maintained a pretty high pace for the first few days," reported Lt. Donny Safford, one of the aircraft commanders embarked. "But it was good to get back out to sea and work with the Sailors whom we'll be deploying with."

Immediately upon completion of ISATT requirements, Detachment Four was tasked with the MH-60R's primary mission of anti-submarine warfare (ASW). Two German surface ships, one German diesel submarine and one American fast-attack submarine were standing by to rendezvous with USS Roosevelt for a high-visibility ASW exercise. The rigorous 24-hour schedule over a 9-day period which followed for the ASW exercise provided unique challenges to a detachment with limited operating experience amongst both the multiple aircrew and maintainers.

"All in all, I'm glad the newer guys got to see how it all worked at sea. It's definitely different than being ashore, different challenges," noted Leading Chief Petty Officer ADCS Mark

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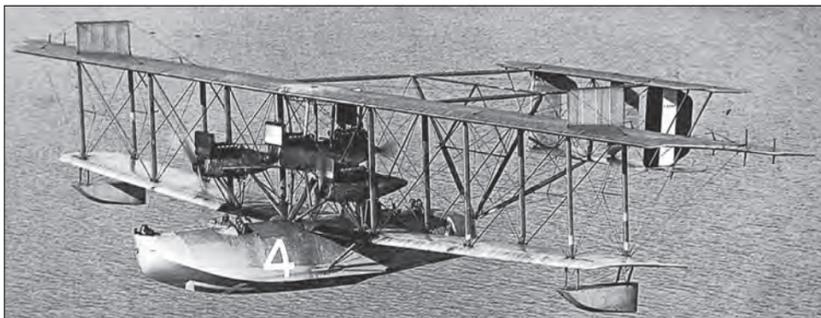
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On May 16, 1919, at about 6 p.m., three Navy-Curtiss (NC) flying boats of Seaplane Squadron One took off from Trepassey Bay, Newfoundland, to attempt the first trans-Atlantic flight. NC-4, commanded by Lt. Cmdr. Albert Read, landed safely at Horta, Azores, after more than 15 hours in the air. The other two NC aircraft were not so fortunate – both lost their bearings in thick fog and sustained damage when landing on the water and were unable to resume flight.

This Week in Navy History

From Staff

May 16

1820 - Congress becomes first U.S. warship to visit China.

1919 - Three Navy flying boats begin first trans-Atlantic flight from Newfoundland.

1965 - First U.S. gunfire support in Vietnam by USS Henry W. Tucker (DD-875).

May 17

1940 - President Roosevelt announces plans to re-commission 35 destroyers.

1942 - USS Tautog (SS-199) sinks Japanese sub, I-28; while USS Triton (SS-201) sinks I-164.

1951 - Aircraft from carriers attack bridges between Wonsan and Hamhung, Korea.

1962 - Naval amphibious ready group lands Marines to guard Thailand's borders from Communist probes.

1966 - Naval Support Activity Saigon established.

1973 - First woman to hold a major Navy command, Capt. Robin Lindsay Quigley assumes command of Navy Service School, San Diego.

1987 - USS Stark (FFG-31) struck by Iraqi Exocet missile in Persian Gulf, killing 37 Sailors wounding 21.

May 18

1775 - Benedict Arnold captures British sloop and renames her Enterprise, first of many famous ships with that name.

1798 - Appointment of Benjamin Stoddert as first Secretary of the Navy.

1969 - Launch of Apollo 10, dress rehearsal for first lunar landing mission. Cmdr. John Young was the Command Module Pilot and Cmdr. Eugene Cernan was the Lunar Module Pilot. During the 8-day mission, the craft made 31 lunar orbits in 61.6 hours.



Photo courtesy of Ron Williamson

In 1925, the Naval Aircraft Factory (NAF) solicited prototypes for a patrol flying boat designed to traverse the thousands of miles of ocean between San Francisco and Hawaii. Seen here after a test flight at Lake Washington in Seattle, the Model 50 or PB-1 was Boeing's contribution to the project. One of the largest flying boats of its day, the patrol plane's design featured a metal fuselage, accommodations for a crew of four, and was powered by two 800-horsepower Packard engines mounted in tandem. The PB-1 design was never put into production.

Recovery was by HS-4 helicopters from USS Princeton (LPH-5).

May 19

1882 - Commodore Shufeldt (USS Swatara) lands in Korea to negotiate first treaty between Korea and Western power.

1912 - Navy establishes North Atlantic Ice Patrol following RMS Titanic disaster.

1965 - 30th Naval Construction Regiment activated at Danang, Vietnam.

May 20

1801 - Four warships sent to Mediterranean to protect American commerce.

1815 - Commodore Stephen Decatur (Frigate Guerriere) sails with 10 ships to suppress Mediterranean pirate raids on U.S. shipping.

1844 - USS Constitution sails from New York on round the world cruise.

1943 - Establishment of 10th Fleet in Washington, D.C., under command of Adm. King to coordinate U.S. antisubmarine operations in Atlantic.

May 21

1850 - Washington Navy Yard begins work on first castings for the Dahlgren gun.

1917 - USS Ericsson fires first torpedo of war.

1944 - During preparations for the invasion of Saipan, an accidental ordinance blast on LST 353 sets off cataclysmic ammunition explosions at West Loch, Pearl Harbor, killing 163 and injuring 396. Six tank landing ships, three tank landing craft, and 17 tracked landing vehicles are destroyed in explosions and fires.

1964 - The initiation of the standing carrier presence at Yankee Station in the South China Sea.

May 22

1958 - Naval aircraft F4D-1 Sky Ray sets five world speed-to-climb records.

1967 - New York City reaches agreement to purchase Brooklyn Navy Yard, ending 166 years of construction and repair of naval vessels.

1968 - USS Scorpion (SSN-589) lost with all hands.

Flying a desk: Less glamour, more reality

By Sarah Smiley
Special Contributor

Last week, from his windowless cubicle at the Pentagon, Dustin forwarded me an essay our friend Frank, whom we know from flight-school days, wrote for the U.S. Navy War College Web site.

"I spend my days sequestered in a dismal pooka only to churn out mindless reports of barely readable administrivia," Frank writes.

"[At the end of the day], I proceed to my truck to enjoy at least an hour and a half of bumper-to-bumper traffic . . . I will be getting up at 0600 the next morning to repeat the rinse cycle I call duty in Washington, D.C."

I can absolutely hear Frank's voice as I read. I can also hear his laugh — loud, from the belly, and totally infectious.

However, despite the brilliant and amusing descriptions, the reality is that I don't recognize this man who just 14 years ago played a major part in many of my favorite memories.

It seems like yesterday when Frank leaped out of his apartment wearing only sweatpants and a old T-shirt, with a broom raised above his head like an ax to get rid of a snake on our front steps. Dustin was on base finishing up a flight. Later that night, the three of us went down to Flounder's on the beach for drinks and a late dinner. Frank's laugh echoed through the bar as he and I recounted for Dustin our run-in with the snake.

This is how I remember our time in Pensacola. The guys were in the best shape of their lives, and we were all young and without a routine. Sometimes, Dustin flew at night, sometimes early in the morning or in the afternoon. We spent his days off at the beach. Often, I went to an open field in nearby Pace, Florida, to watch his T-34 fly overhead.

Back then, I pitied the older commanders who had to leave Flounder's early to relieve babysitters. I didn't envy their monotony or the beaten down looks on their faces. Their bellies had grown wider and their steps slightly less eager. It was as if time—deployments, power-points, pookas—had sucked the life out of them.

But Dustin and Frank—well, they were a spitting image of Zack Mayo in "An Officer and a Gentleman." There was so much ahead of them. They were living off the adrenaline of flight and an insatiable desire to serve their country.

Now I'm reading about Frank's "hamster wheel of reality" and his anger at morning rush-hour traffic?

This is largely Frank's point in the article. He's gone from the enviable and exciting life of an active Navy pilot to a "mid-career lieutenant commander stationed in the beltway."

From the Homefront

In other words, Frank is flying a desk. So is Dustin. I can't remember the last time either of them flew an airplane, and they are not yet 40 years old. They've become the "older commanders."

Until my dad retired from the Navy in 2004, I said that he was a Navy pilot, too. But the fact is, he hadn't piloted an airplane since probably 1990. He'd been flying a desk, and sometimes driving an aircraft carrier, for a much longer time.

In February, when he took my boys to the National Air and Space Museum in Washington, D.C., he showed them the actual A-4 he used to fly, which is on display there. But I don't think my youngest son, Lindell, who is named after my dad, fully understood. For as long as Lindell has known "Pop," he's had an office, a desk and a cell phone clipped to his belt.

Lindell told me, "Pop showed us an airplane at the museum."

"Yes," I said. "It's the actual plane he used to fly."

Lindell looked confused. "It's the plane that you used to fly?" he asked.

It made no sense to him that the pilot was Pop.

In other words, the window for being an exciting Navy pilot is exceptionally short and narrow. I wonder how well recruiters relay this fact? Soon enough, the reality of a different type of military sacrifice and commitment becomes clear, with less perks and more dedication required. There is beauty in this, too.

In his essay, Frank says that his 3-year-old son wants to be in the Navy, too, despite never having known his father during what we would call his more glamorous Navy days.

"Suddenly my station in life improves," Frank writes as he reflects on his son's desire. "The grey windowless box I work in transforms into a nerve center of naval intelligence, and I am now an integral cog in the wheel of the machine that drives this global force for good."

But Frank is also puzzled. How can his son ultimately want this 9-to-5 grind at a windowless pooka?

"Perhaps," he writes, "the one percent of the country serving in uniform [passes] the tradition down like a shop owner," and "the aroma of service permeates through the offspring of America's fighting men and women like the odor of the boat clings to a flight suit."

I don't remember Frank being so grown-up and mature. Airplane pilot or desk pilot, he's still one of my favorites.

Hey, MoneyChic!

Hey, MoneyChic!

I'm turning 19 next month and am trying to buy a car. I don't have any credit cards or pay any bills.

How am I supposed to get a loan for a car if I don't have any credit? How do I establish credit?

Money Chic sez: This topic was recently discussed at length in our office. Our relief services assistant wrote a great article about establishing credit. Here is an excerpt.

With a good, established credit score, you can walk into a bank or credit union and, in minutes, walk out with a pre-approved loan to purchase a vehicle.

With no credit history, this is a different story. You can forget about it only taking a few minutes. You are also not going to be offered the lowest interest rate. Without a history of credit, you will be expected to show proof of employment and some history of paying bills over consecutive months.

The bank or credit union will use this information to fill out a scorecard which will help decide your interest rate. It is because of this scenario that we see the importance of establishing good credit as soon as you turn 18.

Here are the suggested steps for establishing credit to buy a car:

Step 1: Establish at least one savings and checking account.

Step 2: Acquire a secured credit card. Secured credit cards give you a credit line and your payment activity will be reported to the major consumer reporting agencies. Funds you deposit, usually \$250 or more, are used as collateral by the bank or credit union for the credit card. You use the card like any credit card, allowing you to build credit history when you make on-time monthly payments to all of your creditors and maintain your balance under the credit limit.

Step 3: After you build your initial credit file, you can switch to a traditional credit card. Select a secured card that reports to all three of the main credit bureaus (Equifax, Experian and TransUnion). Credit cards are safer against fraud than debit cards and provide greater consumer protection on purchases. You want to use the credit card like a debit card and pay it off as you make purchases. You will not pay interest when paying in this manner because you never carry a balance.

Step 4: After you have mastered the use of the credit card for a few months, it's time to work on another line of credit. A secured loan is one that has collateral attached to it. This type of loan generally has a lower interest rate because the bank is taking a lower risk because it can collect the collateral if you default on payments.

It takes six months to a year to establish your credit. You have established preferably two savings accounts, one checking account, one secured credit card, one secured loan, and one unsecured credit card.

Now it is time to see what interest rate your bank or credit union will offer you for the purchase of a vehicle. You should also have your bank or credit union pre-approval prior to walking into a dealership.

Additionally, you want to avoid lenders that appear to target the military and/or primarily provide their services online.

To read the full article titled Establishing Credit, head on over to <http://www.afcpe.org/blog/>.

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

Have questions for Hey, Money Chic?

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Brabazon relieves Vitali at VP-45

By Lt. j.g. Joshua Stokes
VP-45 Public Affairs Officer

VP-45 Commanding Officer Cmdr. Michael Vitali was relieved May 1 by Cmdr. John Brabazon at a ceremony aboard Kadena Air Base in Okinawa, Japan, where the "Pelicans" of VP-45 are currently deployed.

Guests at the ceremony included the officers' spouses, both of whom arrived from Jacksonville, as well as Rear Adm. Matthew Carter, commander, Patrol and Reconnaissance Force 7th Fleet.

Vitali assumed command of VP-45 in May 2012 during the squadron's Inter-Deployment Readiness Cycle at NAS Jacksonville. Under his command, the Pelicans have had a very successful deployment to the 7th Fleet Area Of



Photos courtesy of VP-45

Cmdr. John Brabazon (right) salutes Cmdr. Michael Vitali as he officially assumes command of VP-45 on May 1.

Responsibility.

The squadron has maintained a forward presence in the Western Pacific while providing anti-submarine warfare (ASW) and intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance (ISR) support throughout

the region, flying more than 2,100 hours on over 400 sorties. Successful detachments to the Philippines, Australia, Malaysia and Thailand were also executed.

Brabazon assumes command of VP-45 with over a



(From left) Cmdr. John Brabazon and his wife, Lisa, Rear Adm. Matthew Carter, Tracy Vitali and Cmdr. Michael Vitali after the May 1 change of command ceremony for VP-45.

month remaining in its deployment to Okinawa.

When the Pelicans return to NAS Jacksonville, he will oversee the squadron's transition from the legacy P-3C Orion to the new P-8A Poseidon, the fourth aircraft transition in the

Pelicans' illustrious 71-year history.

The new executive officer, Cmdr. T.J. Grady, joined the Pelican team in Kadena after qualifying in the P-8A Poseidon at VP-30 aboard NAS Jacksonville.



Photos by MC2 Pedro Rodriguez

VP-8 Holds Change Of Command

VP-8 Sailors and guests render salutes during the national anthem during the squadron's change of command ceremony on May 9. Cmdr. Todd Libby relieved Cmdr. Michael Marston as VP-8's 65th commanding officer.



Cmdr. Todd Libby relieves Cmdr. Michael Marston to become the VP-8 "Fighting Tigers" 65th commanding officer May 9. VP-8 conducted a change of command ceremony at Hangar 117 aboard NAS Jacksonville.

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A view of the interior yard of the NAS Jacksonville Recycling Center after experiencing a layout change to improve efficiency. "By simply repositioning our bins and where we house recyclable materials, we have cut our operations time for being ready to send out materials to vendors by 61 percent," explained MUCS Patrick Detroit, who currently manages the center.

Recycling center vastly improves efficiency

By Lt. Kevin Wendt
Staff Writer

The NAS Jacksonville Recycling Center, located next to the MWR Auto Skills Center on Birmingham Avenue, recently implemented programs that have dramatically increased its efficiency and monetary return in processing recyclable materials.

Headed up by MUCS Patrick Detroit and supported by numerous Sailors, the center has transformed into a shining example of leadership in improving the base's green footprint.

"One of the major changes we made is separating out precious metals from the items we receive here," explained Detroit.

"In the past, we had one bin for all scrap metal that was collected and shipped off to a processing center - which would yield a relatively low profit."

"We found that as we separate out pure metals such as copper and aluminum, there is an exponential increase in profits. It may be a lot more work, but as all the proceeds are donated to MWR (Morale, Welfare and Recreation), it's definitely worth it."

Detroit added that during the last quarter, the amount of scrap metal the recycling center collected would have yielded a profit of \$290.10 if just sold in bulk.

By breaking down and separating out the precious metals to be sold separately, the center was able to increase the monetary gain to \$4,129, representing a 1,352 percent increase.

In addition to collecting and separating scrap metal, the center also processes paper, cardboard, plastic, car batteries, and even used sonobuoys from VP squadrons.

Tenant commands and Sailors alike are highly encouraged to bring their recyclable materials to the center that opens at 9 a.m.

However, Detroit stressed that people bring only materials that can be recycled, as the center is not a garbage dump.

"We have had some people dump clothes, electronics and hazardous materials that we are not equipped to deal with at this center. We ask that people call when they are in doubt about the suitability of their potential recyclables."

Despite minor issues, Detroit was highly enthusiastic about the recycling center's evolving



A bin of glass bottles sits ready to be picked up by a local vendor at the NAS Jax Recycling Center.



The NAS Jacksonville Recycling Center's receiving area is where the Sailors sort paper, cardboard, plastics, glass and other recyclable items.



QM3 Ben Burros (right) and MM2 Kevin Ayers transport a bin of glass from the initial reception and sorting area to a container in the yard, where it will be picked up and taken to a processing center to be recycled.

improvements and praised his Sailors for their hard work and devotion to improving the NAS Jax environment.

"We are proud that what we do here supports the base MWR. The amount we gained just by making these changes was more than enough to cover Club 2000 and then some," Detroit remarked.

"This is really a testament to the Sailors who work here every day. They consistently promote a teamwork-driven, positive environment and are

committed to taking care of business in the most efficient way possible."

For more information on the NAS Jax Recycling Center or the materials it can receive, contact 542-5959.

MM2 Kevin Ayers, with the NAS Jacksonville Recycling Center, operates a forklift to reposition separate receiving bins that hold glass, paper, plastic, cardboard and scrap metal.





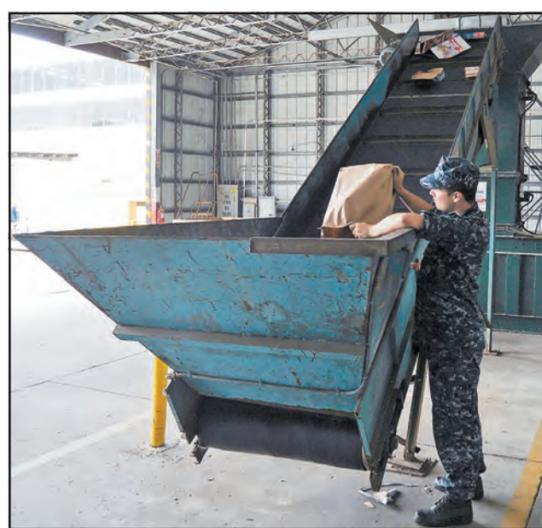
MM2 Mario Miniell, with the NAS Jacksonville Recycling Center, uses a specialized high powered magnet on a piece of scrap to identify the type of metal it contains. "We use this magnet on everything, including the bolts that sometimes come with scrap metal, as they can contaminate pure metals if not identified and removed," Miniell said.



QM3 Ben Burros, with the NAS Jacksonville Recycling Center, operates a leaf blower to clean up trash particles around the shop. "We have to maintain as clean a workspace as possible with the processing equipment in here," explained Burros.



MM2 Kevin Ayers, with the NAS Jacksonville Recycling Center, transports a bin containing metals across the center's yard.



SN Chris Brown, with the NAS Jacksonville Recycling Center, dumps cardboard into a processor that squeezes the material into bails. The bails are then loaded onto pallets for easy shipping to processing centers. "We average a profit of about \$38 a bail," commented Brown.

Photos by Lt. Kevin Wendt



MM2 Kevin Ayers (left), empties a bin of plastics into a container, assisted by QM3 Ben Burros to ensure safety.



Sailors with the NAS Jacksonville Recycling Center, QM3 Ben Burros (left) and MM2 Kevin Ayers, dump a bin of glass into a container that will later be sent to a processing center.



MM2 Kevin Ayers, with the NAS Jacksonville Recycling Center, inspects and bags shredded paper. "In addition to recycling this paper, people also like to use it as bedding for their caged pets. We will gladly sell it to them for \$1 a bag, which is cheaper than you can find out in town," Ayers remarked.



Photos by MC3 Damian Berg

Military Appreciation Day at The Players

Country Singer Dierks Bentley thanks service members before his concert at The Players at TPC Sawgrass during Military Appreciation Day on May 8. Military Appreciation Day was held in honor of service members, veterans, future service members and their families.



Pro Golfer Fred Funk welcomes the crowd at The Players, and thanks the military members for their service during Military Appreciation Day.



Dr. Ken Hartman talks to the future service members during the enlistment ceremony at The Players at TPC Sawgrass during Military Appreciation Day.



Service members line the balcony during a ceremony recognizing their contributions to our nation during Military Appreciation Day at The Players.

Obama to military sexual assault victims: 'I've got your backs'

By Karen Parrish
American Forces Press Service

President Barack Obama, commander in chief of the U.S. armed forces, said sexual assault is an outrage, and anyone within the military who commits the crime "is betraying the uniform that they're wearing."

The president, speaking May 7 at a White House press conference, said the problem of sexual assault in the military is neither new nor easy to solve, but leaders "have to do everything we can to root this out."

Obama noted he worked with former Defense Secretary Leon Panetta on the issue, and spoke about it most recently with current Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel. He said the Defense Department is working to gather accurate reporting of assaults and is building "a system of accountability and transparency" up and down the chain of command.

The president added that he told Hagel, "We're gonna have to, you know, not just step up our game, we have to exponentially step up our game to go at this thing hard."

Obama offered a personal message to those in uniform who have experienced

sexual assault.

"I want them to hear directly from their commander in chief that I've got their backs," Obama said. "I will support them, and we're not gonna tolerate this stuff. And there will be accountability. If people have engaged in this behavior, they should be prosecuted."

Everyone in the military should understand, "this is not who we are, this is not what the U.S. military is about, and it dishonors the vast majority of men and women in uniform who carry out their responsibilities and obligations with honor and dignity and incredible courage every single day," Obama said.

The president said he has no tolerance for sexual assault, and he expects consequences for those who commit the crime.

"I don't want just more speeches or, you know, awareness programs or training -- but ultimately folks look the other way," he said.

"[When] we find out somebody's engaging in this stuff, they've got to be held accountable; prosecuted, stripped out of their positions, court martialled, fired, dishonorably discharged. Period. It's not acceptable."

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NAVAIR commander visits FRCSE

From FRCSE Public Affairs

Commander, Naval Air Systems Command (NAVAIR) visited Fleet Readiness Center Southeast (FRCSE), the largest tenant command on NAS Jacksonville, to meet with leaders, address the workforce, and tour the military depot May 10.

NAVAIR Commander Vice Adm. David Dunaway addressed about 500 Fleet Readiness Center Southeast (FRCSE) civilian federal workers gathered in the P-3 Production Hangar to discuss the impacts of federal budget cuts, sequestration and the way forward.

FRCSE employs the largest Department of Defense (DOD) civilian workforce (2,800) on the installation; all facing the possibility of being furloughed without pay in the remainder of Fiscal Year 2013 due to budgetary shortfalls.

Dunaway said he understood the financial burden furloughs would place not only on the federal workforce but also the impact on mission effectiveness and efficiency in supporting the warfighter.

He said officially, the number of furlough days still stands at "up to 14 days," but would likely be fewer, as the Command has not yet received direction to notify workers.

He urged the audience to be "bureaucracy busters" and use Lean methodologies to



U.S. Navy photos
Vice Adm. David Dunaway (left), commander, Naval Air Systems Command, addresses workers during an all hands call in the P-3 Production Hangar at Fleet Readiness Center Southeast on May 10. Dunaway told the audience he was in lockstep with the Chief of Naval Operations tenets of warfighting first and taking care of the people who produce mission readiness.

link improvement efforts for reducing operating expenses, increasing throughput and improving reliability to the Fleet.

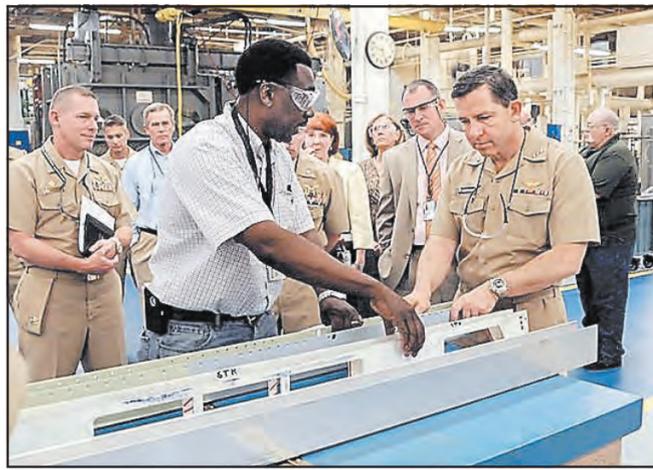
He surprised the crowd with the announcement that FRCSE earned the Chief of Naval Operations 2012 Aviation Safety Award for FRCSE's stellar record of 46 years and nearly 30,000 flight hours of Class A/B mishap-free flying.

Dunaway cited the integration of workplace safety with aviation safety and FRCSE's efforts in fostering a climate of safety awareness to achieve such continued success.

The admiral toured the Industrial Manufacturing Division where Angello Evans, the division director, pointed to aircraft parts machinists were fabricating in-house to keep the legacy aircraft ready for tasking.

In the Crinkley Engine Facility, Don Dunlap, the engine program director, explained how engine mechanics maintained and repaired some of the most sophisticated engines in the Navy and Marine Corps inventories.

Time Postemski, the avionics lead, conducted a tour of



(Above) FRCSE Commanding Officer Capt. Robert Caldwell (from left) and leaders listen as Angello Evans, the Industrial Manufacturing Division director, explains to Vice Adm. David Dunaway how FRCSE machinists are fabricating F/A-18 Hornet wing spars to keep the legacy aircraft mission ready.

(Below right) Vice Adm. David Dunaway (left), commander, Naval Air Systems Command, views a damaged F414 engine module undergoing repairs by work center supervisor Richard Morris and his team during a tour of the Crinkley Engine Facility May 10 by FRCSE Commanding Officer Capt. Rob Caldwell.

the avionics building where artisans repair the Advanced Targeting Forward Looking InfraRed systems for defense industry partners.

On his last stop at the F/A-18 Hornet Production Line, Dunaway learned from Lt. Cmdr. Joshua Filbey, a Hornet pilot, and Bill Murray, the F/A-18 division director, about some of the engineering, logistics and aircraft condition challenges the artisans face when adding service life to aging naval aircraft.



Safety Office offers teen driving class June 14

From the NAS Jax Safety Office

The NAS Jacksonville Safety Office is offering a driver improvement class specifically for dependent young drivers between the age of 15 and 21 years old June 14 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The class will be held in the Safety Conference Room in Building 1. Participants do not have to have a driver's license to attend.

The class will offer safety tips such as how to respond to

driving emergencies and distracted driving while bringing awareness to risks of driving and much more.

The class consists of videos, chapter quizzes and concludes with a multiple choice question test. There will not be any time behind the wheel; this is classroom only.

The teens will receive an AAA - Driver Improvement Class completion certificate.

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Nurse Corps Birthday

Photos by Jacob Sippel

(At left) Ensign Delaney Boyce (left) and Capt. Brenda Baker, Naval Hospital Jacksonville director for health care business, cut the birthday cake for the Navy Nurse Corps, who celebrate their 105th birthday on May 13. National Nurses Week is celebrated annually from May 6, also known as National Nurses Day, through May 12, the birthday of Florence Nightingale, founder of modern nursing. Nursing is a profession that embraces dedicated people with varied interests, strengths and passions because of the many opportunities the profession offers. They have many roles - from staff nurse to educator to nurse practitioner and nurse researcher and serve all of them with passion for the profession and with a strong commitment to patient safety.

(At right) Lt. Joseph Shubert, right, Naval Hospital (NH) Jacksonville chaplain, blesses the hands of a Sailor while Chaplain (Cmdr.) Steven Barstow reads a prayer during a special ceremony in honor of Nurse's Week. This ritual honors nurses for providing compassionate care and reaffirms the commitment to nursing. NH Jacksonville - its hospital and five branch health clinics - employs about 300 nurses, half active duty and half civilians or contractors.



Photo by Clark Pierce

This ATAC F-21 Kfir fighter is capable of approaching naval surface ships at speeds up to mach 1.5. The aircraft mimics the tactics of foreign adversaries, so Navy vessels and air wings can train against realistic threats.

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Hudson.

Over the course of 13 flying days, the Spartans executed 103 hours flight hours, no small feat with only three aircrews.

"The detachment really rose to the occasion while faced with a rigorous change of pace," stated Lucas.

During the exercise, more than 150 sonobuoys were expended to track the submarines both actively and passively. Many of the pilots experienced their first night dipping operations while on night vision goggles using the MH-60R's AQS-22 dipping sonar, requiring the pilots to maintain a hover and lower the sonar transducer into the ocean. By the conclusion of the exercise, over 50 hours of dedicated ASW time had been conducted. While ASW remained the priority, crews found themselves unexpectedly re-tasked with missions as diverse as surface warfare, subsurface communications, and airborne imagery relay.

Having gained invaluable operational experience, the Spartans were both happy to be home and eager to implement their newly acquired skills in their upcoming underway periods.

Supporting warfighter training over the Atlantic

From Staff

A two-plane F-21 Kfir fighter detachment operated by Airborne Tactical Advantage Company (ATAC), as well as electronic warfare aircraft from Phoenix Air and L-3, operated from NAS Jacksonville recently to provide adversary threat training to naval forces operating in the Atlantic off the southeastern U.S. coast.

"These 'aggressor' aircraft present a variety of

threat profiles against naval surface ships and/or aircraft," said NAS Jax Air Operations Officer Cmdr. Mark McManus. "According to daily tasking from Commander, Strike Force Training Atlantic, these specialized aircraft may fly joint missions in a series of training scenarios focused on the combat certification of a single vessel or a carrier strike group."



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Photos by MC3 Damian Berg

Lt. Cmdr James Askiew, chaplain for Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 14, reads the names of fallen Sailors during an annual NMCB-14 Killed in Action Memorial Service. NMCB-14 lost seven of its members in 2004 while serving in Iraq during Operation Iraqi Freedom, in honor of their sacrifice NMCB-14 holds a yearly memorial service to keep their memory alive.

NMCB-14

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injured others. We pause to remember those who gave the ultimate sacrifice and their families," said NMCB-14 Commanding Officer Cmdr. Todd Smith during the ceremony.

Smith continued addressing those in attendance, "I'll simply say this - thank you, on behalf of this battalion, the Navy and the nation for their service and sacrifice."

One of the veteran's who was wounded during the attacks was BU2 Peter

Herrick who attended with his wife, Diana.

"It's a great honor to be here with everybody," said Herrick. "It's our pleasure to be with the NMCB-14 brotherhood again. Even though the Veterans Affairs has me listed as 'catastrophically disabled,' I still look at life as a big puzzle, and I always look for some humor in every part of it."

NMCB-14 holds this memorial service to honor and remember the courageous Seabees and all service members who made the ultimate sacrifice for the nation.



Cmdr. Todd Smith, commanding officer of Navy Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB)14 and retired CE1 Ed Crenshaw, president of NMCB-14 Alumni, lay a ceremonial wreath to honor the fallen members of NMCB-14 during the annual NMCB-14 Killed in Action Memorial Service.



BU3 Peter Herrick, formerly attached to Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 14, sits in attendance during an NMCB-14 Killed in Action Ceremony. Herrick was serving in Iraq with NMCB-14 in 2004 when his unit came under attack resulting in the death of seven and wounding 33, including Herrick. In honor of their sacrifice NMCB-14 holds a yearly memorial service to keep the spirit of their sacrifice alive.

\$1,000 college scholarship opportunity

From First Command Educational Foundation

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NAS JAX BARRACKS BASH CATERS TO JUNIOR SAILORS

By Shannon Leonard
MWR Marketing

Hundreds of Sailors and Marines enjoyed a sunny afternoon May 9 at the Spring Barracks Bash presented by NAS Jax Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) Department and the Liberty Program.

The free event featured picnic-style food, T-shirts and prizes that included gift packages from the Jacksonville Suns, a wireless speaker set, area restaurant gift cards, local attraction passes and much more!

"The purpose of the Barracks Bash is to provide an event that is alcohol-free and targeted to the junior enlisted Sailors who reside in the barracks," said Liberty Program Manager Tom Kubalewski.

"We moved the location this year due to construction at our previous location. We chose the large grass field at the corner of Mustin Road and Enterprise Avenue. The highly visible larger field gave us more space for activity and improved our event attendance," continued Kubalewski.

Entertainment included Disc Jockey 357 YN3 Calvin Dawson of VP-26 and local Ska band 20WT, who kept the music playing non-stop.

Barracks Bashers looking for competitive entertainment could choose from the climbing wall, bungee run, Sumo wrestling, volleyball, slip n' slide, bag toss and jousting.

MWR thanks everyone who participated in or volunteered for this event. Sponsor included: GEICO, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, University of Phoenix, USAA, VyStar Credit Union, Jacksonville Suns, Allied American University and USA Discounters.

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Recreation Aide at the Liberty Center, AOAN Brandon Landenberg of HS-11, shows off his hoop jumping abilities on the slip'n'slide at the May Barracks Bash. *Photo by Morgan Kehnert*



AEAR Raymond Fisk of VP-30 (left), HM3 Chris Dooling of Naval Hospital Jacksonville (center) and AA Jessica Diaz of VP-5 (right) battle it out for the coveted title of Twister champion. *Photo by Morgan Kehnert*



HN Cody Hofkamp of Naval Hospital Jacksonville challenges HN Shatara Hurt of NAS Jacksonville Branch Medical Clinic on the Bungee Run during the Spring Barracks Bash on May 9. *Photos by Shannon Leonard*



Lance Cpl. Justin Willis wins a prize package sponsored by the Jacksonville Suns including free Suns apparel, game tickets and a gift card for concessions.



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Discussing The Navy's Future

Secretary of the Navy Ray Mabus (right) and Chief of Naval Operations (CNO) Adm. Jonathan Greenert brief Secretary of Defense Chuck Hagel in the CNO's office at the Pentagon on the Navy's latest platforms, technological innovations and capabilities to meet the maritime challenges of today and tomorrow.



Photo by Kaylee LaRocque

IA Welcomed Home

NAS Jax Command Master Chief (CMDCM) (AW/SW) Brad Shepherd welcomes ABH2(AW) Britney Gunn home on May 7 from a nine-month Individual Augmentee deployment to NSA Bahrain. Gunn who is assigned to the NAS Jax Air Terminal volunteered for the assignment to gain experience, see the world and make some extra money. "It was a great tour, but I'm glad to be back," she said during a homecoming celebration with her co-workers.



Photos by Tina Jackson

Counting Eggs

NAS Jax Assistant Natural Resources Manager Angela Glass uses a GPS unit to record the location of least tern nests and the number of eggs in each nest on the roof of a building at NAS Jacksonville on May 8. Currently, there are more than 900 nests on three rooftops aboard the station. Least terns are monitored by NAS Jax Environmental Department personnel as they protected under the Migratory Bird Treaty Act.



A nest with five least tern eggs was discovered on one of the rooftops at NAS Jacksonville. Most nests only have two to three eggs.

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Photo by First Coast Navy Fire & Emergency Services

Learning The Ropes Of Firefighting

NAS Jax Executive Officer Capt. Roy Undersander (right) learns how to maneuver a hand line as he suppresses the fire burning on a Mobile Aircraft Fire Trainer May 10 at NAS Jax. "The exercise was hot and exhausting -- but it gives you a greater appreciation for the physical rigor our firefighters must maintain as part of their job. Being engaged with our first response units provides me with a better understanding of how to balance operational excellence within budget constraints," said Undersander.



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Free Bowling

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Captain's Cup Indoor Volleyball League meeting - June 5

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Captain's Cup Greybeard Basketball League meeting - June 19

The league is open to all NAS Jax active duty, command DoD, DoD contractors and selective reservists age 30 & up. The meeting will be held at noon at Dewey's. Commands having their athletic officer or designated representative attend the meeting will receive five captain's cup points. All interested personnel should attend the meeting to discuss rules and to get the required paperwork to join the league.

Captain's Cup Intramural Basketball League meeting - June 19

The league is open to all NAS Jax active duty, command DoD, DoD contractors and selective reservists. The meeting will be held at 12:30 p.m. at Dewey's. Commands having their athletic officer or designated representative attend the meeting will receive five captain's cup points. All interested personnel should attend the meeting to discuss rules and to get the required paperwork to join the league.

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

Teams	Wins	Losses
FRCSE Angry Dolphins	5	6
VR-62	4	6
VR-58	2	4
Navy Band	2	6
FRCSE Rabid Possums	2	7
NCTS	2	7
NBHC Narwhals	1	8
HS-11	0	6
NAVHOSP Diamond Aces	0	8

3-on-3 Sand Volleyball Standings

Teams	Wins	Losses
NAVFAC White	4	0
NAVHOSP Super Smash Bros	4	0
NBHC Trap House	3	0
FRCSE B	4	1
NAVFAC Red	3	1
NBHC Tortugas	2	2
FRCSE A	2	2
NBHC Dig Dugs	1	2
NCTS Blue	1	3
SERCC	0	2
NAVFAC Blue	0	3
FRCSE C	0	4
NCTS Gold	0	4

Soccer Standings

Teams	Wins	Losses
FRCSE	6	0
VP-8	4	0
NAVHOSP	5	1
HS-11	5	2
HITRON	4	2
NAVFAC	4	2
VP-30 E's	4	2
VP-26	3	3
VP-16 War Eagles	2	3
NCTS	2	4
VP-5	2	4
VP-30 O's	2	5
HSM-74	1	2
VR-58	1	3
FACSFAC Jax	1	4
NBHC Twerk Team	1	5
VR-62	0	5

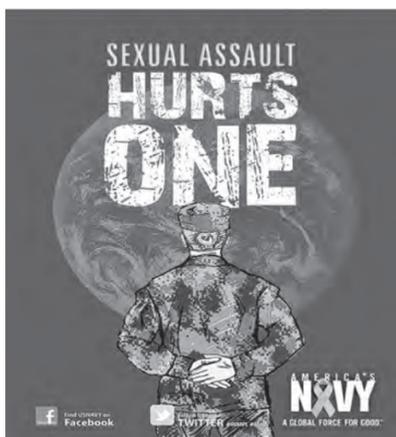
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**As of May 10
Greybeard Spring Softball Standings**

Teams	Wins	Losses
CNATTU	4	1
NECE	3	2
NCTS	2	2
NAVFAC	2	3
VP-8	0	3

Intramural Spring Softball Standings

Teams	Wins	Losses
CNRSE	7	0
VP-16 War Eagles	7	1
NAVHOSP Dirty Birdz	8	2
VP-8	8	3
CRS-10	4	2
HSM-70	6	3
VP-30	6	3
VP-5 Mad Foxes	5	3
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VP-5 qualifies first Poseidon plane captain

By Lt. j.g. Brian O'Bannon
VP-5 Public Affairs Officer

Patrol Squadron (VP) 5 recently qualified AT3(AW) Asa Mull as the squadron's first P-8A Poseidon plane captain.

The plane captain qualification is a new addition to the previous P-3C Orion squadron that utilized linemen or "yellow shirts" who direct aircraft as they leave and return from missions.

The P-8A plane captain holds a great deal more responsibility. Each is assigned a specific aircraft and signs acceptance forms, daily inspections, turn-arounds, checklists and releases the aircraft for flight.

"It is a great honor to be the first to obtain this qualification," commented Mull.

"I am now one of three people who sign for one of the Navy's newest maritime patrol aircraft, including the patrol plane commander and maintenance control."

Mull completed this qualification while simultaneously attending classes and hands-on training for his aviation electronics technician rate. He currently trains other aspir-



Photos by Lt. j.g. Brian O'Bannon

A plane captain is in charge of his or her aircraft until the pilot salutes and taxis for take-off. AT3(AW) Asa Mull recently qualified as VP-5's first P-8A Poseidon plane captain. The "Mad Foxes" have been transitioning to the P-8A Poseidon since Jan. 4.

ing 'Mad Fox' plane captains each time he launches and recovers a P-8A Poseidon.

AT3 Mull is a native of Rockville Center, N.Y. and one of seven children including three brothers and three sisters. One of his brothers is also an aviation electronics technician, and works on F/A-18 Hornets.

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



AT3(AW) Asa Mull of VP-5 signals the pilots of a P-8A Poseidon assigned to VP-30 to start engine No. 2 during a launch from NAS Jax on May 7. Mull recently qualified as the squadron's first P-8A Poseidon plane captain.



On the VP-30 flight line; AT3(AW) Asa Mull of VP-5 executes the preflight checklist for a P-8A maritime patrol aircraft; Plane captains are the eyes and ears of the pilot for safe ground operations near the aircraft.

DOD continues TBI research, education, treatment

By Terri Moon Cronk
American Forces Press Service

The Defense Department is committed to providing the best medical care and recovery for service members with traumatic brain injury, DOD's top doctor said in a statement issued May 8.

Following a '60 Minutes' segment on the treatment of traumatic brain injury that aired May 5, Dr. Jonathan Woodson, assistant secretary of defense for health affairs, said all service members will receive specialized care for any type of TBI, from mild concussions to severe head injuries that require "extensive specialized care at one of our research facilities for the rare instances."

Woodson said DOD is grateful to military and private sector leaders who understand TBI's impact on service members, help identify appropriate treatment, and help the military obtain the resources "to build and sustain additional world-class medical treatment and research facilities."

Woodson also said the department appreciates "the relationships we have cultivated with members of academia, philanthropic efforts and within our Military Health System, which have ensured that DOD's National Intrepid Center of Excellence is an additional highlight to our long line of exceptional medical research facilities."

NICoE was constructed with philanthropic donations and is staffed by DOD personnel, which represents an "important new model in public-private partnership," Woodson said.

Located on the Walter Reed National Military Medical Center campus in Bethesda, Md., NICoE brings in leading academic and military researchers to collaborate on the "nexus of TBI and psychological health conditions" that affect military readiness and public health, Woodson said.

Coming initiatives will further broaden TBI research, treatment and education as facilities and programs come online, he said.

These initiatives include:

- NICoE is expanding with nine satellite clinics situated on military installations at: Camp Lejeune, S.C.; Camp Pendleton, Calif.; Fort Campbell, Ky.; Fort Belvoir, Va.; Joint Base Lewis-



Dr. Jonathan Woodson

McChord, Wash.; Fort Bragg, N.C.; Fort Carson, Colo.; and Fort Hood and Fort Bliss, Texas.

- DOD will work aggressively with colleagues in the Veterans Affairs Department, National Institutes of Health, and the civilian medical community. Woodson said such collaborations help the military "better understand how to prevent, mitigate, detect and treat our people who suffer from TBI."

- Research findings will be rapidly translated into clinical policy to ensure service members receive the most up-to-date, evidence-based medical care following a concussion.

- Another goal is to reduce the stigma of TBI through partnerships, such as the formalized agreement made in August 2012 between the Army and NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell. The agreement pledges work on both sides to improve awareness of brain injuries, reduce the stigma of TBI, and change the culture surrounding such injuries on the battlefield and in the locker room.

- The first brain tissue repository has been created to address the underlying mechanisms that cause brain injury and disabilities in service members with TBI. The repository is kept at the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences, also on the Walter Reed campus.

"Although our work has been underway for years, we are still in the early stages of beginning to unlock the mysteries of how the brain responds to traumatic events," Woodson said.



Photo by LaNell Green

Enjoying Some BBQ

The judges of the Billy Green BBQ Cook-Off taste test samples of ribs during the competition. (From left) Matthew Green, son of Billy Green; James Jackson of Sonny's BBQ Restaurant; NAS Jax Food Service Officer CWO4 Teresa Cullipher; NAS Jax Public Affairs Specialist Kaylee LaRocque; NAS Jax Navy Exchange General Manager Marsha Brooks and Anna Horcher of Bonos Pit Bar-B-Q.



Photos by Kaylee LaRocque

Anton Gary of the NAS Jax Security Department serves a slab of ribs to Bernice Harris during the BBQ rib cookoff.



LaNell Green, wife of Billy Green, presents the People's Choice first-place trophy to CJ Reed for his efforts in creating his ribs during the Billy Green Rib Cook-Off on May 10. Team Memphis placed second and Team Police took home the third-place trophy.



CS2(SW) David Tiberio of the Flight Line Cafe, right, serves up some tasty ribs to AWO2 Josue Veliz of VP-8 during the 2013 Billy Green BBQ Rib Cook-Off in the commissary parking lot May 10. The event is named after Green, an employee of the commissary, who passed away shortly after participating in last year's event.



LaNell Green presents the Judges first-place trophy to Team Memphis - David Heard (left) and YN2(AW/SW) Johnathan Harding of VP-30 after the rib cook-off. Team Flightline Cafe placed second and Reel Smokers took home the third place trophy.



Photos courtesy of VR-58

ADC Gerrardo Aguero of VR-58 listens to a presentation on electromagnetics during a science festival for students of The Foundation Academy on April 26.

'Sunseekers' judge student's science fair projects

By AEC(AW) Joshua Davis
VR-58

Members of the VR-58 "Sunseekers" Chiefs Mess participated in the Jacksonville Science Festival April 25-27 at Florida State College at Jacksonville (FSCJ). The event was coordinated by The Foundation Academy, based in Jacksonville.

During the event, the chiefs evaluated students in three specific categories such as booth presentation, which included efficiency, high energy team, eye catching booths and engagement to children and adults. They also evaluated the groups' products; to include hands-on activity, cost-effective materials, student-generated with community involvement, and user-friendly product. The third and final category that the chiefs judged was on scientific Inquiry. This category included research-based information, innovation, and whether the group address their driving or essential question.

After judging 15 booths, the chiefs entered a room to deliberate their findings. Witnessing the deliberation and trying to stay as neutral as possible to avoid any bias, it was much like a Sailor of the Quarter/Year board. The chiefs were highly energized and "fought" for the candidates that they truly believed



(From left) VR-58 Chief petty officers AMCS Erika Lennon, CMDCM Chuck Slaton, ADC Gerrardo Aguero, AEC Josh Davis (civilian clothes) and ADC Eva Takacs listen to a presentation on manatees during the science festival.



The team of VR-58 chief petty officers learn about bluetooth and RC cars from a student from The Foundation Academy at one of the science festival booths.

out-performed others.

The winning student earned a \$2,000 scholarship to Jacksonville University. The first runner-up received a \$1,000 college scholarship to attend FSCJ. VR-58 CMDCM Charles Slaton presented the scholarships during the award ceremony April 27.



Photos by Kaylee LaRocque

ET1 Tyler Kirkland of Navy Computer and Telecommunications Station Jacksonville serenades his wife, Honey, along with his chorus of co-workers and friends before presenting her with roses for being the "best wife ever" on May 6. The event was part of her being recognized by First Coast News for Military Spouse Appreciation Day in which Kirkland nominated her.

Sailor shows wife special recognition

By Kaylee LaRocque
NAS Jax Public Affairs Specialist



First Coast news anchor/reporter Jeannie Blaylock (left) happily tells Honey Kirkland (right) she is being honored as a military spouse as her husband, ET1 Tyler Kirkland and their children, Leilana and Sophia look on.

With May 10 deemed Military Spouse Appreciation Day, ET1 Tyler Kirkland of Navy Computer and Telecommunications Station (NCTS) Jax wanted to do something special for his wife, Honey. He heard about a special promotion First Coast News Anchor/Reporter Jeannie Blaylock was offering to recognize military spouses and quickly sent her an email praising his wife of five years.

Blaylock responded that she had chosen Honey to be recognized and a plan was quickly hatched to surprise her at Kirkland's workplace aboard NAS Jacksonville. As Honey and the Kirkland children, Leilana (3) and Sophia (1) arrived at NCTS Jax, they were seated in the waiting room thinking they were going to a military spouse appreciation luncheon.

Much to their surprise, Kirkland and several co-workers and friends walked out of an office singing, "You've Lost that Lovin' Feeling" as Kirkland presented his wife with a dozen red roses.

While Honey sat looking a bit stunned, Blaylock introduced herself and her team from First Coast News, and explained that she had been selected for an afternoon of pampering in recognition of Military Spouse Appreciation Day which was May 10.

The family was quickly whisked away to San Marco where Honey was treated to a new outfit, a complete makeover (going from a dirty blonde

to a redhead) and a dinner with her husband at a local restaurant.

"I just wanted to do something special for my wife and show her how much I appreciate her. Military spouses are the pillars that service members need to be successful and they all deserve to be recognized for all they do," said Kirkland, who has been in the Navy for seven years and plans to make it a career.

"After the initial surprise, she was beaming all day. Seeing her smile means the world to me and the generosity of Jeannie Blaylock and First Coast News is astounding," he added.

As for Honey, it was a day she will never forget. "It was absolutely amazing because like the hairdresser said, 'I'm always taking care of the kids and my husband first and don't ever do anything for myself.' I've never really had the opportunity to do anything like this," she stated. "I would really like to thank First Coast News, Kimberly Clark Salon and most of all my husband for making this happen."

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NEX Entrance Smoke-Free

(Front, from left), Joy Turner, Navy Exchange store manager, Marsha Brooks, Navy Exchange general manager, (back, from left), Lt. Cmdr. Gerald White, Naval Hospital Jacksonville (NH) Wellness Center department head, Brookie Keen, NH Jacksonville Wellness Center health promotion specialist and Capt. Joseph McQuade, NH Jacksonville director of public health stand beside the recently planted "No Smoking" sign in front of the Navy Exchange (NEX) at NAS Jacksonville. Executive Order (13058) declares the NEX courtyard as a smoke-free environment.

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FRCSE locates potential fuel leaks with earth-friendly technology

By Marsha Childs
FRCSE Public Affairs

Fleet Readiness Center Southeast (FRCSE) is utilizing effective, environmentally friendly technology to locate potential fuel leaks on the Navy's P-3 Orion maritime patrol aircraft in response to stricter federal regulations and standards for gas leak detection.

FRCSE artisans are using hydrogen leak detection to identify leaks in fuel tanks as a replacement for chloro-fluoro carbon (CFC) 113, an ozone depleting substance that was banned in 1996.

"Prior to 1996, CFC-113 was the principal method used to locate potential fuel leaks in aviation fuel tanks," said Tom Cowherd, a logistics engineer and pollution prevention manager.

Cowherd said pressure decay testing continues to be the Navy's primary method to prove the integrity of fuel tanks; however, it is inadequate for locating specific leaks to be repaired.

"A fuel tank or cell is pressurized with air and then the pressure source is isolated," he said.

"A pressure gage is monitored for pressure drop. Zero drop over a specified time period corrected for tank volume and ambient temperature change is the 'go-no-go' criteria for acceptance."

A quick pressure drop indicates the presence of a large leak. A slow pressure drop over time indicates a small leak. In either case, a soapy solution is then applied to the outer tank surface to locate the source. Escaping air or the formation of air bubbles indicates a leak.

After repairs are completed, artisans again perform the



Photo by Victor Pitts

Sheet Metal Mechanic Bryan Swafford inspects a P-3 Orion wing tank for potential fuel leaks using hydrogen leak detection technology at Fleet Readiness Center Southeast (FRCSE). This new leak detection capability for the P-3 aircraft that has reduced the turnaround time of aircraft wetcheck by 15 percent and provided a cost avoidance of nearly \$20,000 per aircraft.

pressure drop test to ensure all leaks have been sealed. Unfortunately, fuel leaks frequently occur at levels well below the point of soap bubble formation and are a common reason for a failed pressure drop test.

Since the ban of CFC-113, existing methods of fuel leak detection have not proven adequate to identify all potential fuel leaks nor ensure the integrity of fuel systems.

The result is frequent, unnecessary rework and retest of fuel tanks.

"Identifying and repairing fuel leaks continues to be a significant issue that regularly impacts maintenance and repair schedules," said Cowherd.

"Small fuel leaks continue to have a strong potential to down critical Navy assets and impact Fleet readiness."

Additionally, rework due to leaks increases personnel exposures to fuel, is costly and

causes harm to the environment if leaks go undetected or if fuel is not properly contained on airfields.

Since 2007, the Navy Environmental Sustainability Development to Integration (NESDI) program has supported FRCSE with investigating alternative fuel leak detection technologies and restoring capabilities lost with the ban of CFC-113.

Subsequently, commercial leak detection technologies have advanced and a variety of potential alternatives are available including ultrasonic and infrared thermography, and several trace gas leak detection technologies, the most promising being hydrogen and helium leak detection.

In collaboration with the U.S. Air Force, FRCSE and commercial vendors conducted technology demonstrations on several P-3 wing tanks and determined the hydrogen trace gas technology was more user-



P-3 Fleet Support Team Engineer Dan Marlow (from left), Environmental Logistics Engineer Tom Cowherd, Chemist Kellie Carney, then P-3 Production Line General Foreman Greg Wallace and Production Support Specialist Rodney Boone stand before a P-3C Orion Maritime Patrol and Reconnaissance aircraft at Fleet Readiness Center Southeast.

friendly, accurate and reliable than the helium trace gas technology.

Further, the hydrogen technology was less costly, and the gas more readily available than helium, a limited resource. Hydrogen leak detection technology uses a 95 percent nitrogen to 5 percent hydrogen mix trace gas that is non-flammable and inherently safe.

The hydrogen leak detector uses a "sniffer" probe that has the capability to detect extremely small leaks.

"A pressure decay test determines the presence of a fuel leak but not the location," said Kellie Carney, an FRCSE chemist and author of Local Process Specification (LPS) 1640 that eliminates more than half of the leak detection process steps while saving time and money.

"If a leak is discovered, artisans can use hydrogen leak detection to pinpoint the source and size of the leak. The sniffer probe is very sensitive and can detect very small concentrations of gas; however, it

doesn't necessarily indicate the fuel will leak."

Carney said the P-3 program's success was in part due to the efforts of Bryan Swafford and Jason Jones, both sheet metal mechanics who received trace gas detection training from the vendor in March 2012.

"We have taught them the science," said Carney, "but they know the aircraft and that knowledge gives them a leg up on interpreting the readings. It is as much a science as it is an art."

Through these efforts, FRCSE has substantially reduced potential hazardous waste streams associated with aviation fuel tank repair and leak testing, and the risk associated with potential water runoff contamination due to leaking aircraft fuel tanks on maintenance airfields.

To date, FRCSE has reported a 15 percent reduction in P-3 turnaround time and realized a cost avoidance of nearly \$20,000 per aircraft.



Photo by Clark Pierce

'Dragonslayers' At Work

An HH-60H Seahawk assigned to the HS-11 "Dragonslayers" is fueled on the NAS Jax flightline May 6 for a search-and-rescue training flight. HS-11 is now in the readiness cycle for its next deployment on board USS Theodore Roosevelt (CVN 71).

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From Navy Exchange Command

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Experience Navy Medicine as a Junior Red Cross volunteer: Apply by May 31

From 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.

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 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.

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FWC trains at NAS Jax

By Clark Pierce
Editor

Dozens of law enforcement officers from the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) conducted training May 9-10 on the St. Johns River in the vicinity of NAS Jacksonville's Mulberry Cove Marina.

Training Officer Lt. Scott Kihei of the FWC North Central Region described their activities as "reality based training" that includes weapons that shoot marking cartridges similar to paint balls. For safety, officers and role players (officers in plain clothes playing bad guys) must wear helmets, eye protection, chest and groin protection.

Other available weapons include non-operational Tasers, batons, pepper spray and the marking-cartridge handgun.

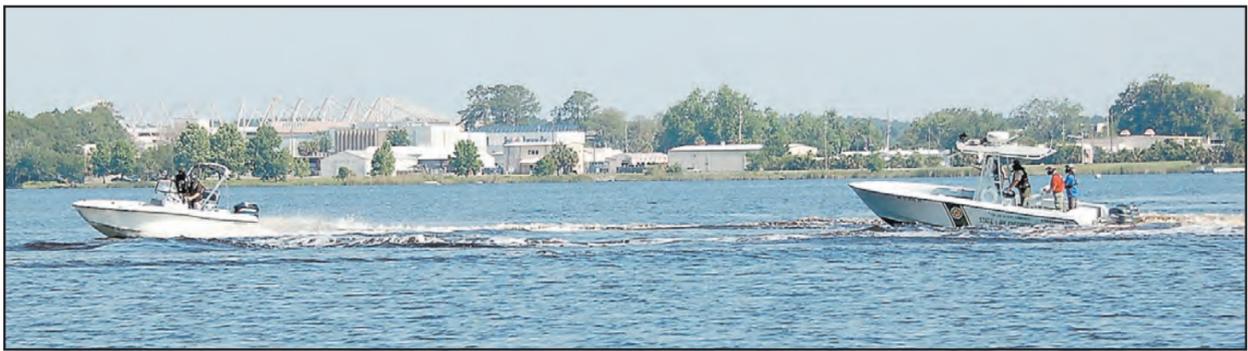
"This morning we're running two scenarios on the waterway," explained Kihei.

"The first is an anchored vessel with one role player aboard where the FWC officer must execute a warrant by tying up and making an arrest by controlling the subject. If control is not properly established by handcuffing, the role player may present some kind of weapon. Regaining control may include the use of deadly force."

The second scenario was a "contact and cover" operation by two FWC officers in one patrol boat who have spotted two role players in a vessel that was reported stolen.

When the responding officers hit their lights and siren, the bad guys take off at high speed.

"This is a high-risk felony vessel stop that can involve gunplay if it's not



Photos by Clark Pierce

Suspects in a boat heist (left) decide to surrender to FWC officers after a high-speed chase on the St. Johns River.



(From left) FWC Capt. Blase Angiuli gets geared up with assistance from Officer Brad Stanley and Training Officer Lt. Scott Kihei at the NAS Jax Mulberry Cove Marina on May 10.

done right. When officers get the vessel stopped, the contact officer has his or her gun drawn to establish control. In most cases, it's best to bring up one suspect at a time and seat them on the gunwale for handcuffing. After both suspects are searched and transferred to the FWC craft, the officers will transport them to jail," said Kihei.

On board every boat is an "evaluator" wearing a red shirt, whose job is to maintain safety and monitor the procedures. If an officer makes a mistake, such as improper handcuffing, the evaluator may call a time out to discuss the process.

"In the event of an unsafe action that could hurt an officer or a role player - there is a safety word that we can yell - and everything stops. This training is



When FWC officers get the suspect vessel stopped, the contact officer (forward) has his or her gun drawn to establish control.



FWC Officer Ricky Justice (center) prepares to handcuff a role player as an exercise evaluator looks on.



(From left) With one suspect secured on the bow of the FWC patrol craft, one officer covers the second suspect with his handgun as his partner handcuffs the suspect prior to transfer.



After establishing control and transferring the role player into his patrol craft, FWC Officer Ricky Justice completes his search for hidden weapons.

about 150 law enforcement officers. Statewide, the FWC employs more than two thousand persons who protect and manage more than 575 species of wildlife, more than 200 native species of freshwater fish, and more than 500 native species of saltwater fish.

WALL

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"I am incredibly honored to present a Purple Heart to Warrant Officer Serna, who earned 34 Air Medals throughout his distinguished career," said Scorby.

"I'm especially honored to be here with the heroes who witnessed some of the defining moments of our nation's history. I want to thank all of our Vietnam veterans for their amazing service to our country."

As the ceremony ended, the crowd that included many Vietnam veterans and family members of those lost during the Vietnam War scrolled the wall and found and traced the name of their loved ones.

"It's kind of touching to come out here and actually get to touch the wall and see them in some form, It's very moving," said Lynn Burgess, friend of William Stalneck. "The boys who didn't come back and the ones that did, deserve a lot more than what they got when they returned. So this is a good reminder of what the Vietnam War really was."

The Vietnam Traveling Memorial Wall was brought to the school after a student traveled to Washington, D.C. where he walked along the actual wall and was moved by the many names of those who never came home. When he returned to school, he mentioned that he wanted everyone to have the experience he had and a plan was hatched by the Beta Club members to bring the wall to Green Cove Springs.

"This is great for our community. It



Photo by MC2(SW) Marcus L. Stanley
Commander, Navy Region Southeast Rear Adm. Jack Scorby Jr. and Commander-in-Chief Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States John Hamilton carry a wreath during a ceremony at Green Cove Springs Junior High School in honor of service members who lost their lives during the Vietnam War.

truly has been a community effort to bring the wall here. We raised nearly \$10,000 through various fundraisers and speaking engagements. And, many of the businesses here pitched in by donating goods and their time to make this happen," said Rachel Thompson, an eighth grader at the school and member of the Beta Club.

Also helping out were members of VP-62 at NAS Jacksonville who spend



Photos by Kaylee LaRocque

AECs(AW) Jeannette Wright of VP-62 and students from Green Cove Springs Junior High School greet representatives of the Vietnam Traveling Memorial Wall. The Green Cove Springs Junior High Beta Club, along with Sailors from VP-62, and numerous community representatives and businesses spent months raising money and awareness about the memorial wall which was on display at the school May 9-12.

hours landscaping the football field grounds, painting the stadium and participating in the ceremony.

"It truly has been a collaboration of many, many people over many, many hours to make this all happen. But what a great experience for our community and these students," said AEC S(AW) Jeannette Wright of VP-62, who coordinated the community service events for the Sailors.

FCCS(SW) John Ballard (left) and GSM2(SW) Fernando Perez of USS Roosevelt (DDG-80) move a section of the Vietnam Traveling Memorial Wall



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